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"Come, Let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our Salvation. Let us come before Him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the King above all gods!" Ps 95

We greet you, dear friends, at this most special time of year which has two sacred holidays.

It is the occasion to ponder and give thanks for the greatness of our Rock, our never failing, never changing Savior and God, who came to earth for our sakes'. Why should He love us so? This is the title of a song and the wistful question of our souls. But we rejoice that He did and does love us, continually. That is why we shout and sing and worship!

God continues to undergird the ministry, giving us the ability to continue to spread the Gospel and help the poor and orphan children. A men's team has just returned from India. Their trip is a great example and testimony of God's grace.



Here is a short report from President, Peter Radchuk.

"We arrived at the missionary station, headed by Pastor Ajay, in the evening. We settled in and got some rest that night. In the morning, a group of young boys from the orphanage, were already waiting for us. We passed out candy and had a great time of fellowship. In the evening, a missionary conference was held. Pastors came together from different regions of India. The three days of the conference were very blessed. Pastors and ministers were the main speakers, as well as pastor Ajay. At one service, it was proposed that we pray for every Indian pastor. Brothers waited in line for our prayers for their life and ministry. After the service, two long lines were formed by the kitchen, as everyone waited their turn for a meal of rice and gravy. That is what a typical menu looks like, for lunch and dinner.



At the end of the conference, we agreed to bless every pastor with 500 Rupees=\$12 US. We also purchased 20 bicycles, 200 Bibles, and met other personal and individual needs of the brothers.

In the evenings, we visited different churches, and participated in the services by preaching, singing and joining in the prayers. During our whole trip, we visited four orphanages. Children were very happy to receive candy, brought from Ukraine and America. Half of the team came from Ukraine.

After a few days, while traveling through Orissa, to another missionary station, Boboli, we met with 50 pastors again. We held a pastors' seminar at a church. Ten more bicycles were purchased and 500 Rupees given to each missionary.

In Boboli, Pastor Bidju Abraham happily received us. Conditions of living and ministry in this region were harder. Six men from our team got an eye virus. At this time of year, many people suffer from it. The symptoms are red, swollen eyes that are very painful. One older gentleman from our group started having strong stomach pains. The pain was so bad that we prayed for God to help us last to the end of the trip.

In Boboli, our group had fellowship with 60 students who are future missionaries. They study and live in a missionary center which is still under construction. They sleep on a concrete floor, eat mostly rice, and before lunch they have classes and in the afternoon work on kitchen construction. We gave them financial help of \$2400 and helped physically in the construction work. We couldn't ignore their living conditions, so we bought them 60 mattresses.



Our missionary team also gave \$1200 to buy land for a new church building. Every evening we visited churches and prayed for our Indian brothers and sisters, who passionately serve the Living God, despite difficult working conditions. We must always be grateful to God that in America, we have plenty of food and live in comfort

The next day we reunited with the rest of our team who spent a week in a different region of India doing physical and

spiritual work. There, they helped with the construction of the second floor of an orphanage, and also visited churches, ministering with preaching and singing, as well as helping provide food for the poor.

I was convinced that, though it is hard to do ministry in India, a love toward poor people and a desire to fulfill the work of the Lord, moves us to do this redemptive work."



Our Annual Missionary conferences, celebrating the years of service in Ukraine (20) and in the US (16), were held in Seattle and one week later in Atlanta. We were blessed by the attendance of many first time guests and co-workers from around the world. The services are always encouraging as we review what the Lord has done.

While people are celebrating Thanksgiving this year, a team from our ministry is going to Argentina. We plan to hold a series of evangelistic services in Argentina and Paraguay. If the construction of the orphanage in Formosa province of Argentina, is finished, by the time we arrive, we will have a dedication service. We also hope to purchase produce and Christmas gifts for orphans.

You can see that this ministry puts an emphasis on helping orphans and the poor in many countries, including India, Russia and Ukraine. Would you join us this Christmastime in supporting this project of love? Think of it as bringing your own gift to the manger, to the Christ Child, who is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords! As the Wise Men appropriately brought their gifts to Him, remember Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Give Him your heart and He will keep you close to Himself, especially in this New Year.



Thank you, dear brothers and sisters, sponsors of our ministry and missionary trips. May the Lord bless you richly for all you do in His Name.

Sincerely, Peter Radchuk