

November Missions Update

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Dear Friends and Partners--



Greetings in Jesus name. I apologize for the delay in communicating with you in regards to the work in **La Loche**, but we have faced some major delays in construction as well as some financial difficulties in moving the project forward. I did not want to send out a letter until I knew what direction God was moving in. ***I am pleased to announce to you that by the grace of God, all of the finances that were needed to complete the building have been raised!*** We still have an outstanding loan to take care of (we are still receiving donations towards that so that we can open debt free) but at least ***we will be able to finish construction with the funds that have been raised!*** This is a great relief and we give God the glory.

We also have had difficulties getting our boiler installed, but our installer has committed this week to coming to La Loche and finishing the work. This will allow us to have heat in the building and to get a lot of the final touches complete that we have not been able to do without the boiler being operational. There will be a team of skilled men that are ready to come

from Ft McMurray over the winter road as soon as it is open to help us get things done. **We are planning a grand opening now in the month of February and we will let you know more specifically the exact date in our next letter.** A special thank you for all of you who have prayed, labored, and given to make it possible to plant this church amongst the Dené people of La Loche.



I also want to let you know where things are at with our India ministry. We are on track to leave for India Jan. 4 of 2010. Both Brother Walter Vidal (Meadow Lake, SK) and I have received our travel visas and Pastor David Duinker (Sexsmith, AB) still awaiting his in the mail. I have sent \$1000 in the mail yesterday to help Pastor Abraham Varghese in India with the advance preparations. We are planning to bring in

pastors and leaders from across India for training and for the Gospel For India (GFI) convention. This year's convention will focus on the ministry of divine healing, especially as it relates to evangelism and church planting. **The pastors' seminar will be focused on teaching these native pastors, evangelists and missionaries how to minister divine healing to**



the sick. Each evening we will also be holding miracle crusades to demonstrate the power of God. **Every year that we have gone to India we have seen lame, blind, deaf, and diseased healed by the miracle power of God.** Your donations toward the GFI convention will help purchase bus and train tickets, provide meals and help with the accommodation costs of the pastors that will come from all over India. Many of these indigenous gospel workers went out with only a one way ticket to the mission fields of northern India and labor tirelessly among the lost masses. The ability to come to a convention and the refreshing of a teaching seminar is an incredible blessing to these front-

line workers. I still need about \$3000 to cover the convention costs (the more that is raised, the more pastors will be able to come).



We will also be presenting gospel bikes and sewing machines to native missionaries and Bible/poor women respectively to aid them in their lives and ministries. While some pledges have been made, we would like to provide at least 10 bikes (\$100) and 10 sewing machines (\$150). **These gifts would make excellent and life-changing Christmas presents for a front-line worker in India!**

We are planning a crusade **in a village that is either unreached or under reached and** where GFI can place a pastor to plant a church and minister to the converts after the crusade is held. The cost of a village crusade is \$1000 and the cost of a church building is \$5,000 to \$10,000. A missionary pastor's support is only \$50 per month or \$600 per year. **Isn't it amazing that for \$600 you can put a front-line missionary on the field for one year who already understands the language and culture of the people!**



GFI is also working on the third floor of the orphanage (eventually there will be a forth and final floor). The orphanage was built to house Tsunami orphans and is also now also accommodating other needy children (see photo of some of the boys). Several orphans from persecuted villages in Orissa are awaiting the completion of the orphanage. Each room in the orphanage costs about \$3000 to build and furnish and houses 8 children. These children are fed, clothed, given and education and, most importantly, shown the love of Jesus. Several of the original orphans, who had been from Hindu backgrounds, are making plans to enter the gospel ministry after their schooling is complete.

As we enter the Christmas season, I want you to prayerfully consider the poor, the needy, the orphan, the widow, and the front-line workers who live and minister in conditions and situations which none of us would be able to endure. Please consider, as we are, putting someone less fortunate on your Christmas shopping list. Your Christmas missions gift could purchase: a bike, a sewing machine, food, clothing and shelter for an orphan, a bus or train ticket for a front-line gospel worker, and so much more.

Once again we thank you for your generosity and care for the ministry both here in Canada and in India. May God bless you as you help us preach the gospel of the kingdom.

In Christ,

Mark & Merle Ramshaw

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