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Weekly Newsletter

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

We received the following from Joshua Gootam this week describing Satya Vani Voice of Truth TV and correspondence course work that we support in Kakinada, on the east coast of India. Specifically, we pay the salaries of the correspondence course workers, and we purchase Bibles that are sent out for free after someone completes the correspondence course materials.

Greetings from Kakinada! Hope and pray that this finds you all in good health.

A few hours after my last report we baptized one more young man last month. Then last Sunday we baptized a mother and daughter just before church service got started. They were from a staunch Hindu family but have been very regular at our Sunday services. They turned down all these years to be baptized, but late Saturday night they called Ricky to let us know their desire to obey the Lord Sunday morning. We all rejoiced at their obedience to the Lord. Their faces were kind of radiant with joy as they broke bread along with the rest of the church. Ricky posted pictures of their baptism on Facebook soon after.

Our staff are struggling to stay healthy as the virus is hitting them one after another. Right now four of them are down with it. Two have recovered previously. This is impacting our work. We need to mail our monthly Telugu magazine by the 15th of this month, and that is 10000+ copies.

Our monsoon is quite active still, and when it rains it pours. Our courtyard walls are turning green with moss with so much rain this year.

We have added one more day in the week for our TV broadcasts. This time a regular 24/7 Telugu news channel approached us with an offer we could not refuse. They asked

us to pay only \$200 per month for a half hour telecast each Friday. So since the 2nd of this month, we are on a non-religious channel for half an hour. And this month we have five Fridays. By the way we are the only people that had this privilege. Glory to God in the highest!

Though our movements are kind of restricted due to the pandemic, the volume of work that we produce has not diminished.

Our heartfelt thanks to Blue River for their valuable support and prayers. God bless you all.

Love in Christ,
Joshua Gootam

Let's keep this wonderful work in our prayers. 1) Give thanks for the success of the work. 2) Pray for the health of the correspondence course workers and the entire church in this time of COVID. 3) Pray for even more in-roads into the Telugu-speaking and Oriya-speaking peoples both by mail and by television. 4) Pray for the new Christians, especially those from a Hindu background, who will have many trials because they have decided to follow Jesus. 5) Pray for a political environment where the gospel is free to be spread and people are free to be taught and converted.



Prayer Requests

Joe Harber's wife – is suffering from some ongoing health issues, **Bill Haley's** childhood friend (Mark Lough) – is in the hospital in the final days of his life, **Hannah Guntert's** grandmother (Wanda Thomason) – has been diagnosed with breast cancer, **Ben Church's** brother (David Church) – passed away this week, **Samantha Pollard's** aunt Janet (the mother of her cousin, Alison, who just passed away) – has a brain tumor that's inoperable. Hospice has been called into the home. She is in her final days of life, **Mitch and Peggy Rush's** granddaughter (a family from East Independence church) – is suffering from a severe head injury. She is 6 years old. She was in a car accident. She seems to be making small improvements. She is awake but cannot talk, sit up or control her body, **Stormy Cook's** brother (Ralph) – has been put on a liver transplant list, **Hannah Guntert's** cousin (Grant Funderburk) – is 7 years old and will be traveling from Arkansas to Ohio twice this month for a serious colon operation, **Mary Ellen Myers's** friend (Matt) – has COVID and is in the hospital with complications, **Frank Stewart's** daughter in law (Sherry) – **UPDATE:** Sherry passed away last week at the age of 64 after some serious health complications and malnutrition, **Dave and Susan Foster's** daughter (Sara) – had surgery last week. Surgery went well and she is back to work, **Jurhee Bench** – has been in and out of being quarantined to her room because of cases popping up at her facility. Please continue to pray for her during this difficult time, **Buddy and Sharon Self's** daughter (Lisa Self) – has a blood clot and fluid in her lungs. She is slowly regaining her strength, **Shirley Simmons** – had open heart surgery. **UPDATE:** Surgery went well. She continues to make improvements everyday but is still recovering, **Kelly Seufferling** – had surgery. **UPDATE:** Surgery went well but she is still recovering, **Bonnie Hamby** – had cataract surgery, **Dave Nash** – seems to be getting a bit stronger, **Devastation of Hurricanes and Bill and Marlene** as they work with Disaster Relief, **Lillie Ramage** – has stage 4 pancreatic cancer, **Flora Swartz's** friend (Joanie Green) – is still taking chemo pills **UPDATE:** Joanie saw her oncologist Wednesday and got results of scan and tests. THANKSGIVING TO OUR FATHER!! The spots on the liver have decreased in size and the cancer marker decreased from 34 to 2.3. Joanie thanks everyone for prayers and help, **Andy Hester, Joel Morehead, Bruce Keeton, Will Kreisel, Lena Bramlett**

Upcoming Events:

We will be hosting Trunk or Treat once again this year on October 31st. Please contact the church office if you would like to decorate a trunk, donate candy, or help in some other way.

Announcements:

Michael Kennedy is getting married!!! Him and his beautiful bride, Helen Isaac, will be wed on June 10, 2021.

Service Opportunities:

Harvesters

If anyone is interested in working as a volunteer at Harvesters, please contact Allie Keller. A group of them go every Tuesday and work from 10:30-12:30 at their main facility in KC. They meet at the church at 10 am. Long pants, closed toed shoes and masks are required. They need more volunteers so please consider this service opportunity.

2020 Youth Christmas Project

It is time to start thinking about our annual Youth Christmas Project. This year we will be adopting 10 underprivileged kids and buying them Christmas Presents. If you are interested in donating money to buy presents for these kids add "Youth Christmas Project" to the note section of your offering

Baptistry Cleaning

We are looking for a few volunteers that would be willing to clean the baptistry. It needs to be cleaned about once a month. So, if we get enough volunteers, you may only need to do it once a quarter. Thank you for considering this service opportunity.

Birthdays: October 18th – 24th

Jessica House – 19th

Earl Fultz – 20th

Laurie Kerley – 22nd

Jody Wycoff – 23rd

Jordan Rehkow – 24th