

George Family VISHAYSHUM

E-MAIL UPDATE –March 2012

***“... Who am I, O Lord God, and what is mine house, that Thou hast brought me hitherto”
(1 Chronicles 17:16).***

What a verse to meditate on as we begin another year. God is so gracious in granting us the gift of seeing this year 2012. His blessings from the past year, as well as gifting us with a new year so that we can be of service to Him, should make each one of us question like David, "who am I and what is my house that God should bring me to this place?"

We had a tremendous time of fellowship and ministry with our missions Executive Director, Dr. Bud Steadman and his wife Ruth. Thank you for praying for journey mercies regarding their travel. They maintained good health during their stay with us. This was their first trip into our land, so we pray that the sights and sounds of India, along with the entire ministry work, has left blessed memories of their time in India. They even managed to do well with all the traveling, in spite of near-car collision experiences. I must say they played chicken quite well. Mrs. Steadman even encouraged us to keep breathing till impact, near misses don't count. You can tell we had a great time. Our family, along with all the believers who came together to hear Dr. Steadman speak, were refreshed by their presence and fellowship. Thank you for praying for them and for their ministry.

It has been now four years since the new work, Bethel Baptist Church, has been started in the town of Kothamangalam. We have shared with you by prayer letters, throughout the course of this year, the ***need for property to build this church. If the Lord is placing in your hearts a burden to give toward this need, please pray that the Lord will provide a way for you to give. Praise the Lord for the funds that have started to come in, and we have received \$5000 toward this great need. Please pray with us that we may reach our goal of \$70,000.***

God blessed the meetings held throughout January in the towns of Puthencruz and Valamboor. Thank you for praying for hearts to be opened to the messages. ***In February, we conducted three night meetings in Eddakatuvayal, Bible Baptist Church.*** Several salvation decisions were made at these meetings, so please pray as follow up is being done at the moment.

It's camp time once again. ***Pray for our upcoming youth camp.*** April 3-7 will mark our 13th annual youth camp since Camps Abroad founded a camp ministry here in India in 2000. This year's theme is "Walking in the Spirit," based on the book of Galatians. Please pray with us for the following camp needs. Camp needs change every year, but the following prayer requests are the pillars of camp.

- 1) Pray that many unsaved young people will attend camp.***
- 2) Pray that God will direct the heart of the speakers to the needs of the campers.***
- 3) Pray that God will bring in 120 campers to hear the Word.***
- 4) Pray that the Lord will provide the 20 counselors needed.***
- 5) Pray that camp finances will remain at \$4,000 for one week of camp, as well as staff training week.***

This year is another furlough year for us. Our family will be taking a trip into the US, visiting our supporting churches in the southern states April 18- May 28. Each Wednesday and Sunday is packed with meetings. We begin as a family traveling, but then on May 1, Sophie and Joanna will return to India, seeing Joanna will begin her senior year of high school. Santhosh and Jonathan will finish out the trip by the end of May and head back to India, so Jonathan can prepare to begin the new school term in June. Please take time to pray for our safety as we travel.

We earnestly continue to covet your prayers and financial support for this ministry. Lord willing, we will see many of you all very soon.

***Serving Him with You,
Santhosh, Sophie, Joanna, and Jonathan George***