

VISHAYSHAM

George Family E-mail Update

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“Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.” ~ Ephesians 3:20

Dear Praying Friends,

What a joy to share with you the many blessings of our ministry over the past few months. First of all, we want to thank our dear friends for praying that the Lord would keep us healthy and safe. Please realize how important that prayer request is to us. The annual monsoon season is pretty much over for the state of Kerala. Although flooding has caused severe damage in different parts of India, with much destruction to property and lives, we praise the Lord for His goodness toward us during this weather pattern change.

These past few months have been a whirlwind! While continuing with our regular church visitation programs, church services, hospital visits, Bible studies and various other aspects of the church-planting ministry, we were going through a transition period in our family. We took Joanna to the States this past month for college. In the process of getting her ready, Sophie's dad was unexpectedly admitted into the hospital for two weeks with pneumonia and heart-rhythm changes. God was gracious during this time of ordeal and granted mercy, so that Dad could be discharged prior to our departure. A couple days before our leave, Sophie slipped on the steps in front of our home and sprained her ankle. Yet, God was faithful and gave the strength to travel. By the time we got into New York, the swelling decreased, and the bandage was removed.

Our stay in the United States was a blessing beyond compare. *We praise the Lord for Dr. and Mrs. Steadman, who kept us in their home as we made preparations to take Jo to South Carolina. We praise the Lord for the mission staff and for Dr. and Mrs. Delaney for assisting us with medical necessities during our short stay in Alabama.* God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think. This verse had been our theme the whole time we were in the States. God proved Himself over and over again in His provision.

On September 17, we held our eighth annual Bible quiz championship. Young people from nine churches in our church-planting ministry competed together for a quizzing competition over James 1-3. After three consecutive years of winning, that team keeps the award. The first trophy in the first three years went to Fellowship Baptist from Puthencruz. For the past five years, this trophy has been rolling in and out of the corridors of three churches. The 2012 Bible quiz champions was Bethel Baptist Church from Kothamangalam, and again this year, young Bethel Baptist edged on to victory. So, until next year, may the Bible Quiz Team Championship trophy grace the halls of Bethel Baptist Church during 2013-14.

Thank you for praying regarding making contacts and seeing folks saved and coming to church. *Recently a young man named Patrick, a college student, who has heard the Gospel many times and rejected it, has now come to receive Christ as his Savior.* He comes from an Orthodox Church background, but he is excited about the Gospel and is willing to be baptized. Please pray that Patrick will spiritually grow and come forward in his faith among his family members.

We earnestly covet your prayers for us and the ministry. Pray that an effectual and open door will remain as we conduct regular visitation. Only through the preaching and hearing of the Word will God continue to open hearts for souls to receive salvation. Pray for the many contacts we are making through our visitation and outreach programs. Pray that souls will receive Christ and be added to the churches. Thank you to all our supporting churches and friends for your love and encouragement, for sacrificially financing this ministry, and for encouraging us through email and letters.

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

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