India Partners

Partnering with the people of India in ministry

November 5, 2010

Dear Friend,

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones doing well.

In this season of Thanksgiving, I would like to share with you a story from our partners at Orphans Faith Home in India that touched my heart. This story highlights an abundant provision from God to His people. When we see God work in such tremendous ways, is there any better response than thanksgiving? Please enjoy this story of gratitude expressed by those in India whose needs you have partnered to meet. May it also fill you with encouragement and thanksgiving this season.

My name is B Durga Rao. I have lived in my village for the past 15 years. My livelihood was based solely on two goats, but because of the sudden heavy cyclone Laila, the goats were washed away. Due to my poor health, I have been unable to work daily wage labor outside. So being at home to raise these goats, I was able to sell the goats' milk at the market and use the money to buy food for my family. After the goats were lost in the cyclone, I was so depressed. My family and I wanted to commit suicide because there was no way for me to make an income and buy food. As our family was planning to die, we heard news that Pastor Babu, the founder of Orphans Faith Home, would be visiting our island to see the damage and to meet the people who were living here. With this news we were encouraged, and decided to tell him what happened to our family with the loss of our goats and our decision to commit suicide if we didn't receive any help. When Pastor Babu visited our island, everyone was explaining their losses, and we went to him and explained ours, sharing that we had no other alternative expect the goats because I do not have any skills for earning money. Pastor Babu laid his hands on me and prayed for me and for our family. While I closed my eyes, when he was praying, a bright light came in front of me and I saw the words DO NOT COMMIT SUICIDE I WILL HELP U. From that moment I was very happy, and my family and I asked God to forgive us for our wrong thinking and prayed for his help. My family and I removed the word "suicide" from our hearts. Pastor Babu helped us get another goat, and we restarted our livelihood with the goat. Because of the Goat Project, my family and I are very happy and are able to provide for our living. Thanks to India Partners for this project!

Pastor Babu, from Orphans Faith Home, shares his thoughts on the Goat Project below:

The Goat Project is a marvelous project for the people of this Island. This project is a blessing and is life-giving. Through the goats these poor families on the island are greatly blessed and receive hope to generate income for their livelihoods. This project gives them work to earn money for their families maintenance and also helps them to stand on their own legs, not depending upon others for food, clothes and for medical treatment for their families. This project helps them to not borrow money from rich people for interest that oppresses them into poverty. This project continually helps the people to live life without fear and anxiety. Thank you to India Partners for the wonderful project on this Island. Thirty families are

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India Partners is a conduit to a broad group of indigenous Christian "rice-roots" agencies in India focused on alleviating poverty and injustice. We seek support from others who share our passion to empower change.

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benefiting; each family contains five to seven members, including children and grandparents. Approximately 210 people are being served or helped by this project.

Your support and prayers are an integral part of this story from India. As I read it, **I am so thankful for you!** I am reminded of Colossians 1:3-4 when the Apostle Paul writes to the believers of Colossae, "We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints…." As Paul expressed his thanksgiving to the people of Colossae who were providing for the needs of others, **I too am thankful for your generous hearts**, which assist in providing for the needs of those in India.

That is why I now ask you to pray for our work and, if possible, send a generous gift of $20, $30, $50 or more today in the enclosed envelope. Or give online if you prefer.

Last year during our Holiday Matching Drive we raised $50,285. With those funds, we were able to save and change many more lives in India. ***I am asking for your help again!*** **I am happy to say that India Partners received a generous donation of $35,000 for our Where Most Needed fund with the challenge to double it by Dec. 31!** This year during our Holiday Challenge Gift Drive, all gifts given to the Where Most Needed fund between Nov. 1 - Dec. 31 will help us meet our goal of $70,000, and bring insurmountable joy to those in India!

Every gift you designate to our 'Where Most Needed' fund will help meet the challenge to double $35,000 to $70,000!

Please send your generous gift today or by Dec. 31. Use the enclosed reply envelope to respond today or donate securely online now at www.IndiaPartners.org. Any size gift will assist us in helping those in need in India.

Thank you for your prayers and compassion. May God give you and your family a blessed and wonderful holiday season.

May God bless you richly,

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President

"I am so thankful for you and your involvement as we seek to save and change lives in India for the better. "

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