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DEAR HLWM FRIENDS

We are happy to inform you about the latest developments of our activities in India.

From extra gifts we were able to buy a school bus for taking young children from other villages safely to our schools in Saripalli. Especially in the monsoon season this school bus is an absolute necessity. Also the playgrounds around the schools will be renovated and rusty play equipment will be replaced. The finishing touch to the construction of the vocational school and its furnishing is on schedule. This school where students will learn a profession, will open its doors next spring.

A group of 16 members from the New Testament Congregation (NTC) in IJsselstein, led by pastor Hans Tims and his wife Esther, visited our mission field in India at the end of July. It was impressive to hear their stories. Later on you can read the impressions of one of the younger participants named Annjo.

In Holland we took part in a very special event. The founders of HLWM : Aad and Frances van Halem were knighted, with a medal of honour, on queen's birthday. It is encouraging that their work for the pariah's in India was considered very valuable.

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SUMMARY OF INDIA TRIP

NTC- IJSSELSTEIN

written by Annjo

A delegation from IJsselstein with pastors Hans and Esther Tims visited the mission fields of HLWM in India from 20th of July until 2nd August. After landing in Chennai we stepped into another world by boarding the train and arriving in Saripalli on the 22nd of July.

Six months before we started to promote our trip by activities to raise money for a prayer home in Perupalem, for Samaritan Purse-shoe boxes, filled with toys for the children and for 1000 bibles for Orissa, the province where recently thousands of Christians were ransacked by fanatical Hindus and murderous Maoist terrorists.

We received a warm welcome and children greeted us with garlands. Also the directors of HLWM, Joseph and Geetha Komanapalli, were very happy to have us.

The following days we were amazed how different life in India is. Lifestyle and thinking is dictated by Hinduism, holy cows have right of way, you see temples and idols everywhere. People are either high caste or low caste or something in between with an enormous gap in their status and social rights.

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Foundation Hermon Living Water Ministries is based upon Christian principles and was registered on August 2nd 2000 with the vision: "to provide social and medical help to the people in the coastal area of the state of Andhra Pradesh in India and to initiate and support such projects in that area".

Members of the board are: D.R.Feith, chairman; H.Crezee, treasurer; G.Reurink, secretary; Rev.H.Tims, H.Herweijer M.A; A.C.van Halem.

The annual report for 2008 was drawn up and signed by Drs .P.Stolk, register accountant, on May 12th 2009 and can be seen upon request.

I like to stress that all donations are transferred to India for almost 100%.

Travelling and many other costs are paid for by members of the board or by participants themselves. HLWM carries the RfB hallmark (Council for Financial Security) which indicates that our accounts are checked by this authority, so that donors can be certain that their gifts are used for the intended purposes.

Ron Feith

Notwithstanding the enormous heat, I tried to keep my eyes wide open on the way to various villages each day.

I noticed that life for Indian people is a struggle to survive, to have a roof for cover and to please their idols.

We visited also one of HLWM's health centres, very simple compared to the clinics in Holland where I am working. But nevertheless very effective for first aid to the poor. Aged people receive aid as well when they have nobody to look after them.

Very special was the first stone ceremony for the prayer tower in Perupalem accompanied by loud singing and praising the Lord while standing in the burning hot sun.. It is clear that God has a plan for this place and that this centre will be a Light shining in that area.

India touched my heart. I have been in Malawi-Africa for 3 months, but India made a much deeper impression. During the first gospel campaign, distributing bibles, I was deeply touched by the hunger people have for the gospel. It broke my heart as if I saw India through God's eyes. They are hungry for the Word of God, but don't know who He is and what Jesus did for them. It was a great blessing

to me that I was allowed to participate in distributing bibles.

We joined various meetings. All visitors seem to have time. Singing and preaching never last long enough. The local churches are small but overfilled with people sitting cross-legged on the floor. Very often our team members were invited to share something with them or give greetings, whereas pastor Hans Tims did the preaching.

We visited the various children homes of HLWM, distributed gift boxes and played with the children. You may guess who enjoyed this more: the children or we? We wanted to shower love, but I received more love than I gave.

I am grateful that we made this outreach and that we saw so much beneficial work done by HLWM. This trip has blessed us enormously and we hope that we can share all this in Holland.



DISTINCTION FROM THE QUEEN FOR ADRIAN AND FRANCES VAN HALEM

For Adrian and Frances van Halem the 29th of april 2009 was a day full of surprises. The founders of Hermon Living Water Ministries were lured into the Town Hall in Zwolle. They found it remarkable that so many friends and relatives were present, but still had no clue

what was going to happen to them until they were addressed by the mayor of Zwolle.

For their work for the oppressed and poor in India, both Adrian and Frances were knighted into the Order of the Royal House of Orange Nassau and received the respective medals.

This happening is a considerable token of appreciation for their wonderful work in India amongst the Dalits. It was not by accident that a scheduled visit to Holland by Joseph and Geetha Komanapalli happened to take place around that date, so they could witness this special ceremony.

