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Dear HLWM friends,

It is time again to inform you about the latest developments of our missionary work in India since our newsletter of November 2010. Our annual visit to the various centers and churches in Andhra Pradesh took place from February 22nd until March 4th. This time we also visited villages which were still unknown to us. With satisfaction we saw that the vocational school in Saripalli, which was opened in September 2010, is functioning well.

Pathetic was a visit to our medical centre in Pathapadu, where more than 80 people with serious physical handicaps were waiting for us. More details underneath.

Good news for HLWM's future

David (25), the son of Joseph and Geetha, has decided to work for HLWM as well. He studied business administration and 2 years theology. His passion is music and various CD's with gospel songs in Telugu were published. He composes and sings together with his sister, while Geetha often writes the lyrics. He assists his father Joseph, but has the vision to bring the gospel especially to the youth in our mission fields by means of music and gospel songs and a short message. He is doing this with his band already now and visits many villages at least once a week.



Outreach 2011

Contrary to last year, the outreach this year went on without disturbances. Our team was quite international with 9 persons from Germany, UK and Holland. The conventions took place in Kalipatnam in the large compound of our children home. We could welcome around 12.000 visitors during these 3 days. Hindu festivals in the same area and at the same time were postponed so that loud Hindu music and Hindu open-air cinema's did not interfere with our campaign this time.

Our spiritual father Rev. Hans Tims did most of the preaching during the conventions, six sermons in 3 days. It is fantastic to see how he touches the hearts of the people with the Word of God. A total of 124 persons accepted the Lord and were baptized in the river on Sunday,

Healings

We should not keep it a secret that miraculous healings do happen. On the first day of the conventions we saw 2 young men in wheelchairs, later on creeping in the compound. Af-



ter the services they were brought by friends to receive prayers for healing. On the last day of the conventions one of them came to the platform, walking all by himself, although unstable! He told us and the crowd in the compound that he had never been able to walk before. We were amazed. Glory to God!!



Field work

After the conventions we met with all HLWM co-workers. Evangelists, bible women, social workers, nurses, teachers totaling around 100 persons. They told us about their work and it was good to see how inspired they are. Led by Joseph and Geetha and 5 supervisors they

the last day of the conventions. Recently Joseph and Geetha informed us that meanwhile another 80 persons received baptism.

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Fellowship

HLWM's hometown is Zwolle, where we have full support from our large congregation called VEZ (Vrije Evangelisatie Zwolle). But HLWM is supported also by a few smaller congregations abroad. We are grateful to the Anglican church in Tanglin/Singapore, the ICF-International Christian Fellowship in Oberursel, Germany and the Kingdom Life congregation in Frankfurt. In the weekend of 30.4-1.5.2011 we met representatives from these congregations who are board members of HLWM-eV in Germany to do some brainstorming and to get to know each other better. Dr. Annelies Wilder-Smith gave a talk about the synergism of evangelization and social help and explained the program of CHE (Community Health Evangelization).

The "New Testament Fellowship (NTG) in IJsselstein with Pastor Hans Tims, who is in the board of HLWM, gives us much support. On Sunday 1.5.2011 we all went there to take part in a Sunday worship service in IJsselstein.

It is good to know that so many people are engaged in HLWM and share our vision to bring the gospel among the Dalits and to give them social help as well. The Dalits are the untouchables, the below-casts in the Indian society.

As always I like to stress that nearly 100% of your gifts are sent to India. Everybody pays his own traveling expenses. HLWM enjoys tax exemption (ANBI) from the Dutch tax dept. Our annual balance sheets are made up by register accountants and are open for your inspection.

Ron Feith, Chairman HLWM



keep in touch with far-away villages and give practical, medical and spiritual help to the poor and needy. We also spoke with the personnel of the two children homes, primary schools, secondary, vocational and bible school, the tailoring schools and the nurses.

All those workers are HLWM's mainstay and we expressed our heartfelt thanks to them for all the work they are doing for us and for their fellow men.

After a drive of more than 2 hours we visited also 2 for us still unknown villages taken care of by our co-workers recently. We are helping them with the CHE program (Community, Health, Evangelization) to help themselves to develop their village. (planting vegetables, garbage removal, birth, aids prevention, illiteracy, gospel etc.)

Medical Center

We met in our medical center Pathapadu more than 80 handicapped persons who are living in various villages spread over our mission area. They are depending on food from their families who



have nothing themselves. So we provide them with the basic necessities and sometimes we give them some money as well. Some of them may be helped with a simple operation and we hope to be able to set up a medical camp in future again.

Education

It was a joy to visit our vocational school. The IT pupils gave demonstrations of what they knew about computers. Our team of visitors had to undergo fancy health tests by future nurses so that also these students could show what they had learned!! The English language is an important subject in the vocational school. In future this course will be given also in the lower classes of the High School.



The high school needs 3 more classrooms. Pupils of different ages are packed together which is not good for efficient teaching. By having more space we could take up some more pupils as well. We are planning to construct a few rooms on the flat roof of the school building or to renew and outfit a few store rooms nearby depending on our financial situation.

I could tell you about the worship service for the youth led by David Komanapalli and a student from the bible school on the first evening of our visit. About our visits to the children homes and tailoring centers, but it is better that you see for yourself.

We therefore invite you to learn more about the work of HLWM by joining us on our visit next year to see what is done with your financial support among the lowest cast of Indian people : the Dalits.

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