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"AND THIS GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM WILL BE PREACHED IN THE WHOLE WORLD AS A TESTIMONY TO ALL NATIONS..."

INDIA: PROJECT UPDATE

Due to increased pressure from radical Hindus and militant Maoist, our missionary partner (BP) asked CFH not to use his name or that of his mission organization (WM) in our newsletter to insure the security of Christ's field workers in India.

In 2012 CFH's ministry partner was unable to move project money into India, as the in-country organization that traditionally helped WM could no longer facilitate wire transfers. The Community Health Evangelism (CHE) groundwork for our joint-venture projects began with indigenous church leaders, but the projects themselves remained on hold until the funding arrived. How blessed CFH and WM were that a team from Fellowship Bible Church in Tulsa joined missionary BP on a trip to east central India in early January 2013, carrying the needed funds with them. Since that time, many of CFH's 2012 and 2013 humanitarian relief projects started taking shape or were completed.

WM's native staff members supervised the drilling of two water wells in a newly targeted tribal area in east central India. The location of these wells is near WM's training centers for indigenous Christians, who desire to evangelize a pagan tribal group of perhaps one million souls. These wells are equipped with special water filtration systems necessary to maintain clean drinking water during the monsoon season, when flooding pollutes all water sources. CFH/WM projected wells and attendant filtration systems now are complete!



Several CFH/WM projects remain in the training stages. Twenty-five native Christians are studying to make disciples in this heretofore unreached people group - pagans who still practice human sacrifice to appease their gods. Community Health Evangelism (CHE) is part of their training program. The CHE curriculum teaches the causes and cures for diseases prevalent in India. The knowledge these courageous Christian leaders gain from the CHE program will then be shared with village leaders, who can endorse CHE projects like the "kitchen gardens" to improve the overall health of their villages. Implementing CHE humanitarian relief programs allows Christian field workers to develop relationships with their tribal neighbors. Relational evangelism is crucial in bringing Christ to pagan people.

Currently, six couples and a number of individual leaders have started the CHE program and are planting kitchen gardens and large community vegetable patches in their home communities during the growing season. Participating villages will also receive a spraying unit and insecticide specific to the region to protect the crops from pest infestation. At the end of the growing season, these Christian leaders will teach villagers how to collect seeds from the first year's crops, safely storing them in a Community Seed Bank to be used the following year by more village families for their kitchen gardens. The success of the



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“kitchen garden” project, funded by CFH, will lead to others community development projects like building latrines and drilling water wells. Christian leaders will be there every step of the way, teaching the love of God through a relationship with Christ. In the future, biblical materials will be available to teach God’s truth in the language of the tribe.

This fall, WM hopes to provide basic medical training for a number its leaders. CFH provided 50 medical kits to be used by these “Barefoot Doctor” to treat ailments common in the forests of east central India. Currently, these tribal people have at best limited access to medical care of any kind. The “Barefoot Doctor” program will enable Christian field workers the opportunity to meet some of the basic physical needs of the people



they serve, developing trust and emulating Christ to those living in darkness.

Christ for Humanity praises God for allowing our small ministry to participate with WM in spreading the “Good News” of Christ to an unreached tribal group in India. Pray for the protection of Christian leaders as they begin developing meaningful relationships and sharing Christ with men and women living under the shadow of paganism – servanthood that will bear fruit for the kingdom of God’s.

“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.” Matthew 9:37

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

SAMARITAN’S PURSE

In 2012 Christ for Humanity began providing medical supplies to Samaritan’s Purse to be used in Franklin Graham’s international medical mission. To date, five 40’ containers of aid from Tulsa have been taken to Boone, North Carolina, and then sent to mission groups serving around the world. Below is part of a letter CFH recently received from Samaritan’s Purse, concerning the use of some of the medical equipment CFH donated. What a blessing to hear from a mission team doctor how part of our gift blessed missionaries serving the needs of the poor in Papua New Guinea!

“When I visited Boone last year, just before leaving for Papua New Guinea, WMM gave me a brand new portable pulse oximeter. When we traveled deep into the jungle to Yifki (a Hewa tribe) in the Enga Province, one part of our ministry was to run a small medical clinic. The wife of the New Tribes Mission team

“And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:18

leader that lives among the Hewa is also a nurse (Susan Kopf). On our last day in Yifki, I covered the Kopf’s bed with nearly all of our supplies, which included the pulse oximeter. Susan was shocked that I was going to leave this piece of equipment behind, and her eyes welled up with tears of gratitude once she realized that we were leaving this for her to use in care of her patients. With the amount of COPD, emphysema, tuberculosis and bronchitis that they see, I knew that pulse oximeter would be well used.”

God works in miraculous ways to provide for those who faithfully serve Him. Christ for Humanity praises Him for the opportunity to exhibit His love to hurting souls in the uttermost parts of the earth in conjunction with Samaritan’s Purse.

1ST STEPS

CFH's in-house discipleship program may have experienced a rough start in January due to the weather and a faulty furnace, but from February forward, class members received inspirational teaching from a number of area pastors and missionary guests.

Pastor Eric Bush from Southwood Bible Church started the year with a four week study on Romans Chapter 5 – justification through faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This study was particularly appropriate for 1st Steps class members, many of whom suffer from physical, mental and addiction issues. How wonderful for them to learn that the type of “hope” the Apostle Paul references is an assurance and a certainty based on the character and attributes of God, not on the variables of life. Since Christ’s death on the cross cleansed sinful man of all unrighteousness, then those who place their trust in His redemptive sacrifice receive His perfect righteousness before God, becoming joint-heirs with Him. There is great comfort and joy in the midst of tribulation in knowing that the God who created all things and who holds the planets in orbit can also handle any human problem. *Hope in Christ* is a certainty!



John Tyson from Fellowship Bible Church taught a six week series on “Investing in Others.” The class studied the differences between evangelism and discipleship. The series emphasized the fact that the Great Commission given by Christ to His disciples before His ascension into heaven remains a powerful command today. John challenged class members to approach people in their sphere of influence and share the “Good News” of Christ. He also suggested coming alongside a new believer and becoming a mentor to help that person mature in faith. The class learned an important lesson about sharing the Gospel: The Christian’s job is not to convict, convince or convert non-believers. Leave that work to the Holy Spirit. Believers are to present the Gospel and let God do the drawing.

The class enjoyed hearing from two missionaries during the past five months: BP (name withheld for security reasons) gave a power point presentation of his ministry’s activities in central India, evangelizing a previously unreached tribal group. Monique Mubiru from Uganda gave her testimony concerning how God worked in her life to bring a Christian medical clinic into being to help the poor in her country. Allowing the class to learn how God’s hand moves in other countries gives 1st Steppers a world view of Christianity and an appreciation of what Christians are willing to suffer for their faith in closed cultures.




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Finally, *Matthew Goodman from Fellowship Bible Church* taught the class some church history in regard to the Reformation during his course on the "Five Solas." Sixteenth Century reformers like Martin Luther desired to move the church away from religious traditions and salvation by works and back to the foundational truth found only in the Bible. The "Five Solas" (Scripture alone; Faith alone; Grace alone; Christ alone; Glory to God alone) represent the bedrock of Christianity. Ephesians 2:8-9 are scripture verses that neatly summarize the truths studied in Matthew's five week series: *"For by grace [unmerited favor] you have been saved through faith [unquestioning belief in Christ]; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, [only through Christ's sacrifice on your behalf] that no one should boast [only God gets the glory]."*



TORNADO RELIEF EFFORT

Christ for Humanity is collecting financial donations to aid area churches in Moore, Oklahoma provide physical help and spiritual hope to families devastated by recent tornados and flooding. 100% of all tax deductible, financial gifts to Christ for Humanity designated "TR" will be used in the relief effort. Partnering churches will report to CFH concerning how funds are being used to help disaster victims rebuild their lives. CFH will update donors on Facebook and in its newsletter. Financial gifts should be mailed to: Christ for Humanity P.O. Box 580127 / Tulsa, OK 74158-9980.

Locally, the ministry will continue to collect non-perishable food items and water to help meet the immediate needs in central Oklahoma. Those wanting to help with in-kind donation can bring food or other useful items to Christ for Humanity's Tulsa facility, located at 6314 East 13th Street, Tulsa, OK 74112. CFH will deliver donations to 1st Baptist Church in Moore to restock its food pantry, which will be open to disaster victims in the months to come.

Our prayer is that the Body of Christ will "stand in the gap" for men, women and children who have lost so much!

Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are the backbone of Christ for Humanity's humanitarian relief programs. Many of the ministry's local and international outreach programs are organized and operated by volunteer staff members, many of whom have been serving CFH on a weekly basis for more than ten years.

CFH currently has openings on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings for men and women interested in volunteering a few hours a week. You will have the opportunity to fellowship with other believers, who desire to bring physical help and spiritual hope to people living in Tulsa and around the world.

Interested parties should contact CFH's Camille Wellnitz at (918) 836-2424 / ext. 202.



MAYONNAISE JAR AND TWO COKES

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, trust God and remember the mayonnaise jar and the 2 cokes.

A professor stood before his theology class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large, empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the class if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar were full. The students responded with a unanimous “Yes.”

The professor then produced two Cokes from under the table and poured the entire contents of both cans into the jar, effectively filling the space between the sand. The students laughed.

“Now,” said the professor as the laughter subsided, “I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things: your faith, your family, your children, your health, your friends, and your favorite passions. If everything else was lost and only these remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, and your car. The sand is everything else – the small stuff.

“If you put the sand into the jar first,” he continued, “there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same is true for life. If you spend all of your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to things that are critical to your happiness:

- First and foremost, spend time with God, studying His Word and praying.
- Spend time with your children.
- Spend time with your parents.
- Take your spouse to dinner at your favorite restaurant.
- Play another 18 holes.

“There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first – the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.”

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the Cokes represented.

The professor smiled and said, “I’m glad you asked. The soda just shows you that no matter how full your life may seem, there’s always room for a couple of Cokes with a friend.”



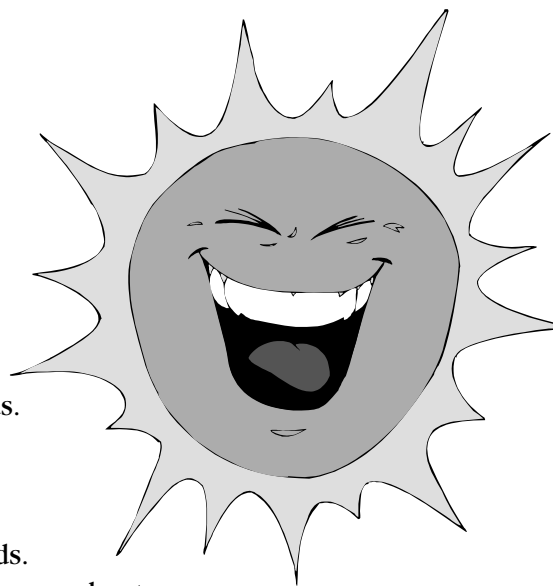
“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious for tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself.”

Matthew 6:33-34

ON THE LIGHT SIDE

Punography

- I changed my i-pod name to Titanic. It's syncing now.
- I tried to catch some fog. I mist.
- When chemists die, they barium.
- Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.
- How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.
- I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.
- I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.
- They told me I had type A blood, but it was a type-O.
- Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.
- Energizer bunny arrested. Charged with battery.
- What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds.
- A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
- I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me.
- Broken pencils are . . . pointless.
- England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
- I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.
- Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.
- Velcro - what a rip off!
- I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.
- The girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I never met herbivore.



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