



# Living Hope Ministries

*'Reaching the unreached, teaching the untaught in North India...since 1987'*

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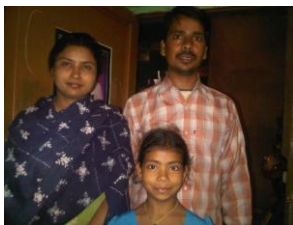
Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

We praise God for what He is doing here in North India in answer to your earnest prayers and support. The construction work at the Mercy Children Home at Sangatpura has been going non-stop. We are thankful to the Lord for favorable weather and for friends like you who have been praying and sharing financially for the completion of this project. We appreciate your emails, calls, and letters. Please keep them coming. We have attached some photographs below.

With a coverage of 157 villages covering Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Chattisgarh, Delhi and Gurgaon, our pastors have been busy reaching the unreached and discipling those who have given their heart to the Lord recently. These believers are being transformed into the likeness of Christ and we urge you to continue to pray for the believers because their life and transformation is being watched by their communities. They are true witness for Christ through their lifestyle and sometimes it is not easy especially with peer pressure and pressure from within the extended families to confine to their past lifestyle. The good news is that we have a powerful and merciful God who has made us more than conquerors despite sometimes our shortcomings.

With summer on its way and temperatures expected to peak over 45 degrees Celsius (112 degree Fahrenheit), we request that you pray for God's protection on the pastors and their families.

We have outreaches planned for this summer and appreciate the teams that are visiting us to help in reaching the lost.



**Church Planting (L to R) ::** Believers gathered together at one of the house churches; Pastor Subodh with new believers; Mother and Daughter accepted Christ – father still a non-believer; Pastor Subodh with one of the house churches in Punjab; Sakshi praying with women and their families

## **Karuna Baal Ashram (Mercy Children Orphanage)**

Construction of Karuna Baal Ashram (Mercy Children Orphanage) in Sangatpura, Punjab, has been progressing well during the winters.

### **Construction Photos from the Children Home site at Sangatpura**

(top): Pastor Subodh with few of the trainees at the Children's orphanage site; Buffalos on the adjoining property; road side view of the site. (Bottom): View of one section of the completed dormitory; Construction worker having a lunch break; Pastor Subodh overseeing the construction of the foundation for the water tank.



## SLUM SCHOOL

The Slum school has been progressing well and now the children are having a break before the new school term starts. Sona and the teachers are having a well deserved rest. We have had lot of interest from low socio-economic families as they see the value in good Biblical principles that are taught by the teachers apart from their normal subjects. We have also been able to bless the children with clothes during winter bought from the monetary gifts sent by friends like you.

We have seen and witnessed lives of the families changed through these little children. Rather than going out and picking rubbish at a very young age (5 or 6 years), these children come to the school for free education. Their parents would never have had a chance to go to school or would never have thought of sending their children to the school due to the cost involved of tuition fee, school uniform, books, bags, food. But this is all covered for these children by the generous financial help of partners like you.

Subodh and Sakshi also plan to hold Vacation Bible School during the summer holidays in June/July of this year.



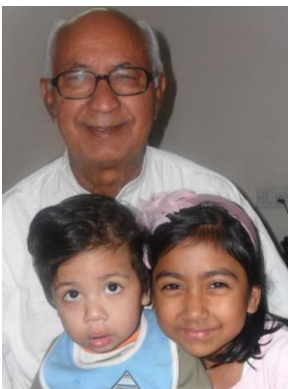
**Slum School:** Children listening to the Word of God during school assembly; Boys will be boys - Face painting or just trying to be adults with painted mustaches; Children with Sona and teachers; Friends posing for the camera

## Family News

In December 2010 D.C. developed serious shortness of breath and was gasping for his life, while he was at the orphanage in Punjab. Subodh brought him home only to be diagnosed with severe blocked arteries.

It was initially thought that D.C. had to undergo triple bypass but later when the surgeons operated on him, they discovered the fourth artery was also blocked and he underwent quadruple heart by-pass surgery. We praise God that he is recovering well. Thank you for your prayers, support/calls/emails during this tough time. Please continue to pray for D.C. and Sona during this time. Please pray for him to be healed of ailing Kidneys.

Daniel turned one on 11 January and Sunil and Cherie were blessed with a baby boy on 19 February. They have named him Sushant (peaceful). Ps 127:3 – *'Children are a blessing from the Lord'*.



**Family:** D.C. with Daniel and Kathryn; Sidhant posing for a serious pose; Kezia, Josiah, Abigail proudly holding their 3 week old brother Sushant.



Blessings,

D.C., Sona, family and Co-workers.

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