

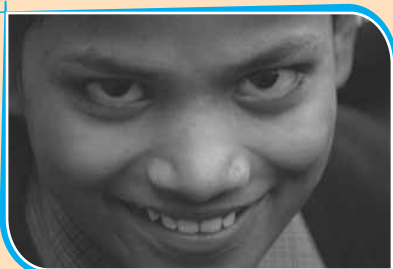


Living Hope Ministries

'Reaching the unreached, teaching the untaught in North India'

2008 has seen lot of changes and growth in the work that the Lord is doing in North India.

The **S l u m Children** School in Delhi is running well with 131 children. Sona is looking after the school & children along with 4 teachers.



The students have grown in number as well as in the biblical teaching that is provided.



These students come from under privileged families where education and basic life necessities like hygiene, courtesies and ambition in life give way to child

labour and crime to sustain the basic needs of the families in these inflationary times.

With the assistance of trained teachers and Sona (on the right) life experience in teaching, Living Hope is working hard to reach these families with the Gospel through their children.



We have also been able to run Vacation Bible School (VBS) programmes during the summer

(May-June) school

holidays. The theme was Romans 1:16. Over 100 children attended this event in each of the 5 locations with 16 children receiving Jesus as Lord and Savior. 3 children received severe beating immediately from their families for several days for sharing with



them of this joyous experience. They were forbidden for several weeks not to go to church but the children did not give up. We praise God for this opportunity and the changes in the lives of these children in answer to your prayers.



Each year 44,746 children and 22,716 women go missing in India, 95% crime is committed by children between the ages of 11 and 21, and 75% of them are first timers. 25% children are from high socio economic families. Please pray for children and women in particular us as we continue to serve the Lord among in the villages and towns of North India.



The children ended the year with a Christmas production which was very well enjoyed by all those who participated and attended. The parents also



commented on the changes they have seen in the lives of their children. The school will reopen in 2009 as early as the 5th of January weather permitting.



We appreciate your continued prayers and support; especially to those who have contributed financially during the Christmas appeal for the Children, allowing us to provide them with woolen



sweaters, socks and shoes. From December - February, the temperature in Delhi goes down to 4-5 Celsius degrees in the daytime and night time is much colder. It is a blessing to the children to see their needs being met. ■

Karuna Baal Ashram

(Mercy Children Orphanage)

As many of you will recall, Living Hope had to give up the land in Dhulawat to the Government of India in late 2007.



When the Lord closes one door He opens another and that's what happened when Living Hope was able to secure four acres of land in Sangatpura, a village in Amristar, Punjab. Construction is in progress and when completed it will accommodate a home for 200



orphans and under privileged children with a vision to build on this campus an elementary school, grass root level training and leadership centre and facilities to assist women to be self reliant in the near future.

We have completed the boundary wall in the back section. We are still waiting for a connection of power supply. The bore-well digging work is complete. Water is needed for the construction work and plans for the water tank have

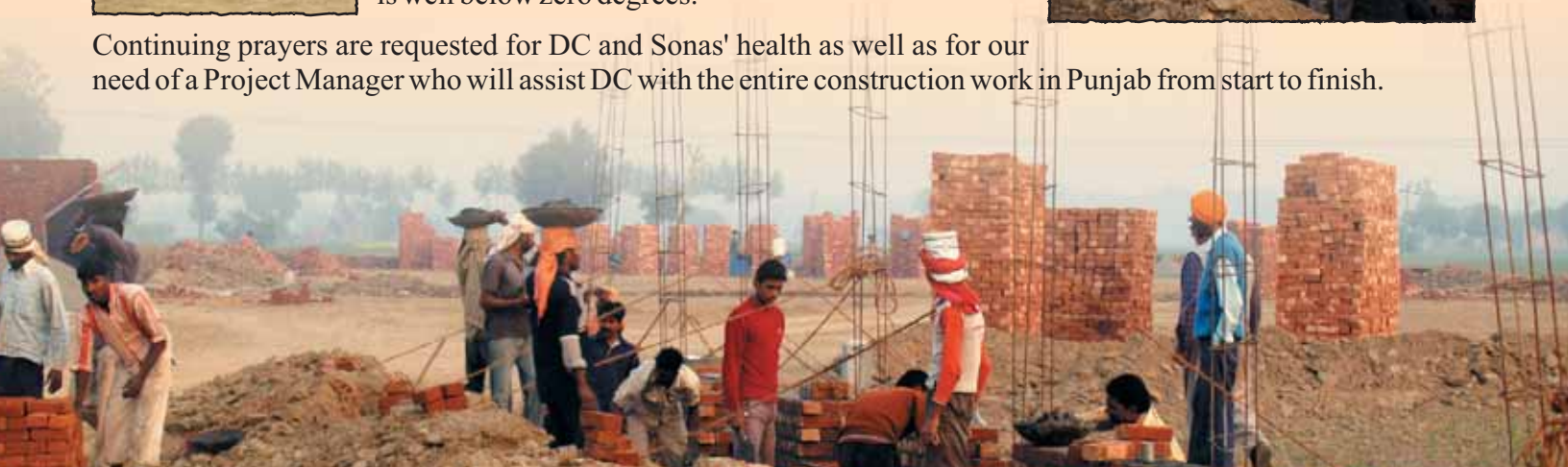


been drawn up by the architect. The cost to complete this water tank only is US\$10,000. Please pray as we need funds to build 56 feet high Water Tank built on 6 concrete pillars. This 10,000 liter capacity Water Tank would supply all our water needs.

Temporary mud residence with asbestos sheets has been put up for DC to move in and oversee the project. Please continue to lift him up in your prayers as day time temperature is less than 5 degrees and night time is well below zero degrees.



Continuing prayers are requested for DC and Sonas' health as well as for our need of a Project Manager who will assist DC with the entire construction work in Punjab from start to finish.



Leadership, Disciple making and Church planting

Last year we saw 172 new believers being added to the family of Christ through baptism in Punjab and Uttar Pradesh (near Agra). In addition to the 172, more than 300 people confessed the Lord publically but have not been baptized yet mainly due to pressure and fear of persecution from their family and militant groups in their villages. (Right: Pastor Subodh John with new believers baptized on Sunday 28th December 2008.)



14 young men including 3 married couples completed the intensive church planting training course in 2008. New house churches were planted in 12 villages among the Sikh community.

A Women's conference was arranged in November with the 36 attendees. The main focus was on raising Godly families in a non-godly environment. The response was very encouraging and we are seeing the continued changes in the families of those who attended.

As a testimony, Rosy (on the left) who has been married for 12 years and hails from Nagina village, has had a number of miscarriages. In one of the meetings she was given a word from the Lord that the curse over her life and family had been broken. She returned this Christmas day to celebrate with her baby daughter and husband. They are the only people who believe in Jesus in that village.



We were blessed and encouraged by the visit of friends like Pastors James Shaw, John Hall, Narash Samaroo, Wayne Buechler, Cheryl and team, Barry McGaffin, Jeevan Roberts, Cecil Moonsam and many others who brought encouraging words and teaching during the past year. We also acknowledge sister Linda Moore's efforts in helping us with the construction and continued maintenance of our website www.lhmindia.org

Adult Literacy training classes were held in November with 12 teachers graduating. We now have 5 centres in villages of Punjab that are run by these graduates. The training was provided by retired government official Mr. Prabhu Dayal from Lucknow, UP, who was the director for Literacy Trust for several years.

Please continue to pray for the pastors in Punjab and Uttar Pradesh some of whose pictures are given below Pr. Heera, Pr. Dharampal, Br. Sukhdev, Br. James, Pr. Peter with Family.



Family News

After many years this Christmas season, our children and grand children were with us. We had a blessed time to play, run and travel together and get to know the wider family especially for the grand kids to come together for the first time.

Below: Kathryn, Sakshi, Subodh; Sona, Sidhant & Sudhir; Abigail, Cherie, Josiah, Mahima & Sunil; Vinita with her nieces and nephews

We are thankful to God's providence through the year through our brothers and sisters extending their financial help for the Lord work and supporting us with prayers. We are so thankful to each one of you. May the Lord reward you abundantly "The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." Deut 31:8

Blessings and Love
D.C. & Sona Kaushal



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**We wish all our friends,
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a blessed & prosperous
New Year in the Lord Jesus !**