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Monthly Missionary Update to All Prayer Partners

From: (full name). **S.J.P. VIJAYAKUMAR (Vijay)**

Serving in: (field location) *Light of Hope Mission, Madurai, Tamilnadu, INDIA.*

Date: May 31, 2011 For the month of: **MAY, 2011**

Successes and Challenges:

Successes:

1. Preached at a Sunday Service on May 01 at our Learning Centre Chapel;
2. Conducted LHM Worker's Monthly Prayer and Review Meeting on May 05;
3. Conducted VBS at 7 different villages from May 09 to 22 along with our students for the benefit of total 412 Hindu children around our Learning Centre;
4. Conducted an evening open air gospel meeting at our neighborhood on May 14;
5. Taught at a Special Bible Study Class at a Church in Tirumangalam on May 15;
6. Taught 3 sessions in a State level Haggai Seminar on May 19 & 20 respectively at Tirunelveli;
7. Completed the one year training successfully for the 7th batch of students at our Learning Centre and closed for summer holidays effective May, 22;
8. Participated as family at the final day of VBS conducted at one of our village Churches and shared our love with those children through message and gifts on May, 25;
9. Conducted the 'Night Prayer' at our neighborhood on May, 28;
10. Preached at one of our village Churches on May 29, 2011.

Challenges:

1. It is a challenge to minister in India;
2. It is a challenge to run our mission in faith relying 100% on God.

Plans for the coming month:

1. Take steps to admit new students for the next academic year and start to teach the next batch effective July, 01, 2011;
2. Do the preparatory arrangements for the school mission along with Dr. John Bos at Hyderabad from 16 – 20 July, 2011;
3. Plan and execute the arrangements to conduct “Minister’s Renewal Conference” from 01 – 03 August, 2011 at our Learning Centre.

Prayer Requests:

1. Please pray for the admission of new students at our Learning Centre for the next academic year effective July, 01, 2011;
2. Please pray for God’s guidance when I travel to different places on account of ministry;
3. Please pray for our family’s safety, health and strength;
4. Please uphold the 13 missionary families ministering around 30 different villages being supported by us;
5. Please pray that God meets all our financial needs and help us to continue all our ministries without any strain.
6. Please pray that God helps us to establish more Churches at our mission fields in the days to come.
7. Please pray for various phases of ministries that are being carried out under LHM and its blessings.
8. Please pray for God to use me mightily at more places in the days to come for His glory.
9. Please pray for God’s guidance in all our future plans in the ministry.

Answered Prayers:

1. God had blessed all our ministries during the Lenten season in the month of April 2011 at different Churches.
2. I was able to complete my teaching assignment at our Learning Centre for the benefit of our students and to my fullest satisfaction.
3. We were able to equip the 7th batch of students for the ministry and sent them as missionaries in to the world to proclaim His glory.
Praise the Lord!

Personal Family Update:

Our daughter Nesha has to study for one more year to complete her Masters’ Degree in journalism & communication. Kindly uphold her in your prayers for God to show her a better future in her career and settlement in life. By the grace of God Gigi is maintaining good health and pursuing her teaching job at the College. Please pray for God’s guidance and help.

I personally need your prayers to carry out the ministry successfully for the glory of God. Please pray that God should give me the strength and use me mightily for the blessing of many others in our nation. Revival is my passion!

Highlights of the month

“Heart- Cry for Revival TV Program”

We are so grateful to Sammy Tippit Ministries for their greatest efforts in bringing out a Television Program through a Tamil channel in one of the regular channels namely “Tamilan TV” effective May, 03, 2011. It is an half an hour program in Tamil which comes out on every Tuesdays in the night from 09.30 to 10.00 every week. They prepare and send the materials in English and the same is being translated into Tamil language for the benefit of our nationals. Their main theme is about ‘Revival’ and the same is being shared by different men of God at different angles for their greatest understanding. I would like to thank Rev. Sammy Tippit and his son Bro. Dave Tippit for their greatest love towards India and their regular contribution towards this TV Program which is a real blessing to our people living in the parts of South India. Kindly pray that the same is being useful to many in their life transformation. I am so happy for my close association in this media ministry as well.

VBS

As I mentioned earlier we were able to conduct VBS at 7 different villages surrounded by our Learning Centre from May 09 to 22, 2011. We chose to conduct VBS for 3 days in each village and covered two villages each day simultaneously (one in the morning and the another one in the evening). There were about 50 – 80 children in each village and our students of our Bible College taught them songs, Bible verses, Bible stories and prayers for about two hours each day. The theme for this year was “LOVE”. Thus we were able to cover a total of 412 children from those villages and the beauty is that all of them are from Hindu families. At the end of the third day the children themselves have presented a program to their parents with all that they have learned during those three days. This gave a chance for others to hear about Jesus Christ in those villages.

We gave some snacks and sweets to all the children on all the days. On the third day we gave them a nice gift (worth Rs.20 each) along with a certificate of attendance to all those who participated in the 3 days VBS at each village.

Apart from this VBS was conducted at one of our Village Churches namely Duraichampuram for 7 days continuously from 19 – 25 May, 2011. There were about 142 children participated from 5 different villages. Lunch was provided to all these children on all the 7 days. At the last day of the VBS, that is on the 25th May we were invited as a family to share our love and the message of Jesus Christ with those children. Hence we went and I share some words of encouragement whereas Gigi shared the message on the love

of God. It was a well attended program and we enjoyed our time together with those village folks on that day.

(Some photos taken during VBS at these villages are attached herewith for your reference).

We thank our Lord Jesus Christ for having given us such opportunity to share the gospel with these young minds in those villages during last month. A seed has been sowed and we are sure, one day these seeds will grow and bring forth many fruits for His glory from these villages. Praise the Lord!

A Note from Vijay

Kindly uphold these children from these villages who have heard about the love of Jesus and for them to follow Him in their future lives.

We have spent about \$350 over VBS ministry from our General funds and if anybody is interested in contributing anything towards this gracious ministry, you are welcome.

Thanks for your love and all that you are doing for us in to our ministry in India. Please do not forget to pray for us and keep in touch with us at regular intervals.

May God bless you all!

Vijay.