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## A TERRIFIC YEAR!

Several years ago I heard an interview with a famous baseball coach. A local sportscaster in Southern California, who was enamored by this particular coach, introduced him as the best team motivator that ever graced the game of baseball. The coach was asked to share a motivational story with the listening audience. The coach began to speak and unfolded a story of spring training and a boy who was a weak swimmer. By the end of training season all the team members had to complete a half mile ocean swim in order to qualify for the team's roster.

The big day of the swim arrived and, in anticipation of the coach's starting whistle, all the players took their place on the edge of the boat. There was a big splash as the players jumped into the water and headed for the shore, all that is but one. This young boy hung his head in discouragement and began to weep. The coach approached the boy and asked why he did not jump in and swim like the other players. "I can't swim well, coach," was his answer. "Can't swim well? Can you dog paddle?" "Yes," the boy answered. The coach bellowed, "Then get in the water and dog paddle to shore!" The boy jumped in and began the long journey to the shore. The coach kept encouraging him with words like "Don't give up, keep kicking, remember to breathe, stay clear of the rocks, watch out for the rip tide, just a little bit farther." The coach's voice and encouragement helped this boy overcome all the obstacles. Finally the boy made it to the shore, despite being half drowned and completely depleted of his physical strength.

"WOW," was the sportscaster's response to the story. "Now that's how to motivate a player." The coach replied, "Nonsense, that's not motivating a player. The real work of motivation comes into play when you tell that half drowned boy that he only made it halfway and he must swim back to the boat where he started.



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As we reflect on our ministry, we realize that we have jumped from the boat, but are "dog paddling" far from the shore. Motivation, encouragement and love can go a long way, and that is what we have experienced from our supporters throughout our ministry. Since we began serving in India, we have planted over 90 churches and have seen over 90,000 people embrace the message of Jesus Christ.

This year was very exciting for us as we:

- Brought the building project to a close
- Secured our first van for the orphanage
- Sent out three teams that witnessed over 5,700 people make a decision to follow Christ
- Personally prayed with every family at the Philadelphia Leper Colony and provided over 6 tons of rice to them
- Recruited four field ministers who we will train in 2009 to help multiply our effectiveness

Five short term mission teams have been booked for 2009. We have set our sights on reaching 80 villages and presenting the Gospel to over 15,000 people, using a simple Gospel message and the wordless bracelets.

Our heart's desire is to continue aggressively planting churches. To do so, we must train more village pastors who will be capable of carrying out the duties of a minister of the Gospel. Our goal is to begin training thirty field pastors this year. Each pastor will then oversee three churches. In order to help with their training we have developed an India Field Pastor Sponsorship Program. Should you choose, you can help one of these pastors increase his training by contributing just \$1.00 per day. With your help we can further the Gospel in India while we still have the chance.

We are very excited that since the building project is complete we will be able to house and care for eighty children and twenty widows. Please continue to pray for the success of the orphanage program as we commit to providing a safe haven for children who have been disregarded by their parents and society. Thus far, we have helped more than thirty children and currently we have twenty-three children under our care. We will integrate many more children into our program in 2009, and we need help finding sponsors for them. Please pray and consider having us visit your church this year to share about our ministry. Also, we will train several widows this next year. These Christian widows have nothing and many have been neglected and abandoned by their own families. It is our desire to give them a new hope and a purpose for living. With the completion of the building project we are able to reach out to more of these unfortunate ladies, who in turn will bring comfort and aid to the orphans who come to our facility.

Thank you for encouraging us in 2008. We realize that without you this ministry would not be possible. We are humbled by your prayers and your continued generosity. Together we are making a difference.

With much love,

*Tony and Jane*