

PROJECT POSITIVE RAY REPORT: VISIT TO INDIA

Thank you for your prayers and support. It was a privilege to visit India from the 2 to 13 July 2009. I was part of a delegation of 17 from the Evangelical Church of South Africa who went on Missions with Operation Mobilisation. My visit to India took me to 5 states namely: Hyderabad, Delhi, Bangalore, Chennai and Mumbai.

India is a fascinating country with many challenges. With a population of 1.1 billion people, all you see is people, people and more people against the background of heavy traffic that always on the move. Driving in India is a story on its own.

It was interesting to learn; even though India has a Christian population of 2% it makes the biggest contribution to the social upliftment of the country. In the midst of many challenges God is doing a great work in India. Operation Mobilisation, in addition to its many ministries has planted 2500 churches all over the country. It was my humble privilege to visit some of the churches. We praise God for what He is doing and always recognise that the Church belongs to Him. Our journey from South Africa took us to Mumbai and then on to Hyderabad.

HYDERABAD: In Hyderabad I visited 2 churches, one in a rural community and the other in a slum area. It was interesting to learn all churches planted by OM are called "Good Shepherd Community Churches". I was touched by the simplicity of worship and peoples devotion to God. We also visited an orphanage where about 65 children are housed because they have no one to care for them. The slum church in Hyderabad is in desperate need of a roof. Over 100 children use this building everyday as a school. **I have adopted this project to raise R4000.00 (20,000 rupees) to put a roof over the church building as soon as possible (preferably before the next monsoon rains). If you'd like to help please contact Clement at: clement@positiveray.co.za**

RURAL CHURCH



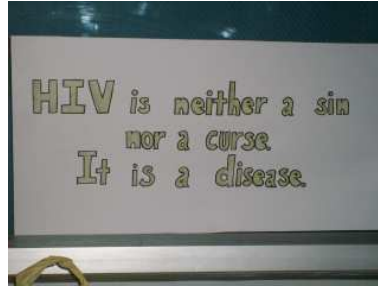
SLUM CHURCH



PRAY FOR PASTOR ELISHA (4th from left below) AND HIS CONGREGATION AS THEY WORSHIP GOD UNDER DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES



I also had the privilege of visiting a HIV/AIDS clinic run by Dr Sujai and his wife. Dr Sujai, a medical doctor is Director of Nireekshana Ministries. His wife is a scientist who does research and mentors PHD students doing research at Nireekshana. Approx 50+ people receive free treatment and the love of Jesus Christ every day. This is an amazing ministry that practically demonstrates the love of Jesus Christ to so many who do not have hope. Please pray for Dr Sujai and his staff that they might continue to be light in the midst of darkness.



DELHI: The second leg of my journey took me to Delhi. In Delhi I visited two projects namely CANA and SHALOM. At CANA I had the opportunity to meet with pastors, lay leaders and doctors. The CANA project is involved in developing leadership to do HIV/Aids work in different settings eg schools and communities. We enjoyed a great time of sharing and learning from each other. There are many opportunities to network. At SHALOM I met with Dr Savitha. SHALOM through its Medical Care provides an out/in patient facility; other services include: ART; HBC and training. They also run a 10 bed hospital facility. They work under difficult circumstances. They are doing excellent work in serving the Delhi community.

Picture 1&2 Mtg with leaders at CANA. Picture 2 Dr Meena addressing the meeting. Picture 3 Dr Savitha at SHALOM



BANGALORE: In Bangalore we visited a school that is run by OM. Approx 450 pupils attend this school. The school provides a holistic education based on Christian principles. The commitment and dedication of the teachers must be admired. The children are well disciplined and education is of a high standard.



From Bangalore we travelled to Chennai and then on to Mumbai before returning home to South Africa. For me, India will always be remembered as a place of delight with many challenges. In spite of the many challenges God is building His Kingdom and India is part of that Kingdom. Pray for India, God's people and God's servants.

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Thank you for your prayers and support.

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