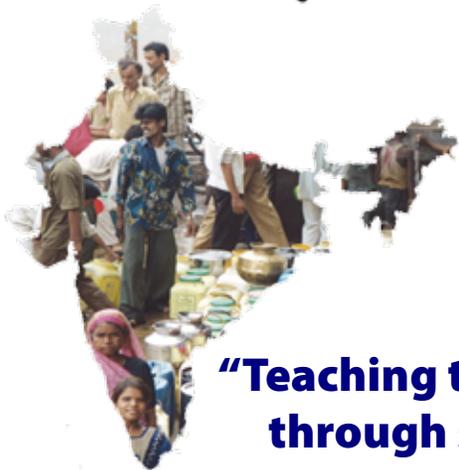


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Also learn about how Mid-India Christian Services remembers their founder with service.

Do you have a suggestion for this newsletter? We're always looking for ways to improve. Call or email our field rep with your ideas.

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Pray for us

Pray for the success of our capital campaign and all it will accomplish.

Pray that God will put a hedge of protection around the missionaries, staff, students and village Christians.

Pray for the McFarland family as they work in the extreme heat.

Pray that Jay and Romola have a safe and uneventful return to India.

Easter Week in India

Bethlehem Bible College put on an Easter Pageant

written and directed by Numreta McFarland who was assisted by her father, Jay Henry. (There were over 61 cast members and Jay did the makeup for all of them!) Over 850 attended the performance. It was so well done that people are asking if there will be a Christmas Play.

For most of us, the week before Easter is a busy one, full of egg hunts, chocolate bunnies and family feasts. And, sometimes, we get so caught up in all our activities that we lose sight of why we celebrate.

This is not so in India, where Easter week is a very special time. In spite of all the persecution and harassment Christians there face on a daily basis, they are eager to commemorate the resurrection of our Lord. Churches have week-long celebrations. This Easter, Jay Henry drove 16 hours to lead one of these services. When it was over, many broken-hearted and crying people came forward to give their lives to Christ, rededicate their lives or ask for special prayers for their lives. When we think of all the persecution and harassment they suffer to live Christian lives, it brings us to tears.

Dr. Vijai Lall Memorial Service

Each year, Mid-India Christian Services remembers and celebrates the life and work of its founder, Dr. Vijai Lall, with a memorial service followed by a related work project. This year's service was held May 19th in the Mark Memorial Chapel. Afterwards, the staff and personnel of Bethlehem Bible College went to the marketplace and distributed water to over 2,000 people, giving water to carry home to another 200.

The daily temperatures in Damoh, this time of year, run between 115°F – 119°F, and water is scarce. Many wells go dry and people must line up to get water wherever they can. It is not unusual for them to travel up to 2 miles for water. They bring whatever containers they have and often stand for hours in the hot sun waiting their turn. Even young children help carry water home.

Food for thought: A gallon of water weighs 8.35 pounds. 5 gallons weighs almost 42 pounds! Imagine yourself carrying a 5 gallon jug of water 2 miles in 100°F heat. Every day. For weeks.

