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Update on the Henry's

Jay and Romola arrived in the U.S. on October 13th and will stay until November 14th. Romola is feeling much better now, and we are all thankful. She has recovered from the viral infection and her blood sugar and blood pressure are once again under control. They will visit with friends and churches as they have time, but this trip is mainly to give them a time to rest and recover—away from the stresses they face daily in India.



Jay & Romola Henry

"Teaching the Gospel through service"

MICS Messenger - November 2012



*Merry
Christmas!*

Christmas is coming all too fast. We have some ideas about how you can give a gift that will encourage and cheer up others in ways you can't imagine.

Camps

Did you ever go to a Christian camp? Do you remember the good times, the friends you made, the vesper services by the lake, drama



and talent nights, falling into bed at night dead tired but happy? Many of us looked forward to going to a Christian camp every year. We'd coordinate with friends made at camp to ensure we attended camp the same week. Christian kids in India don't get to benefit from these experiences because they don't have a Christian camp to attend. Mid-India Christian Services would like to provide these experiences for Christian kids next summer, but we need your help to do this. In order to provide these camp experiences, we need housing and meals for the kids, as well as teachers and counselors to staff the camp. It will cost about \$1,000/per week for each camp. We don't currently have funds for Christian camps. If you remember how much Christian camp changed your life, please

help us provide this experience for kids in India next summer. Your donation of \$25 would help send a child to Christian camp and change a life forever.

Sports Events

Does your son, daughter or grandchild play on a baseball, soccer, basketball, or pee-wee football team? Do they run track or go to swim meets? We know participation in sporting events builds friendships and teaches good sportsmanship, and helps growing bodies to grow up strong and healthy. Kids in India are no different. MICS would like to hold sports events next summer. It is a good way to make contact with area youth in a non-threatening way. Of course, Bible college students enjoy sports and like to participate in organized sporting events, too. Unfortunately, there is no money in our budget for such events, even though we know they provide a good outreach. Your donation of \$25 would sponsor one person to play in summer sports events.

Christmas Gifts

Widows and children supported by mission sponsors receive a small Christmas gift every year from the money their sponsors give. However, the mission also supports other widows and children who don't have sponsors. In addition, the mission also gives small gifts to



staff, teachers and workers. We want to share the joy of Christmas and let them know how much we appreciate them, but our budget is already stretched thin by our support of other mission work. Your donation of \$20 would help to buy a gift for one of these widows, a child or a staff member, and bring a smile to their face during the Christmas season.

Mopeds

Mopeds are a necessity for some of our preachers to be effective in their ministry. These preachers serve more than one church and they need transportation to visit and work with the members of these churches. They can't afford vehicles, and the mission tries to help these men in their work. Roads in India are often so bad that traveling by car is not feasible. Fortunately, mopeds can provide



reliable transportation even with such terrible road conditions. In addition, they are less expensive to purchase and operate. Each moped costs \$1,500, but any amount will help provide a moped for a preacher.

Support a Student

Bethlehem Bible College has 45 students from 5 different Indian states as well as from from Nepal.

The desire of new students to attend the college and the support of previous students are amazing. The story of Rehum, a former student, and two new students illustrates this point. Rehum now serves in the northeast part of India. This July, he brought two new students to the college to start the school year. They left home on foot and walked for 7 days before getting stranded in a village for several days by monsoon flooding. They traveled on by train, leaving their soaked backpacks behind, and finally finished their journey by bus. It took them 18 days to reach the campus, arriving with only the clothes they were wearing. The mission arranged for 3 sets of clothes for each of these young men. It then took Rehum another 27 days to get home after leaving Damoh.

We think such devotion and persistence deserves support. Any amount you provide will help our students tremendously.

Of course, there are more projects than we can list here. If you would like to know more about things we are involved in, visit www.midindiachristianservices.com or call our representatives at 513-335-4474.

As always, we covet your prayers. And, you are ever in our prayers.