

Note from the editor

This quarter it was hard to select what to put in the newsletter—there is only so much type you can squeeze on a page without making it unreadable. And, I always like to balance our needs with our accomplishments so you can see what God is doing through you. But there is one more need I feel compelled to bring to your attention: support of widows and orphans.

Mid-India has 34 widows who need support. We only have 19 sponsors.

Mid-India has 146 children who need support. We only have 96 sponsors.

Do you know how much difference you can make in a life? Do you have any idea what an encouragement it is to all our brothers and sisters in India to know that American Christians care enough about them to reach out and help? Please consider supporting a widow or child! As Jay said, “Every penny counts,” and pennies go a lot farther in India than they do here.

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“Teaching the Gospel through service”

This issue is a reminder that life in India is much harder for most people than it is here, especially for Christians, especially for poor people, and that it is extremely difficult for poor Christians; those who are served by Mid-India Christian Services.

We need your prayers.

We need your financial support.

We need your love.

Thank You!

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News from India

Sometimes the words are more important than the pictures. We're printing the text without all the pictures this month, because we think you need to hear what's going on in India.

Dear friends and coworkers in Christ, greetings in His wonderful name.

We are back on the field by God's grace and involved in the work that the Lord has assigned to us. It was so good to see many of you at the NACC in Indianapolis.

God continues to bless our efforts and in spite of all the opposing forces, we continue, not only to work, but make progress as well. It is all because we serve an awesome God and His grace is sufficient for us.

The world is changing very fast and we have to keep up with it, not in its own way but in the way of the Lord without any compromise. We find that religious extremism is on the rise at least in our part of the world and especially in the middle part of India. We just request our friends to keep us in your prayers, remembering the following:

- The Christians in this region are facing so many challenges that at times it is threatening to them and they need encouragement. Please pray for the Christians who are under so much pressure and persecution. Pray for the Lord's blessings up on them and us. We keep in touch with them by making visits to the churches, which are often distant and in very remote areas.*
- There are some areas of India where people are facing disaster because of flood and landslides. Hundreds of lives have been lost, hundreds are missing and there is loss of homes, livestock and all belongings, even whole villages have been washed away. People are so miserable, and some of the rescue teams have lost their lives trying to help. Please pray for them.*
- At present we are faced with a very pressing need on the field. We produce our own Hindi hymnbooks. The last edition was done in 1996. Now the number of churches has grown and so has the number of Christians. We have very few church buildings. Most of the groups meet either in a house or in the courtyard of a home. The outside meetings under trees or under tents are no longer possible because of the attacks made by the extremist groups. Even where there are church buildings, the facilities are very limited and none of them have overhead projectors. The Christians depend upon hymnbooks of which they are very fond. The tradition is to carry their own Bibles and hymnbooks to the church.*

We have been feeling the pressure of the demand from churches, individuals and church groups for the hymnbooks. We can use 10,000 books but the immediate need is for 6,000 hymnbooks. Printing cost is \$3.00 each. Churches, individuals, Sunday school classes or groups can help us in this much-needed project. Romola does the compiling of the songs and choruses etc. She is busy now doing compiling them and within the next few weeks she will be ready for printing. Please pray for this need and if you can help, it would be a blessing to many. Please remember that every penny counts.

We are overwhelmed by the love and care of our dear friends who keep us uplifted before the Lord. Your prayerful concern is the source of our strength in the Lord. Thanks so much.

Yours, because of Jesus,

Jay and Romola Henry