

South India Church of Christ Mission College Funding Update October 28, 2005

Dear Friends, prayer partners and supporters,

Thanks to you and IDES for the GREAT answer to prayer. With a few final paperwork steps, we will receive the funding of the remaining boats needed for the tsunami survivors! We can now focus on the new campus of Southern Asia Christian College construction, which was begun in the fall of 2004 before the tsunami wave attacks, occurred. Moving the College to its new campus in January 2006 to meet the demand for leadership remains a matter of urgent prayer need.

Construction on the College is being continued inside the walled campus at Chingleput. This new location will allow for better security for teachers and students as well as more room for the expanding college. The old campus will be sold but this may be a slow and very difficult situation as the lack of law and order in India provides no guarantee that the seller will actually receive the selling price of the property being sold!

If funds for the final payments of the construction are not forthcoming, the contractor can issue an ultimatum to take a lean on the property, which is something you do not want to see happen in India! Raising funds to meet this deadline is of the utmost importance. We are praying that the churches supporting the mission and individuals capable of providing such funds will rally to the need and help meet this demand. The campaign is being launched in ALL supporting churches to raise at least \$1000 each to make this payment possible. The balance due by December 31 is now down to \$59,693.00! Just a tax note that we have verified with our accountant: Donors who make cash gifts to a qualified charity by the end of 2005 may deduct an amount equal to virtually 100 percent of their adjusted gross incomes, double the normal limit of 50 percent of income. SICCM is a qualified charity!

We know with the devastation in the Gulf Coast in the last months, you have given so unselfishly to those in desperate need, but we would ask for your support in the next few months so that we can move to the new campus in January 2006.

We praise God that He has shown us the path for the total rehabilitation of the tsunami survivors. As you know from the parable of the ten talents spoken by Jesus in Luke 19:12-24 the servants were given resources to use for the Master. We are commanded to be good and faithful servants, working as hard as we know how to increase the gifts that God bestows on us.

Lots to pray about, a lot of work to do! When Jesus asks us to be ten talent servants, He never said it would be easy! But we thank God for answered prayers and for the challenges He sets for us to keep us working hard for Him!

David, Philomina, Peg and the SICCM Board