

Dear Prayer Partners and Supporters,

We are 6 1/2 months away from that terrible morning when the lives of hundreds of thousands were forever changed by the tsunami killer waves.

For 160 survivor families in the 50 survivor groups, almost 2,000 people, life will never be the same but they are doing as well as is possible in the circumstances. On the surface, life doesn't look any different than it did before the tsunami waves struck if you were to see them today. Yet the survivor families that have received the boats consist of 2-5 families blended together from families that were whole before the waves hit. And now the new family has to carry on, some with the new cornerstone of Jesus in their lives. The dead will never come back but life must continue to be lived. We have stressed in our counseling that God had a reason and has a plan for each and every tsunami survivor and the message is being heard. Yet without your generous support of the relief and restoration work, there would have been no chance for these particular survivors to have any hope whatsoever.

At least one family from each of the survivor groups has gotten the kattamaram (traditional fishing boat) and set of 3 nets which they need in order to survive and rebuild their lives. This has brought real, tangible hope to those in line for their own kattamarams and sets of nets. And good news in the form of answered prayers is indeed on the way.

There are another 40 boats to be built and delivered in the next three weeks, along with the nets. That will bring the number of families receiving boats and nets to 200 survivor families.

God has abundantly answered the prayers of the tsunami survivors and the Mission staff and church members in India for these boats and sets of nets. When we came back in late April, we were praying hard for the 1,000 boats and sets of nets that are required to bring recovery to the tsunami survivors. God's blessing is evident in that we can see the hope that the 1,000 boats and sets of nets will come before the monsoon rains come to south India.

We are praying now and ask for you to join us in prayer for an opportunity that is in God's hands. A Restoration Movement mission agency has offered, subject to certain conditions, to match the number of boats and nets that the South India Church of Christ Mission buys.

If it is God's will that this comes to pass, then another 200 survivors families will be able to have boats and sets of nets. This will bring the number of tsunami survivors restored to being able to take care of themselves to over 4,000 of the 18,000. The conditions can be met by later this month after returning to India July 11th.

In August, you will read more about the need for boats and sets of nets in Lookout Magazine. We are casting our nets as widely as we can to meet the needs of the tsunami survivors for the 1,000 boats and sets of nets. On behalf of all the members of

the South India Church of Christ Mission, we want to thank all of you who have been an answer to prayer by the sacrificial giving that has allowed us to bring hope and work to the beaches along with Jesus.

Life continues for the other churches and church planting efforts of the Mission. The College building is under construction on the new College campus near Chingleput, on the five acres that were walled in such a powerful demonstration of God's majesty several years ago. We are praying for God to make available the resources necessary to complete the building, outfit it, and make it ready for the students by the 2006 school year. Please also keep the strengthening of the College in your prayers.

This will multiply our ability to train leadership not by doubling but tripling and quadrupling our capability to house, teach, train, and send national evangelists back to their villages and home churches. It remains awesome to us that God, in His almighty power, has made it possible to train larger numbers of local Christian leaders just when He also made so many new churches and opportunities to serve Him.

The 7 Children's Homes are all full of children going to school, as school got rolling in India in June and starts getting serious in July. We praise God for the dedicated houseparent and Children's Home staff who have committed their lives to serve abandoned children in desperate circumstances.

The 17th Doctors Tour is scheduled for the last two weeks of August, and patients are now being made ready for the pre-operation clinics and selection for the operations. The medical evangelism has been especially blessed with news of a team of heart surgeons specializing in children's heart operations, plans to come to Madras in January. With the outreach of the Mobile Doctor program, the healing power of Jesus continues to attract people to hear and know of Jesus, along with the operations.

In all this, we praise God the Father for His grace and holy caring for His creation, Jesus for His sacrifice on the Cross and leadership that make it possible for us to be saved through His blood and baptism, and for the inspiration and workings of the Holy Spirit. There is so much that has happened and will happen that is directed by God and made possible by God. We remain humbled by the evidences of His love and care of each individual person and thankful that His church offers us hope, fellowship and community.

We serve a mighty Risen Savior, He's in the world today....

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