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Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

The month of May is our Vacation Bible School month in the villages, slums and on the beaches of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. May is also the month when you know best that you are in the SOUTH of India, as it is our hottest month. This is because the sun is at its closest to us in the tropics along the equator.

For over forty years, May has been our Vacation Bible School month because there is little agricultural work and the programs can be carried out at night. The sun is so hot that even the fishing communities look to fish at night. The fish swim as deep as they can to escape the sun! Or so the fishing people say. At night, then, the church buildings and the houses used for house churches can be used for the children to learn more about Jesus through Bible study, skits, songs and play.

May is also the main month in which there is no school, so the children have the energy and motive to join together in a Vacation Bible School program. The adults appreciate having the joy of a Vacation Bible School for their children and also the learning that goes on as they get ready for their children to return to school in June.

June is our watershed month for school. The children advance one grade higher; Southern Asia Christian College sees a new orientation class and new seniors; the Children's Homes see new faces as new children join those who return. There are new textbooks, new notebooks, new clothes to wear, new friends to make.

This year, the monsoon has already come to Kerala with a great deal of force. In the hills of Idukki District where the Girls Home is, there are reports of landslides and flooding.

Last year, we had one of the heaviest monsoons in the past 100 years. This spread from Kerala to Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, with flooding as the reservoirs filled to overflowing. Once the water levels fell, the crops have been very good and our Christian field workers have been busy repairing the flood damage as well as planting and harvesting the new crops. If it is God's will, we are praying hard that we may have another good year of rains, which answers many prayers for good harvests.

Lots of good news and many blessings as school re-opens this June. The new College campus is ready to welcome the existing students and the students entering as the class of 2010. The last work on the fans and lights is finished in the new dorms and classrooms. The waterproof roofs are in place on the new Main College building and the Women's Dormitory. The students are to return June 9th, so please keep their first year at the new campus in your prayers. We have had great opposition in the past from those who follow Satan as their master and we know that Satan never sleeps.

Please pray for the new Children's Home campus and building in Tinneveli District. The number of children who have applied to the Children's Home is more than the space available, as has been the case the past 8 years. The main building is too small to accommodate the present number of children with bunk beds, our only Children's Home that does not have bunk beds. We also need a dinning room/kitchen for these children.

We have many other prayer requests as well...please pray for the new Children's Home to be built in Madrapakkam. Here again we have too many children applying for "the Nursery" for the existing buildings. When we built the dormitory, we never thought we would need to expand so soon. But the number of children continues to greatly exceed the space we have...please pray for the new Christian Hospital & Nursing School, as we look for land and start planning for construction of a new general hospital and nursing school...please pray for 25 new mother church buildings we need to replace existing churches that are too small...please continue to pray for the new churches among the tsunami survivors and the building of new church permanent church buildings...please pray for our widows... please pray for all those who have not been reached and who have not confessed Jesus as their Lord and Savior, entering into baptism for the remission of sins...and for all the saints of Christ's church worldwide.