

NEWS FROM INDIA

(PART 2 OF APRIL'S UKRAINE MISSION NEWSLETTER)

During April we were involved in a number of actions in India. There are three that are monthly efforts and I want to share with you some of their reports. These brethren are doing a wonderful work for the Lord and I am encouraged every time I receive an email from them. The work in India is challenging because of a number of adversities—they struggle with those ruled by greed; they work with those who are so bruised by the world that even the smallest vestige of self-esteem has long been destroyed; they face a daily existence of hunger and a lack of proper clothing and medical attention because of the impoverishment of the nation. In religious matters they face an open persecution from the non-Christian religious worldviews who are doing all they can to persecute and eliminate them. In fact, just about every anxiety, perplexity, and adversity that you can imagine (and some that you never thought of) are pressing upon your brethren in India so they will turn away from Christ and shirk back from their commitment.

JADECHERLA, ANDHRA PADERSH, INDIA



Immadi visiting one of the villages to distribute benevolent aid

Our involvement with Immadi Deenadayal in Judecherla began with the shipping of a container of humanitarian aid three years ago. David Lawyer and Don Eads have known and visited with Immadi for a number of years. Most reading this report have read Immadi's narratives on the Lord's work. He is a dedicated Christian and selfless in his service to his fellowman. In January we loaded two containers that have now arrived in Mumbai. Immadi is working to get these released from India Customs and then his wonderful stories of distribution and pictures will be received. Here is a compilation of his emails regarding this benevolent shipment. As you read this you will understand some of the difficulties Immadi fights in order to get the containers we ship.

Greetings in the merciful name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I and the preachers and all the saints here thank you and convey the thanks of down trodden people of India for your great love and concern for us. Your love for the needy and poor Christians are very great. No doubt you will be on the right side of God at the time of judgment (the sheep will be on the right side). God will say to them blessed are you, inherit the kingdom of your Father, because you clothed me when I was naked, you gave me drink when I was thirsty and gave me food when I was hunger etc. thank you for your great love.

Brother John I sincerely thank you for sending the pictures and the documents of the two containers being sent. I asked to send the documents in advance so that I can contact the C.H.A. customs agent in advance and submit the papers for customs clearance. As we experienced in the past, customs is the main hurdle. So I am planning to start the customs work well in advance. Thank you very much. Brother on the packing list (list of items) please affix your seal and you sign on that please. Last time they asked for this. last time you sent packing list value of each item for customs purpose. This time in the bottom of the list only total; value is given. Kindly send the value of each item for customs purpose. Please. Customs are asking for that please. Sorry for the trouble. Please. We need a certificate from our district collector now. From Monday we will be on that job please.

Sirs, thank you very much for sending the revised sea way bill. When I contacted APL in Mumbai they said there are no documents with them regarding the containers but the warehouse authorities where containers are there, they got the address of the NGO and sent a letter by post to that NGO. Mr Narendar of NGO was out of station, when letters came. When he came to home, he sent them to me through email. Immediately I forwarded them to you. This time it seems that APL authorities want to claim the damages. So they are giving notices that they want to sale them, since claim has not been made. Anyway sirs, I am sorry for the trouble. By going through the Bill of laden it seems that so far no amount is paid to shipping agency. Kindly go through them and advise me please since you are well experienced.

I am in Mumbai for submission of papers to customs through our new agent Mr. Vipul. Last time, we had Mr Jitendra as our agent. We had bitter experiences with him. I learnt some things about customs also. Now I am giving some information to submit the papers to our customs agent. He is new. Generally they do the cases of paying the customs, after doing the valuation of goods. We have to take

goods customs free. For that he is preparing the papers. I have handed over him all the papers which you have sent and giving him required information. Probably he will put up the file tomorrow or Monday. Many customs agents are in Mumbai, but some are not experienced some charge more amounts. Some charge 1 000 dollars as their fee and some charge 1 200 dollars. This agent agreed to take 750 dollars for his fee. Only customs agents are permitted to enter the customs office. Customs Department deal with the parties through licensed customs agents only. There is no way except to depend on customs agents. Generally two different officers of customs will inspect the goods they send the sample of clothes to lab for testing. Some process is there. I am expecting the release of containers by the end of this month. I am prayerfully working hard. Kindly pray for our efforts.

I spoke to Shaji in Mumbai. Our customs house agent also sent his man to Shaji for originals. Shaji informed that seaway bill originals he has not with him and scan copy of sea way bill is sufficient to claim the containers. Our customs agent put up the file to customs. We need to get customs permission to get the goods without paying customs. Now our customs agent has put up the file.

Sirs, the inspection is there for containers. They will give us date. If necessary they send the clothes for testing. Last time they sent the clothes for testing. We are trying our best to get the goods as early as possible. Regarding damages, we do not know anything so far. Sir, one thing bothers us that with great sacrifice and great efforts, you send goods to help the poor and needy people. But after coming over here, everything slows down for containers release. That is the problem. We are sincerely praying God to speed up the things and ask you to join in this prayer. We once again thank you for your great loving helps.

Kindly pray for speedy disposal please.

We are praying for easy delivery of goods. We once again thank you for your great love for poor.

Thank you once again for your great love and helps. In Christian love,

Yours in His service,

Immadi

IBRAHIMPATNAM, KRISHNA, INDIA

For several years we have been involved with brother Nallamotu Vijayarao who preaches the gospel in Ibrahimpatnam, India, Krishna District. Vijay has been very regular in his reports and sending pictures so we can monitor the activity and rejoice in the good being accomplished for the Lord. Vijay's reports are usually included in each monthly UKRAINE MISSIONS NEWSLETTER. Here is a report that Vijay sent about the Lord's work.



Dear beloved Bro JOHN L KACHELMAN Jr and church members and family members and saints in your country.

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Je sus Christ. Brother every day my family members and my church members and poor widows and orphan childrens conducting a special prayer for you.

Brother I have received your great email letter. Brother God will provide happy journey and successful gospel tour in Ukraine. Today I have conducted a special prayer for your great gospel tour in Ukraine God

will provide happy journey and grand success of your gospel tour. All the Indian brothers and sisters sending the special greetings to my brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

I have received your great help \$300 so thank you very much.

Brother it is a great successful Krishna River Coastal area one day gospel meeting, so many different places people and my church members attend for this meeting. The



summer season started and I am conveying one issue to you that what it is means Krishna River Costal Area Gospel Meeting this meeting is a very biggest meeting. All will do their journey in the boat. This my church elders had planned and decided to do this and I am leading in this gospel meeting. I had invited the sineour most Bible teachers to that place M. Joel and N.K.Y. Dass and M.V. Kumar and D.S. Nelson and myself to preach the different messages in that gospel meeting. Brother some Hindu people also attend this gospel meeting. The two families are interested in the Christian life. I believe definitely those two families will be baptized in coming days. So please pray, brother I have received so many letters in India, my copreachers inviting me for their villages to conduct the gospel meetings. Many times I am facing many problems for poor widows and orphan childrens.

Please keep in your prayers about my health. As I spent for three days in tribal area. I am facing troubles regarding my health. After a time I fell sick. I have aim to preach the truth and gospel to perishing souls as long as I live for HIM. In these circumstances I know that I have to face some troubles like ill health, financial tangency. Through your prayers, cooperation and encouragement only we are able to work for God and for which we are all thankful to you.

We are in need of your prayers, cooperation encouragement for the development of God's work in India. Brother please visit me in India. I will arrange gospel meetings, you are a main speaker so please grant me your permission. On your visit, I will conduct Bible classes and gospel meetings in 230 places in various villages, for which we are praying God to bring you to India to deliver your messages.

All the preachers, orphans, poor widows, my family members, church members and elders are joining me and sending our thanks to you all. Daily we are all praying for you all. Please pray for our needs and ministry. Expecting a communication from you please. Brother I need your great cooperation and your suggestions and your plans. I pray God is richly bless in your home. Brother I know you are very busy in your country to God's work. If any possibility so please write me a few words of your great happiness reply letter. Brother today I have posted costal area gospel meetings pictures to your postal address I am expecting you will receive them in soon Thank you very much.



Gifts to orphans

Please send me my special salutes to your family members and my great brothers and sisters Judsonia church of Christ members.

Christian Servant,

N. Vijaya Rao

RAJAHMUNDRY, ANDHRA PRADESH INDIA



Our brother Suman Singh is involved in a mission effort that focuses upon those living with the disease of leprosy. In previous newsletter I have included brief reports and pictures that Suman has sent. Leprosy is a horrible disease and it destroys the human body piece by piece as the nerves are destroyed and infections lead to a rotting flesh and eventual amputation. But this terrible disease destroys every facet of human existence—social, economic, and family. Young and old suffer with this disease. Suman's commitment to work with those of the leper communities is heroic. He knows that even though leprosy destroys every aspect of human existence that gives value and self-esteem the Gospel of Christ has a message that, when obeyed, restores the value and dignity of the leper. This brother diligently works to share the "good news" of Christ's gospel. This ministry is one that most Americans will never witness. Keep Suman and his work in your prayers.





Dear Brother. John L. Kachelman, Jr

We conducted a leprosy meeting. We started the meeting with word of prayer. They sang some songs. We invited brother Rao, he gave the Word of God. I delivered the Word of God about Nimon (2 Kings 5:1-15).

We purchased some blankets for them and gave to them. By the grace of God and His power the leprosy was now prevented in the country. Children of those people are now going to school and sitting with common children's it is Jesus Christ Mercy. We ended the meeting with the prayer.

Brothers and sisters you like to join in the Leprosy ministry join with your helping hands. Jesus loves you and your family abundantly.

We are always praying for you and your family. Please pray for my ministry work. God open your heart please helps my Lord's work. Give it shall be given.

I am waiting for your kind reply.

Thanking you Brother John L. Kachelman, Jr

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