

February 2015 - News from LHM - India

Rev. C. David

On February 14, LHM - India inaugurated 20 new youth clubs at the request of Mr. Yovan, who is a Christian convert from a community (caste) known as 'Boyer', a tribal community which has not been touched by the Gospel. Mr. Yovan learned of LHM - India's Youth Ministry programs and asked for support in evangelism in his community. Mr. Yovan selected 7 villages to start the Youth Clubs and helped organize a Youth Convention. We worked towards all of the activities being on February 14. Many volunteers worked with the new clubs - 6 in Omalur and Salem; 7 in Dharmapuri; and 7 in Kalagasthi area. More than 100 young men and women attended the Youth Convention.



During the Christmas season LHM - India advertised with a public notice that we will distribute new clothing for 1,000 people and tricycles for 10 people who are physically handicapped. We requested donations to help with the effort. By God's grace we were able to purchase all 10 tricycles, and 700 dresses for poor people. On February 20 we distributed the items at our ministry center in Chennai. One of the recipients of the tricycle was a Muslim. We praise God and thank the donors who supported this holistic ministry program.

Prayer Requests: in thanksgiving for volunteers like Pastor Peter and Mr. Yovan that share the Gospel in areas where they have not heard the message of salvation, may God continue to lift them up to serve; for the opportunities to help those in need with physical items as we provide spiritual food; to continue to bless LHM - India ministry efforts through our centers in Chennai and Mumbai as we bring Christ to the nation.

A Ministry Story

Pastor John Peter, a volunteer who distributes LHM - India Gospel tracts shared this story recently.

One day while Pastor Peter was distributing Gospel tracts along the road near Kumbakonam Town, a gentleman approached him to ask what he was doing. Pastor responded he was sharing tracts about God's love in Jesus. Immediately the man shouted at Pastor and tried to grab the bag filled with the tracts. The man did grab a couple of tracts titled "Mother's Love" and put them in his pocket instead of tearing it up, and he left Pastor in the road. The next day the same man found Pastor Peter and confessed his mistake and asked for forgiveness. The man said he was acting against a good deed which told him that Jesus loves him also. The man asked Pastor Peter to pray for him and his family as well as his wellbeing.

What a great change! A simple piece of Gospel tract written in Tamil language connected with the man. The power of the Holy Spirit touched his heart and changed his mind. We are blessed and happy to witness such evidences of the power of the Gospel.

Across the globe, Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) is **proclaiming** the Gospel of Jesus Christ using a variety of culturally appropriate venues and media. Through innovative workshops, LHM is **equipping** individuals to share Christ's message of hope in their communities and **engaging** volunteers and congregations, where they will continue to be cared for and nurtured in their faith.

Our mother church IELC owns and runs schools for the public. On December 13, the manager of Lutheran schools in Kerala state and the IELC Vice President invited the LHM - India to participate and introduce our ministry to all the school teachers at the All Lutheran School Teachers Conference. We were honored to attend and encouraged them with the assurance of our support in showcasing our ministry resources, particularly for the youth.

During the Christmas season we regularly telecast special programs on Christmas Day, especially through the National Channel owned by the Government of India. This year we obtained permission from the Government Channel for our special program. We telecasted three different programs on three different times on Christmas day through Tamilan television, Imayam television, and Podigai National Channel in Tamil language.

As a special mention, LHM - India received a gift from one Lutheran Church, the Zover Hill Lutheran Church from Trivandrum Synod IELC of a special Malayalam language program on Christmas Day through the Government television - Malayalam Channel from Trivandrum. We were blessed to telecast four different programs on Christmas Day this year.

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