

February 2016 - News from LHM - India
Rev. C. David

Help for Flood Victims

In the city of Chennai, we unexpectedly faced bad weather bringing rain from November 9th until December 10th. With all of the rain, floods devastated the lives of millions not only in the city of Chennai but also districts in northern Tamilnadu. The electricity was disrupted, transportation was affected, and business centers were closed. According to history this is the heaviest flood in 100 years. We tolerated all of these sufferings by the strength of our Lord and the power of the Holy Spirit.

With the support from LHM headquarters, LHM—India was able to supply an emergency package that included of a five-kilogram bag of rice, a bed sheet, a saree and underskirt. We distributed the packages to thousands of families in various places. We thank God for our leaders who acted immediately and generously when we asked for help. May LHM shine in its ministry programs through the grace of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the mercies of Jesus Christ our Lord.



Free Medical Check-up Camps

Despite the flooding, LHM—India was able to provide seven free Medical Check-up Camps. Our ministry linked this proclamation program with the flood relief program. The Arcot Lutheran Church which has many congregations in Cuddalore and Billupuram District helped us to conduct these camps with their guidance and voluntary support.



Prayer Requests: pray for the ministry center director, staff and volunteers as they share the message of Christ in communities in India; pray for the flood victims; pray for the new youth clubs that the more youth come to know Christ and continue to grow in their faith.

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A Ministry Story

Mr. Daniel lives with his family in Tirupur, the cotton city of India. He came to LHM—India ministry center the last week of January and was happy to see the place which he feels has made a difference in his life. Mr. Daniel is a child of a Hindu family, following all the traditions of Hindu religion. He was not happy with his beliefs and had no answer for his inner questions in his faith. He happened to listen to our Tamil radio program and started listening regularly as our programs are clear in message and the Gospel entered into his heart by the power of the Holy Spirit. Our programs taught him about the true God and the Savior who cares for him and the Lord who loves him. This new message attracted him and the power of the Holy Spirit created faith in him. He became a believer and communicated the message to his family members and conversions began happening in his family. He wanted to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. He began attending a church nearby. He wanted to convey his thanks to LHM—India. Through our programs he was brought into faith. His visit to our ministry center has given him vision on how we can work together in the future through our ministry programs. May God continue this good work in and through Mr. Daniel.

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.

Teacher's Conference

In the month of December, the Arcot Lutheran Church convened a one-day seminar for all the teachers and head masters of Arcot Lutheran Church and school. I was invited to give a presentation about LHM—India ministry programs. I shared the need for introducing our Bible Correspondence Course (BCC) to the children in that school. We thank God for the opportunity to present this information.

Youth Retreat and New Clubs

On January 23rd, LHM—India conducted a Youth Retreat for the Lutheran youth members at Madathikonam and Immanuel Lutheran Church, under the Trivandrum Synod of IELC. Six congregations nearby sent their youth for this program. The local pastor, Rev. Sajeew arranged for this event and fellow pastor Rev. Sathish performed a puppet show for the youth and Rev. C. Roby from Nagercoil Synod performed a magic show with a Gospel message. It was a successful program. This program was conducted for Malayalam speaking youth sixty-eight members attended and at the end of the meeting we inaugurated six new Youth Clubs in six Lutheran congregations in Trivandrum Synod of IELC.

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