

## June 2015 - News from LHM - India Rev. C. David

During these current times, the Indian political situations and the opposition for evangelism is growing day by day. The new government under the leadership of Mr. Narendra Modi as Prime Minister of India started suppressing the Christian Ministries with the moral support of government departments. The local masses attack churches, pastors and even disturb prayer meetings. Pastors need moral support as well as material support for their ministry. They requested us to support their ministry and call us to share the Word of God to strengthen them in spirit. We conducted two meetings in the month of March for the evangelists and independent pastors who are working in the remote villages.

On March 7<sup>th</sup>, one meeting was held at Cheyyaru where twenty two evangelists participated, received our encouragement and materials for evangelism such as Gospel tracts, Bible Correspondence Courses and other spiritual reading materials. On March 30<sup>th</sup> the second meeting was held at Perambalurnear Tiruchi. Twenty five pastors and evangelists attended the meeting that needed our moral and material support. All the members are new to our ministries and came to know about our ministries and promised to work with LHM—India and take the Gospel boldly into the villages with the power of the Holy Spirit.



During the month of March, LHM—India conducted an Equipping the Saints (ETS) program on the request of one Lutheran Church (IELC) at Naacharkeppam near Ambur. The local pastors and two volunteers helped us to see the program had great success. 81 members attended after the Sunday worship service in the same church. 18 members came forward to serve as volunteers.



Prayer Requests: pray for the ministry center director, staff and volunteers as they take the message of Christ into the communities in India; pray for safety as they share the Word of God; pray for the youth in the Summer Bible School that they continue to grow in their faith.

### A Ministry Story

This story about a 16 year old young man attending his junior year in college. His name is Santhosh. He is from a village known as Luckinayakkanpatti near Tirupattur, Vellore District. He is from a strong Hindu family and faith full as a Hindu. After the political change in our country, villages are very strong to protect their faith. Hindu groups form into a committee calling them Hindu religious protection committee. They oppose, even stop Christians from entering their village for evangelism and attack prayer meetings.

The pastor of a small church who is an LHM volunteer in the nearby village of Jalliyur, arranged for the Summer Bible School program. The activities, songs and fellowship among the children attracted Santhosh as well. One day, he entered into the church to watch. He started attending all day of the Summer Bible School. After that he was attracted by the new light which the Holy Spirit created. Santhosh started visiting the church talking to the pastor and fellow youth plus continue to worship in that church. Now Santhosh confesses his faith in the Lord Jesus through the Holy Spirit who invited him into his new faith even though the government or other groups are acting against Christians. LHM - India Summer Bible School and the Youth Ministry Program attracted Santhosh and other young men and women to come and join the fellowship of believers to enjoy the new life in Christ.

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.

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### Radio Program

After a long gap we started our broadcast through FEBA Radio once again. We provide a fifteen minute program aired every week in Tamil and Hindi languages sharing the message of hope in Jesus Christ. As it has been a long time, we expect more time to receive responses from listeners. Already we have received phone calls and letters after listeners hear our broadcast.

LHM - India is ready to start the television telecast of our Hindi program, we are also preparing materials. Our first step is to produce nine Christian hymns in Hindi language. Mr. Naveen arranged a group of singers from Dhar in Madhya Pradesh and brought them to Chennai for recording and shooting. We recorded the songs and shot videos at the Chennai studio. The Arcot Lutheran Church at Broadway Chennai gave permission to shoot inside the church. Apart from the above programs our literature ministries and personal visits to pastors and churches went well. We thank God for the success in all of these programs.

