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Some of the groups/organizations among the blind people in Tamilnadu state come to LHM - India for help to the ministry of the blind. We also help through our Holistic Ministry program and free literature including braille books. On April 30 one group organized a one day retreat for the blind at Elagiri hills near Ambur. We contributed the book of St. Luke's Gospel in braille as a gift. We also distributed our Bible Correspondence Courses (BCC) in an audio format to those who wanted to enroll. It was a fruitful day to share the Gospel with the visually challenged brothers and sisters.



The Youth Club movement proves to be a powerful tool for evangelism among youth and children. A little over 400 Youth Clubs are functioning in villages and towns all over the country in various states in various languages. In the months of April and May LHM - India gathers the Youth Club volunteers to take the Gospel to the young people. The Summer Bible School Teacher's Training Camps were held in 7 regions. 460 volunteers attended. We keep these volunteer teachers in our hearts as they reach out to around 20,000 children this summer.

Prayer Requests: to strengthen and grow the new faith in Jesus for Sanju and others new in the faith in India as they learn of the salvation that is only through the belief in Jesus; for the many opportunities to serve those in need, prayers for our youth, blind community, and impoverished people as LHM - India is "Bringing Christ to the Nations...and the Nations to the Church."

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A Ministry Story

This story is about a man named Sanju around 45 years old living in Ottmedukuppam, Nellore District in Andhra Pradesh with his wife and children. Sanju is a Hindu by faith. He was very good in his religious practices, but he felt an emptiness in his heart and was searching for the truth.

LHM - India Street Drama Team lead by Pastor Raghu Benjamin visited their village on April 9. They performed a short drama in the village. Many people enjoyed the drama, and Sanju was among them.

After listening to the drama Sanju felt a change in his heart. The Holy Spirit worked through the drama team and Sanju as Sanju opened his heart to the truth about salvation in Jesus Christ. Sanju confessed his faith in front of the villagers and invited his kinsmen to believe in Jesus Christ. Afterward Sanju was referred to the local Pastor and connected to the local church in the nearby village.

Praise God for the transformative gift of the Holy Spirit among us. We are blessed to share plant the seeds of the Gospel among the people of India.

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.

LHM - India has the privilege to use ordained Lutheran pastors, mainly from our own church, IELC to write devotions articles for our LHM programs. Most of our writers are senior Pastors and at the age of retirement. We reached out to some new pastors from IELC and held a training for writing Christian articles and devotions. Fifteen pastors attended the training to learn these skills on March 15 and 16. They enjoyed the training process and look forward to partnering with us through their writings.

On April 16, LHM - India organized a Medical Camp at Samaj Mandir Mahatma Gandhi Nagar, New Mumbai partnering with Pastor Sanjay Bhosale and Pastor Guy Rodrigues. Pastor Guy is involved with the local people from the slum as many of them attended this camp. Many of these people also served as volunteers as they are so touched by the ministry of Pastor Guy. We were honored by the presence of Gunya Na Thalang, LHM regional director for Asia at this event. We had 4 doctors and their team from Asha Parekh Hospital as a partner. We were blessed to have responses by 102 people who requested more of our LHM materials. The following week on April 24 another medical camp was held area around Murbad in a tribal village. This camp focused on women's health and benefited women in the village. It was held in a primary school with both male and female doctors from the state government hospital serving the people.

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