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We thank God our almighty Father for all the blessings we enjoyed throughout the month of September at LHM—India. The Lord gave us peaceful atmosphere, good health, and guidance for all of us to do His ministry to the glory of His name and the spreading of the Gospel. We had several programs we were able to provide.

ETS: LHM—India conducted an ETS Program for the Independent Pastors and some lay people from the Kancheepauam District. The two day program was had 41 in attendance. The program offered methods of evangelism, and the history of LHM—India.

Youth Program: God helped us to reach out to hundreds of youth with our youth club program. God helped us to welcome fifteen new clubs in Tirupur District; a remote and poor village where there is no proper income or job opportunities but we saw the youth full of hope in the midst of poverty and sufferings.

Film Ministry: Our Film Ministry program was conducted in two different locations in Vellore District. In both locations, 351 people were in attendance and enjoyed the Gospel messages through the Film Ministry program.



ETS Workshop



Youth Program

Prayer Requests: pray for the ministry center staff and volunteers as they reach out to the communities with the message of Christ through the various ministry programs; pray for the Youth Clubs, which they bring more and more youth to come to know Christ and grow in their faith.

This story is about a young woman named Ms. Sathisavathy. She studied up to Junior College. She can only walk with the help of crutches as she was affected by polio. She belongs to a Christian family but she was un-churched and not interested in believing in God as is her whole family. Her disability and the negligence of society made her more arrogant towards society and her family.

In her town, one of our volunteers, Pastor Thomas, an active evangelist with Muslim families and is also running a small orphanage for under privileged children from the village. Ms. Sathiavathy came to him in search of a small job. She came in contact with our Youth Club at the orphanage. She observed the servant heart of our volunteer and read LHM literature. Slowly she found the Lord as her friend and that the Lord loves her.

Through these efforts Ms. Sathiavathy has changed. She volunteers to take care of the Free Tuition Program for the Youth Club. She also serves the Lord according to her ability by teaching Bible stories along with their regular school lessons. Now she is witnessing the Lord, enjoying the fellowship and prayer life along with our Youth Club members and the volunteers.

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.

Literature Ministry: By God's grace we were able to distribute nearly 2,750 pieces of tracts in Hindi, Marathi, and English languages. Six pastors from Mumbai area received and distributed the Gospel leaflets from our ministry center.

ETS: In the month of August, LHM—India conducted an ETS program for the Hindi speaking volunteers and another program for ministry development for local volunteers and evangelists living in Mumbai City.

In July, LHM—India conducted a Youth Retreat at Sirkali in Nagapattinam District. 116 youth attended and enjoyed the program. Currently, our Youth Club program is welcomed from village evangelists and pastors as they find this attracts the young to gather as a group through play and social activities. By God's grace, we welcomed a total of seven Youth Clubs in the month of July. In all these youth meetings a total of 237 young boys and girls attended for the functions and meetings.



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