

June 27, 2007

Dear friends,

June is almost over & this month has been a roller coaster of sorts. We have been inundated with heat; the temperatures reaching 40+ Celsius. We have also been hit with the onslaught of the monsoon, which has caused the temperatures to drop drastically to go along with the daily rains.

The rains of the monsoon also bring about floods. Hyderabad has been know to have problems with some standing water due to poor drainage facilities, but there have been many reports of smaller towns & villages being nearly-submerged. Many towns in the Macherla (Guntur District) area have been flooded, as well as several towns in Kurnool District. Many of our brethren have been affected by these floods, some losing almost everything they have – food, clothing, household goods. Please understand that I am talking about Katrina proportions, but many of these people do not have much to begin with & they are losing it all. They truly need your prayer & help I this situation. If you are able to help for the flood victims, please contact the India Missions office in Hamilton at (205) 921-3737 to ask what can be done.

Bro. Ben has arrived. We were expecting Robert Hall to return in early June, but his wife, Faye, has been having some health problems & he was required at home, so Ben came in his place. Ben has come for the purpose of helping buy a property & building in Vishakapatnam (Vizag, for short) which is to be used as a church building, parsonage, CCMIBS, dormitory, KCMBI, etc. I visited Vizag earlier this month to make the initial payment on the property. The second payment will be made this week.

School has started. Well...kind of. Preethi has already started back to school since she is attending public school. Since the other two are being homeschooled, they still have a while before they begin.

Send 'em out...that was the order I received, so that is what I have been busy doing this month. For the last two months, due to a drop in contributions to our general fund, we have been unable to send preachers out to do campaign work. Although many do “free campaigns” of a smaller scale, we are now getting back into the work heavily, sending men out to do more meetings in this last month of the quarter (we number our “campaigns” by the quarter).

Teaching again. As many of you hopefully remember, I had been involved in teaching a youth Bible class for a number of years. A suggestion was made by one of our team leaders, Bro. T.J.R. Benhur Babu, that I teach a regular class in Hyderabad. This is not to be considered a college class (which I would love to teach), but a new KCMBI. I am teaching classes every Monday night to a group of about 20 men & a few women. I truly love to teach, & it has been too long since I have had any students. Please pray for this class, that many preachers can be better-taught & better prepared to preach the word, as well as to have an improved understanding of God's Word.

Sony...is still going through a great deal of pain. We believe that one diagnosis is correct – a pinched nerve caused by a bulging disc in her lower back. She is taking medication to hopefully bring down the swelling & therefore reduce the pain, but so far it is a slow process. Please pray for her.

Other Prayer Requests: Dr. John Kerr & his wife Sara were involved in a small plane crash. They are from Hamilton. Both are in the hospital & in need of serious prayer. From the news I have received, Sara is in stable condition, but Dr. John had to be transported to Birmingham for surgery there. Dr. John has been a great help & supporter of the India work for several years, as well as a contributor to, & board member of, Heritage Christian University.

As for us, everything else is going well, although the rain is making it more difficult to get to meetings. Please pray for us during this time, that we will have safety in all circumstances here.

May God bless you all.

In Him,
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