

Go into all the world and preach the good news....Mark 16:15.

GOOD NEWS MINISTRIES

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NEWS BULLETIN FOR MAY - NOVEMBER 2009

Dear GNM Prayer Partners,

Christmas and New Year Greetings to you!

HEART TO HEART:

On Sunday 8th November 2009 after morning service we took the visitor from Western Australia, named Rev. John Phillips of Southern Hills Victory Fellowship along with some of our church members and 5 babe Christians for baptismal ceremony to the river Krishna in the outskirts of our city Vijayawada. The weather was dull and it was raining. The river was flowing in full swing on that day.

We all got down from our mini bus on the bank of the river Krishna and watched a mechanized boat full of passengers coming to the shore. The passengers had a picnic on the island of the river. When the boat was a few yards away from the shore a young man aged about 30 years intoxicated with alcohol jumped into the river with a view to swimming to the shore. On noticing that the young man was not able to swim due to the exhausted body, his three friends jumped off the boat to save the drowning man. At the same time the boat engine failed and the boat was stuck a few yards away from the people in water.

The friends were not able to save the drowning man from the deep and flowing waters. The young men in the water were crying at the top of their voice for help. Nobody from the boat and shore could venture to go to them with any means to save the young man. We were not able to do anything from our side, except watching them with troubled hearts.

In the meantime the engine of the boat started functioning after several attempts by the boat man. The boat started going close to them with a long and strong rope. Now all onlookers became hopeful that the drowning man could be saved. By the time the boat went to them, the young man was drowned. One of the swimmers caught hold of the drowned man. The boat was bringing all three swimmers to the shore with the help of the rope. But the man holding the drowned man under water did not leave him at any cost. All four people were brought to the shore but the drowned man was found dead!

We were shocked to see this mishap and so were our Australian visitor and our people. We wished we could be saviours.

Though one was lost in water and five were saved on the same day through baptism in water immediately after this incident.

This catastrophe taught us a spiritual lesson. A man falls, drowns and is lost in sin. He thinks he can swim and save himself. His friends can't save him. Only God can save man from his sins. Since his love towards mankind is infinite, He sent His only begotten son Jesus Christ to the earth to save the man from sin about 2000 years ago.

It's time for us to reflect on the divine gift of His son to the mankind. We need to look at Him alone for our salvation and eternity for the Bible tells us in Luke 19:10 (NIV) "*For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.*" John 3:16 (NIV): "*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life*".

Let's celebrate the ensuing Christmas with this message in mind. Have a blessed Christmas.

BAPTISMS:

Saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ is being manifested in the lives of our people. Baptisms took place on three different times. On 04-07-.2009 four persons named Mrs. Sujatha, 25, Mrs. Suguna 38, Mr.Yesudas, 66 and Mrs.Orpa, 65 were baptized in Vijayawada. On 31-10-2009 four more people named Mrs.Amara, 30, Mr.Anand, 35, Mrs.Kumari 25 and Mrs.Santhoshamma 56 were baptized in Ajjaram, the ministry place of GNM President Pastor M. Yohanu. On 08-11-2009 five people named Mr.Keith, 20 (our son), Mr.Joseph, 20, Mrs.Rebecca, 30, Mr.Manoj Kumar, 21 and Mr.Timothy, 55 were baptized in Vijayawada. A visitor from Western Australia Rev. John Phillips and Chanti were blessed to baptize these people.

OVERSEAS VISITORS AND THEIR MINISTRY:

We had visitors from England and Australia.

Rev. Malcolm Drummond, a Baptist minister in London with his wife Linda, daughter Ambreen and Miss. Asha Singh visited us and ministered to our people in 12-25 August 2009.

They visited our children in CCH and widows in NHA. They participated and spoke in our Sunday school and Sunday service. Malcolm preached the gospel in an evangelistic meeting held in Nunna. They addressed the local Government school in Nunna.

Malcolm and team spoke at the leaders' conference held for two days on 20th and 21st of August. All our G NM leaders and other leaders were refreshed spiritually.

Another visitor is Rev. John Phillips of Southern Hills Victory Fellowship of Western Australia who visited us during 7-9 November 2009.

Rev. John Phillips visited the widows in NHA in Vijayawada on Saturday 7th and encouraged them with the words from the scripture of 2 Tim 1:5. Rev. He visited children at CCH also on the same day.

On Sunday 8th Rev. John Phillips shared the story of Zacchaeus with children in the Sunday school and preached the word of God in the main service on 'woman of an issue of blood'. In the evening he baptized five people including our son Keith in the river Krishna.

On Monday 9th Rev. John Phillips spoke in the three sessions of the leaders' conference held in Zion City, Nunna and preached on the importance of prayer, faith and accountability from Luke 18: 1-8. There were about 200 pastors, evangelists, deacons, elders and a few church members. The third session in the evening emerged as an evangelistic crusade and after powerful word from Rev. John Phillips, nine people came forward, accepting Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and Lord.

On Tuesday 10th before he left for Madhurai in Tamilnadu by local flight, the Deputy Mayor of our Vijayawada City with a population of one million, Mr. S.P. Gritton visited our house and sought the blessings and prayers from Rev. John Phillips. Rev. John Phillips prayed for him.

Rev. Mike Robins and Mr. Mark Howarth of Newquey Christian Centre, England visited us on Thursday 19th November 2009. During their brief stay with us they visited NHA widows and were pleased to see the beds given to the widows, which are sponsored by their Church.

The visitors appreciated the widows' building under construction and other projects in Zion city.

WIDOWS' BUILDING PROJECT:

Report on widows' building project is submitted to you with update as on 15-11-2009. Construction of roofs, walls inside, eves, etc., water tank, elevation on southern side and the plastering work inside are finished.

The following things, however, are to be done: Plastering outside, elevation work in front (West), fixing of doors & windows in the ground, first & second floors, fixing of electrical equipment, construction of water tank and plumbing work, construction of drainage and of septic tank for toilets, sanitary work, flooring, installation of power generator, fixing of lift/elevator, fixing of air conditioners, provision of cupboards & shelves, provision of two more electricity connections, white wash & painting, provision of beds & furniture, etc.

Still GNM desperately needs £37,920/US\$62,650 to complete this project. We raised a loan for this project in a sum of £15,000/US\$25,000 to carry on the construction work in the present financial year 2009-10. We thank those who have contributed to this project. We need your continuous prayers and practical giving for this project.

Please see the attached sheet for the financial statement of receipts on this building project.

LAND CONVERSION:

The land of Zion City (mango garden) in Nunna in an extent of Ac. 2.25 cents needs to be converted from agricultural nature to residential one before buildings are permitted to be erected on the land. As many of you know the issue of the land this issue. Previously the Government rejected our application for land conversion on the pretext of our land being part of nearby water buds as per the master plan of 1921.

Now we have good news to share with you all in this regard. The area master plan is revised to show our mango garden in a residential area subject to the payment of regulation fee of £21,575/US\$35,060. GNM made an application to the Urban Development Authority on 30-12-2008 with a nominal fee. GNM made regulation fee to the authority concerned on 18-07-2009. Now the application is being processed. We hope GNM gets the orders positively in due course.

GNM spent £22,500/US\$36,563 towards regulation fee and other incidental charges. Since there were no funds earmarked for this purpose, GNM had no other option but to borrow £22,500/ US\$36,563 to pay the fees within stipulated time.

In the event of conversion, the whole land will be available for construction of 2000 seated church, two separate buildings for boys and girls, building for the staff members, etc.

NHA WIDOWS:

Widows in the Nightingale Home for the Age (NHA) are keeping well. On 01-10-2009 they were blessed with 10 new beds sponsored by the Newquay Christian Centre, England.

LEGAL WORK AT FLAC:

Our legal work in Free Legal Aid Centre (FLAC) is going on well for God's glory and for the benefit of many poor Christian clientele. Mrs. K. Jayaprada the secretary is blessed with a son in June 2009. Mr. N. Venkat the assistant got married on 12-08-2009.

DISTRIBUTION OF BIBLES:

45 full Bibles in Telugu were distributed to GNM Churches at the ministry place of Pastor Y. Premanandam of Chilakalapudi. These Bibles were sponsored by Frank and Christine Reeve and ORBC, Hartlepool through Mr.& Mrs. Eric Reeve.

EYE OPERATIONS:

12 cataract eye operations were provided to the poor people. These eye operations were sponsored by Mrs. Christine Reeve of England and an anonymous donor from N. Ireland.

P.A. SYSTEM & DRUMS:

A simple P.A. system and musical instruments were presented to GNM pastor Ch. Sudarsana Rao. These were sponsored by ORBC, Hartlepool through Mr. & Mrs. Eric Reeve.

SEWING MACHINES:

Mr. Derek Follis of Elim Church at Brookeborough in N. Ireland sent funds for the purchase of sewing machines to help the village women and generate funds for the local needs. A self help project is started in Vijayawada.

CHRISTMAS 2009:

On 24th December 2009 GNM will celebrate Christmas Eve with GNM leaders, local church members and guests of other faiths. This celebration will aim at showing the participants the infinite love God had showed toward men through the gift of Jesus as Saviour. It will be a great opportunity for us to show and introduce Jesus Christ to the guests of other faiths.

A special meal for children, widows and guests both Christians and non-Christians is planned this Christmas time.

GNM seeks to present the CCH children shoes and toys and NHA widows clothes (saris) at this Christmas.

DEPUTY MAYOR FELICITATED:

On 24th October 2009 GNM felicitated Mr. S.P. Gritton, the Deputy Mayor of our City Vijayawada with a population of one million in the presence of the local Church leaders from different denominations and our local Church members. The Deputy Mayor lauded the services that GNM has been doing to the under privileged children and the destitute widows. This news was widely circulated in all Telugu news papers in our District Krishna.

GNM SCOTLAND CLOSED:

Our Trust 'Good News Ministry Scotland' closed in September 2009 as Mr. & Mrs. Gordon and Donna Forbes could not continue to work for us for a variety of reasons. We thank the erstwhile Scottish Trustees Rev. Jim Robertson, Mr. Gordon Forbes and Mrs. Donna Forbes who had worked for the Trust voluntarily for a decade or so.

GNM N.IRELAND SET UP:

On 22-07-2009 a Trust 'Good News Ministry N. Ireland' was set up in N. Ireland under the chairmanship of Rev. Wesley Kerr. Mr. Derek Follis, an ex-police officer, of Lisbellaw is the Secretary. Mr. William J Bigger of Newtownabbey is the Treasurer. Mr. Donald Coulter of Ballyrobert, Rev. Gary Anderson of Lisnadill, Mr. Ivan McKenzie of Newtownabbey, Mr. Noel Cuddy of St.Moy and Mrs. Florence Kerr of Ballymoney are the members.

Those, who supported our work via GNM Scotland, are requested to change the direct bank debit and set up it with GNM N. Ireland in view of the changed circumstance.

GNM ACCOUNTS:

GNM accounts for 2008-09 and annual report were sent in September 2009 to many of you. If you don't have one copy and wish to see our yearly accounts and annual report, please feel free to contact us for copies.

SPONSORS FOR STAFF REQUIRED:

GNM is not able to provide even the minimum wages to the staff members. Some staff members are forced to work voluntarily. It is therefore fair on the part of GNM to provide the basic wages to the present GNM staff members working at various levels as mentioned in the attached sheet.

GNM needs sponsors even for the staff members. We therefore request you to sponsor, and/or secure sponsors for, any one or some of the listed GNM staff members.

OUR VISIT TO N. IRELAND:

God blessed us when we visited N. Ireland in May this year. We thank those who hosted us and supported our work during our tour in N. Ireland.

OUR PROSPECTIVE VISIT TO ENGLAND:

We both seek to visit England in May 2010 to catch up with the existing contacts and promote GNM work. We wish to come to your place in the will of God if you are based in England. Those who wish to provide us an opportunity to speak at Churches, Fellowships, Bible study groups, Cell groups, Schools, Rotary Clubs, etc., are requested to contact us for a date.

OBITUARY:

GNM pastor K. Nireekshana Rao went Home to be with Christ on 02-11-2009. He died of diabetes. He is survived by his wife and grown up 4 children.

WUPC widow G. Atchamma was called Home on 24-04-2009.

FAMILY NEWS:

Our oldest son Keith who suffered fever and who had been in the hospital for ten days in Glasgow in July this year, returned to India on 8th August 2009. He is now with us. He has fully recovered. He is now learning web-designing computer course. He leads our

Sunday school and preaches the gospel in our villages. He was baptized on 8-11-2009. He seeks to go back to the UK to continue his studies in January 2010. Our second son Heli celebrated his 'final minor' birthday on 24th October 2009 and has now become legally major. He is 18 years old! He is doing well with his pre-degree course. Lily continues to help Chanti both in domestic and ministry administration. He is busy as usual with his legal profession and ministry work. Chanti is suffering from typhoid fever at this moment. He is taking medication.

GNM UPCOMING EVENTS AND VISITS:

- Christmas celebration 2009;
- Chanti's speaking engagements in GNM village churches at Christmas time; and
- Chanti and Lily visit to England in May 2010.

WE PRAISE THE LORD FOR...

- The gift of Jesus Christ as Saviour to the mankind;
- The outcome of our tour in N. Ireland in May 2009;
- The birth of GNM NI and for the Members of it;
- Visit and ministry of Rev. M. Drummond and his team and Rev. J. Phillips;
- The new beds for NHA widows;
- The Bibles, P.A. system and musical instruments to our people and GNM leaders;
- Eye operations and sewing machines for the poor and the village women; and
- Keith's good health.

PLEASE PLEAD WITH GOD FOR...

- Widows' building project under construction;
- Land conversion issue under consideration;
- The follow up of the baptized and those who accepted Jesus as Lord;
- Two debts taken for widows' building project and land conversion;
- Our prospective visit to England in May 2010;
- Sponsorship program for GNM staff members;
- The bereaved families of GNM leader and WUPC widow; and
- GNM upcoming events listed above.

Please share our news in your church and with your families and friends. We pray for you, your family, your work and your church ministry. Please keep praying for our ministry and our family. We look forward to hearing from you.

God bless you.

Yours in His service
Chanti and Lily

WIDOWS' BUILDING PROJECT
Accounts (in pounds) as on 15-11-2009
Total cost: £100,000 /US\$166,670

Total receipts by 20-04-2009	£35,934
Receipts from 21-04-09	
Contributions made in N. Ireland in May/June 2009	11,000
Dalgety Bay Parish church, Scotland	1,000
Southern Hills Victory Fellowship, W. Australia (\$400 AUD)	200
Gift Aid from GNM Scotland(2008/09)	10,000
Mrs. & Mr. Wendy and John Bamsey, England	200
Eric Reeve/ORBC Hartlepool	1,280
Lisnadill Full Gospel Church, N. Ireland	1,000
Clarkston Ladies Bible study Group, Scotland	161
Nettleham Methodist Chuch, England	100
Anonymous donor, Scotland	1,000
Rita Eddy, Scotland	25
Patricia Leafe, England	50
John H McCabe, N. Ireland	80
Stuart A Andrew,Scotalnd	<u>50</u>
Total	<u>£62,080</u>

£37,920/US\$62,650 are still desperately required to finish the building project.

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GNM CURRENT STAFF MEMBERS FOR WHOM SPONSORS ARE SOUGHT
AS ON 15-11-2009

S.No.	Post/Job	Level	Minimum wages pm
01	Secretary	GNM office	£100/US\$165
02	Assistant	GNM office	£75/US\$120
03	Secretary	FLAC office	£100/US\$165
04	Office Assistant	FLAC office	£75/US\$120
05	Assistant lawyer	FLAC office	£100/US\$165
06	House keeper	Guest house	£100/US\$165
07	Helper	Guest house	£75/US\$120
08	Security	Guest house	£75/US\$120
09	Warden	CCH (Boys)	£100/US\$165
10	Cook	CCH (Boys)	£100/US\$165
11	Helper	CCH (Boys)	£75/US\$120
12	Security	CCH (Boys)	£75/US\$120
13	Matron	CCH (Girls)	£100/US\$165
14	Cook	CCH (Girls)	£100/US\$165
15	Helper	CCH (Girls)	£75/US\$120
16	Security	CCH (Girls)	£75/US\$120
17	Manager	NHA Widows	£100/US\$165
18	House keeper	NHA Widows	£100/US\$165
19	Cook	NHA Widows	£100/US\$165
20	Helper	NHA Widows	£75/US\$120
21	Security	NHA Widows	£75/US\$120
22	Caretaker for men	Toilet complex in Zion City	£75/US\$120
23	Caretaker for women	Toilet complex in Zion City	£75/US\$120
24	Caretaker	Dairy project in Zion City	£75/US\$120
25	Security	Zion city	£75/US\$120
26	Jeep driver	GNM	£100/US\$165
27	Bus driver	GNM	£100/US\$165
28	Truck driver	GNM	£100/US\$165
29	Doctor-Part time	Children, widows and Staff	£200/US\$330
30	Nurse	Children, widows and Staff	£100/US\$165

Sponsorship is sought for our staff members on the monthly basis

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SUPPORT FORM NOVEMBER 2009

Enclosed find my/our donation of £/US\$.....towards the ongoing work of GNM or towards.....

(Please specify our project/need/purpose).

I/We would like to sponsor a CCH child/widow/ leader/staff member. Please send me/us the profile.

I/We would like to make a monthly standing order donation. Please send me/us an application form.

I/We would like to make a Gift Aid donation. Please send me/us an application form.

I/We no longer wish to receive GNM news. Please remove my/our name (s) and address (es) from GNM mailing list.

My/Our name(s):

Address:

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N.B. Please send this duly filled in Support Form November 2009 to us in India. Payments however can be sent to the Treasurer of GNM N.I., Mr. William J. Bigger at the below address.

CHEQUES/BANK DRAFTS/BANK TRANSFERS

All donations payable by way of cheques/bank drafts in favour of **Good News Ministry N. Ireland** can be sent to Mr. William J. Bigger, 32 Glenwell Avenue, Newtownabbey, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland, BT36 7TD, e-mail: wjbigger@yahoo.co.uk.

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