

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

GOOD NEWS MINISTRIES

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NEWS BULLETIN FOR DECEMBER 2008 - APRIL 2009

Dear GNM Prayer Partners,

Easter greetings to you in Jesus Name!

HEART TO HEART:

A newly committed Christian from India went to Jerusalem with his mother-in-law to visit the Bible places. One night the mother-in-law died unexpectedly in her hotel room. The hotel desk people offered to undertake the burial of her dead body. Their charges were £100 if the dead body was allowed to be buried in Jerusalem itself or £1000 if the dead body was to be repatriated to and buried in India. The gentle man was prepared to pay higher amount for the repatriation of the corpse. One of the helpers asked the man out of curiosity why he was prepared to pay higher amount for an old lady. The man answered, *"Well, I know this is Jerusalem. Somewhere here Jesus Christ died and was buried, but he rose from the dead on the third day. So, I don't like to give any chance to my mother-in-law"*.

Some believe Jesus' resurrection is a fantastic fact and some look at it as a vicious myth.

We all know that the only creature on the face of the earth is man who asks questions like, "Who are you?", "Where are you?" etc., Even after 2000 years of time, when the course of history changed from B.C. to A.D. the still repeated question that a man ponders over is, "Is Jesus' resurrection true?"

Sir William Ramsay, regarded as one of the greatest archaeologists ever, investigated the writings of Luke in an apparent effort to undermine the Gospel writer's credentials as a historian, and to discredit the entire New Testament. After 30 years of study, however, Ramsay concluded, *"Luke is a historian of the first rank; not merely are his statements of fact trustworthy... this author should be placed along with the very greatest of historians."*

Dr. Paul L. Maier, professor of ancient history at Western Michigan University, concluded that, *"If all the evidence is weighed carefully and fairly, it is indeed justifiable, according to the canons of historical research, to conclude that the tomb in which Jesus was buried was actually empty on the morning of the first Easter. And no shred of evidence has yet been discovered in literary sources, epigraphy or archaeology that would disprove this statement"*.

Dr. Simon Greenleaf was an American jurist. Greenleaf produced his famous three-volume work, *A Treatise on the Law of Evidence*, which still is considered one of the greatest single authorities on this subject in the entire literature of legal procedure. Greenleaf examined the value of the historical evidence for the resurrection of Jesus Christ to ascertain the truth. He applied the principles contained in his three-volume treatise on evidence. His findings were recorded in his book, *An Examination of the Testimony of the Four Evangelists by the Rules of Evidence Administered in the Courts of Justice*. Greenleaf came to the conclusion that, according to the laws of legal evidence used in courts of law, there is more evidence for the historical fact of the resurrection of Jesus than for just about any other event in history.

The clinching facts of the empty tomb and re-appearance of Jesus Christ before many people after His rising from the dead, have established the truth of His resurrection beyond reasonable doubt.

Let's believe in our hearts that Christ Jesus' victory over death is hope for mankind. Through Jesus' death God showed His infinite love and through His resurrection the way out from death to life to mankind. "*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*". John 3:16. (NIV)

MINISTRY OF VISITORS OVERSEAS:

Two young men named Mr. Neil Harris and Matty Cross from England visited us for a fortnight before Christmas in December 2008. They visited our children's Home (CCH), widows' Home (NHA), legal aid centre (FLAC) and ladies tailoring unit (LILI). They were taken to the different villages named Pathapadu, Ajjaram and Mangalagiri to participate in the semi-Christmas celebrations. They spoke at our leaders' conference held for two days in Zion City, Nunna. They shared the interesting stories with our children in our Sunday schools and preached the word of God powerfully in our Sunday services.

Mr. Eric Reeve from Hartlepool, England was pleased to visit us again in February 9 to 24, 2009. Our children were blessed by the visit and ministry of Eric Reeve. He encouraged the NHA widows with the word of God. He shared the stories with our children in our Sunday schools and preached and taught from the book of Ruth in the leaders' conference and the Sunday Services. He was happy to see the widows building under construction but became concerned about the safety of the builders. Three boats and nets were presented to the Tsunami affected fishermen in the presence of Eric Reeve in Tallapalem beach village. He was moved to see the plight of the displaced people in our city. At the end of his itinerary Eric was kind enough to provide funds for 7 boats and nets for tsunami affected fishermen, Telugu Bibles for free distribution in our churches and PA system for a GNM church in Tadiparru village.

CONVERTION OF LAND IN ZION CITY:

Now we have a good news to share with you all in respect of the land in Zion City (mango garden), Nunna.

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. GNM made an application to the Urban Development Authority in December 2008 with nominal fee. In the event of conversion after the payment of the said amount, the whole land will be available for construction of 2000 seated church and buildings for the children.

PROJECT FOR THE TRIBAL PEOPLE:

Mr. & Mrs. John and Pauline Craw from Caithness, Scotland are still working for the tribal project in C. Gudipadu village. We have already purchased the land for this project. We seek to move on further with this project.

NEWS ABOUT CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

Children both at Christ Children Home (CCH) and Under Pastoral Care (CUPC) have finished writing final exams in the third week of April 2009. They have been given summer holidays for one and a half months. The schools will reopen on 12th June 2009.

We were able to take on rent another building for CCH (boys) from December 2008. The CCH boys have got their new and comfortable beds on 6th March 2009. We received the funds for the children's beds considerably through GNM Scotland and from the Jarrett family to some extent.

NEWS ABOUT WIDOWS' MINISTRY:

NHA widows are looking forward to staying in the new building under construction. Some of them are giving their pocket money towards their building project. They sacrificed Christmas Eve celebration on 24th December 2008 to donate money for the building project.

God is good as He has provided funds for nine beds for them through Newquay Christian Centre, England. Funds are to be received for the widows' beds.

BOREWELLS & FISHING BOATS:

A Bore well was set up with the funds from Newquay Christian Centre on 20th April 2009 in the village Pathapadu. 200 families have benefited from this provision of clean water.

Three fishing boats and fishing nets were distributed to the Tsunami affected fishermen on 19th February 2009 in Tallapalem beach village. The donors Mr. & Mrs. Stuart

Andrew, the Stewart family and the Bellshill Baptist Church are very much appreciated for their benevolence.

NHA (WIDOWS) BUILDING PROJECT:

We started widows' building project in faith, but work is impaired by global money crunch. We however have not ceased to trust the Lord for supply of resources. He is great. God's people have not stopped giving. The construction work is going on. Three roofs have been laid. Door and windows are being fixed to the walls in the ground floor. But there is a lot of work to do on this project. To keep the work going, GNM has taken private loans on simple interest. GNM still needs £64,066 to complete the project.

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

UPDATE ON DISPLACED PEOPLE:

At the representation of other NGOs and GNM, the local council in Vijayawada built apartments for the displaced people evacuated from the banks of the city canals at the nominal cost. Out of 500 families, 300 families have moved to the apartment buildings. 200 families are still struggling to pay the nominal cost. These people are still living in the shattered houses.

CHANTI AND LILY VISIT TO N. IRELAND:

In May this year we are visiting N. Ireland to catch up with the old contacts and promote GNM work. Please see the enclosed sheet for our detailed itinerary.

GNM BUDGETARY STATEMENT:

GNM is a faith based ministry. It depends on God for everything. The contributions from people like you sustain GNM work. GNM budgetary statement for 2009-10 has been enclosed in this newsletter.

SPONSORSHIP:

Many children, widows and leaders need sponsors. Sponsorship is also sought for GNM staff members. Please sponsor our people in need.

OBITUARY:

Two NHA widows went Home to be with Christ. S.Appayamma died on 3-2-09 and V. Suvartha died on 13-03-2009.

OUR FAMILY NEWS:

Our son Keith has settled down with his studies in Glasgow. He came to India for two weeks in January 2009. We were pleased to see him back. He seems to be quite unhappy with his private job in an Indian restaurant in Glasgow and contemplates to move to another work. Keith finds it difficult to pay the room rents. If anybody helps Keith in respect of a part time job and accommodation in Glasgow, that will be a great support to

him. We believe in God's promise in Zechariah 8: 12 which reads: "*For the seed shall be prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things*". Keith's contribution towards widows building project from his hard earnings is much appreciated. We plan to see Keith briefly in Glasgow on our way to N. Ireland in the end of April 2009.

Our second son Heli has finished writing final exams of the first year of his two year college course. He is on summer vacation now. His college reopens in June 2009.

GNM UPCOMING EVENTS AND VISITS:

- Rev. Malcolm Drummond and his family from England will visit us in August 2009;
- Chanti and Lily visit to N. Ireland in May 2009; and
- Chanti's proposed visit to Perth, Western Australia in October 2009 is postponed.

WE PRAISE THE LORD FOR...

- The resurrection power of the Lord Jesus Christ;
- Visit and ministry of Mr. Neil Harris, Matty Cross and Mr. Eric Reeve;
- The bore well installed in Pathapadu village;
- Beds for the CCH boys; and
- Three boats & nets presented to tsunami affected families.

PLEASE PLEAD WITH GOD FOR...

- NHA widows' building project;
- Land conversion issue;
- Project for the tribal people;
- The displaced people;
- Our prospective visit to N. Ireland in May 2009;
- The budget for 2009-10;
- Sponsorship program for our children, widows, leaders and staff members;
- The bereaved families of NHA widows; 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.

With love

Yours in His service

Chanti and Lily

GNM BUDGETARY STATEMENT FOR 2009-10

During the present financial year 2009-10 GNM needs £ 4695/ US\$ 6573 every month. However, GNM receives around £3000/ US\$4200 only per month. GNM faithfully seeks God for supply of the deficit amount of £1695/ US\$ 2373.

GNM BUDGET FROM 1st APRIL 2009 TO 31st MARCH 2010					
S.No.	Head Description	Monthly		Yearly	
		US\$	£	US\$	£
01	Support for Pastors and evangelists (34)	476	340	5712	4080
02	Christ Children Home (CCH) Maintenance (60)	1260	900	15120	10800
03	Nightingale Home for the Aged (NHA) (25)	350	250	4200	3000
04	Support for the CUPC Children (69)	1449	1035	17388	12420
05	Support for the WUPC Widows (89)	623	445	7476	5340
06	Help for the Poor	140	100	1680	1200
07	Free Legal Aid Center (FLAC)	42	30	504	360
08	Travel Expenses	70	50	840	600
09	Telephones and Telegrams	70	50	840	600
10	Postal Charges	35	25	420	300
11	Monthly Meeting expenses	35	25	420	300
12	Rural Outreach Conferences	70	50	840	600
13	GNM Office Maintenance	28	20	336	240
14	Electricity Consumption Charges	70	50	840	600
15	Subscriptions	14	10	168	120
16	Literature for Free Distribution	140	100	1680	1200
17	GNM Staff Health Care	70	50	840	600
18	Stationery	21	15	252	180
19	GNM Staff Salaries (14)	980	700	11760	8400
20	Rents	280	200	3360	2400
21	Property Insurance (Yearly)	---	---	70	50
22	Vehicles Insurance (Yearly)	---	---	420	300
23	Convention 2009 (Yearly)	---	---	4200	3000
24	Festival & New Year Celebrations (Yearly)	---	---	280	200
25	Accounting Charges & Auditor Fee (Yearly)	---	---	280	200
26	Miscellaneous Expenses	350	250	4200	3000
Total		6573	4695	84126	60090

GNM PERMANENT BUILDING PROJECTS			
<i>Project Name</i>	<i>Site cost</i>	<i>Building cost</i>	<i>Total cost</i>
<i>Widows' Building (NHA) Project</i>	<i>£25,000</i>	<i>£ 75,000</i>	<i>£100,000</i>
<i>Children's Building (CCH) Project for Boys</i>	<i>£10,000</i>	<i>£ 50,000</i>	<i>£ 60,000</i>
<i>Children's Building (CCH) Project for Girls</i>	<i>£10,000</i>	<i>£ 50,000</i>	<i>£ 60,000</i>
<i>Church/Community Hall Building Project</i>	<i>£25,000</i>	<i>£ 125,000</i>	<i>£150,000</i>

- Widows' Building (NHA) Project is under construction now.
- If the land conversion charges of £21,575 are paid, three lands' cost of £45,000 covering two buildings for the boys and girls and the church building can be saved.

WIDOWS' BUILDING PROJECT
Accounts (in pounds) as on 14-04-2009
Total cost: £100,000

Receipts

Gift Aid from GNM Scotland	25,330	
ORBC/Eric Reeve,England	2,312	
GNM N. Ireland Trust	1,600	
Dalgety Bay Parish Church, Scotland	1,100	
St. Barnabas Church, England	1,040	
Pam Jarett & Team,England	1,000	
M. Barratt & Team,Scotland	1,000	
Anonymous contribution, England	1,000	
Southern Hills Victory Fellowship, W.Australia	675	
Alan Devereux, Scotland	250	
Neil Harris & Matty Cross,England	107	
John and Wendy Bamsey, England	100	
Keith Karini, India	100	
Rossmere School, Hartlepool, England	80	
Redburn Community Church,N.Ireland	50	
Sandy & Geoff Law, England	50	
James Adams, N. Ireland	50	
Margaret O'Neill, N.Ireland	35	
Charlotte Pratt, Scotland	30	
NHA widows in India	<u>25</u>	35,934

Expenditure:

Land cost	10,898	
Steel/Iron	11,679	
Part payment to the Builders	8,828	
Sand, Bricks, Concrete chips etc.,	5,982	
Cement	3,907	
Wood (teak wood for the frames of doors and widows)	3,680	
Engineer Fee (Part Pay) INR65,000	930	
Digging of trenches for foundation	550	
Electricity Connection & Deposit	550	
Bore well	500	
Charges for fabrication work (Iron Grills)	357	
Submersible motor for Bore well	355	
Pesticide	325	
Part payment to electrician	285	
Part payment to carpenter	285	
Electrical goods	280	
Fees paid at village council INR20,000	250	
Construction tools	250	
Monthly rent for house for builders	250	
Project Manager (Part pay) INR15,000	215	
Monthly rent for storeroom	<u>175</u>	<u>50,281</u>

Minus (-) Balance

£14,347

- The required amount is **£64,066** to complete the project.
- Private loan of **INR 15, 00,000/£21,428** on simple interest is raised to keep the project moving.
- The deficit balance amount of **£14,347** was paid with loan amount.

The following construction materials for this project are required at the revised cost:

100,000 country (small) bricks	Each brick costs	£0.05p
8,000 Cement Bags (each bag 50Kg.)	Each bag costs	£3.12p
120 lorry loads of sand (each load 2.5 units)	Each load costs	£56.25p
40 lorry loads of 20mm chips (each load 2.5 units)	Each load costs	£100.00p
24 tons of iron (Each ton 1000 kg)	Each ton costs	£571.50p
1 Lift/Escalator with capacity for 6 people	One	£4375.00p

Itinerary of Rev. & Mrs. K. Chanti Raju in N. Ireland in 2009

DATE	NAME OF HOSTS	PLACE
29-04-2009 - 06-05-2009	Mr. & Mrs. Ivan & Frances McKenzie Ph: 02890 851951	Newtownabbey
06-05-2009 – 09-05-2009	Mrs. Ann Knowles Ph: 02894 463790	Antrim
09-05-2009 – 11-05-2009	Mr. & Mrs. Donald & Lorraine Coulter Ph: 02893 349495	Ballyrobert
11-05-2009 – 16-05-2009	Mr. & Mrs. David & Jean Rutherford Ph: 02891 813735 Mrs. Anne Ravey Ph: 02891 814045	Newtownards Newtownards
16-05-2009 – 18-05-2009	Rev. & Mrs. Gary & Hilary Anderson Ph: 02837 525731	Lisnadill
18-05-2009 – 25-05-2009	Rev. & Mrs. Wesley & Florence Kerr Ph.02827 668579, Mob:07946 222078 Mr. Jackson McVicker Ph.02870 344736	Ballymoney Colerain
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