

Updates from the Field

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RAJASTHAN REGION

(Including Gujarat, Madya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Udaipur)

We give all glory and honor to our Lord who enabled us to be a part of Great Commission. We acknowledge all His grace and care towards the ministry and its developments of Udaipur Region.

October was a month of sicknesses and worries yet the Supreme God has helped us to overcome every worry by His everlasting grace. Many of the staff, family members, students and Children home kids fell ill. But now all of them are back to health and busy serving the Lord in their respective fields. God was faithful throughout this month to all the workers. All the pastors, their families and the believers are fine and are growing in faith.

New believers are being added to the churches in so many places. Many were healed from sickness and demon possessed were freed in the name of Jesus. Our workers are used by God because of your prayers. Slowly and steadily our workers are reaching remote villages with the Word of God. God does miracles through them by healing the sick etc. Most of the places of worship are conducted in houses, due to non-availability of church buildings. Many of these meetings will not be possible, as winter is approaching. Some arrangements have to be made to accommodate believers in the enclosed space to avoid cold.

All seven Transformation Centers are functioning efficiently. Students got adjusted with the rules and regulations of the TC. All teachers and In-charges are too happy to have the present batch running. Although some students had physical impediments, now they are all fine and are actively involved in the TC activities.

Children's Homes are running smoothly. All kids are good in studies. Many of them were enjoying one week holiday for Diwali festival. They are growing in stature, in wisdom and in understanding. God is enlarging their minds to accept the Word of God. Jamudi Children Home had some tough times with the

sickness of Master Ashwin. But now they are happy and are out of all those sorrows.

LADIES TRANSFORMATION CENTER: VYARA

God was faithful and protected all of them from the possible attack of Satan because of all of your prayers. Though in this month many of the students became sick, but God helped and healed them. On 20th there was an earth quake measuring 5.3 magnitudes all over Gujarat nothing happened as He protected them. There are 25 students in the Transformation Center presently they are all showing good improvements in their studies. Teachers are also taking keen interest in their spiritual growth. Along with theory, practical aspects of ministry are being taught. They are happy to be in the Transformation Center and have adjusted with the varying circumstances. Most of them were shy as they are from remote villages. But now they show maturity in all the fields. The Transformation Center is planning for a prayer walk and tract distribution next month. Please pray that the Lord would help them gain favor from the people and win many for the Lord.



LADIES' TRANSFORMATION CENTER: UDAIPUR

Susan says "I thank the Lord for all His mercies upon our Transformation Center last month". Students are growing spiritually and are having academic excellence too. Once in a month every one taking fasting and pray for different concerns. They are a real support of our Transformation Center. All 25 of them are great prayer warriors. They all wake up early in the morning at 5 'O' clock and have their devotion time and have their scheduled manual duty and after that fresh up and then attend classes. There are many gifted teachers to teach them.

On Saturdays they are given special training on tailoring. After that they conduct youth meeting. These students are energetic and enthusiastic. During youth program they participate in different programs like preaching, skits and other entertaining programs. Nanu and Lali hail from a Hindu family and they are always attacked by the evil spirits. So they both fasted and prayed to the Lord for a deliverance from it. Please uphold these two girls in your prayers. Not only that some of our students were suffering from severe sicknesses. Sopha was suffering from Malaria, Bavi from Typhoid, Asha, Jeevily, Manju and Thara were suffering from viral fever. They were under continues medication and now they are fine and healthy.

As the climate is getting colder and colder the students here need warm cloths. Please pray that the Lord would provide their needs according to His riches in glory.

MEN'S TRANSFORMATION CENTER: UDAIPUR

Throughout last month God was so good to them in every aspect of life and ministry. All Transformation Center students and faculty members are doing well. Almost every student is progressing in their studies. Along with that spirituality is also maintained.

Their academic session is divided into 2 semesters. Last month was the end of first semester and a first semester examination was held. Result will be announced in the month of November, 2011. The Climate of Udaipur in day time is too hot, at night too cold so many of them are affected with cold and cough; many were hospitalized. One of the students from Pratapgarh church is suffering from Kid-



ney stone since last two months. He is under medication. He needs your earnest prayers. Doctors have suggested that if he is not cured through the medicines, he might have to under-go a minor or major operation.

Mewaram, one of the last year Transformation Center graduate is serving the Lord in his native village after his graduation. To tell about him, he accepted Jesus as his personal Savior through reading a Gospel literature. He is the only one in faith from his family. As he accepted Christ his family rejected him and threw him out from the family and village. But after his graduation he is serving the Lord in his own native village. The Lord is great. Now there are a good number of believers in his church. Seeing this, the family and some of the villagers are annoyed. Thus they want him either to leave the village or stop preaching the Gospel and burn the Bible. He needs your precious prayers that the Lord would lift His name among the Gentiles.



UDAIPUR CHURCH

Last month two special meetings were held. Church planters from Kerala were the main speakers of the program. Pr. Mani and Pr. George ministered the Word of God on 23rd Sunday. Everyone was blessed through the Word that was shared through them. On the same day itself that is on 23rd first youth meeting was held. Youth meetings will be held on alternative Saturdays. Students are really talented and it was revealed on that day. Praise God all these students. Sunday school is conducted by Sis Lovely and Sis Mini. Sis Mini, wife of Wilcent, the Udaipur Transformation Center incharge was suffering from swollen leg. She was hospitalized for three days. By the grace of God she is fine now. Please uphold her in your prayers.

Last month Transformation Center In-charge Wilcent's father fell into a sixty feet well while working on a building, as he is a contractor. God miraculously protected him. For 19 days he was in the hospital. Now he is getting better.

TRANSFORMATION CENTER: VADODARA

Last month the Lord was faithful to all the 23 students who are training themselves in the Word of God. As the winter season students are getting sick. Bro. Mukesh is suffering from Typhoid, he is now under medication. Mogabhai is suffering from viral fever he is under medication too. Narusingh, for past one week is suffering from severe stomach ache. Thus last month many were sick. Please uphold all the students in your prayers.

Along with the academic studies they are also taught about mental, physical and emotional health. These students are actively involved in sharing the Gospel during their weekend holidays. Next month the Transformation Center is planning for the students' baptism program and also for a prayer walk.

TRANSFORMATION CENTER: RATLAM

Twenty five Transformation Center students at Ratlam are doing great. From time to time the Lord sends His servants to encourage each other in faith. Every Fridays students take fasting and prayer for major concerns of CFI ministries. Praise God for all these students with a burden to pray. There are good teachers who encourage the students with regard to academics. Servants of God



from different institution are taking bible classes for them. Teachers are kind and helpful towards the students. Praise God. Last month Udaipur Regional Director, Pr. Jose visited the Transformation Center for a day and conducted a special class for them. Students said that it was a blessed time for them. It also motivated them for the ministry by faith.



FROM THE FIELD

It was on 11th of last month, Mr. Shambu aged 55 and his wife Tholi aged 50 was in a prayer meeting at his home at Rissacora, MP. A group of RSS notorious came and began beating them. Earlier there were some threats and challenges from some people some months ago. They threatened to kill Br. Shambu's family, yet, they lived trusting the Lord. Br. Shambu has three children and two of them are in ministry. One son is studying in a Bible college in Kerala and another son Vikram is a student at CFI Boys Transformation Center Udaipur and his wife is a student at Girls Transformation Center Udaipur. This family is a strong member of CFI church in Ratlam MP.

Shambu and his wife were hospitalized. Tholi was in a critical condition, there was bleeding from her nose and ears. This family is the only Christian family from the entire village and has faced many threats so far. Now they are physically fit. We request your prayers for this missionary family.

DEMISE

It was a sorrowful moment for the Children's Home at Jamudi, Banswara to lose a bright little boy Ashwin Ganava, 13 year old. Ashwin was suffering from Fever and Jaundice. However, it was God's plan to call him to his heavenly abode. Ashwin hails from a poor farmer family at a tribal village with other six siblings. His loss is indeed painful to whole Udaipur region. Please pray for the grief-stricken family.

BAPTISM AT MAATHALA: UDAIPUR (OCTOBER 2ND)

Every Indian celebrates the Birth of Gandhi, the father of our nation on 2nd October. He fought for an Independent India, suffered a lot of pain, and went through agony, hunger, perils, and emotional breakdown. Eventually, Indians were liberated from the foreign rule. This was another significant day for 29 villagers in Udaipur district, Rajasthan. These 29 people celebrated the freedom of their lives from sinful life and from the reign of Satan while being baptized in the name of Triune God! They did not suffer any physical agony but for them 2000 years ago, Jesus Christ suffered all these pains and the penalty.

Twenty nine new believers from a remote location of Udaipur District in Rajasthan decided to follow the footstep of Jesus Christ. The Coordinator working in this area Pr. Santh admonished his fellow workers and they all unanimously decided a venue for this great event. All who were baptized are the fruits of many fellow laborers under the leadership of Pr. Santh in Maathdi and Jhadol area of Udaipur. Pr. Giji and Br. Jobin from Udaipur traveled 75 km to reach this place. They had to face many hindrances on the way due to heavy rain on the previous month. Many roads were collapsed and thus brought more troubles to their comfortable journey. Yet, they travelled, climbed many hills and mountains with great thrill to gain souls for the Lord. After a spirit filled Sunday worship, Pr. Giji encouraged and taught new believers about the Baptism. A thorough lesson was given to all those were willing to obey the command of Jesus. After praying for them, they began to walk to the nearby small river along with those 29 people who were going to witness the Lord's commandment by heeding to water baptism.

We are thankful to God for these precious souls. We also acknowledge the great commitment of our sponsors and prayer supporters who continuously are upholding CFI Ministries and its various activities

in their prayer. Your hard work is being flourished, rewarded and counted greatly. We anticipate to see great transformation in this area, and praying that groups of people may come witnessing and accepting the Lordship of Jesus Christ in the near future.

Please keep up your good work, pray for us, bless us and keep these new believers in your prayer list. We are thankful to the Lord for all His timely blessings. We count the importance and value of our sponsors and prayer supporters. Your help is greatly appreciated. God bless you all.

PRAYER POINTS

- Please pray for Transformation Center to have own building and property here at Ratlam.
- Pray for all students and graduates to work with burden and plant churches in villages.
- Please pray for the TC building to be completed soon. The work is stopped due to the shortage of funds.
- Vyara TC is suffering from water scarcity. Pray that the Lord might help them to build an underground tank for storing water.
- Vadodara TC is in need of a land to build a Transformation Center building. Please pray that the Lord would grant their heart's desire.
- About 140 believers are ready for baptism at different Churches of Dahod district and adjacent areas in Gujarat. Among them 60 are from Pr. Rakesh's church. Please pray that the Lord would help them stand firm in their faith.