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the NA CEA Newsletter

Chosen to Serve God T.B. Paul

It is always a great joy for me to share 'how God chose our family' and 'how He has been faithful in using us as His instruments' to strengthen His kingdom among the Hindu people. Once again I thank God for this opportunity.

My Grandparents (my mother's parents) accepted Christ and took the challenge of reaching the unreached Hindu people, especially in the coastal Andhra Pradesh. Being a teacher, my Grand-father started a school in Devara-Kota village. Through the school he started proclaiming the word of God to many Hindu people who

had come to the school. My grandmother, a nurse (mid-wife), also assisted my grandfather in proclaiming the word of God, whenever she got the opportunity. As a result, God guided them to establish congregations in two villages (Devara-Kota & Gantasala). They had three daughters and one son, of whom my mother was the youngest. Influenced by their parents, the four children also got involved in the ministry and established congregations in the villages where they worked as teachers.

My parents were teachers in the 'Canadian Baptist Mission School' in the village Velivolu. Though my mother was a teacher, she also learnt mid-wife duties from her mother. This enabled my parents to reach to the Hindu people with the word of God. After having three daughters, my mother started praying for a son, promising to God that she would give the son back to the Lord for His ministry. As an answer to her prayers, I was born. Later God blessed my parents with three more sons and a daughter (altogether four daughters and four sons). My mother always used to remind me about her promise to God. She always prayed for my commitment to the Lord.

After finishing my master's degree in commerce, as part of my calling, I joined the Serampore University for Bachelor of Divinity (B.D) course. It was a challenging decision for me and my wife Rani, having two children by that time (Rajesh & Rakesh). God blessed us with a daughter, Susan, during my studies in Serampore. After completing my course (3yrs), I joined a theological college in Chennai (Southern Asia Christian College), established by Arthur Morris. After five years of work, I was sent for Master's Degree in Theology specializing in Hinduism. I took this subject as a preparation for my mission work among the coastal Hindu villages, for which my mother dedicated me to the Lord. After completing the course (M.Th.), I joined back in the college. I always prayed to the Lord for His leading to go back to the coastal villages.

During this time, I met Charles A. Grubbs and shared my desire of working among the coastal villages. By God's grace, God used him as His instrument to strengthen the ministry by sharing



Rani, Richie, and T.B. Paul

the needs of the ministry to the congregations and individuals in USA. Meanwhile, my father died and with the retirement benefits of my father, my mother constructed a church in Velivolu village and was dedicated for the Glory of God by Arthur Morris. Later Charles A. Grubbs along with Ben Ray Bean and another person visited the church.

In 1997, I moved to Machilipatnam from Chennai, as the Lord guided me to fulfill my desire of working among the coastal villages. We prayed for the Lord's guidance and help for the ministry and as a result NACEA was formed and many churches and individuals started supporting the ministry. Through their prayers and help, I was invited to USA in 1998. I was given Ordination in Antioch Christian Church (Washington, IN) with the presence of all supporting churches and individuals. I came back to India.

With the help of prayers and support from the Board of NACEA in USA, the Lord blessed the ministry in India by establishing 45 congregations in 45 villages with church buildings, Christian Home for children, School, Institute of Christian Studies, Christian Medical Centre, and a Vocational Training Centre (candle making and tailoring). To strengthen the congregations in the villages we conduct training programs in tailoring, medical camps and distribute help in the villages at the time of natural calamities. It is amazing to see how the Lord is glorifying Himself through NACEA's ministry, using the Board of Directors, supporting churches and individuals. We also thank God the kind support of FAME, HANCOCK Community Hospital and IDES for their kind support in strengthening the NACEA ministry.

My elder son Rajesh is a doctor and his wife Soujanya, also a doctor, taking care of the hospital. My second son Rakesh along with his wife Rose (trained nurse) is taking care of the School. He is also a Pastor of a church in Peda Patnam village. They are blessed with two boys, Methuselah and Melchizedek. My daughter Susan is a teacher in medical college and her husband Sikindar is a doctor helping NACEA and conducting Medical camps. They are blessed with a daughter Joellyn, who wants to become a doctor and work at the hospital. As all of you know we are blessed with another son Richie who finished his 10th grade. He wants to become a doctor and work at the hospital. He is a talented drummer and dancer.

Thus, the blessings of God to serve Him have been passed down from generation to generation. We thank and praise God for enabling us to be faithful to Him in serving Him as His instruments to strengthen His kingdom among the Hindu people in this Hindu land. We thank the Board, supporting churches and individuals, for all your loving prayers and kind support to fulfill God's will. Amen



Rajesh & Soujanya Paul



Rakesh, Melchizedek, Methuselah & Rose Paul



T.B. with one of his sisters

WHY?

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Each of us though afraid, would love to come back again and again. The joy and peace, the exchange of smiles, the brief friendships and the Christian bond that was created speaks volumes and something that cannot be explained through words. The magic of being the hands and feet of Christ, I guess. Amen.

A mission outreach in the tribal village of Seetharampuram after it was struck by the super cyclone Hudhud in October 2014.



WHY?? Dr. Rajesh Paul

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Travel Up and Down!

OMG! Are we going to live to see another day? A thirteen mile steep climb extending across many hills till we reached the top of the hill where Seetharampuram was located. The climb was certainly not for the faint of heart. I for few time thought that we are going to go land into the deep valley. The jeep that we were travelling in came close to sliding down the slope. Juggling across the rocky path, the jeep would dangerously bend over, that I thought, I would fall out of the vehicle (No seat belts and doors to hold you in). Dangerously close to a fall and death.



Camp Site and Base Point!

What a relief both times, to hold your life in dear hands. A group of our friends who were doctors helped us during this visit. We held a medical camp in a community building, that is also used for Christian worship. I got a chance to share the mission's vision and the purpose of our love for them, a brief service, and a love feast with the village elders, a medical camp and distribution of rice to 50 families. What joy in their faces and a sense of peace in our hearts. Time, money and effort well spent.



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A note from T.B

It is exciting to hear the report of the trip in Vishakapatnam hilly area where NACEA distributed the food items with the help sent by **IDES** and the States side churches. I thank God for these new opportunities to reach the tribal people and to show them the love of Christ. I trust that the Lord would open new beginnings in this area to strengthen His kingdom among these under developed communities. We thank the Board of NACEA and **IDES** for enabling us to reach out to these tribal people.



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Faithful Preacher of the Word



The couple in the picture is T. S. Prakasa Rao and his wife Padma. He serves as preacher in Velivolu village (this is the village that T.B. grew up in) and Kummaripalem village. He has been with NACEA since 1997. He was trained in Institute of Christian Studies and received his CCS diploma. The Velivolu church has over a hundred believers and the Kummaripalem church has 30-40 believers. He recently underwent a cardiac bypass surgery. He still continues to minister to these two churches. He has four daughters and a son. Except a daughter all the other children are married.

North American Christian Convention

June 23rd - 26th in Cincinnati, Ohio

<http://www.gotonacc.org/>

The NACC is being held in Cincinnati, Ohio at the Duke Energy Convention Center from Tuesday, June 23 through Friday, June 26. **NACEA will be at booth 550.** Please plan to attend! The theme this year is "We Speak".

Children's Facilities



Elsie C. McGregor Christian Home for Girls



Wayne & Emma Harder Christian Home for Boys



Oberst Christian Academy

Children's Home Profile of the Month

Dr. Rajesh Paul



The Girl in the picture is Pyari. She was born to a single mother who is married to another man since. The girl initially grew with her grandmother and mother. She has been in our home since the last two years. She does not know who her father is. The mother comes once in few months to see her. The grandmother has passed away recently. NACEA home has been a blessing to her. She attends the NACEA School and is getting good English medium education. She would like to become a doctor someday.

Mission Needs

- Preacher Training - **\$750 per preacher per 6 month school term**
- Children's Home - **\$40 per child per month**
- School Operating Expenses - **\$500 per month**
- Hospital Operating Expenses - **\$3000 per month**
- New Church buildings - **\$7,000**
- Additional Classrooms for School - **\$10,000**
- Hospital Public Restrooms - **\$5,000**
- Hospital Fire Suppression System & Certification - **\$10,000**
- Hospital Generator - **\$8,000**
- Bicycles for preachers - **\$150 each** –10 needed for new preachers
- Sound systems for existing churches - **\$250 each** – needed in 13 churches (this includes outside speakers so the whole village can hear the gospel proclaimed)

If you would like to contribute to all of the NACEA ministries, you may give to the General Fund and the NACEA Board will use your funds where most needed. If you would like to contribute to a specific ministry, please designate as such on your donation. For a complete list of ministry needs, please contact Mike Harker at mikeharker@frontier.com or 812-247-3143. You can also stop by NACEA booth #550 at the NACC for a list.

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You can also give on-line at <http://naceamission.org/>

2016 Short Term Mission Trips



2014 Team 1 after the Welcoming/Thanksgiving Service

NACEA will be sending a short-term mission team to work with the Paul family and our brothers and sisters in India in January 2016. The trip dates are January 8th-23rd. While in India, we will be working with the children (from the Children's Home, the Oberst Academy (Elementary School), and from the villages), assisting in the Christian Medical Center/medical camps, and assisting with various projects throughout the mission. Our first team meeting will be held Thursday, May 28th, at Bethany Christian Church (Washington) at 7pm. If you are interested in participating in this trip, please contact Krystal Chestnut (krystal.chestnut@yahoo.com) or Mike Harker (mikeharker@frontier.com).

A second trip is a Medical Mission Trip being jointly planned by FAME and Hancock Regional Hospital for January 30 through February 12. The participants on this trip will work with patients in the Christian Medical Center and in the Village Medical Camps as well as help train medical workers. If you would like to be part of this team, please contact Lonnie Burley at lburley@fameworld.org or go to the FAME website <https://fameworld.org>.

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