

the NA CEA Newsletter

Perhaps the greatest need of humans now

LOVE AND HOPE

Written by Dr. Rajesh Paul

The following event took place a couple of months ago at the hospital. I started attending to my appointments quite early that day, probably around 8 am. What seemed a rather regular day, and I was happy that it was. A nurse came running into my office and said that a lady in the waiting area was not able to breathe. The nurses were young and started to panic themselves. I asked them to shift the patient to the emergency room. My wife who is an MD was also called.

As I rushed to the casualty, my thoughts were racing and tension was up in the air. I entered the room to see a 60 plus year old woman on the bed breathing heavily. She looked anxious and agitated. I held her and assured her that everything would be all right. She held my hand tight and asked me not to help her and that she wanted to die. It seemed a strange thing to come to a hospital and not want anybody to help her. I did not want her to die in the hospital. I don't have malpractice insurance and I did not want to take any chances. I told her that I could not help her with her desire to die. My wife and I did all that it took to stabilize her. She was shifted to a room to rest.

Later that afternoon, I went to check on her. She was awake, calm but not happy. I greeted her and asked how she felt now. There was a short nod of her head. Tears started to roll down her eyes. There was nobody from her family with her. I asked her why she spoke the way she did back at the casualty. She was calm, cried more and said that nobody in her family loves her. Her children felt she was a burden. She saw no reason that she should live. She was just afraid to think about tomorrow.



Christian Medical Center in Machilipatnam, India

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Those sentences were probably the most shocking I had heard in a very longtime.

1. How could someone with a large family and friends feel so unloved? I now feel there are many among us who feel this way.
2. She saw no reason to believe that tomorrow would be any better. She had no hope.

Somehow Love and Hope go together. Where there is no love there seems to be no hope. No wonder Jesus in John 3:16 talked about God, the Father loving this world so much, that whoever just by believing in Jesus and accepting the Fathers love could have the great Hope for an eternal life with Him, not just here in this world, but even in Heaven. Isn't it just great? Or wow! It's just cool, as this generation would say.

Wow! For me to even think about this. How easy God has made it for us to enjoy His love and grab this great hope that one day we will be with Him forever, JUST BY BELIEVING IN JESUS. What could be easier than that? The world never makes it easy to even earn a dollar. And we as humans have forgotten how to enjoy anything that comes easy. We have unending, unconditional love for which we need not labor, but just believe in Jesus. The icing on the top is the hope of an eternal life with that love. This is for anybody to grab onto. God is not going to look at your past, what has been hurting you or who is hurting you, what your circumstances are or how you are. Just believe in Jesus and there will be a great change in your life forever.

That lady continues to receive free medical care and medicine at the Christian Medical Center and Hospital (CMC Hospital), a mission hospital operated by NACEA.

At CMC Hospital, we believe that a person cannot and will not lead a physical healthy life unless he/she is spiritually well too. Thousands experience the loving and saving hand of Christ at the hospital. A little kindness and care from us, and the loving hand of God goes a long way to heal our body and Spirit.

We at the Hospital and the Mission are grateful for the opportunity that God has given us to touch the lives of people who are sick, broken and hurting. I personally thank everybody who is a part of this ministry in showing people the love of Christ and giving them the hope of eternal life. Together we are impacting the lives of many and changing them for better. Thank you for your partnership.

CMC is a 12 bed hospital which caters to multiple villages around the facility. With a huge need and a great potential for growth, the Board has envisioned a plan to build a 60 bedded facility in the near future.

Immediate needs of the hospital are:

- To increase operational funds to hire doctors and staff.
- To buy equipment for the surgical suite.
- To build a second floor to accommodate the additional beds in the future.
- To buy air conditioners for the Operating rooms and the doctor consultation rooms.
- To buy additional furniture for the hospital.
- To buy equipment for the laboratory and start a full-fledged pharmacy.
- To develop a garden for the patients to spend their time as they recover in the hospital.

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Overview of NACEA Mission

Planting Churches - 52 Churches with 39 buildings (plus 2 under construction)

Healing the Sick – 12 bed Christian Medical Center (includes outpatient care and dental clinic) and 3 Village Medical Clinics plus rotating clinics in the other villages

Equipping Nationals – 51 trained preachers

Rescuing Children – 50 children currently in the Christian Children's Home

Educating Children – 607 children enrolled in Oberst Christian Academy (NACEA School)

Caring for Widows – 10 widows help with the Children's Home plus many more are helped through the local Churches

Training in Life - tailoring and candle making classes are held in the villages

Disaster Relief – typhoon, flood, and fire assistance provided

Short Term Mission Trips – January 2020 plus a medical mission trip in 2020

Make a Difference while Shopping

If you normally shop at amazon.com, you can now get the same price for items by using the following link: smile.amazon.com/ch/20-5721050. The advantage is that by using this link amazon.com will now donate 0.5 % of the purchase price to NACEA. You can also go to smile.amazon.com and select "North Andhra Coastal Evangelizingassociation Incorporated" as your organization.



2020 Short Term Mission Trips

Two short term mission trips to India in 2020 are currently in the planning stages. The first trip is scheduled for **January 10 through 25**. This trip will consist of an overview of the mission work being done in the Machilipatnam area of Andhra Pradesh, India. There will be opportunities to work with the children in the Christian Children's Home, Christian School and the rural villages surrounding Machilipatnam. We plan to visit several village churches and to work with the people there. Depending upon your abilities and talents, you will have an opportunity to preach to villagers, teach children, train preachers, do medical evangelism, lead in worship, help with distribution of relief supplies, and many other rewarding jobs. If you are interested in being part of this team, please fill out the interest form below and mail to NACEA.

The second trip is a Medical Mission Trip being jointly planned by FAME and Hancock Regional Hospital for **2020**. 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>.



INTEREST INDICATOR FOR THE 2020 SHORT TERM MISSION TRIP TO INDIA

Please Note: Filling in this form and mailing it to NACEA is an indication of interest only. Application forms will be made available upon approval. Thanks.

Name _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Street or PO Box _____

City, State, Zip _____

If under 18 years of age, name of parent or guardian: _____

How may they be contacted (address/phone)? _____

Where do you attend worship services? _____

Have you taken a mission trip out of the country before? Yes No

If so, where was your trip? _____

Do you have a valid passport? _____ Expiration date: _____

What (if any) health concerns do you have? _____

Interest Survey (check the items in which you would consider participating):

☐ Preaching, teaching ☐ Clinic/medical work ☐ Lead worship, singing
☐ Provide special music ☐ Play an instrument ☐ Working with children
☐ Skilled construction ☐ General (painting, etc.) ☐ Give devotions

Other _____

Are you willing to attend Team Meetings in preparation for the trip? _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

Mail to: NACEA, Short Term Mission Trip, PO Box 2309, Washington, IN 47501

PRANAM – A Tree of Life

Written by T.B. Paul

PRANAM is a Telugu (main language spoken by the people of the State of Andhra Pradesh, India) word meaning life. Jesus said “I am the Life” (John 11:25). PRANAM is a program that has been started to help the elderly, neglected widows and broken families. It is a chance to share the love of Christ with such people so that they may see Christ and experience His love for them. It is our hope that they will accept Christ as their Savior and become His witnesses to the world.

The incident that motivated me to start this program occurred after we established a congregation and built a church building in the village called Kankatava. A couple was instrumental in doing everything to achieve this goal. The man’s name was Jeremiah (we gave him the name after baptism). He used to encourage the villages to hold worship services and accept Christ. He was an Elder of the village. As a couple they were growing old.

I could tell that they were so unhappy and with disturbed mind. He always was very close to me so I thought that he would share with me if something was bothering him. One day I called him and asked him but he simply kept quiet. But I could see tears in his eyes. Days later I went to the village for preaching and I saw him sitting outside his house under a tree but seemly with a heavy heart. I thought I could spend some time with him after preaching at the Church.

After finishing worship service I could talk to him but I saw him lying down by himself on his side. I called him twice but he could not answer. His wife said that he is sleeping. I told her that I would see him next time and came back home. When I returned back home, Rani, my wife told me that Jeremiah was dead (she had received a phone call). I rushed back only to see him dead. After 10 days his wife also died.

It was a painful experience for me and I wanted to find why he was so depressed all the time. I was shocked to hear that his only son completely neglected his parents and they were starved to death. Jeremiah’s self-respect and ego prevented him from sharing with me and others in the village. He was also afraid of his only son and his daughter-in-law. Neighbors also kept away because of the son.

I was in tears for I lost a good friend in the village who stood with me in establishing and building a church in Kankatava. Several questions started coming into my mind. Did I fail to fulfil my responsibility of sharing the Love of Christ to them and of giving them a long life so that they may continue witnessing for Christ in their village? Did I also neglect them and became cause for their starvation to death? If so will my witnessing among Hindus be effective and meaningful? We have 52 congregations in 52 villages. Are there such people starving due to the negligence of their children? If there are, will it be possible to help all the people with such a problem? Will such a program help us reach the people with the Word of God? I started praying for God’s will on how to respond to such problems as a Christian. As I was praying, the Lord answered through His Word.

Jesus called His disciples to Him and said, **“I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way.”** Matthew 15:32 NIV

PRANAM – A Tree of Life (cont.)

Yes, I got the answer. I must go out immediately to give life to such people before they collapse and starve to death. I asked the preachers to find out how many such people there are in the congregations. Generally the list is big, as we expected, but the question is how to help so many people. We started praying for the Lord's will. We got the answer through His Word again.

Then Jesus asked them, **“When I sent you without purse, bag or sandals, did you lack anything?”** “Nothing,” they answered. Luke 22:35 NIV

Jesus looked at them and said, **“With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”** Matthew 19:26 NIV

We prayerfully felt that the Lord was giving His guidance. Trusting the Lord, I informed the Board of Trustees of this need. Due to a generous donation from the Lightbearers Women's Conference, funds were then sent to begin the PRANAM program. We have selected 130 people (elderly, widows, and those with broken lives), who each receive 5 kg rice, 1 kg cooking oil, 1 kg dal, and 1 kg sugar every month. As the Lord provides we want to help more people.

Every month when these people come together, they worship the lord and glorify Him for His mercies. I thank the Board and all the supporters for this glorious program that is enabling NACEA to reach out to the people and witness for Christ in a meaningful way. The church has given a new hope to those who are starving and given them a new life in Christ.

The program PRANAM is presenting the Church, which is the Body of Christ, as “A Tree of Life” to the coastal communities of Andhra Pradesh, India, helping the people find new life in Christ.



You can help feed the elderly, widows and neglected for only \$10 per person per month.

If you would like to support the PRANAM (A Tree of Life) program, note in the memo line & send your gifts to:

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Preachers visit Apostle Thomas Memorial



NACEA Preachers visit sites where the Apostle Thomas ministered in Chennai, India

Mission Needs

- New Church buildings - **\$10,000 each** - 16 villages have requested church buildings
- Preacher Training - **\$750 per preacher per 6 month school term**
- Children's Home - **\$40 per child per month**
- PRANAM (food for elderly, widows, & neglected) - **\$10 per person per month**
- School Buses - **\$37,000** – 2 needed
- 2nd Floor Hospital Plan & Certification - **\$10,000**
- Supplemental Hospital Operating Expenses - **\$3000 per month**
- School desks (each will seat 2 or 3 children) - **\$125 each** – 50 needed
- Sound systems for existing churches - **\$250 each** – 20 needed (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 details of ministry needs, please contact Mike Harker at mikeharker@frontier.com or 812-247-3143.

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