

#### **IDES – A Meaningful Instrument of God**

## Sharing the Love of Christ to Needy in Disaster

Written by T.B. Paul

The word " DISASTER ' and to face such condition has become very common for the Coastal land people of Andhra Pradesh which is formed as new state. Comparatively the State has become poor and people are even migrating to find the better life in neighboring states. In the midst of such condition Heavy rains, cyclones and even Tidal waves have become very common in this region leaving the people in disastrous condition by destroying the crops, houses and leaving the families in pathetic condition. People lose their houses and their belongings and starve for food and the diseases are very common during these days. People suffer from all kinds of problems expecting someone to help them. They even look at the Church, the Body of Christ, to rescue them from their pathetic condition. This is in fact a great opportunity for the Church to share the love of Christ to tell that God cares for the people and He provides and He is the Lord of love. This is an opportunity to reach out to the people to show the Salvation in Christ

In 2018, as usual, we had the Heavy rains and cyclone, affecting the lives of the people of Coastal villages of Andhra Pradesh where the NACEA Ministry is established. With the Hope that the Lord provides, as the Church, we started praying for help, and informed the Board about the need and requested to pray for the need. The Lord graciously provided help using IDES as His Instrument to share the love of Christ to the effected families. God blessed the efforts of the Board and the Churches. We thank the Lord and IDES and the Board for this timely help.



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### Sharing the Love of Christ to Needy in Disaster (cont.)

We strongly believe that every need is an opportunity for the Church to reach out with the love of Christ and to share the Word of God to the people. With the help that the Lord provided through IDES, we selected 2500 families from 50 villages where NACEA established the Congregations and built Churches and distributed food items, such as Rice, Oil, Dall and Sugar to all the selected families. We also conducted Medical Camps and distributed free Medicine to all the needy people. It was a joyous time for the Church to see people thanking God for His Kindness and praising Him, even the Hindu people.

Through this kind help, the Churches are strengthened and seeing Christ in action, some more believers are added to the Congregations. We also got the opportunity to reach out to two more villages and the Lord opened the doors to establish Congregations and soon we will be building Church buildings as the Lord provides and leads us. We thank God for these opportunities and thank the Board and the IDES for their kindness which strengthens NACEA. Our special thanks to IDES for Its willingness to be used as the Lord's meaningful Instrument to share the Love of Christ and His Word among these Hindu villages by extending Its helping hand to NACEA.



Food distribution of Rice, Oil, Dall & Sugar

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## **Testimony by Some Who Were Helped**

By Bala

My name is Bala and I am 72 years of age. I come from the village Gilakaladindi [this is the village where we are praying for reaching out and establish Congregation], where the fishing Harbor is established I come from a Hindu family. I was brought up according to Hindu customs and practices. All the natives of the village are of fisherman community and most of the people live on fishing in the sea and selling the fish. Due to heavy rains and Cyclone in 2018, our people were asked not to venture into the sea as a safety measure and as the result we were left without any work. Especially me as the old lady I started starving for food and even my family members and neighbors were not in the position to help me. I thought, perhaps, I would die.

In this condition, I was looking for some help from someone and by the grace of God NACEA included my name in their food distribution program. They gave us Rice, Dall, Oil and Sugar which would be sufficient for me to live for more than 15 days. More than help, I was encouraged to attend the worship services in the Church, and I am at peace now. I started knowing about Christ and His love and experienced the same as I heard. I started loving Christ, though my family members oppose, and decided to accept Christ as my personal Savior and be baptized as the Lord guides. I started attending the NACEA Church in the Gumastala Colony and the Church is praying for my Baptism. Many times I used to hear about Christ but I never experienced His love in my life. But now I have experienced and decided to live with Christ. When I am in need of somebody's care, Jesus cared for me. Kindly pray for me I was so happy when Pastor told me that they would build the Church in our village. I am praying for it. Praise the Lord.

#### By Pitchamma

My name is Pitchamma and I come from Shepherd community. I am 65 years and belong to Pedapatnam village which is just on Coast of Bay of Bengal where NACEA built the Church. Though I belong to Hindu family, I have accepted Christ as my personal Savior and took Baptism and attending the Church regularly. I collect Crabs from sea shore and sell them in the village and live on it. That is my source of income. Sometimes I get the Crabs and sometimes I will not. Since we are just on the Coast, many people depend on the sea for their living. Along with our community, some families belong to fisherman community also live in our village. Many of us we live on collecting crabs and shells and sell them in the village and neighboring villages and live on it. Since we are just on the coast, Cyclones and Heavy rains and sometimes even the Tidal waves are very common for us. During this time we had to stay in the houses without work and our life would be very horrible during these days.

In 2018, in the month of November we had Cyclone and followed by heavy rains most of the days we stayed at home without any work. We prayed unto God to help us and graciously God helped our village through our NACEA Church providing Rice, Dall, Cooking Oil and sugar for some of the suffering families. It was a great timely help for us, and especially for me for I was able to live on these almost 16 days. Our village people are so grateful to NACEA and to everyone who helped us [IDES] for this kind help which rescued us from such a horrible situation. We remain thankful. Greetings!

# **Overview of NACEA Mission**

Planting Churches - 46 Churches with 39 buildings (plus 2 under construction)

**Healing the Sick –** 12 bed Christian Medical Center (includes outpatient care and dental clinic) and 2 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 – 700 children enrolled in Oberst Christian Academy (NACE 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 – a trip in January 2020

### Dr. Rajesh & Dr. Soujanya Paul at ICOM Vovember 14th - 17th – Kansas City, MO http://www.theicom.org

The ICOM is being held in Kansas City, MO at the **Convention Center** from Thursday, November 14 through Sunday, November 17. **NACEA will be at booth 1801**. **Dr. Rajesh & Dr. Soujanya Paul** plan to be at the booth to meet with you and discuss all the great work going on in Andhra Pradesh, India. Please plan to attend! The International Conference On Missions (ICOM) exists to encourage, equip, and enlist workers for the harvest. This extensive international conference serves as a connection point for global missions. ICOM is 365 days a year - telling God's stories, providing resources and uniting the world with missions!

**Dr. Rajesh & Dr. Soujanya Paul will be in country from October 9<sup>th</sup> through December 3<sup>rd.</sup>** Please contact Mike Harker at <u>mikeharker@frontier.com</u> or 812-247-3143 if you would like to have them at your church or organization during their visit.

### **Oberst Christian Academy Happenings**

#### **Rakesh Paul – School Principle**

To date this year the Lord has blessed us with 76 new admissions. Although the new school term starts on June 11<sup>th</sup>, new admissions will be taken through August. At present we have nearly 700 students enrolled at the school.

This academic year we are accepting 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> standard students. We have a new library and we are close to completing additional classrooms to accommodate the new students.

We have also purchased an additional school bus (used), bringing the total to 3 buses and 2 vans. Still needed is one additional school bus at a cost of \$37,000.



New School Library on 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor



New Classroom block under construction



School Girls – Photo by Aaron Bean



School Boys – Photo by Bean

#### School Needs

The following are needed:

School Bus – \$37,000 Library Books – any amount School Desks - \$150 each

Designate your check as one of the following:

School Bus School Library School Desks

# **Equal Passion – Equal Responsibly**

Written by Scott Cordova

If you haven't been outside of the United States, then it's hard to imagine the differences that exist in other countries, even with the benefits of reading about them. Most people tend to be very visual, we process information differently at times, but when we have first-hand opportunities to experience something, it has a greater impact on us. On our trip to India, Keith Meece, Aaron Bean, and I wanted to help bring to life the mission and ministry that started with \$50 and a vision 2 decades ago. We know the majority of people in the churches that support NACEA haven't had the opportunity to go to India, and may never physically be able to go.

What we have in common is Christ, what we share in is an equal passion and equal responsibility to Love God and our neighbor, as well as make disciples. The differences that separate us culturally are interesting, challenging, but beautiful. The trip to India is always a long journey, difficult on the body, tiring on the mind, but so good for the soul. We get to spend time with family! TB, Rani, Rajesh and Mini, Rakesh and Rose, Max, and Malech (and Richie breaks away from his studies to join us). We are always overwhelmed by the hospitality, and unless you've been there it's hard to imagine, but if you have been it just makes sense, you're at your second home.

The mission is a blessing to see, because you know the Lord has been using the Paul Family to reach the Hindu people, and the faithfulness of the Paul family is unmatched. We are honored by the preachers and congregations when we come to visit, but make no mistake it is us who are honored to see Men and Women laying down their lives and taking up their cross and counting the cost to follow Christ. Our trip to India is to encourage the preachers and the Paul family; they are on the front lines of a spiritual battle we can't really appreciate as well from afar. When we leave India to head back to the states and reflect on the trip, it is us that are most encouraged.



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Searching the Scriptures – photo by Aaron Bean

# **Equal Passion – Equal Responsibly (cont.)**

We had the opportunity to hand out food to a few of the congregation's widows. When you see the Pastors helping fill bags up with food and load them on the rickshaws to take back to the village, it just touches your heart to see the devotion and love they show (we could learn a lot). The pride the preachers take in their congregations and the honor they show while we are there is humbling to see. These are men who devote themselves to 2 congregations 3 nights a week, plus service on Sunday at both churches. We think our work load is difficult in the states, yet they are faithful and joyful in serving. This is why we travel to India, because we want to continue to partner with NACEA to reach the Hindu people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We want to take the story, the experiences, and now with the help from Aaron Bean, we will have some really great photography to share with the supporting churches to help highlight a mission that we are honored to be part of. Equal Passion, Equal Responsibility. For those of us privileged to go to India, it's our responsibility to tell the story and paint the picture so we can raise awareness of the needs and raise the money to meet the needs. God has used the church, the hospital and the school to reach out to numerous villages, our hope is for the mission to continue to grow as well as the growth of the faith of the families in each congregation. We love our Indian family, and we look forward to returning soon!



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Village girls – Photo by Aaron Bean

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### **2020 Short Term Mission Trip**

A short term mission trip to India in 2020 is currently in the planning stage. The 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.

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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?
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

### Dr. Soujanya Paul Achieves Master in Family Medicine



Dr. Soujanya Paul received her Master of Medicine in family Medicine from Vellore Christian Medical College in December 2018. Christian Medical College and Hospital is a private, minority-run educational and research institute that includes a network of primary, secondary and tertiary care hospitals in and around Vellore, Tamil Nadu, India. It is one of the most respected medical destinations in India and internationally. It is also one of the top-ranked medical colleges in India. Founded in 1900 by an American missionary, Dr. Ida S. Scudder, CMC has brought many significant achievements to India. Dr. Soujanya Paul is a valued member of the NACEA Medical Team and serves at the Christian Medical Center in Machilipatnam. She also travels to at least one of the NACEA villages each month to hold a Medical Camp. We extend our congratulations to Dr. Soujanya Paul on her significant achievement.

#### **Mission Needs**

- Bibles \$6 each
- Preacher Training \$750 perpreacher per 6 month school term
- Children's Home \$40 per child per month
- Supplemental Hospital Operating Expenses \$3000 permonth
- New Church buildings **\$10,000 each** 5 villages have requested church buildings NACEA has acquired land in all of these villages

- Sound systems for existing churches - 250 each - 20 needed (this includes outside speakers so the whole village can hear the gospel proclaimed)

- Nurses Training \$50 per student per month
- School desks (each will seat 2 or 3 children)-\$125 each -50 needed
- PRANAM (food for elderly, widows, & neglected) \$10 per person per month
- School Bus-\$37,000 any amount will help

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 were 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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