

THE HENDRICKS

Laboring for Christ in India



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Dear Prayer Partners and Supporters,

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support for the ministry and for our family in India. When we experience persecution and threats from hostile governments, when our own minds fear what tomorrow may hold for us, it's a consolation and challenge to remind ourselves of the words of Paul, the apostle:

"We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. (2 Cor 4:8-10)"

"Man's extremity is God's opportunity," said John Flavel. Since we returned from the USA in August, we've faced one challenge after another. But through all this, God has given us victory on every side, and His grace has sustained us to carry on!

Family:

Emma has undergone various treatments for the pain in her feet, and finally, 'dry needling' (a technique used to treat musculoskeletal pain and movement issues) has brought her much relief. It's been an expensive ongoing treatment, but it has provided her with the ability to continue to serve the Lord. Please continue to pray for her.

India Ministry:

Heritage Baptist Church continues to reach out to Bangalore City (with a population of 13.6 million people) through **Bible Clubs every Friday** in four different areas of the city. We have an average of 20-25 kids attending who have never heard the gospel even once. Our plan is to have 12 Bible clubs in the next 12 months! Last month, the Lord opened an opportunity for me to start a **prison ministry**. Due to the anti-conversion bill, evangelism in prisons is banned. I'm able to accompany medical teams who treat sick prisoners with medicines while I give them the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ! Pray for this ministry that the door and hearts of these prisoners will be opened. It costs us to buy medicines and get doctors to accompany us, but it is worth the cost for the souls of these precious people for whom Jesus is their only hope.

Heritage Baptist Bible College continues to train those who desire to study God's Word. Apart from our in-person classes and online Zoom classes, we have started a new batch of 30 students with **pre-recorded classes** with the ten doctrines of the Bible. They get to listen and progress at their own pace. Pray that those who've started will complete their courses and benefit from this study.

Heritage Centre of Learning continues to educate the 40 children in our care, pointing them to Jesus every day. We have two batches of classes (10 am-1 pm and 1:30 pm to 5 pm) to accommodate all the kids and give them personalized attention. Pray for the 13 staff who teach these kids. Your financial support sustains this ministry. Many have trusted Christ as their Savior, attend church regularly, and have also taken part in the Christmas program this year.

Please consider **supporting-a-child at \$35 a month to help these precious kids complete their education.**

Jawadhi Hills Outreach: The visitation twice a month in these three villages is yielding much fruit. Not only do the kids enjoy the Bible lessons and worksheets, but their uneducated moms also join them and get to hear the gospel and trust Christ as their Savior while coloring their own worksheets. Many of these children have turned from idolatry and trusted Jesus as their Savior. They read their Bibles regularly and memorize the scriptures.

Tract Ministry: Please pray that we can print four of the tracts we received from Dry Run Independent Baptist Church, Duncansville, PA, (Beacon of Truth Ministries) into five Indian languages. There's such a famine for Bible tracts with God's truth in them.

HIM Radio: The listening audience is growing every day as we broadcast godly music and Bible-centered preaching 24/7 in 5 Indian languages (Kannada, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, and Malayalam) and English. Many pastors from the USA have shared their sermons to be aired on the radio. Pray for this 'missionary' who can go where no other can!

Land Purchase: We are nearing our deadline to shift out of our present premises (which houses the Church, the Bible College, the Learning Centre, the HIM Radio, and the parsonage). The Lord moved the landlord's heart to extend the time to the end of March 2024. We have to buy land and build before this expires, or else all our ministries will come to a standstill. This is the Lord's work, and we know He hasn't failed us yet and never will! The Lord provided us with the needed FCRA number (the Indian government approved permission to receive foreign funds into India)

Pray for us: We have been very stressed and pressed from all sides for the last few months. The deadline to shift out of our present premises, no land purchased yet, no one willing to rent to the church, problems in the ministries, the needs of the church members, and our own health failing have kept us busy. I'm sorry for the delay in getting this letter out to you. I promise to keep you updated more often.

Praises to our God:

1. **Ashira** was battling with gender identity. She accepted Jesus as her Savior and has settled that confusion.
2. **Hariprasad** is tormented by spirits, as he owns temples and is the priest's son. In utter desperation, he came into the church seeking peace and help. He's made a profession of faith and needs our prayers.
3. **Priya and Nisha** have trusted Christ as their Savior and desire to be baptized.
4. **Mr. Ahluwalia** (a Sikh) just lost his wife to kidney failure (she was a Christian) and has been attending church with a desire to know the truth.
5. We have started a free Homeopathy Medical Consultation after church on the last Sunday of every month. Many outsiders have visited, and the gospel is given to them, while the poor members of the church get free medicines, too.
6. We had a wonderful Christmas Program with the kids of the church and the Learning Centre. Please click on this link to view our Christmas Program: <https://www.youtube.com/@heritagebaptistchurchblr1611>

If you've not been receiving any of our prayer letters, please **email me** at pastorhendricks@hotmail.com or call **704-730-7870** (this is my internet calling number and will be a local call for you to reach me in India). Or please inform our Mission Board, and we'll make sure you get added to our mailing list.

With grateful hearts,
In Christ's Service,

Adrian & Emma Hendricks

FRIDAY BIBLE CLUBS IN BANGALORE CITY



1 at KAMMANAHALLI



2 at AUSTIN TOWN



3 at NEELASANDRA



4 at ULSOOR

PRISON MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY



GOD AT WORK



ASHIRA



HARIPRASAD



PRIYA & NISHA



MR. AHLUWALIA (Sikh)

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM (CHOIR AND KIDS FROM HBC & THE LEARNING CENTRE)



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