

*And you will
be my
witnesses in
Jerusalem,
and in all
Judea and
Samaria, and
to the ends of
the earth.*

Acts 1:8

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New Students Have Arrived!



The new school year has been in session for almost two months and the newest VMSRS students are adjusting wonderfully. The school staff report that the older children are encouraging and coming alongside the new students to help them learn their way around.



Each year the school will admit 30 new students into the 1st grade and all of the other classes will move up. In 2015, VMSRS

will see its first graduation of 10th graders. What a glorious day that will be!

The older children have also been sharing their faith with the new students as many of them have come from Hindu families. Most of the new students come from difficult family situations and school has been a refuge for them. Two brothers in particular are from a Hindu family where their father attempted to kill their mother. He did not succeed but left her paralyzed after throwing her into a well. She was rescued and Pastor Joseph from their village began ministering to her. She has since become a believer, and her parents have also donated the use of their home for ministries of Pastor Joseph's

church. (She is pictured at right and her boys are below.) Her two boys are now at the school as she continues to recover from her injuries. There are many more stories like this and as a sponsor, what a privilege it is to be a part of God intervening in the lives of these children.



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Youth Camp



In June Harvest Ministries hosted a Youth camp with the theme, "The Power of Acceptance" at the VMSRS. There were almost 200 youth from the entire Telanagana District in attendance. The youth were divided into 12 groups and were scored on everything from arriving to the sessions on time to singing and

games competitions. The program consisted of Bible Studies, devotions, and practical talks such as pre-marital counseling and career guidance. They slept in the dorms and ate their meals in the school cafeteria.

At the close of the camp the youth were challenged with the life of Joseph, and many came forward and prayed that the Lord would grant

them a faithful and victorious life for His glory. There were a total of 90 youth that responded in a commitment to Christ. The Harvest pastors are seriously considering a follow-up camp in the Fall exclusively for those 90 that will focus on discipleship. The response from this camp has been overwhelming. Pastors called from all over the state with good news of the increased attendance at church and joyful attitudes of the youth. The Lord worked in a mighty way through this camp and the fruit is sure to



Going to India



Long flights have not intimidated me or made me anxious before. I've been on several international flights and spent significant time in another third world country. When preparing to leave for India, however, it felt like I was going on the last shuttle launch. We had to take several long flights in a row just to get there and we traveled back and forth in time with the time change. Going to India felt like traveling to a different planet or at least well beyond the edge of this one we call America.

When our team arrived at VMSRS at 3:00 **AM** on a Sunday morning, we found all of the students lining the road to greet us with cheers and welcomes. When I got past the shock of these children being out of bed I became overwhelmed with their priceless faces. Tears filled my eyes as I experienced the three dimensional versions of what I had only known through pictures for the past year. The children were assembled by grade so the hands I continued to shake grew smaller and smaller in mine. Their names flooded my head and I wanted to try saying them but there were too many!

Prayer Request



Krait Snake

There have been several snakes at the school in recent months. In July the Dean of Boys (Praveen) was bitten by the highly venomous Krait Snake in an attempt to kill it. Please pray that the Lord would provide protection and a solution to this problem.

The children's English is very impressive and they were eager to use it! They were also eager to talk about their sponsors. From memory they would tell me specific details about you and your families from the letters and notes you have sent to them. For those who had letters and especially pictures, they would hold them up and say "You know my sponsor?" They cherish all letters, cards, and pictures that you send to them. The children also request that their sponsors visit them soon!



Toward the end of the week, work kicked in on me and I needed to begin gathering information on the newest students. Many of the children at the school come from a lower caste, and this is their only opportunity for education. Even more so they are taught that they are loved by God and are special in His sight. We were told people in India that are of a lower caste are not even to lift their head in the presence of someone of higher caste. For these children to not only be able to lift their faces but to also be embraced by these "wealthy" Americans means more for their sense of worth and dignity than they ever will be taught by their own culture. It was a privilege to carry the gospel of Christ's love to these children through word and also deeds of love and hugs. To further demonstrate their worth in God's eyes, our team taught them a song that they continued to chant throughout the week. The words are, "I am somebody...Washed by His blood... Filled with His love... I'm a child of the Most High King".

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On Saturday, as we drove away in our cars and waved good-bye the children ran alongside us to say one last farewell. Many were handing me cards that they scribbled the night before to pass onto their sponsors. They get it. They understand that it is because of someone else that they are receiving an education and learning about Christ. They know more importantly that it is a result of Christ's love for them. When we handed

out the Bibles that you donated I asked, "Where do you think these Bibles came from?" They shouted, "Jesus!" And they were right.



Jesus said, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for such belongs the kingdom of God." Mark 10:14

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