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Dear Center for Adventist Research,

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Answering God’s Plea

When Jesus said, “Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me,” Matthew 25:40 NKJV, He was assuredly speaking of these people in Tangalle! I cannot imagine what it would be like to be without running water, a roof over my head or a bed to sleep on at night.

The families in Sri Lanka desperately need our help, so that they can take care of their children and not only find jobs, but have homes to come back to each night as well.

This unique program initiates one of the very first steps in Quiet Hour Ministries’ mission. Before we can tell people about the gospel of Jesus Christ, we must first make sure they have warm clothes, food to eat and a place to sleep. Only then can we share with them the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ, who has saved us all!

I am so excited today to invite you to take this opportunity to join Quiet Hour Ministries and ADRA in helping take care of these precious people who were so devastated nearly seven years ago. What those years were like I cannot even imagine!

Join me today in eradicating the desolation and poverty of this region! Your $38 will take care of an entire family for a month! Let’s make sure the region of Tangalle never sees another year with even one family unable to call someplace home!

Yours in Christ,

Bill Tucker
President/Speaker

P.S. It’s amazing how far your gift will go in Sri Lanka! Your donation of just $38 provides support for one family for an entire month!

We all heard about the tsunami that hit Sri Lanka in December 2004. Many of us remember where we were when we found out that more than 230,000 people lost their lives in one day.

For many in Sri Lanka, the disaster nearly seven years ago is more than a memory. It’s a daily reality. More than 100,000 families lost their homes when the tsunami hit. In the Tangalle division in the Hambanthota district, hundreds of families are still without homes.

For Dias, a day laborer in the paddy fields, the tsunami hit and wiped out not only his home, but most of his livelihood. He had trouble finding work each day. And as the sole supporter of his wife, Premawathi, who is almost entirely deaf, as well as his three sons, disaster relief offered him at least a small amount of hope.

But without enough funding in the first few months, volunteers weren’t able to help Dias and his family. And when tragedy struck last year during a thunderstorm, Dias was killed instantly. His family was left without a father, a home or an income.

Immediately, more funds came in and Dias’ family was first on the list when volunteers returned. Premawathi tearfully explained when workers visited her that when Dias died his brother had tried to take care of them.

As he tried to feed both his brother’s children and his own, Premawathi’s brother-in-law felt helpless. Now that Premawathi and her sons have been given a permanent home, they need training and education to help take care of themselves and find ways to make an income.

Quiet Hour Ministries has teamed up with ADRA to bring hope and education to people like Premawathi and her sons. There are so many families like them still in Tangalle! And you can make the difference in their lives to help them have homes and jobs that are safer and more reliable than the job that ultimately resulted in the tragedy that struck Dias.

By first meeting their physical needs and giving the people of Hambanthota hope, we can then introduce them to the loving care and saving grace of Jesus Christ through Quiet Hour Ministries’ gospel workers. It only takes a little more than $1 a day! For just $38 you can provide for one family for an entire month!

LEARNING TO LIVE AGAIN

Investing in the Future, In Spite of the Past

Through a program called Participatory Health and Sanitation Training, PHAST, families are trained to take care of basic health needs, particularly related to maintaining basic levels of hygiene within their temporary shelter homes. Since many families are living in mud shelters rather than houses, it has become very difficult to avoid disease and infection.

Imagine living without a bedroom, kitchen or bathroom, all while trying to still maintain care of your family!

Through the PHAST program, families are not only given housing, but they are trained in sanitation and dietary health.

Skilled workers and instructors provide for their basic needs and then train them in how to take care of themselves for the future.

Quiet Hour Ministries, in partnership with ADRA, is committed to providing 133 families with the necessary tools, training and help...
One by One

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“Principle is always exacting. No man can succeed in the service of God unless his whole heart is in the work and he counts all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ. No man who makes any reserve can be the disciple of Christ, much less can he be His colaborer. When men appreciate the great salvation, the self-sacrifice seen in Christ’s life will be seen in theirs. Wherever He leads the way, they will rejoice to follow.” –The Desire of Ages, page 273.

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God made us as individuals. He knows us as individuals. He has a purpose for us individually. He calls us individually, personally and specifically: “Follow me.” He calls us one at a time. He saves us one by one.

We may say, “After I get an education, I’ll give myself to God.” Or, “After I make myself comfortable, I’ll take up God’s work.” But God is not asking for our education or our job. He wants us.

Jesus looked into the heart of Levi Matthew and liked what He saw there. If Matthew turned his heart over to the Lord, Jesus could make a worthy disciple out of him. Matthew’s work as tax collector neither impressed Jesus nor repelled Him. His position in society didn’t matter any more to Jesus than did his money. Jesus wanted Matthew; it was Matthew that He got.

Some may feel, “I’m too insignificant. I don’t count.” Still others may feel, “I am really talented and worth quite a bit. God is indeed fortunate to have me in His church and working for Him.” But external distinctions hold no weight with God. He does not see as man sees, nor does He evaluate as man evaluates. He calls to the inner heart, to the innermost soul, and says, “Follow me.” Whatever our work or station in life, let us be as quick as was Matthew to leave self behind and follow that calling.

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Meeting Jesus in Malawi

by Bill Tucker

"Zikomo! Zikomo!" (Thank you! Thank you!) shouted the 131 people from the village of Chinyenyedi as they received their Bibles.

For many, this was the first time they've ever read the gospel in their own language! Each of these 131 people had made the decision to be baptized and they were overjoyed to receive their very own Bible.

Clothes tattered, covered in dust, many of these villagers had walked for miles to hear the gospel for the first time. Their joy is contagious and we felt it too as we realized what an amazing miracle God was accomplishing through our Quiet Hour Ministries evangelism teams on this trip to Malawi.

For example, the small Chinyenyedi Seventh-day Adventist Church of just 58 members has now tripled in size! And the new believers baptized throughout the Makwasa region of Malawi on our trip totaled 1,064!

God used our team to share the gospel at 10 different sites in and around Makwasa. Chinyenyedi was where my wife, Jackie, preached. Each day after working in village eye clinics, she'd walk to the truck, our only means of transportation. Then she'd take the bumpy, dusty road to her village, where she'd be greeted by at least 150 children, all singing the songs she'd taught them.

At another site, team member Felix Bendezu had more than 2,000 people attending and more than 600 of them were baptized on our final Sabbath! God blessed our teams in so many ways and the crowds were eager to hear more about Jesus!

One man came up to us after the meetings and told us that he'd been considering suicide, and because of what he'd learned about Jesus he'd decided to get baptized and live his life for the Lord!

Another man was struggling with alcoholism and had been unable to stop drinking. After two weeks of attending the meetings, he was able to quit drinking and he made a decision to become baptized.

Before we left, we were reminded once more that God puts us in certain places for His purposes. If you're admitted to the Malamulo hospital, there is a $.50 charge for each day you stay and if you have surgery the cost goes up. We found out from one of the surgeons that a little boy who'd had a bone infection had been in the hospital for many weeks and had undergone three surgeries! But when he was finally well again his family didn't have the $400 to pay the hospital, so he couldn't go home! We were able to pay his medical bills so he could be released and go home with his family.

These are just some of the wonderful stories that happened while we were in Malawi. It was such a blessing to be God’s hands and feet in a place where there is such a hunger for the gospel. The humility of the locals, people who have so little, was overwhelming. And we pray we can go back soon to give even more people the hope of salvation through our wonderful Savior!

Catch a full report about our Malawi evangelism in our upcoming Echoes magazine!

Pastor Bill Tucker is president and speaker at Quiet Hour Ministries.
Oregon motorcyclists help spread the gospel in Indonesia

In a wonderful act of kindness, Seventh-day Adventist motorcyclists in Oregon helped speed the spread of the gospel thousands of miles away. The Oregon Conference Motorcycle Camp meeting, held August 26-28 in Gladstone, Oregon, emphasized the special ministry that motorcycle enthusiasts can have among fellow riders.

But while they learned how to share their faith locally, the Oregon motorcyclists also made a tremendous impact half way around the world! For their camp meeting offering, the 80-plus attendees raised funds for the Quiet Hour Ministries’ Indonesia motorcycles project.

All told, they gave an amazing $5,540—enough for two brand-new, heavy-duty motorcycles ready for the jungle terrain!

Pastors in Indonesia often don’t have transportation of their own, relying instead on public transit or catching rides whenever they can. Without their own wheels, so much of their time is spent just getting from place to place. And many of these pastors serve in districts with five or more churches!

With their own motorcycles, these pastors will accomplish in two days the same amount of ministry that right now takes them five!

Thank you so much to the Oregon Conference Motorcycle Camp meeting attendees who gave so generously to help spread the gospel in Indonesia!

If you’d like to help provide urgently-needed motorcycles for pastors in Indonesia, give now online.
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Silver Spring, MD 20904
Register online now

Jesus says, "You are the light of the world." Matthew 5:14, NIV

Quiet Hour Ministries is echoing His request to "let your light shine before others." Matthew 5:16, NIV

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