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The New Book of James!

I hope the title doesn't alarm you. I am not promoting a new book of the Bible! Instead, I am talking about our worker in India—James Sankaran. Nor am I talking about a written book but “a book” of his ministry. We have worked with James for years in India. Last Fall, we met him face-to-face for the first time, and he is a godly, dedicated man who loves God's word and has a heart to reach India with the gospel. He recently wrote to us:

Your partnership has enabled us to reach villages with the life-changing message of God's Word and to minister to people eager to learn about Jesus Christ. We have witnessed God's hand as people listened attentively, responded positively, and grew in their understanding of biblical truth. Your investment is bearing fruit in many individuals and families. Every outreach encourages villagers and is possible through God's grace working through your support.

How encouraging! Through James and his workers, God is writing a new “book” of his mighty deeds in India in which all of us can rejoice. Here are excerpts from two of James' disciples in various places.

Subash—we visited four tribal villages and shared God's word with 120 people from the Kanda, Kandha, Dambo, Saura, and Kuee tribes. Through bible stories and lessons, we taught God's provision, the dignity of all people as bearers of God's image, Christ's care for spiritual and physical needs, and the importance of hearing and obeying God's



Word. We strengthened faith, promoted peace within families and communities, guided youth toward godly living, and encouraged spiritual growth among the tribes. We request prayer for peace among the tribal communities, better educational opportunities for their children, and continued spiritual growth.

Suresh—in four villages we shared the story of John the Baptist and emphasized courage and standing firm for truth despite opposition. We told of the Rich Man and Lazarus and focused on caring for others and humility. We told the story in Acts 3 of Peter healing the lame man highlighting faith in Jesus Christ, and Jesus feeding the 5000 helped people see how Jesus can meet every need.



Did you notice how stories can be the foundation of solid doctrine and principles for faith and godly living! We rejoice in what God is doing through these storytellers! They have provided many other pictures and reports of Bible training for leaders and Vacation Bible School. This picture shows a husband, wife, and children. They have recently given their lives to Christ.

But there are also many trials and difficulties. The report on the back will explain.



Please read on.

Challenges in Sensitive Areas

Benny, Prince and Joseph are three workers with James who are doing their ministries in places too sensitive for photos. Pray for Joseph and Prince as they experience challenging family situations. Prince lost his only daughter a few years back, and he and his wife continue to experience deep sorrow. Joseph's wife left him a few years back. He is waiting for her repentance yet continues as a faithful witness and is useful in the ministry.

We thank God for their perseverance in these very personal trials. Ministry is not always glorious. The cross always precedes the crown.

Here are our requests for this month:

1. For James Sankaran and his workers in several states of India, especially the sensitive and most dangerous areas. Many areas are tribal and have never heard of Jesus ... until now!
2. We ask for continued regular support to meet the needs of our storytellers. We are working with about 100 in India and Pakistan—soon Bangladesh. This requires thousands of dollars each month.
3. We are asking God for the funding to provide four ministry centers in Pakistan from which Shakaib can train his workers and saturate these areas with the gospel. Depending on location, a center would cost from \$20—35,000.

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We will never fully grasp the hardships that James, his team, and many others endure while serving in such challenging regions. They face circumstances we are grateful to be spared from which is why it is essential that we continue to pray for them and support their work. These leaders are on the front lines of a spiritual battle, and we remain committed to stand with them as God enables us.

We have witnessed remarkable spiritual growth as the message of Christ reaches deeper into the most



difficult areas of India and Pakistan. We are also seeing spiritual growth close to home through the recent baptisms of two of our grandchildren! I asked each child separately why they wanted to be baptized. Our grand-

daughter shared that she had watched her friends be baptized and had been wanting to take this step for a long time. She said, “I want Jesus in my heart, and I want to know Jesus better.” Her younger brother answered with simple sincerity: “I love Jesus and want Him in my heart.” Out of the mouths of children comes a purity of faith that reminds us of the posture we, too, are called to have—a genuine desire to know Jesus more deeply.



This same innocence and openness is reflected in the villages where the stories of Christ are shared. People respond with heartfelt sincerity, expressing a desire for “Jesus in my heart.”

May Jesus continue to bless His children as we follow Him in obedience. I pray that everyone reading this will reflect on how they can draw closer to the One who gives life.

Why not make listening to our teaching part of your regular study and devotions?
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Please join us in prayer for these financial needs:

1. For the workers we support—nearly 100 in Pakistan and India—who are reaching areas we could never go.
2. For finances to buy small plots of land on which to build houses for training key workers in Pakistan.

The world is filled with the words of men. It is time for the world to hear the word of God! *Word of God, Speak!*