GPMO NEWS



Grace and Peace Mission to Orissa Update, May 2021

"But the needy will not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the afflicted ever perish."

Psalm 9:18

Covid-19 in India

Over the past week, you have seen on television and on social media, India is in the throws of a severe Covid-19 outbreak. There have been hundreds of thousands of deaths and several of these deaths have hit close to home with many of our Indian families. Please continue to pray for the work of GPMO and our Nanda community but remember all of India as they are the most greatly effected at this time. At present time, we have had no confirmed cases of Covid-19 in our ministry at any level in India. We continue to operate



under the blessings and great provision of our Lord Jesus and his faithful followers who continue to support this ministry. I have been working on this newsletter for over a month and much of what you will find in this is an update on what has been going on with GPMPO and Nanda over the past 6-8 months. Again I am so thankful to say all of our work and ministry in rural India has not been effected at this point by the Covid-19 virus. We have raised funds to send to Nanda to provide basic medicines just in case those in our midst become sick. We are also waiting for government updates on when vaccines will be sent to Khandamal as the government is in charge of all vaccine distribution.

Nanda Agriculture

Nanda has experienced a bumper crop this year on our campus. We have planted staple crops surrounding our Nanda grounds and our children are reaping the benefits of this harvest. They are all involved in the planting and the harvest and are learning skills that should help them in the future.



Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life."

Galatians 6:8

News at Nanda...

New Children at Nanda...

Nanda has recently welcomed approximately 25 new children to our orphanage. These children have come from our surrounding communities due to loss of parents and the result of great poverty. This increases our census to 138 full time children that live on our campus. We continue to provide food and shelter to 11 full time staff members at Nanda. Over the past few weeks and under the direction of the Indian government, we have slowly been sending some of our children back to their homes and villages as we wait out the threat of Covid-19 spread.





"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful."

Hebrews 10:23

New roofs...

Recently, we began work on improving the living arrangements for our children at Nanda. We have replaced the roof on both our girl's and boy's dorms and have also worked on the bathroom arrangements in the boy's building. Both our boys and girls dormitories have working bathrooms with running water and roofs with no more leaks!





Outside of Nanda...

A Building for Belghar...

Over the past several months we have completed a new building in Belghar. Due to government restrictions on these primitive, tribal people, we are calling our new building a community center. We continue to pray that the presence of God will fill this building and that Jesus will be lifted up and glorified. Once the Belghar building was complete, we realized there was a need for a milling machine so the surrounding community could process their own grains. GPMO purchased the milling machine and installed it next to the new Belghar community center. This has saved the people of Belghar countless hours of walking approximately 60km to have their grains processed

in another part of the plateau.





Praying For A Church Building...

We are hoping to build a new church in Jargi, a surrounding community. A GPMO pastor lives in the community and is teaching, leading and pastoring his neighbors. They presently meet outside under a tree for worship as weather permits and meet in local people's homes during the rainy season.



If you are interested in a one-time gift or learning more about this project, please send an email to graceandpeacemission@gmail.com

In closing, we would like to affirm that God and His Spirit are alive and well in GPMO and our connected ministries. We remain very lean in all administrative spending which may help explain the lack of consistent updates but also may explain why you have not received any formal pleas for help. We believe that those who sense a calling from God to support this ministry will continue to be lifted up and give. Thank you Lord Jesus, over the past 14 years we have not missed a month of support for our children, staff and pastors. Again, continue to pray that God may provide a hedge of protection for all those we call family in India.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Romans 15:13

Opportunities to Give

Sponsor a Child

\$20 per month will cover the cost of housing, clothing, food, schooling and medical care for each child.

Sponsor a Pastor

\$35 per month can make a significant impact for an indigenous pastor and congregation.

Payments

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