

THE ORPHANAGE PROJECT – MIRACLE UPDATE MARCH 2007

It has been a while since I sent an update. We are seeing progress on all fronts. We are seeing an increase in all that God is doing. We are having regular prayer fellowships in Faridabad and Delhi. We have begun visiting two new slums. We have approximately 10-15 slum children coming for tutoring. Our youth group is growing. But, it is nothing that we are doing...It is a *God thing*.



This update is a little different from those I have sent in the past. Instead of telling you what *we* are doing, in this update, I want to tell you a little more about what *God* is doing in the lives of the people we are meeting.

The Faith of Children

They brought little children to Him, that He might touch them. . . [Jesus] said to them, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them, for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.” And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them.

Mark 10:13-16.



Approximately 40 children attend Sunday morning prayer in Faridabad on a weekly basis. The children are praying and the Lord is answering their prayers. We are often amazed by their testimonies. Suraj, who is approximately 8 years old, testified that he needed five rupees. He prayed to Jesus to meet his need. When he opened his eyes, he found ten rupees lying in front of him



in a white bucket. Similarly, another boy, Rohit, lost some money. Suraj and Rohit prayed together to find the money. When they opened their eyes, they found the exact amount lying in a ditch to their side.

On another occasion, Rohit saw that another child, Narendra had two balls. Rohit’s baby sister, Laali, began to cry because she wanted a ball to play with. Rohit, not having anywhere else to turn, decided to ask Jesus. As he was walking along the road, Rohit began praying to Jesus for a brand new ball. Just as he was praying, there, lying in front of him on the road, he saw a brand new ball. There was no one around to claim the ball. Rohit happily picked up the ball, an answer to his prayers, and handed it to his baby sister to play with.

Narendra, testified that his dog had puppies. One of the puppy’s legs got caught in a motor and broke. Narendra prayed to Jesus to heal the puppy’s leg and God miraculously healed the broken bone! Narendra also testified that one day he and the other boys were walking along the road and he saw a dead squirrel. The



children buried the corpse, praying, “Jesus, take the squirrel to heaven with You.” The next day the kids went back to the site of the little grave. They dug all around, but they could not find the dead squirrel anywhere.

Testimonies of the Lord healing aches and pain through prayer and helping the children with their studies have become common. A man testified a few weeks back during the Sunday fellowship in Delhi. He said that both of his children were very poor students. Six months earlier their teachers had said that both children would almost positively fail this year and have to repeat the year again. They began coming off-and-on for prayer on Sundays. Each time, we would pray for the children that the Lord would help them with their studies. In six months, there has been such a transformation in the young girl that she has gone from being a child on the verge of failing, to receiving an award for academic achievement during an assembly in front of the entire school. The boy, although he hasn’t improved as dramatically, passed, to his own surprise. 40 students in the eleventh grade were held back in his school, but this boy passed and was promoted to the next grade. The children’s father said, “This is nothing other than a miracle.”

We are also seeing the Lord perform miracles among the children in the slums that we visit on a weekly basis. The teen-age girls in a slum near the Priya marketplace have started praying for the sick and the Lord is performing miracles. Once, a little after we left the slum, a man came to the slum looking for us. He had a terrible headache. The young girls told him that we had already left. He began to say that he did not believe in miracles anyway. The girls offered to pray for him. He obliged. To his amazement, after a simple prayer, the headache was completely gone! Immediately he changed his tune and said he was now a believer. On another occasion, a little baby, under the age of two, fell and hurt her foot. She was unable to walk due to the pain. The girls prayed for the baby. The child was healed and began to walk around as if she had never been injured.



Lives Changed and Still Changing

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17.

We are seeing the Lord transform lives, especially among young people in the Priya marketplace. The young people are hungry to see a change in their lives. Many feel that their existence is meaningless. They sit at nightclubs from morning until night. They aimlessly roam the marketplace, skipping college. They smoke and drink. Yet, nothing is filling the void inside. But, as they are coming to the youth meetings and Sunday prayer



meetings, they are beginning to find a joy, a happiness, and a peace they did not have before. Many are trying to, and have left their bad habits behind. Jesus is giving them a chance for a fresh new beginning.



One young person, depressed because his girlfriend of three years abruptly ended the relationship, had begun to smoke, drink and even do pot. He could not get this girl out of his head. The first time he came up to me at the Priya marketplace, he was drunk. But we prayed. After that he began to periodically call me on the phone for prayer. He started to see the Lord perform miracles in his life. He began attending church sporadically and was filled with the Holy Spirit. In just a matter of months, he has given up drugs, smoking and drinking. An alcoholic relative of the boy used to attempt to slit his

wrists every weekend. After prayer, the relative attempted again, but to everyone's amazement, when the relative took the blade to his wrists, he was unable to break his flesh. Now the young man regularly attends Sunday prayer, youth meeting and slum outreaches. The boy's mother wept tears of joy on the phone as she told me of the positive changes she has seen in her son.

Another young person came to us at the lowest point in his life. He was at odds with his parents, his friends had betrayed him, he was failing in college, and he was addicted to drugs. He had no where to turn, so he turned to Jesus. Initially he would attend youth meetings, but within minutes, he would cause a ring tone to go off on his phone, and pretending an important phone call had come, he would excuse himself. But, slowly, he began coming to youth meetings and Sunday prayer. He has now stopped drinking and doing drugs. He is down to one cigarette a day, from 40 or so earlier. The situation at home is improving. He is beginning to realize who his true friends are. He now has a goal in life and is beginning to concentrate on his studies. God has taken him from utter darkness and helped him to begin to walk towards the light.



Yet another young person who was depressed and ashamed of a skin problem wrote me this message:

I did come last Sunday 2 church. But I was feeling really shy so I couldn't come downstairs. I get these very painful nodules on my face. I dropped out from college because of this. I don't have courage to meet anyone. Every Sunday I try to gather my courage. But I feel really ashamed of myself. Thanks 4 praying. It's just that it's so painful I can't even eat, sleep properly. But, I will try to come and meet you. Thanks.

Finally he mustered up the courage to come to church. He kept a handkerchief over his face the entire time. I prayed for him. He returned the following week. This time, to my surprise, the handkerchief was no longer there. After the service he wrote me a message saying:

Hi! I am thankful to you and your prayers because of which I look forward to come every Sunday.

These are just a few of the testimonies of the young people whom the Lord is touching here in India.

The God of the Impossible

So Jesus said to them . . . “If you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.

Matthew 17:20.



But, it is not only the children and the youth that are seeing miracles here in India. God is no respecter of persons and touches everyone. We have begun outreaches at two new slums. At one of the slums, the first time we went, we prayed for a lady whose eighteen-year-old son had been missing for some time. We prayed that either the boy would come back home, or somehow the woman would get word of where the child was. Four days later when we returned to the slum, the lady testified, “Jesus has answered our prayers. My son called and he is coming home!”

A young lady has been attending our fellowship in Faridabad. She tells us that she has so many testimonies to share every week that she does not know where to begin. One week she told of how she had lost a very important notebook. She searched everywhere for this notebook, even removing each and every item from her desk. Finally she decided to pray and ask Jesus. She told Jesus, “Even if I have lost or misplaced the notebook, please Jesus, find the notebook and put in such a place that I can find it.” After she was done praying, her sister suggested that she search her desk. The girl told her sister that she had already searched her desk and had even gone through each item on the desk one-by-one. However, she went and checked her desk again. Just as she lifted a binder, there was the notebook she was searching for!

Another man, Jaswant, recently began coming for Sunday prayer in Faridabad. He told us that a few years earlier the doctors had told him that his foot needed to be amputated. With the use of ayurvedic medicines, Jaswant was able to avoid the amputation. However, his foot was constantly in pain. He could not put any weight on it, nor would it bend. He needed 4-5 painkillers a day, just to survive. At times the pain would spread to his other foot and his entire body. The pain was unbearable. Life was miserable. Jaswant had not even gotten married because he did not want to be a burden on anyone else. We prayed for him. The third time Jaswant came for prayer, he testified that the pain was virtually gone, and he no longer needed the painkillers. He was even able to bear down on the foot some and bend it. In fact, Jaswant was so much better and had faith that Jesus would finish the healing, that Jaswant had made plans to go to his village to find a bride for marriage!



Thank you for your continued prayer and support!

God Bless,

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