

Tsunami
orphans need
your help!



NEWS FROM INDIA

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A New Home for the Little Deborahs

July 14th was a memorable day for our children in Deborah Girls' Haven. From the rented house where they lived for 3 years, they moved to the newly constructed beautiful and spacious building in our half acre plot that overlooks the historically famous Colachal Harbour. In a solemn thanksgiving service organized in the evening the building was dedicated to the Lords' ministry and to the service of children.

Deborah Girls' Haven was envisioned as an attempt to bring solace to a families where children became orphans due to the devastating tsunami of December 2004. Now we have 16 girls living there – all children of parents who lost their lives or who live on the edge due to natural calamities and economic disasters.

Our ministry leader in Tamil Nadu Rev. T. Sam believes that Deborah Girls' Haven will become the nucleus of NIEA ministry in Colachal. In addition to the 16 children who found shelter in our Home, NIEA has been feeding 75 school going children every day with a meal for the last 2 years.

All those children belong to the coastal families severely affected

by the tsunami. All those families were extended a touch of love, when we got access to the parents or family members through those children..

The campus is large enough to start a few more projects – a clinic for the locality, a tailoring

center for women and a worship center. We seek prayer and support from Gods' children, worldwide, who see this as a meaningful service to help those who really need help. Jesus loved the children and the poor. Can we also open our hearts to them?



*A matter to smile at and a home to live in-
Children with Home parents and Local Pastors*

Children in India – future challenges

They comprise 400 million (40% of the population)

87 million have no school to attend

18 million are engaged in child labour

13 million homeless

only 4 million are reached by children ministries today

**605 children are taken care of in our 18 Homes in India.
Your partnership in this ministry will be a blessing. God bless you.**

NIEA has a variety of child care projects in Tamil Nadu State. Among them is the Deborah Home started in early 2005 for orphans of the tsunami disaster.

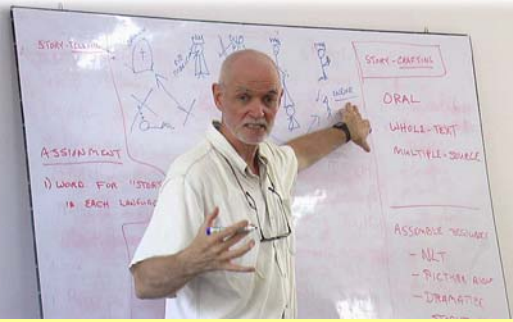
The other two homes with about 50 children are functioning in rented facilities. Furniture in the dorms and study halls are some of the urgent needs. A bunker bed costs USD 80. A pair of bench and desk is USD 125.

Prayers and sacrificial support are welcome to brighten up the lives of these precious kids who have made their homes in our hearts!

For additional information about NIEA's ministry in South Asia, for regular prayer support or donor opportunities please write to the address or visit our website. We value your cooperation, concern and encouragement. Thank you very much!
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MOTHER TONGUE TRANSLATION WORKSHOP

Bible Translation to produce Scriptures among the unreached or unchurched have typically been a long term effort, viz. 10 to 15 years at least before the New Testament is available. However, in recent months, Wycliffe Bible Translators and their subsidiary *The Seed Company* have increasingly felt the need to connect translation resources to on-the-ground Church planting teams so that translation efforts begin serving the local



Dr. David Payne, former Int'l Director of SIL, teaching Bihari Mother Tongue Translators

Church planting movements and initiatives in the early stages of translation itself

It is with this in mind that nearly 24 Mother Tongue Translators representing languages groups to Bihar's least and unreached peoples have gathered to make Scripture portions available to their kinsmen. The focus of the two week workshop (Jul 28-Aug 08, 2008, NIEA Base, Purnia, Bihar) is to make available a set of 32 Bible stories in new languages among 6 Bihari language groups, where "storying" has never been done before. This has been a tested means of multiplying house groups through active sharing of the truths of the Bible as they related to personal life experiences. This approach is especially effective among non-literates or neoliterates.

"This involves a change in our basic philosophy and approach to Bible Translation" said Henry Huang, Director for Strategic Partnerships at *The Seed Company*. So great has been the enthusiasm to receive training from Bible Translation and Linguistic experts, that 5 other teams from Kashmir, Himachal



and the North East have also come to take part in the training. Efforts are being made to impact 10 new languages at one go! Praise the Lord! NIEA is part of this effort and has been requested to administrate the project for the entire state of Bihar of 6 new languages with speakers ranging from half a million to 35 million in each of the languages – Bhojpuri, Maithili, Magahi, Angika, Surjapuri and Panchpargania.



Rev. Henry Huang of The Seed Company – a strategic force behind the seminar

- *Pray that beyond the storying, the Gospel of Luke, Mark, initially a few books of the Old Testament, the Jesus Film, God's Story etc would become available in 10 new languages in India.*
- *Pray that as these men and women continue in their work of basic translation, the larger needs such as the entire New Testament and Old Testament would become a reality in each of their languages.*

"I received the ability to speak and hear!"

Testimony of a believer from Chhattisgarh state



God still performs miracles in people's lives! **Jugather** of Temuru village (about 35 kilometers away from our mission head quarters) in Chhattisgarh state had such an experience. Every Sunday he thankfully testifies to an incredible thing happened in his life at the age of 28. Now read his testimony:

"Pr. Surendran and his wife Sis. Seleena have been visiting our village every Wednesday from 2002. He held prayer meetings. My parents took me often to the prayer meetings so that the Pastor could pray for my healing. I was deaf and dumb from birth.

One Sunday Pr. Surendran was praying for the sick. He prayed for me too. But that day a miracle happened to me. I received the ability to speak and hear!

"I committed my life for the Lord Jesus Christ, who healed me, physically and spiritually. I need your prayers so that I can now learn to speak properly and remain faithful to the Lord."

Will you please pray for the people from Chhattisgarh's villages that they receive the free gift of God's salvation through Jesus Christ? Your prayers and financial partnership will go along way in reaching the interior villages across India.