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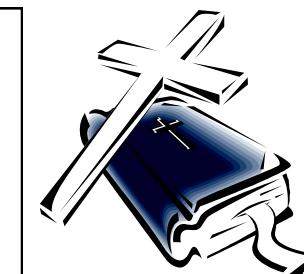
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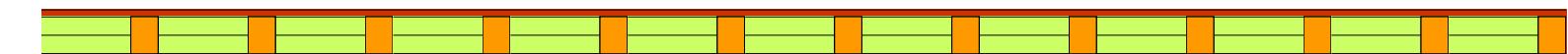


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**Lutherans in Mission Working
Around the World ...**

Spring 2018



Introduction from the Editor

Pastor Paul Knudson, Faith Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, MN

This newsletter begins with a report from Dr. Abdul Messiah, son of Pastor K.K. Alavi, and administrator of the Bishara Center and Shaliach's Bible College. We thank Abdul for this timely report. Please note the serious, life-threatening challenges they face at this time.

Reporting from the Mission Field in India: Dr. Abdul Messiah

Greetings to you from Bisharah and the Shaliach's Bible College.



Pastor Alavi remains full of passion and vision to bring Muslims to faith in Jesus Christ. In the face of the severest challenges that even now could take his life, he sees this as "an opportune time to testify" (Luke 21:13) to the marvelous Good News that is Jesus Christ and him alone. Great numbers have been moved by the Spirit and this man's bold witness to come to faith in Christ, at great cost also to themselves. Pastor Alavi now has health issues to be taken care of for a long time.



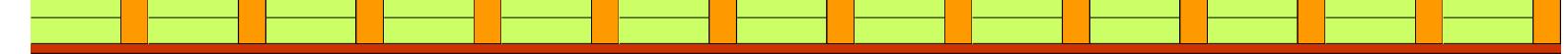
For the next three months, outreach mission work will go on and a few of our students have also been engaged. They will be going to Muslim homes and public places to distribute tracts and Christian literature, though with the present political and religious situations in the country, we have toned down the outreach a bit so as not to be in the eye of the present confusion in the country. Dr. Usha is one resource person for the outreach. She uses models (*at left*) which feel life-like to touch. This year, she has adopted the CHE (Community Health Evangelism) model to teach the staff for the outreach and is focusing on the gift of life.

Some of the students studying in the Shaliach's Bible College have no parents. Others' parents are just daily wage earners, and some of them are sick. Most of them struggle financially, but such struggles never deter them from equipping themselves spiritually and theologically to serve the Lord wherever they are needed. Pray for them. We are privileged to inspire and motivate them for witness to our Lord.



The Shaliach's Bible College concluded on February 24 for this academic year.

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Reporting from the Mission Field ~ Continued

The graduating girls received a sewing machine, along with a personal study Bible to use to go into their world to preach the gospel in villages where the name of Jesus of Nazareth has never been heard. Please do keep this project in prayer!



Funds needed to cover: gift of sewing machines and the sewing project

The young women at the Bible College rejoice in the training they are receiving through the sewing project, knowing this will help sustain them as they go forth to bear witness to Jesus Christ.

Bisharah workers in India are excited to hold another summer retreat for 200 children and families of prisoners in the month of May. For some, this will be the first time that they ever hear about the gift of Jesus coming to the world. Please keep these families in your prayers this season! Our prison ministry is a blessing to all the families our team visits. In addition to food, clothing, and stationery, we have partnered with doctors in the area to ensure that these women and children are receiving the medical care that they need. Our ultimate goal is that these precious ones would come to know the great physician, Jesus, who can give them eternal healing and relief from pain!



Yours in Jesus Christ,
Abdul.

Here is how you can pray:

1. Pray that the hearts of people to whom we minister in the outreach would be open to the Gospel message.
2. Please pray that God would protect and care for prisoners' families in India.
3. Pray for financial provision and good health, so that our outreach and correspondence staff will be able to minister to people this summer.
4. We received a gift of \$10,000. We need another \$10,000 to buy a mini-bus. Please do keep this need in prayer.
5. Everyone in the country is anxious about the potential escalation of violence, especially to Christians and Churches, in the present political situation. In the meantime, certain social media and messaging platforms have been disabled or used at the bare minimum. Please pray for India and its leaders, that peace may quickly be restored, and the people live with one another in harmony.

We have seen first-hand how effective prayer can be in the world of Muslim evangelism. On behalf of all of our co-workers, staff and students, thanks to all of our faithful prayer partners.

St Paul can have the last word: "*We hold this treasure in pots of earthenware so that the immensity of the power is God's and not our own. We are subjected to every kind of hardship but never distressed; we see no way out, but we never despair.*" 2 Corinthians 4:7-9

Drought Creates Water Crisis

The region of Kerala will be soon out of potable water due to the receding water table and drought. In the next weeks, Bishara needs to clean its water reservoirs and make them ready to distribute water to the needy homes in the region. Bishara received very good feedback for this project it faced a couple years ago.



NHMS Meets Pressing Need

Our partners at Bishara faced a possible government shut-down unless they installed an incinerator that would meet code requirements for disposing of trash. Pictured here is the one recently installed through designated funds of NHMS.



Prayers Requested for Brother Titus and Others in Nigeria

A recent report from Brother Titus notes that one of their major callings at present is to seek to counsel and support the Chibok girls that have been returned from Boko Haram. Half of the girls have been retrieved and half (108) are still missing. You can only imagine the extreme trauma they are experiencing. Please pray for these girls, others recently taken from a school, and those seeking to pour out the love of Christ to them.

More recently we received a report from Titus that a car in which he and others were traveling at night was ambushed by potential robbers. The driver sped away and they escaped injury. Danger follows this witness in many forms.

2017 Financial Report Summary

Income

Undesignated contributed support	\$87,522.26
Designated contributions	\$21,650.10
Total income	\$109,172.36

Expenses

Bishara and Shaliach's Bible College	\$85,345.00
Support for Brother Titus	\$4,260.00
Otten School	\$11,340.00
Other	\$10,802.05
Total expenses	\$111,747.05

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New Hope Mission Society desires to bring the love of Jesus Christ to the Muslim world.

