

SEMI Ministry News – June 2009



Hello Dear Prayer Partners,

Loving Monsoon greetings in the matchless name of our Saviour Jesus Christ from Trivandrum. Indeed it is our pleasure to meet you all once again with our news in the last months. Thanks a lot for your valuable prayers and support which help us to meet many with the gospel and help people to draw to Christ.

Family: By the grace of God and your earnest prayer we are keeping fine.

I have done a lot of traveling in North India; preaching, teaching, and training. The climate was very hot and dusty but I had the privilege of visiting many villages. At present I am back in home preparing for the next academic year.

Ponna was busy with home care but has now been able to a visit to her home after a long period of time. Her father is 82 years old and not in good health; please pray for him.



Ponna will be teaching students this coming academic year and giving leadership to the development of the women's training. Ricky is entered in second level, he also learning keyboard and music in a music school. Erick is now 16 months old and he is healthy.

Bible College: God has been so faithful to us to complete the whole year with much experience, inputs, learning, etc.... Last year 45 students had come to the training both residential students and people living outside SEMI.

Among them students like Doctors, Engineers, Advocates, Fisherman, Rickshaw Drivers and Evangelists were there to learn God's word. Mostly they come at evening for classes and spend much time for prayer too. I had much time with them as well as with students because Ponna was busy with baby care.



Some students have now finished their studies but others continue into the next academic year. Our residential students enjoyed their time and have now gone for a break - they will be back on 10th. There are many new students especially from North India joining this time.

Please pray for:

@ Safe journey for students and their adjustment with Kerala culture and food.

@ All the evening students who have completed their training will become a strong witness for the Lord along with their job.

@ P/s pray for suitable teachers will come and help us.

@ Some students will be entering in third year so after their completion they need long term church planting field and support p/s pray for the provision of God.



Good Shepherd Church: We are so glad to say our church fellowship is also growing strongly, with nearly fifty new converts worshiping in our church. We gather in SEMI every Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. These believers are from many different backgrounds. I remember when we started four years back we were only four regular members - Ponna, my sister, myself, and Ricky. But today there are fifty plus members worshiping together the living God. I have been giving baptism to these people coming Sunday also I am giving baptism to a brother he was a terrible drunker he was beating his wife and children for the last 8 years. One day I met him on the road, shared the Gospel with him, and invited him to SEMI. He has now accepted Jesus as his Saviour and is going for baptism. Soon after his baptism his wife is going to provide Chappathi and Chicken curry to all of us, because she says that it is such a miracle to her that she has had no beating for a year.

Please Pray for.....

@ More souls should be added in our church, we ask for 100 different families

@ Believers growth and nurture, some travel every time more than a 50 kilometer to attend the meetings.

@ We often find time to go for witnessing in hospital, houses, jail and open-air meetings. Please pray for more literature to print, a PA system, Overhead projector and generator to meet many with gospel.



Orphanage: SEMI's orphanage in Orissa running very well. By the grace of God, during summer I spent 10 days in Orissa and with these children. It is so different an experience now that there are 35 students in our home. The parents of all these children had experienced severe persecution last year.

During my 21 days fasting and prayer last year I got this interest to develop SEMI's ministry In Orissa this way. Thank you to AMEN for your one-off support – your gift helped give these children hope.

We are now praying and trusting completely on God for regular funds. I am encouraging Indian Christians to support this by having money boxes for small change called "Orissa Light Box"

Once in two months we go and collect what ever it is will send to those children, some of AMEN education help money has gone to these children as well. Surely there will be great a result from this state.

Please Pray for.....

@ Bright future for all these children's

@More church planting possibility for this state

@ We need to raise at least Fifteen thousand rupees for its expense each month

@One couple looks after these children they need a second hand motor cycle cost ten thousand rupees.



Micro Business: The Banana chips business is running ok. But we are now thinking of developing a further business.

Two people have provided two new computers for SEMI. With this we plan to offer some paid computer training for students. Through this we think we can earn some money for our ministry. There is no such centre in our place and currently all interested students will go very far away for this. We need some more things to develop further



Please pray for three more computers plus a photocopy machine to help develop this activity.

Please pray for some general needs:

@ I urgently need a laptop – my existing one is damaged beyond repair

@ God’s guidance and provision for starting ladies training next time.

@ An Overhead projector

@ Some more maintains need to be filled in SEMI

@ More books, Taps, CD etc....for student’s library.

@ To be open more new ways for SEMI’s income to meet increasing expenses.

@ Your tremendous prayer for our family (Roy, Ponna, Ricky and Erick)



Roy meeting with Chris Chatfield of AMEN during a recent visit which Chris made to India

Finally dear brothers and sisters we value very much your prayer and sacrificial support toward this ministry. Out of nothing He makes this known to all India for His glory and honor We believe for that God made a bridge through you people to take this gospel to many across the nation, we pray for you, hoping to hear from you again your thoughts, and word of encouragement.

May the God bless you richly from above!!

You’re Friends in India Mission

Roy and Ponna Sebastian