WINGS MINISTRY IN INDIA—March 14 – 31, 2006

Our Wings Ministry 2006 India Team is home, safe and sound. It was an amazing trip. Visit our website http://www.WingsMinistry.org for detailed accounts and more photos.

We met thousands and thousands of people. We were the only “white faces” people had ever seen (certainly the first Americans they had ever seen) everywhere we visited except Chennai and Delhi/Agra. We visited two leper colonies, a juvenile prison, and several different orphanages for children of prisoners, tsunami victims, former female juvenile inmates, and abandoned infants, as well as a home for the blind and a home for the mentally handicapped. As honored dignitaries at a Bible college’s first graduating class we led the procession of graduates, teachers, and family members down the dirt lane to the church where the graduation was held. At our free medical clinic for over 130 rural villagers we assisted Indian doctors distribute medicines, vitamins, and various home remedies to treat a wide assortment of ailments. We worshipped in Methodist and non-denominational churches. The hundreds of pastors and teachers trained in our methods were thrilled when they understood how they could use these methods to reach the ‘least of these’, Hindus, and unchurched in their villages. We will never forget the people we met or the places we met.

During our first training for pastors and church leaders a woman stood up and shared that she had never spoken in a church before, but would from now on. She had learned so much from us and was inspired and felt called now to use her God-given gifts to minister to others.

Rev. Glory received a call from a pastor who also attended this first training seminar. He called to share that he had tried our methods of building relationships that very night and it had worked! He had played games, sang songs, did crafts, and acted out scripture. He was so happy to see the positive response. I think we gave the pastors “permission” to be themselves, and we taught them to become vulnerable and open, and in doing so, this provided an arena that would allow relationships to deepen and grow. (Continued Pg. 2)
Aaron Dennis has been an active Wings volunteer for over six years. He has graciously donated time and equipment to produce the wonderful Wings and Wings for L.I.F.E. videos we now use to showcase the program. Recently he has begun attending Wings for L.I.F.E. events in order to tape them so that we can provide the helpful information from judges, probation experts and as well as other speakers to all interested parties. Aaron is in the process of converting an Econoline van into a mobile video studio. He has asked for donations such as video and computer equipment that can edit and capture images as well as a large capacity power source, cordless phones, walkie-talkies, lighting equipment. He also needs someone to offer painting and mechanical work on the van itself. (see pg. 6)

More INDIA Memories

Another powerful memory was being the first people to bring the Word of Christ to the Hindu tribal villagers who specialized in black magic, voodoo, and worshipped blackness. There are many people we meet in the prisons who don't know Christ, but they have certainly heard of Him. These Hindu villagers had never heard of Christ, and we gave them crosses and told them of God's love and that Jesus died on the cross for all of us. We will now pray that the seeds that we planted that night will be nurtured by Pastor David and Rev. Glory, as they continue to go back to this tribal village and share Christ's love.

Bert John Allen III, Field Director of Christians Without Borders and Seeds for Peace in Durham, NH, gave us 320 1oz. packages of seeds of carrots and beans. Paul Collins also had friends who gave us seeds and we shared those seeds with pastors and people everywhere we went. Our interactive Bible study of the Parable of the Sower became very meaningful and we pray that ALL the seeds that we have sown in India will flourish and grow!

We especially want to thank you for your prayers. We felt them continually on our journey, and always felt protected and comforted. We thank those of you who financially supported our mission, for we couldn't have accomplished what we did without your help. There are many continuing needs with Wings and the ministries we met in India. If you are interested in supporting orphans, Bible college students, buying goats or oxen for newly converted Christians, or want to continue supporting our Wings Ministry work here in the United States, India, or throughout the world, please contact Ann. All donations are tax exempt. (See back page for more photos)
Knit for Kids Program In OH and NM!

New Mexico Secretary of Corrections Joe Williams recently announced that trusted inmates in the NM prison system will soon be involved in the Guideposts "Knit for Kids Program". The State of New Mexico is the first state to allow trusted inmates in ALL their prisons to participate in this worthwhile project for Guideposts Magazine. Guideposts has a goal of reaching 400,000 hand-knit sweaters by the end of 2006. The sweaters are distributed to little children all over the world. Wings has given out sweaters at all our Wings Parties for many years. Guideposts sweaters were given to children in India, orphaned because of the tsunami or incarceration of a parent, on the recent Wings trip there. Thanks to Joe Williams and the correctional staff in the New Mexico prisons, to Warden Mark Saunders at SCI in Lancaster, OH, as well as ALL OF YOU who continue to support Wings in all areas of our ministry!

Yarn of all colors, crochet hooks, and plastic knitting needles can be shipped to:

Caroline Oshwald Harris, Guideposts Magazine,
66 E Main St., Pawling, NY, 12564
(800) 935-0158 x4339 or coshwaldharris@guideposts.org

Inmates from the Southeastern Correctional Institute in Lancaster, OH ship their first box of hand-crocheted sweaters to Guideposts Magazine! Special thanks to these men for giving back to others – especially to little children around the world who otherwise might not have a sweater to keep them warm! Warden Mark Saunders, back row far right.
2nd Annual Spring for Wings Banquet—March 3, 2006
Central United Methodist Church—Albuquerque, NM

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• Jim Zanios, President of Zanios Foods, ABQ for his total support of all Wings Parties & events, including food for the banquet.
• Bill & Peggy Dial of Great Harvest Bread Company donated rolls for the banquet.
• Bill Sanchez of Mission Linens for the banquet linens.
• Everyone who donated and purchased items in the silent auction.

Wings can accept property, jewelry, stocks, and vehicles.
Wings Ministry is a 501(c)3 organization and can accept United Way contributions from anywhere in the U.S.

Deputy Sec’y Erma Sedillo, Sec’y of Corrections Joe Williams, Ann, The Dr. Rev. Steve McElroy, Pastor Richard Mansfield

Sandia Presbyterian Praise Band provided great music!

Silent Auctions are fun!

Thanks to the table servers for a fabulous job!

Ann, Joe Williams, Sec’y of Corrections; Donda Pool, CYFD; Deputy Sec’y Erma Sedillo; NM Senator John Ryan; Tamara & Helen Carr
Wings for L.I.F.E.
New Mexico—Albuquerque, Roswell, Las Cruces

VISION: Imparting Life-skills for Inmate Families & Education
WHO: Inmate Family Member & Former Inmates
WHAT: Discussion, Mentoring, Empowerment, Support
CONTACT: Ann Edenfield Sweet—(505) 291-6412, AnnEdenfield@WingsMinistry.org

In Albuquerque
WHEN: Twice a Month—Sundays 6:30—8PM
WHERE: Catholic Center—Sandia Room
4000 St. Josephs Place, NW, Albuquerque, NM
(I-40 W to N Coors, right on St. Josephs Place to Catholic Center—by St. Pius High School)
CONTACT: Ann Edenfield Sweet
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In Las Cruces
WHEN: Twice a Month—Tuesdays 6-8 PM
WHERE: Holy Cross Catholic Church
1327 N. Miranda, Las Cruces, NM
CONTACT: Olga Granado
(505) 524-1746, OlgaGranado@WingsMinistry.org

Dates
May 9  June 13  July 11  August 8
May 23  June 27  July 25  August 22

In Roswell
WHEN: Twice a month—Sundays 6:30-8PM
WHERE: St. Peter’s Catholic Church
113 E. Deming, Roswell, NM
CONTACT: Shelly Currier
(505) 317-2042, ShellyCurrier@WingsMinistry.org

Dates
May 7  June 11  July 9  August 8
May 21  June 25  July 23  August 22

Beginning in Tennessee
CONTACT: MaryAnn Gay
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MaryAnn recently retired after 30 years in public education. She says, “I felt God’s tug to work with at risk children in a Christian setting. After I met Ann, through her marriage to my long time friend, Doug Sweet, doors opened for me to bring Wings Ministry to Tennessee.” MaryAnn finds it a blessing to be able to help families of prisoners experience hope and new life through the support of Christian friends; and to be a member of the incredible network of Wings friends which she calls “a beautiful example of the Body of Christ in action.”

Wings for L.I.F.E. Mission Statement:
Building relationships with families, probationers, and former inmates through discussion, mentoring, empowerment, and support by:
Teaching life-skills and addressing unique needs of family members of incarcerated individuals, strengthening families by building Search Institute’s 40 Developmental Assets™ and, mobilizing and networking community stakeholders to identify and reach families in need. Stakeholders include congregations, Corrections, school systems, the Justice System, and community programs such as Big Brothers Big Sisters.
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Christ’s unconditional love shared with all families of prisoners.

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- Small envelopes
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Indonesia Continued

One of our new favorite songs says it all:

Yasu navilah, (God is so good)
Yasu navilah, (God is so good)
Yasu navilah, navilah, oonakay.
    (God is so good, He’s so good to me.)
Yasu navilah, Yesu navilah,
Yasu navilah, navilah, yahnakah.
    (God is so good, He’s so good to you.)
Yasu navilah, Yesu navilah,
Yasu navilah, navilah, nahmakay.
    (God is so good, He’s so good to us.)

Rita with children at JHMA Orphanage
Cathy & Doug with children, JHMA
Ann with Bishop & Mrs. Nimrod Christian, Delhi area Methodist Pastors
Balloon Games

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