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The ministry began on Sunday with a dedication service. Dr. Jim handed out green and yellow Jungle Adventure T-shirts to the 68 people who made up this year's staff: 14 young adults from America, 16 teens, and 38 of the church's adults. Several others stopped in for

an hour or two to help out.

It was evident on the first day that God was up to something special. One hundred ninety children showed up, breaking the church's records. As the seeds of the gospel were planted in those young hearts, four boys trusted Christ. What a start to a tremendous work of God!

Whenever and wherever God is working, the Devil is nearby ready to pounce. Tuesday did not start out too well—someone had stolen the church sound system during the night! Jim and Vash, the sound guy, cobbled together an old boom box, stereo speakers, a bass speaker, and miscellaneous wires to make the assembly

time audible. The joy of the first day gave way to greater joy on the second. Two hundred children attended Holiday Bible Club, and ten children received Christ as their Savior.

Praise the Lord, Wednesday broke another attendance record. Two hundred sixteen children gathered for VBS fun, designed to reach them with the blessed gospel of Jesus Christ. As a result, six more children received Christ

as their Savior; two of them are cousins of children in the church. In addition, several children spoke to their teachers about assurance.

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God's people prayed and God responded. Friday had an attendance high, with 230 children pressing in to hear the Word of God. Of the ten more children who professed faith, four were part of the fourth-and-fifth-grade class. Praise the Lord for answered prayer.

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gram. We were thrilled to have 254 people in church this morning—an all-time high that included over 70 adult guests!"

Please note and pray for the church's follow-up program:

1. Church members will call each family to thank them for sending their children to Holiday Bible Club and to invite them to church.

2. The teachers will visit the families who expressed

interest in the church, taking along photos of their children's classes.

3. The Sunday School teachers will contact the children who were saved and encourage them to attend Sunday School.

4. Over the next three months, the church will send a "Puppets in the Park" invitation, a certificate for a free Bible, and a Sunday School invitation with samples of the curriculum.

5. In October the church will contact seventh graders to let them know they are eligible to attend the church's youth group, including the December youth camp.

6. Each family's information will go into the church database so the families will receive other materials throughout the year, including an invitation to next year's Holiday Bible Club.

My dear friends and supporters of GLS, to God be the glory for the privilege of providing resources for these missionaries as they reach out to the next generation in a far-off world. South Africa is part of the world for which Christ died. ■

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Your Dollar

meets disaster needs

We sometimes characterize our troubles as “the storms of life.” The U.S. Gulf Coast experienced such storms in a more literal and catastrophic manner. The hurricanes that swept through Florida in 2005 slammed into the coastal states of Louisiana and Mississippi. Gospel Literature Services was able to respond to the disaster in a significant way. Even though these horrific events may have been pushed back in our memories by the pressing stories of the next days, weeks, and months, those who live in the region continue to face the challenges of rebuilding their homes and their lives.

Gospel Literature Services joined forces with Baptist Children’s Home (BCH) to

facilitate some of the relief efforts of our association of churches. “Thank you” to so many who responded with financial contributions and life-supporting supplies at the critical time of need. Praise God for a fellowship of believers who incarnate the person of Christ by fulfilling the mandate of love.

Here is an accounting of the use of resources as they were entrusted to Baptist Children’s Home and Gospel Literature Services.

- Delivered 15,000 pounds of food and supplies to churches southwest of Alexandria, Louisiana, for Katrina refugees.

- Coordinated a semitrailer-load of supplies spearheaded by Faith Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Florida. Destination: Grace Memorial Baptist Church of Slidell, Louisiana. The church fed about ten

thousand people daily.

- Coordinated the delivery of an additional semi-load of food and supplies from Pana Medical Group, Pana, Illinois, to Calvary Baptist Church of New Orleans. That church fed about 1,500 people daily.

- Delivered 45,000 pounds of food and supplies to Berean Bible Church of New Orleans, including thousands of gospel tracts from Gospel Literature Services and a thousand Bibles.

- Purchased a trailer-load of toilet paper, delivered by Peniel Baptist Church, Calcasieu, Louisiana, and distributed through Calvary Baptist Church of New Orleans.

- Purchased a 15-passenger van and trailer containing enough supplies to outfit 25 kitchens, short of major appliances.

The churches and individuals of our Fellowship gave \$284,385 to assist in that ministry. David Crandall of GLS and Bill Brittain

of BCH were able to visit the region. We worked primarily through the pastor of the Berean Bible Church in New Orleans, Pastor Brad Davis. He is a graduate of Faith Baptist Bible College in Ankeny, Iowa. We helped 25 of his church people with cleanup, as well as with supplies for their immediate living needs.

The Gulf Coast is a culturally diverse part of our country. So, in addition to shipping Bibles, we sent tracts in English, Vietnamese, French, and Spanish. In all, we shipped 12 cases of gospel literature to that region.

Your gifts marked “emergency relief” provide the outlet for you as a believer to directly assist in the human drama of catastrophes and show in a tangible way the love of Christ. Thank you for your compassionate response. You can be assured that along with the financial help and physical assistance, every opportunity is taken to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. ■



Mini-Press for India

India's land area equals one-third that of the United States, yet its population is four times that of America. There are more people in India than in all of North America and South America combined. With 80 percent of India's masses claiming to be Hindu, the challenge of the Great Commission in the subcontinent is staggering.

H. C. Stephen serves as the representative of the New Testament Baptist Churches Association (NTBCA) of Manipur, India. Although this association is smaller than several Regular Baptist state fellowships, it aggressively responds to the challenge of the Great Commission. With 60 local churches, the NTBCA has trained over 100 young people for ministry, opened a pro-life center in Manipur state, and sent 20 church planters into India, Nepal, and Myanmar. The NTBCA cares for 70 orphans in three children's homes and assists several Christian day schools with over one thousand children total. GLS recently shared financial resources with this ministry, providing \$9,000 for the purchase of a mini-offset press. Pastor Stephen reported that the NTBCA trained and employed a man to operate the press and opened an office in

Churachandpur (the largest district in Manipur) to set up the press. The NTBCA has also established a literature fund to cover the operational expenses, and the fellowshiping churches have accepted the challenge of raising funds for incidentals. It is exciting to assist such a motivated group with the printing of tracts, booklets, and other vital resources for the furtherance of the gospel. Thank you for sharing this vision and supporting the "printing operations" fund.

Pastor Stephen also reported what God did this year through Vacation Bible School. NTBCA churches used Regular Baptist Press materials sent by GLS. They conducted several VBS programs in their villages, but the following report pertains to the program at the NTBCA main center.

Teaching & Nonteaching Staff	70
Total Children	699
2s & 3s	236
Pre-Primary	253
Primary	123
Junior	60
Youth	27
Total	769

Praise God—108 children were saved! A good number made decisions to live a godly life, to be helpful to their parents, to be more obedient, and so on. What a spiritual harvest in a dark country of the world! Whatever our financial sacrifice, it seems small in light of the opportunity to reap such tremendous results. ■



GOAL: 50 Regular Baptists at Beijing, China Summer Olympics, 2008. Watch for details.



Is the Internet as popular as people say it is? Could we ever live without it again? It is a growing phenomenon, with people using it to conduct everyday living. This use encourages GLS to keep pursuing tools and media to present the gospel to the billion people surfing the Web.

Consider these statistics: over 2.1 billion dollars spent on Internet jewelry sales in 2005; 69 percent of Americans pay at least one bill per month online; the average Internet user watches 70 minutes of streaming videos on the Web each month. People are spending hours on the Internet. What have you done to help them hear about their need for Jesus? We have tried to create tools for you to use to reach the people on your Internet contacts list. Check out "Tools" at www.glonline.org. These tools are available in many languages and, Lord willing, with many more to come. ■





Dr. T. Jyothi Babu pastors the Vimukthi Baptist Church in Secunderabad, India. "Vimukthi" means "redemption," which is a great name for a church. Pastor Babu is a delightful man with a great vision for reaching the people of his region for Christ.

Under Pastor Babu's leadership, the church has started 13 other churches, each of which has its own pastor and building. The pastors were all trained by Pastor Babu. He wants to plant 50 churches.

Pastor Babu's primary prayer request is for a building addition needed by the church's Christian school, which has 100 students in kindergarten through tenth grade. The school could enroll another 100 students if

it could add a second floor to the existing school building. The total cost is estimated at \$15,000. The ministry has \$2,000 on hand. Once they have \$5,000 in hand, they will begin construction.

Think about the opportunity of spreading the message of God's redeeming love to a generation of children in India. Pastor Babu is challenging his congregation to raise \$5000. Would you help us raise the additional \$10,000 to complete the addition to this Christian school? Would you pause right now to ask God to lead you. To designate for this ministry, make your check payable to Gospel Literature Services and mark your contribution for "construction projects." ■

Please check the box next to the global ministry(s) you want to help impact for Christ.

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