

Samuel and Rachel Paulson Prayer Letter ~ October, 2011

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1: 3-6

Rachel and I thank the Lord for your prayerful partnership and for your continued encouragement. We thank the Lord for strengthening our lives with this special verse!

OUR BLESSINGS

We praise the Lord for enabling us to achieve our prayerful goal of planting 1000 churches by 2010. We are so thankful for your faithful prayers and financial help which allowed that goal to be achieved. Thank you too, for your patience and encouragement! One of our team members, Pastor Dulamani started a small church of 20 new believers in a remote village of Orissa State. Praise!!!

A wonderful blessing is that many of the churches our teams have planted have become self supporting over the years! To witness these blessings from the Lord brings us great joy! Thank you for remaining steadfast with us!

OUR MINISTRY

Church Planters Training & Outreach Ministry:

The Lord has given us committed young people for training. These church planters continue to grow in the Lord, even amidst facing SEVERE opposition! They continue to see the Lord's help as they go out into unreached people groups in Orissa and other states of India and we see churches planted every month, touching lives for Him!

Christian School:

We have targeted the poor and street children of the community to try and help them get Christ centered education. We could not take many

applications this year as we do not have adequate facilities like toilets, classrooms, teaching tools, desks, library, etc. Yet, we rejoice as we have witnessed many children coming to know the Lord and have seen their changed attitudes!

Sewing Center:

Many village women are able to learn the sewing trade and thus are helping their families to provide food and clothing. It's also an awesome opportunity to teach these women about the Lord Jesus Christ, and they are responding!

OUR CHALLENGES

We continue our struggle with the neighbor's of our Training Center with constant verbal attacks on our staff and students. They accuse me of bringing foreigners to the Center and say that I receive money to spread Christianity. PLEASE pray for His protection for these continued accusations. We have reported it to the police, but get no help from them! The neighbors recently damaged our agricultural water supply system. The Orissa teams come under especially heavy attack. Two of the team members were attacked and Bibles and literature were burned.

We wish to provide evangelism and self help tools as our Church Planters return to their villages. We need Bibles, bicycles, evangelism tools, and financial support to give to these men as they prepare for ministry.

The school continues to experience dangerous conditions with both the walls

and parts of the classroom. There is no protection to the students as buffalos and stray dogs enter the classrooms. We lock some rooms to protect them from danger, but they are getting crowded. Unfortunately, some students have left us because of the unsafe conditions.

The needs of the school are books, and other school materials necessary for their education

In spite of the challenges, we continue to see the spiritual life of the students who are here continue to grow day by day! Praise!

OUR PRAYER REQUESTS AND THANKS!

Please pray for the Lord's direction to help us in the following needs:

**For the support of TEN newly trained church planters.*

**For five computers for our vocational centers.*

**For seed money for developing income generating projects.*

Rachel and I again thank you for your faithfulness, your encouragement, your prayers, and of course, for your financial support. Be assured the Lord is blessing your faithfulness!!

In Him,
Sam and Rachel