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PRAYER OF ZABEZ

“And Zabez, called on the God of Israel saying, ‘Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!’ So God granted him what he requested.” 1 Chronicles 4:10.

Many years ago, when we started our ministry for the Lord, a dear friend gave me a book called, The Prayer of Jabez, by Bruce Wilkinson. It is a small book and as I read it I became fascinated by the possibilities of serving God and trusting Him to bless our humble ministry efforts. As we prayed for God to enlarge our territory, He blessed us and led us to spread the Gospel to our people in Tanuku in India.

God led us one step at a time so we wouldn't be overwhelmed. We began by giving the gospel to our relatives and their neighbors. After that we helped the Chedalawada family build a church for the new believers in Tanuku. Next came the construction of a school to provide Christian education for our young people. In accomplish all these things God brought us in contact with people who love the Lord and were willing to give liberally to carry on His mission to the people of India.

WIDOWS' MINISTRY

When widows step out of their original belief system and accept Christianity, many lose the support from their families. In 2003 we started Widows' Ministry to care for the many widows/widowers who were newly baptized and in need of financial help. In Acts of the Apostles, Mrs. White says that, “Men and women of God, persons of discernment should be appointed to look after the poor and needy, the household of faith first. These should report to the church and counsel as to what should be done.” Acts of the Apostles, p. 529



Rekha, Widows' Ministry
Leader Praying For the widows

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WIDOWS' MINISTRY (CONT)

Each month, Rekha Chadalawada, who manages the Widows' Ministry, visits widows in 12 villages where she prays with them and gives them money for groceries, medicines, and other personal needs. When one of women or men dies, she arranges for a Christian burial at their request. We thank all those who have been supporting this valuable ministry.

CHADALAWADA SCHOOL NEWS

Chadalawada School began in 2001. Currently there are 430 students in Kindergarten through the tenth grade. The overburdened school building is bursting with students. Due to lack of sufficient finances, we have suspended expansion until funds are available.

Mrs. Raj Kumari, Academic Dean of the Chadalawada School writes, "It is a blessing for me and all the teachers to be teach in this school. We begin with morning worship where we sing and pray. God keeps answering our special prayers. Teachers and students have all experienced answers to their prayers. We cannot proselyte Christianity, but we can pray. It is an entering wedge into the hearts of young and old.



Saturdays are supposed to be regular school days in India, but we conduct Sabbath school classes. During this time students read moral stories from Christian literature, learn to sing Christian songs, and they are also shown a nature movie. Teachers and students enjoy these activities together. The children receive all-round instruction for their mental, social, physical, and spiritual development.



Nikhil is a fourth grader. He has been attending Chadalawada School since Kindergarten. Because his parents live in another village, he stays with his grandparents during the week and goes home to his parents on the weekends. His desire is to be a pastor when he grows up. He has been encouraging many of his classmates to be pastors when they grow up..

Padmavathi is in the seventh grade. One day she enjoyed a special celebration at her home. Many relatives and friends came to wish her well and give their blessings. Mr. Bulibabu, the principal of Chadalawada School, was also invited to this function. When she saw her principal, she went to him and begged him to pray with her.



Since this was a Hindu function, the principal hesitated. Then he noticed her cousin there who also attended the Chadalawada School. He went to her and inquired, "Padmavathi wants me to pray what should I do?" The cousin replied, "Sir, it is all right. Go ahead and pray with her." So the principal prayed with Padmavathi making her very happy.

GOD LEADS IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS

Continued from Last Month

Baburao came to America in 1963 for further studies, and I and my two children, Cynthia and Alan, joined him six months later in 1964. At that time we hoped to return to India and take up where we left off. Baburao became a full-time student, and my children and I were his dependents. He earned only \$0.87 an hour while working hard to support us. I applied for a job at the Indian Embassy and was called for an interview. I was interviewed by 12 Embassy ministers. Everything went well until one of them said, "you know, in cases of an emergency, the Embassy will be open for business on Saturdays, and we expect you to report to work on that day."



When I was told that I might be called in to work on Sabbaths during the time of national emergency, I did not hesitate to say that I would not be able to work on Saturdays as it is my holy day. The ministers seemed surprised for they expected me to say "I will think about it or, I will try."

I left the interview and went home, but I was not worried about not getting the job. I felt glad to stand for my faith. But that same evening I got a call asking me to report for work the next morning at the India Supply Mission. This is an annex to the Indian Embassy. They assured me that I would not have to work on Sabbaths. God does lead His children in mysterious ways. This turned out to be a congenial place, and I enjoyed my work there. I worked here for four years until I got my green card.

Even though I quit my job at the India Supply Mission, God did not leave me. I received a call from an acquaintance at the General Conference asking me if I was employed. I responded that I was looking for work. He said he would deliver an application with his wife to me for a position at the General Conference. He told me to complete the application and take it promptly to the Ministerial Director of the General Conference. I did this, and they hired me the same day, December 29, 1969, as a secretary to Elders E. E. Cleveland and Andrew Fearing in the Ministerial Department of the General Conference.

I worked in the Ministerial Department of the General Conference and the North American Division for the next 29 years. I had the privilege of working with Elders E. E. Cleveland, Andrew Fearing, Arturo Schmidt, and William C. Scales, Jr. All of them were evangelists and my husband and I were exposed to evangelism through these God-fearing men.

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SPECIAL NEEDS			
	Need	Raised	Balance
Scholarship Fund*	\$10,000	\$1,934.50	(\$8,065.50)
School Equipment	\$15,000	\$9,973.00	(\$5,027.00)
School Building	\$300,000	\$35,119.09	(\$264,880.91)
Community Support*	\$10,000	\$3,207.00	(\$6,792.00)
Community Outreach*	\$10,000	\$5,127.50	(\$4,872.50)
Chapels (4)	\$35,000	\$20,170.00	(\$14,830.00)
Busses (2)	\$50,000	\$20.00	(\$49,980.00)
Undesignated Donations		\$9,303.74	

* These are annual goals that reset in June.

Remember it takes only \$30.00 a month for 11 months to sponsor a child, and \$25.00 a month to support a widow.

When making a tribute to your friends and relatives, please remember: "In Memory Of" is for someone deceased. And "In Honor of" is for someone you wish to honor and express your appreciations.

We thank each of you who have faithfully supported PRIA Ministry with your prayers and contributions. May you feel God's presence in your life as you continue to serve Him.

- Baburao and Sarojini

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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