



Disciples for the Harvest 2026 Spring Newsletter



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**Continue to pray
for our
India Coordinator!**

For security reasons, we have been asked not to give the names, pictures, or address of our coordinator and workers in India. The Hindi government of India has been increasing its anti-Christian activities for the past several years. Many churches have been closed and Christian pastors arrested. This has made it harder for our coordinator to schedule the group events, but through the grace of God, He still opens the doors.

Spring Report of DFH activities

Our first scheduled training in Odisha was cancelled due to protests. I arrived and had to hide out in a pastor's home. The next day after several kilometres on a bumpy hilly road we travelled to our second location in Odisha. Because of the poor communication network most people had left before we got there, however 20 stayed to learn about 'How to Overcome Bad Habits'. The elders were surprised that what I teach is actually true according to the Bible. So, from start to finish, they were really focused. When we finished teaching we had a meal together.

The 3rd day was a workday so many villagers had to work, but we still trained about 25 at a Baptist church. I was able to spend a lot of time talking about God and sin. I explained how our old sinful bad habits lead us to sin and make God unhappy. I also mentioned our identity as described in 1 Peter 2:9. Some of their committee members were very interested in learning more

about these topics. The church secretary was very moved by God's presence. We finished the training that day in the afternoon.

Our 4th meeting was held in a small hillside village about 30 kilometres away. We hoped for more, but praise God about 25 came. When they learn something new they often share it with the other members. I taught them the lessons carefully and shared some simple truths about being a follower. They discovered that it is important to develop a godly character to become a good follower of Christ. Since we talked until nighttime, I needed to stay overnight to avoid possible dangers on the road.

On the final day we went to another village for our last training. About 35 people came. When I talked about what makes God special (like how God sees everything clearly, never lies, and is always good), and what it means to be a follower of Christ, they were very interested in learning more. I talked about how our sinful old habits influence us and how it's important to form good

habits. The pastor and secretary of the church were deeply moved and shared with the congregation that they didn't realize they had some old bad habits. They then led everyone in a prayer to ask for forgiveness.



I had a lot of challenges on this trip, and there were times when I felt discouraged too. Traveling on the hilly road was hard, but God made everything work out for us to serve there. Thank God for giving us the chance to share His message with the faraway villages again.

DFH Concerns and Prayer Points

Despite India's hoary philosophical tradition of ahimsa (non-violence), coexistence, and a constitutional framework that guarantees freedom of religion, India is now witnessing track record of systemic persecution of Christians and Muslims in which anti-conversion laws in 12 major states play a pivotal role. These laws, combined with political ideologies like Hindutva, have fostered an environment of fear, violence, and discrimination.

****** Pray that Hindu nationalists would accept Christians as fellow Indians and allow Indians of all faiths to flourish. Ask God to protect and grow His church in every part of India.

****** Please pray that the Lord will provide all our needs. Pray for our good health, as we recently visited our physician for a check-up with several blood test results indicating some health issues. The doctor has adjusted our medications, which have become quite expensive.

****** Please also pray for sufficient funds to support our ministry activities, including assistance

for those in need. Pray for protection against harmful individuals, (Traveling as a Christian believer can be risky these days.)

****** Pray for wisdom and discernment in decision making. Pray for strength and endurance to overcome challenges.

****** Pray for my forthcoming ministry trip in a risky zone. Not sure whether I will be getting chances to conduct trainings, but at least I will minister to a group who faced cruel persecution because of their faith in Christ.

1) Please pray for David's good health. He sometimes has a fuzzy brain and wobbly legs, but the doctors say he is in great shape considering the shape he is in.

2) Pray for our Indian missionaries, as well as all missionaries around the world, who are reaching out to other people groups in countries that are facing anti-Christian persecution.

3) Praise God that since 2008 more than 40,000 Indian Christians have been trained by DFH in Biblical principles to become better disciples through our training which emphasizes team building, Christian character education, leadership, discipleship, and conflict resolution in a strategically effective way using our theme "Overcoming Our Sinful Bad Habits." Many of them have gone on to use it in their personal and preaching ministries.

4) Praise God after a five month wait that Jeff has now been able to start the process of reactivating his LPN license. Also praise God that his wife, Sarah is now a US Post Office mail carrier. (She walks between 8-12 miles a day.)

5) Praise God that Jeff will be able to travel with us on some of our ministry trips and help improve our website, and for Ivy Boor who helps with our newsletters.

6) Praise God for Colleen's quilting ministry. All the money she makes goes to Disciples for the Harvest. In 2025 she raised more money than we did on donations. By the way, we still need more donations.



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