

Dear Praying Friends,

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For as the rain cometh down, and snow from the heaven, and returneth not thither... So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Isaiah 55: 10-11

Living in the tropics and not experiencing the seasonal changes, our family very much misses the yuletide weather that brings out the sweaters, hats and mittens during the holiday season. The children, although they were very young, when we lived in Michigan, still reminisce about how they made Mr. Frosty the snowman and snow angels out in Mrs. Thomas's front yard. Through this passage in Isaiah we have insight into God's truth about His Word not only through our memories of silver white winters but also through our experience of torrential rains brought into Kerala by our monsoons. God's word is real, it's alive. God promised that His Word will never return empty. Whether it's a Bible verse on a card or the many verses on a tract, God's Word will accomplish that which He pleases.

*In our September report, we mentioned about Emmanuel Baptist Church in Valembur. Over the past two months, **two new families have started to attend the Sunday services.** Valembur is a town that is hardened against the ministries of the church, but **praise the Lord for these families. Please pray for these new believers that they will bear fruit and grow in Christ. Pray for Pastor Johnson and his wife as they continue to instruct and disciple these individuals.***

*All the concrete work is completed at the construction site of Bethel Baptist Church in Kunnumkulam. The plastering work is now underway. We hope to hold our opening services in the new building by the end of January when Dr. Dennis Walton our field director from BWM arrives. **Please for Dr. Walton's safety in traveling here to India in January.** In regards to this ministry, we are asking the Lord to provide and auto rikshaw for this work. An auto rikshaw is a covered 3 wheel easily maneuverable vehicle that can transport up to 4 passengers and a driver throughout town. It can travel long distances also. Rather than a two seat motor bike, this vehicle can transport the pastor and church members, who travel beyond walking distances, back and forth to services. Pastor Wilson can use this with his family for traveling to nightly Bible studies after all the buses have stopped running for the evening.. **Please pray how the Lord can help you meet our need of \$2,000 to buy this vehicle and for the construction work.***

*Recently we had two special guests join us from Inter-City Baptist church, Detroit, MI. **In November, Pastor Pearson Johnson and Pastor Dan Winberg were gracious to minister to us at a special one night meeting.** All the church members under our mission attended. Pastor Pearson and Pastor Dan will never forget their traveling experiences on the roads of Kerala. It's probably safer up in the clouds anyway.*

Saramma Thomas, Sophie's mom, was diagnosed with breast cancer in July of 2002. After treatment in the States, the Lord was gracious to bring mom and dad back to India in February 2003. For the past two years, mom has been very active in the ministry with nothing slowing her down in her efforts to see the work continue. It was during this time of active ministry that the cancer came out of remission two months back.. Our family urgently requests your prayers for our mom as she continues her chemo treatments, Lord willing which will be over by January 12. An ultrasound is planned Dec. 20.

*Let us close by sharing with you the words of a song that has become family favorite this year. Steve Pettitt Evangelistic team CD. **If Eyes Could Only See.** 'This is My Word' based on Isaiah 55:10-12. "As the snow falls from heaven, as it comes in swirling showers from the sky. So is my Word. Giving seed to the sower and the bread to the hungry till they thrive, so is my Word. And the Word of my mouth, it shall not return empty, it will bless the earth wherever it is heard. This is my Word. What a blessing this song has been to us as we minister the Word in all sorts of situations. May God bless you and honor you as you take part in ministering this Christmas season to the needs of many lost souls about the Word that was made flesh. **Merry Christmas and warmest wishes to our beloved prayer partners for the New Year.***

***Serving Him with You,
Santhosh, Sophie, Joanna and Jonathan George***

