

the GAZAWAY Family

MISSIONARIES TO INDIA

October & November 2018 Prayer Letter... 12-8-2018

Ministry News

It's hard to imagine Christmas is just around the corner and 2018 is nearly behind us. As we look back at these past eleven months, we can relate to the Psalmist when he wrote, "When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, **we were like them that dream.**" ~Pslams 126:1. This past January we were finishing deputation and introducing our youngest daughter to the world. Today we are in the country God called us to reach sharing the Gospel with those who have scarcely heard the name of Christ. What an honor and privilege! At the beginning of October I met a taxi driver named Harish. I arranged for him to pick me up every morning and afternoon for language school. Harish speaks very little English which is good practice for my Hindi and also provided an opportunity to share the Gospel. Harish is married with two teenage children and once employed sixteen workers and owned his own machine shop. A shift in Delhi's economy during 2015 left him highly in debt with all the pressure that comes from this life. In short conversations we've discussed the vanity of materialism and the importance of a personal relationship with God. After a short time I was able to share with Harish the Gospel in Hindi. He agreed that the Lord is the most important thing to man but simply believes that Christ is just the God of Christians. He allowed me to briefly introduce him to Dass (the Indian Pastor of the Robert's second church plant) and shared with me his deep respect for Dass. He's admitted that we are different and is interested in meeting with Dass in the near future. Pray with us as the Lord continues using us to reach Harish with the Good News of Christ.

India

After spending only seven months in India we're beginning to understand the impact of Hinduism on day to day life. Everywhere you turn you will find Mandirs (Hindu temples), fruit and various items offered to trees or idols, and religious observations for a plethora of Hindu holidays. It feels like everyday there is a festival honoring some false god. Today there are around forty festivals celebrated in India. That essentially means only one week in each month is festival free. October and November celebrate some of the most important festivals of the year. In October Dussehra is celebrated which leads to the largest and most important festival of the year, Diwali. This gave us a chance to meet new people and learn more about the Indian culture and these incredible people. We got to share Thanksgiving and Christmas and what the true meaning and purpose of these holidays are about. With so much religious propaganda floating about it's not hard to inject Christ into many of our conversations. While it is tempting to feel as if these Gospel seeds are falling on deaf ears we know that planting is necessary before a crop can be reaped. God is ABLE!

Family News

The girls have continued to do well as they adjust to life in India. Lilli Bell is almost half way through her school year, Larissa is turning from a toddler to a little girl and Lyla is trying to take her first steps. With every challenge we find God's grace is sufficient. We could not do this without your prayers and faithful support. We would like to thank you for your steadfastness and encouragement. We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and wish you a Merry Christmas! "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder..." ~Isaiah 9:6



Sharing a Gift for Diwali



The first Indian wedding we attended

Prayer Request

- Language Acquisition
- Good health
- Indian Friends Salvation
- More Laborers to India
- Souls to be saved
- Men to Train
- Harish



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Acts 4:20 "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."