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Dear Friends,

The harvest of winter wheat stands ripe and golden in the parched fields of North India. It is our privilege to be a part of both the harvest of grain and the harvest of souls; both of which come from the hand of the Lord of Harvest. The harvest truly is ripe but the laborers are few - true yesterday and true today! He has commanded us to pray for reapers and we pray. The summer heat reminds us that certain circumstances cause the grain to ripen more quickly and in the work of harvesting souls today the difficulties of a world in financial "melt down" are clearly setting the stage for the ripening of the harvest. We are not only the reapers, but also the harvest! It is our faith, our connection with the Lord of Harvest, which is being challenged and tested as our resources diminish. It is our privilege to bow our heads like the sheaves of grain before the Lord of Harvest and accept His providential provision and direction. *"The Saviour has not promised His followers the luxuries of the world; their fare may be plain, and even scanty; their lot may be shut in by poverty; but His*



Uncle Bill celebrating his 69th birthday. All our children who don't know their birthdates have been given his of April 14

word is pledged that their need shall be supplied, and He has promised that which is far better than worldly good,--the abiding comfort of His own presence." *Desire of Ages*, page 367

We are challenged and encouraged by the following words: *"Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of Christ*

shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own. It is the privilege of every Christian not only to look for but to hasten the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, (2 Peter 3:12, margin). Were all who profess His name bearing fruit to His glory, how quickly the whole world would be sown with the seed of the gospel. Quickly the last great harvest would be ripened, and Christ would come to gather the precious grain." *Christ Object Lessons*, page 69 *"Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus!"*

Sometimes we have to suffer, by Lois Dull

The years have brought an increasing necessity to travel to supervise our orphanages, seminaries, midwifery programs, and our church planting projects. Uncle Bill recently came down with e-coli while traveling in a remote area

of Assam. He was critically ill and we thought we might have to go rescue him if he made a turn for the worse. But praise God, after six days he was able to gain enough strength to get to an airport and fly home to Ranchi. He reached home with pneumonia in his left lung. He was very short of breath, could barely speak, and was in a lot of pain, weak, and very sick. Praise God for the power of prayer, hydrotherapy, anti-biotics and a week of well-needed bed rest!



Aunt Lois just broke her foot, but she keeps on moving anyway



Manuel Hanke from Germany, who spent three months teaching hydrotherapy and massage to our seminary students

In recent years we have often quoted the following passage to each other and have praised Jesus for the assurances we have needed to press through the failures, fears, and discouraging circumstances to do something for Jesus. *"We have no time to lose. The end is near.*



Bill receiving a fomentation



One of our staff children "cultivating" cauliflower at Springs of Joy

The passage from place to place to spread the truth will soon be hedged with dangers on the right hand and on the left. Everything will be placed to obstruct the way of the Lord's messengers, so that they

will not be able to do that which it is possible for them to do now. **We must look our work fairly in the face and advance as fast as possible in aggressive warfare.** From the light given me of God I know that the powers of darkness are working with intense energy from beneath, and with stealthy tread Satan is advancing to take those who are now asleep, as a wolf taking his prey. We have warnings now which we may give, a work now which we may do; but soon it will be more difficult than we can imagine. God help us to keep in the channel of light, to work with our eyes fastened on Jesus our Leader, and patiently, perseveringly press on to gain the victory". Testimonies, Vol.6, p. 22



Police attending (and participating in) our health fair

many needs. At the end of the day, many church members came to share in an evening meeting. A young man and his father asked John and some of the elders to pray for him. He was being harassed by the devil. They went into a room with the young man to pray for him. In the middle of one of the prayers, the young man began to scream and tried to get away from the men. They held him fast and prayed for several minutes. It was a tense time for everyone, and the students listening from outside the room were worried. The prayers concluded after the storm within the young man was calmed. The men left the room free, humbled, and thankful.



Mel Moore came for several months to help teach some of the vocational trades to our boys

Seema, (one of our former orphan girls and now a midwifery student) was present when this incident occurred last year and was at the same church last week for an annual camp meeting and to help with a three-day health fair. The young man introduced himself to Seema and gave a testimony of God's blessing. He said that when they prayed for him he was healed of his devil harassment. His appearance was so changed that Seema did not recognize him. He has become a Seventh-day Adventist and is so happy to be free. What a beautiful testimony of the power of prayer and the change which can happen in all of us!

God's methods, by John Hawkins

Last night was filled with the sound of drums and shouting in the nearby village. It was all part of the yearly Hindu event of walking on fire. It was a solemn reminder of the constant activities of our adversary, but we serve One greater. We are told in the 6th chapter of Galatians that "God is not mocked." This has been very evident in the great work that He has been accomplishing here at Springs of Joy. In the beginning of March, we began a series of public



Children planting banana fields



Mother of recent twins

Twins

The midwives recently had the joy of delivering twins at the Springs of Joy clinic. This was the mother's fifth pregnancy and she was hoping for a boy since she already had four daughters. When she saw that the first baby was a girl, she went into hysterics, kicking at the midwives and trying to kill the baby. When the midwives reminded her that the second baby could be a boy, she calmed down and the baby was a boy. The midwives saw that the mother was feeding and caring for him and not the girl, so they took the girl to the hospital for a few days to protect her and give her some strength. We are thankful that by the next week the mother had calmed down and accepted the baby girl.

"Our plans often change that God's plans may succeed."

Last year, John Hawkins had taken several students from the Springs of Joy medical missionary class into Ranchi to hold a health fair. When they reached the city they were surprised to hear that the health fair had been canceled. John was feeling discouraged, when one of the students came to him and said, "Sir, we have all the things for a health fair. Let's find a place to hold it."



Giving massage to policeman

They contacted the Section Health and Temperance officer and decided to go to one of the local churches. God filled the day with opportunities to share with people and pray about their



Momota, Sarah, and Sarnalata

health fairs in the surrounding areas. It was a great blessing for me to be a part of them. During the four different health fairs, more than 3,500 people were registered and received a free basic check-up along with lifestyle counseling. At one place, I was able to counsel with people about how the body works, and offer simple methods for relief from disease. One man came to me and my translator seeking help. He had been to many doctors searching for relief, but had experienced one problem after another because of the side effects of the medicines he had been given. He was so thankful to hear simple explanations of how the body works, and what changes could be made to alleviate the suffering he had long endured. He resolved right there to make a total change in his lifestyle. During this time, the local police had come out to help control the crowd and keep things in order. The officers sat there and listened as the people received counsel, and soon they began giving people the same counsel they heard us giving. As we were packing up the tents and other things, I stood there and talked with some of the officers. They had many questions as well, and upon hearing of the dangers of tobacco, handed over their pouches of chewing tobacco for us to throw away. All I can say is, "Praise God!" His hand is as strong today delivering all who want freedom, as when He delivered His children from Egypt, and He has the power to take us all home.

Train tracts, by Sarah Endres

Have you ever been on a train in India? I am guessing you probably have not. If you think that it is like a train that you have been on in America or Europe, think again! Imagine, if you can, a train so packed that it is literally bursting at the seams with people hanging out of every door, not so they can see the view, but because it is the only space available. Hawkers are shoving into the one inch of free space between bodies, with their goods balanced precariously on their heads or hanging from their arms. Fainting people are pressing as hard as they can against the open windows, trying to catch a breath of fresh air. Babies are wailing, people are pushing, fans are rattling in the fruitless endeavor to cool the passengers. Do you have the picture in your mind? Now, imagine hundreds of people – the people in the train – who have never heard of Jesus. What an opportunity for witnessing! Hundreds of thirsting, hungering, tired people needing a drink of the Living Water, a bite of the Bread of Life, the rest and peace that passeth understanding.



Arobindu

One of our students, Arobindu, has been handing out pamphlets to people on the train as he travels to

his home every other week for ministry. The Bible Society of India kindly donated some pamphlets, and each time Arobindu goes home, he takes along a bundle of these pamphlets. As the train rumbles down the tracks,



Sanjay working the whole grain rice mill

he goes through the car he is in, handing out tracts about Jesus. The people take them, and many read them. Some ask questions, some just quietly read. One man that he met on the train asked him for a Bible, which he gave him, along with my phone number and directions to our school. The man (who we call the "Train Man") is interested in coming to church here, and has called several times to talk to Arobindu.

These tracts are like the leaves of autumn that Ellen White talks about. They are being scattered abroad, falling into many hands, spreading the seed of the Gospel. May God bless these "leaves" and open the minds of the people reading them. May the result be a spreading of light through West Bengal, to the rest of India, and from there, to the world. God can use a small piece of paper, and a boy's willingness to share his faith, to do a mighty work for Him.

Departing memories, by Gabriella Tenold

My months at Anbin Utru have flown by and are now drawing to a close. Soon, I will leave the children that have become a part of my heart. As my departure draws near, my mind has begun to wander back over the past months. I remember my first morning here when our little outgoing Vanitha came to my door to meet "the new Miss." I remember how surprised I was to walk into the hostel my first week and find the girls on their knees praying to God, or sitting on their beds studying the Bible. I often think of my first Sabbath when I heard the children singing loudly, but in their beautiful voices. And yes, I remember my first class, when I couldn't get anyone to pay attention and how little Luke climbed out the window instead of listening! But even these memories are thought on with fondness.

And the new memories. The wall covered with pictures from my children, the nights spent putting the small boys to bed and telling them stories. The days when over 20 children flood my room to read, color, draw, and play games.

As the months have passed, the



Gabriela with Sosina, Sonim, and Chikatmi



Springs of Joy seminary students making bread

children have grown. There are the obvious changes of course - some of the boys are taller than me now and the girls are becoming little ladies. But the best changes are the ones you can not see immediately. They have grown for Jesus. Their characters are developing so that more and more I can see a little bit of Jesus through them. I am so thankful for these changes because I wouldn't be able to bear the thought of leaving my children without the hope of a future with them for all eternity. Soon, we will all be together again in the beautiful place Jesus is preparing for us. Until that day, I will be waiting anxiously to see my dear Indian children.

Looking ahead

With little money, but much manpower and faith we have begun pouring the foundation for our new health food factory at our Springs of Joy Seminary. We are developing a number of health food products. We believe that the health food business will be very successful. We are not even ready for production yet and we already have some large orders for tofu and brown rice. John Hawkins has been taking the seminary students out to Ranchi, the local city, to give health seminars.



Seminary students working on new health food factory

The World Health Organization (WHO) has stated that India is the diabetic capital of the world. Among the upper-class people heart disease is the number one cause of death and cancers are the number two cause. The health food business is just starting in India and we believe that by getting in on the ground floor we can do well. This will also bring us into contact with the wealthier people so we can witness to them. Therefore, not only will this serve as a means of support, but also a means of witnessing to a class that has been relatively unreached in India.

Thank you so much for your continued support in prayers and donations!

Yours in Christ,

Bill & Lois

Bill and Lois Dull, Jacob and Susana Wayd & family, John Hawkins, Rebekah Ondrizek, Kristina Brandt, Orion and Keren Lawrence, Sarah Endres, Autumn Swiatek, and Gabriella Tenold



Tanmenow



Joshua

Financial Needs	
Donations are Tax deductible	
<u>Fiscal year September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010</u>	
Living Springs Overseas Missions Team Support	= \$ 27,000
Support for 12 adults for one year. Thank you!	
Poor & orphaned child support, 200 children	= \$24,000
Three Bible seminaries, support of 90 students	= \$11,000
<i>For one year (Per child \$ 400) (Per seminary student \$ 400)</i>	
Village midwifery training program	= \$12,000
Field schools, health fairs, evangelism	= \$ 3,000
<u>Budget still needed for this fiscal year</u>	= \$77,000

Funds needed for:	
<i>Springs of Joy Seminary - Health food manufacturing building, equipment, oven and walk-in refrigerator</i>	= \$69,000
<i>Springs of Life Orphanage -Building for mechanic, tailoring and food shop, and equipment for health food production</i>	= \$23,000
<i>- purchase of agricultural land</i>	= \$20,000



Ungshim



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