

NEEREKSHE

news from all over neerekshe

GRACE & JACK HOSPITAL

The hospital is continuing with some village people, school children who come for treatment since there is a Nurse who cares for them. We are eager to get a Doctor so that the Hospital can be fully functional.

RURAL INDUSTRIAL TRAINING INSTITUTE

There has been some set back as we did not find a qualified teacher to teach and do the administration. At present one of the Instructors does most of the work. There is good admission in the first year. We sense the role played by our institute provide jobs and self employment. Pray as we are involved in training young people with adequate training for the better life.



Joy to the World

Dear friends,

Christmas season brings great joy to all of us. We ponder on God's work. He made the STAR to direct the wise men to the Saviour of the world. MANGER to receive Jesus as the Saviour of the world. MARY, JOSEPH a carpenter family to family to receive Jesus as the saviour of the world. BUT the greatest GIFT was JESUS who came to show LOVE to this world.

WHAT A SAVIOUR !

Neerekshe had a blessed and yet a turbulent year this past year. A short gist would go like this.

ST. PETER'S SCHOOL----had its school year from June 2015 when we saw a surge of students coming for admissions. 2 new villages brought in their children and many from other villages too. So the strength grew to nearly 250 children. Boys and girls,





Pastoral Work

Daniel and his wife Ruth are working as Evangelists and live in our ancestral home in the Muranpur village. On Sundays their front hall (where our cows used to be tied) becomes a church where people from village and our hostel children gather for worship. This is an old house and leaks during rainy season and needs constant repairs. Daniel also visits other villages where small worship services are held.

- **SULTANPUR VILLAGE-** Regular Sunday worship and weekly bible study happens here.
- **HAL VENKATAPUR-** there is great enthusiasm among the people to be part of worship. A good number of villagers attend. Some children from this village study in St. Peter's school
- **JAGIR VENKATAPUR-** This is a new place which was opened last year. Once a week children's meeting and some come for worship
- **RAGHUNATH HALLI-** A good number of people attend the fellowship. We had women's retreat held for the first time. There was great desire among the ladies to learn from God's word.

hindus, muslims, few Christians came together for admission. English is a great attraction of this school. One big boost was that Asha, our daughter-in-law, who is well qualified monitored the affairs of governing the staff and the teaching. This brought new life and was a blessing to all concerned. Our staff team come mostly from Raichur city (23Kms away) daily. We had to get our 3 Buses to ply in different directions to bring children from 6 or 7 villages to school. Our finances are often affected because children come from lower strata and cannot afford to pay the fees.

HOPE HOSTEL for BOYS... is a great blessing to the Boys who come from far off villages. There are 45 of them now. We have 22 cots and mattresses which means 2 Boys sleep on each cot. One staff couple stay with them and care for them. We provide simple food. We are keen to provide one fruit per child per day which is our desire, but it is causing some hiccups as our budget gets pinched. We hope better days will follow.

SWENYA' GIRLS HOME... came as a new venture since we realised parents in our area get the girls married when they are 9 or 10 years old. We said we must educate our girls. So this project has come up and we now hope to be completing the hostel building soon. Thus far the 10 girls we now have were



sleeping on the floor in one of the classrooms. Many thanks to Friends who have lovingly shared their resources with us. We need to get the building painted and electrified still. We will need to buy cots and mattresses in a month's time.

MISSION TEAMS & VOLUNTEERS: One Mission Team from Bangalore came and encouraged us by their visit. It was a blessing to them as they saw the immense needs in a village setup. We are glad for such partnership with friends, individuals, Institutions and Churches.

We will be happy to welcome VOLUNTEERS who would like to share their time and resources with the needy children and people of our villages.

Many THANKS to all our Friends who have prayed and contributed to the growth of our children.

May the Joy and Peace of Christmas lift our hearts and lives to worship Him afresh.

Yours with joyful hearts,.....Gladys and Shadrach