

## **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

Christmas has become a season known for its beauty, joy, and love. Many of the Christmas images are of light. I think most of us would rather not bring the dark shadows of the Christmas story into our own Christmas stories. But where there is light, there is also a shadow. We cannot really celebrate the purpose of Christ the Savior being born without recognizing the great need for a Savior. We need a Savior, and we need the Light of the world to come into these dark places to bring hope and freedom.

The words of the prophet Isaiah thousands of years ago are still relevant today. "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned...For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this." (Isaiah 9:2, 6-7)

NMM Ministries is about standing together in faith, purpose, and vision to reach the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ, see lives changed, and accomplish all God has called us to do.

Whether you are a parent, grandparent, college student, or grade-schooler, you can powerfully bless the world through your prayers and the way you celebrate Christ's coming into the world. I challenge you. Don't let this opportunity pass by without asking the Lord how He desires to work through you to impact lives this Christmas.

May His blessings of peace and joy fill you and your family this Christmas season.

Yours for the people of India,



Joy Punnoose  
President, Native Missionary Movement

### **Punnoose Family Update**

Joy serves as International President for NMM and travels to India multiple times each year. He also pastors a new Indian church in Canada.

Grace is employed part-time as an Administrative Clerk at Christian Horizons, an organization that provides services for people with exceptional needs. She also supports Joy in both of his roles, serves in the Canadian NMM office, and takes care of their home.

Jonathan (behind Joy) is 27 years old. He earned his master's degree in International Relations at Carleton University's Norman Paterson School of International Affairs. He works as a federal civil servant in Ottawa. He takes yearly trips to north India and has a heart for missions.

Joel (behind Grace) is 20 years old. He just completed his second year in the Business Accounting program at Fanshawe College in London. He loves taking mission trips to India with the youth. On his last trip, he spent 40 days visiting NMM children's homes, churches, and missionaries.



## Give Others the Chance to Hear About Christ and Grow in Him

Many people have yet to hear the wonderful story of Christ's birth. Through the gifts described below, you can enable national workers to give others the chance to hear about Jesus, grow in Him, and praise Him in a local fellowship. Many will get the chance to know and worship our Savior because of your generosity. This Christmas, share the wonder of Jesus' love by giving a life-changing gift of hope to someone in need! You can be confident that these gifts will put smiles on many faces.

### ➤ Purchase a Motorbike: \$1,300

We are praying for resources to buy 50 motorbikes for our leaders. These leaders oversee multiple churches which are far from one another. They also take care of other church planters and work in pairs to reach new locations. Sometimes buses or bicycles are used to travel these distances. Giving them motorbikes will enable them to move faster and cover more territory.



### ➤ Sponsor a Male Missionary for Half a Year: \$360

Today, national missionaries are bringing words of life and hope to some of the neediest people in the world. They relate culturally and understand the exact needs of the communities they serve. National missionaries are an integral part of distributing Christmas gifts and offering prayer and counsel to recipients. They live simply and are willing to sacrifice all so others can find the grace and new life Jesus offers.



By sponsoring a missionary, you'll be covering his living and ministry expenses. This will equip him to serve full time—resulting in lives transformed for eternity.

### ➤ Sponsor a Female Missionary for Half a Yr: \$360

Female missionaries courageously serve in harsh areas to effectively bring hope to some of the most downtrodden people in India. They personally relate to the struggles of the women they meet and can minister to women and children unhindered by the cultural boundaries that male missionaries encounter. Female missionaries uplift communities by providing literacy training, prayer, counseling, discipleship for the women in the local church, and news of hope for all who hunger for true love.

By sponsoring a female missionary, you'll enable her to minister to those forgotten by much of society. Uplifting the lives of women is one of the most significant ways to transform families and communities.

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