

Sat., 12:45 a.m., India/Fri., 3:15 p.m., EST

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Greetings in the name of Jesus!

As you know by now, my plans changed overnight due to the death of an orphan at the Esther Children's Home. Originally scheduled to stay in Hyderabad through Saturday, and then go to Vizag, I left Hyderabad Friday afternoon, cancelled all Vizag ministries, and arrived in Eluru around 3:20 p.m. I will stay here until I come home.

It is always great to see Rev. Sambabu and family. All things considered they seem to be in very good spirits.

After a quick lunch, all of us traveled to Nadipalli where I was blessed to witness the Hebron Church construction progress. I have attached two pictures for you. One is of Rev. Sambabu and I standing on the roof of the church. The other is of me (with Rev. Sambabu) spraying water on the underside of the roof. What a joy to actually contribute to this process. I can hardly believe it!

The contractors told them to spray underneath the roof three times a day for three to four days. Obviously there is a good reason for this. I dare not attempt to guess what the reason is as I know very little about the construction process. You may have noticed from the roof picture that there is water on the roof. For reasons unknown to me, water must stay on the roof surface for three more days, so until then, they are constantly watering the roof.

The villagers are getting extremely excited about this project. This in itself is a huge blessing as the residents are all Hindu. I can hardly wait to see (or, hear) how the Lord will use this dwelling for His glory!

On the way home we stopped by the Esther Children's Home to visit with the children. For all of you ECH sponsors, your kids are growing up too fast. Wow! They are a very loving group of children and are so blessed to have Rev. Sambabu as their overseer.

They were told of Upendra's passing and apparently took it pretty well; as well as can be expected. They knew he was suffering and they seem to have an understanding that he is now with the Lord.

Tomorrow is a chill day. I'm sleeping 'till whenever.

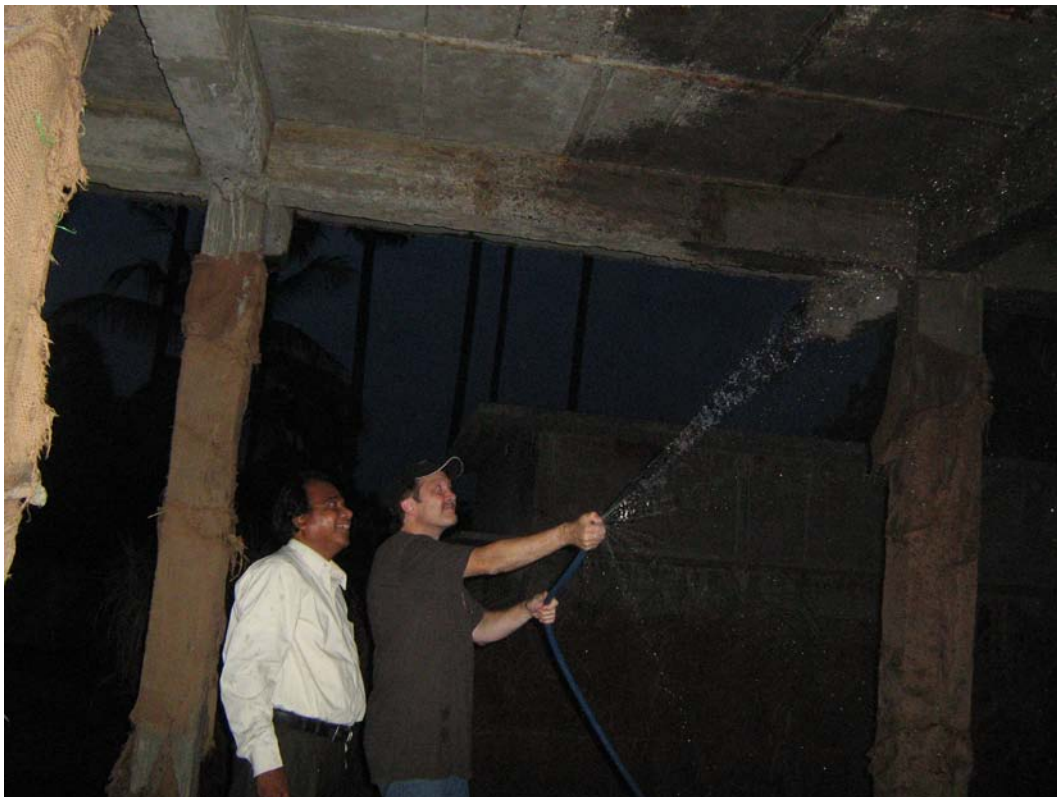
Please continue your prayers for the ministry here in India. As always, your prayers for my family in my absence are much appreciated.

God bless you.

In Christ,
Michael



Rev. Sambabu & Rev. Mike on the roof



Watering the roof