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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Greetings in the name of Jesus!

Late night in Eluru. The first crusade of this missions trip was this evening at the Church of God in Eluru, Rev. Sambabu's home church. Most who attended are from this church. Some from the outside attended.

Worship, in typical village style, was thunderous and cuts to the soul. If one is not moved after an experience such as this, taking their pulse is not a bad idea. As a musician, I greatly appreciate how only three instruments can sound so full. They use jazz (drums), tablas, and keyboard. Sometimes the keyboard is on a percussion setting as well.

Worship lasted for at least 1 1/4 hours! This is a crusade setting, so there is more flexibility than on Sunday morning, but still...

The best news of the day came late this evening when one woman accepted Jesus Christ as Lord! That should make everybody's day!!!

Tomorrow, the plans are to go to the Esther Children's Home. I am to stay there all day and night and through Thursday until about 5:00 p.m. I look forward to this stay. It will be different from previous trips in that more time can be spent playing games, telling stories, chilling out, etc...I've already been assigned to a cot in the boys room.

I hope there are working fans there. Today it was 43 C, or 109 F degrees. (Claire and Cindy, I think even you would dislike this heat).

Tomorrow, the projected temperature is cooler (108 F...wow!).

I can use some prayer as my throat is bothering me a little and my lungs feel slightly heavy. Both may be attributed to dust which is high in this region.

Thank you for all of your prayers for my family.

Hopefully, I will be in contact this coming Thursday.

God bless you.

In Christ,
Michael