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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Greetings in the name of Jesus!

Yesterday was a great day! Worship was held in the morning at Rev. Sambabu's Church of God in Eluru. At the end of the service, 9 widows/widowers were presented 5 kgs of rice as well as fruits. This is a monthly ministry that Rev. Sambabu feels led to conduct. The cost is about \$28 USD depending on the exchange rate.

After church was a baptism service. I do not know the man's name, but a husband of one of the Esther Children's Home caretakers received baptism yesterday. What a blessing! Rev. Sambabu has told me that alot of the conversions and baptism decisions have come through sponsorship and the children. Children will say to their parents, "You should accept Jesus!", or, "You should be baptized!".

Last night we journeyed to a village in the middle of nowhere to conduct the final crusade of this missions trip. The name of the village is Vasanthavada. The crusade was held outside next to a local church. Hundreds attended. God was good in that He held back threatening rains. Satan attempted to intervene as the power cut out at the exact moment that the message was to be delivered. We started praising the Lord in song while some locals fixed the problem. A few minutes later God's Word was preached.

Well over 150 people accepted Christ as Lord last night! The raised hands were too numerous to count. Even men sitting on a rooftop 50 yards away raised their hands in their surrender to Jesus! It was amazing!!! This was on the heels of the morning message from John 21 when Jesus instructed the disciples to cast their net to the other side of the boat where they netted 153 fish. God has a tremendous sense of humor. I would not be the least bit surprised if the exact number of people who received the Lord last night was 153. God knows.

I have sent four pictures for you:

Picture #1: People receiving Christ at Kabadigudem (Saturday evening crusade).



Picture #2: Widows/widowers receiving rice/fruit at Sunday morning service at Church of God in Eluru.



Picture #3/4: People receiving Christ at Vasanthavada (Sunday evening crusade).



Tonight is the last ministry activity of this trip. We will go to a village area called Nalla Dibba to distribute food for the hungry. This is more than likely a Dalit village. This particular caste system is the lowest of the low. They are a very impoverished, uneducated people group. Please pray for these people; that the life-giving message of God's Word would penetrate their hearts and that Jesus would become their Lord and Savior.

I pray all is well with all of you. Thank you for your prayers for the Indian people as well as me and my family.

God bless you.

In Christ,  
Michael