

## God Provides Caring, Capable Staff for House of Hope



Bhagyalata Nayak was born into an orthodox Hindu family in the village of Rudangia in the district of Kandhamal. Her father was well-known and respected in the village and had become wealthy by Indian standards. During her childhood, she had a home, clothes, and food and was able to attend a good school. She was very proud of her life.

As a young woman she trained as a nurse and achieved certification from a reputed institute in Bolangir, Odisha. Soon afterwards, her parents arranged a marriage. She and her husband lived happily together and for ten years she served at renowned hospital in Odisha.

Through her work, she was introduced to Christianity. She came to know Christ and accepted Him as her Savior. However, her husband and other family members rejected her developing relationship with God. Her husband did not allow her to read the Bible or attend church services. When she would not deny Christ, her family began to maltreat her for her faith in Jesus. Still, she had a desire in her heart to serve God and prayed that He would open a door for her.

While she prayed and waited for an answer, a Vision Indian worker told her about House of Hope. For the

last three years, she has served as our nurse.

She plays a vital role in providing treatment for various diseases which effect the House of Hope children. She prescribes medicine, yet she depends upon God and prays for healing. God has been using her mightily in performing her role. Only for the major cases does she make a referral to government health hospitals. If it is necessary for one of our children to receive treatment away, she remains with the sick child until he is able to return to us. Having no children of her own, she loves all of the children with her heart.

She spends most of her time with the children but also provides nursing care for the staff and workers. She assists the children in their school curriculum. She is always concerned for the healthy surroundings and cleanliness of the compound.

Christian fellowship and Bible study have helped Bhagyalata to grow spiritually. The prayer of her heart has been for her husband's salvation. Recently he has been open to the gospel message and we believe that he will soon accept Jesus as his Savior. Please pray with us that this prayer will be answered.

Many think of India as a "Hindu nation" - but nearly 161 million Muslims live there. This means India has far more Muslims than Yemen (23 million), Saudi Arabia (25 million), Afghanistan (28 million), and Egypt (79 million) combined.

Santu Nayak, 45 years old, was born into a poor Hindu family in the village of Bottingia in Kandhamal District. He faced many difficulties and problems in his life. As a youth, he dreamed of changing his destiny and became a high achiever to attain his



goals. He also visited many Hindu temples and offered sacrifices to many gods in order to achieve blessings.

When he was 18 years old, his widowed mother died suddenly. He felt compelled to leave his village to make a livelihood, and moved to the city of Faridabad where he found employment and made good wages. The money did not satisfy Santu and he became restless, seeking something to fill his longing. He spent his money on worldly pleasures - movies and smoking and alcohol. His aspirations for success dissipated as he continued a downward spiral into sinful living.

In 1992, an evangelist came to his city and for the first time he heard the gospel. He confessed his sins and accepted Jesus as the Lord of his life.

The evangelist encouraged him to attend the Gurugaon Theological College where he received his de-

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“Dare we bow our hearts and say, ‘Father, I have been an irresponsible, childish kind of Christian - more concerned with being happy than with being holy. O God, wound me with a sense of my own sinfulness. Wound me with compassion for the world, and wound me with love of Thee that will always keep me pursuing and exploring and seeking and finding!’” - A. W. Tozer

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gree. Through his ministry, many have come to Christ.

Recently he accepted the position of director of the House of Hope. Along with his wife and son, he now makes his home on our campus. He loves the children and is concerned for their spiritual, physical, and emotional development. He seizes every opportunity to teach them Bible lessons. He encourages the children to grow in the Lord and warns them to turn away from sin. His desire is that they learn the word of God and follow Him all the days of their lives.

-submitted by Tarun Nayak

### Introducing A.C. - Future Doctor!



A.C. Karina was born in the village of Kurmingia which is just 3 kilometers from the House of Hope. After losing both of her parents at a young age, she was taken care of by extended family members. She often misbehaved and was disobedient to

her elders. She did not want to study and learn.

Considering her future, her relatives did not know what to do with her. They brought her to House of Hope for placement. A.C. has blossomed since she has been here. She goes to school regularly, studies her lessons with eagerness and secures good marks. She reads the Bible, sings praises, and prays to the One True God. Mentally, socially and spiritually, she had been transformed. She is now 16 years old and in the 10th class. The aim of her life is to be a doctor. Please pray for her.

-submitted by Tarun Nayak

**God's Good Things...**Not so many years ago, the church was inundated with teachings claiming that Christians who had enough faith would have great riches, be healed of all disease, and experience only the good things in life. This flawed doctrine seemed to be an “American only theology.” A televangelist in the United States with this message might find an adoring audience (and following), but try preaching that message to persecuted villagers in India, for example. Recently, I read a quote that puts this false teaching in perspective.

Sir Richard Baker comments: “‘No good thing does He withhold from he that walks uprightly.’ (Psalm 84:11). But how is this true when God oftentimes withholds riches and honor and health of body from men though they walk ever so uprightly? We may therefore know that these are none of God’s good things...and the good things of God are *peace of conscience and joy in the Holy Ghost in this life, fruition of God’s presence, and vision of His blessed face in the next*, and these **good things** God never bestows upon the wicked, and never withholds from the godly.”

May your life be blessed with all of God’s good things!

Love in Christ, Ruth

### Pray for the 2011 India Missions Trip



Jim Reder

This morning at our church’s monthly men’s breakfast, Jim Reder shared his testimony of how God had been speaking to him concerning this year’s mission trip. I am looking forward to having Jim accompany me on this, his first trip to India. We need your prayers! The State Department has issued travel warnings for Odisha. When I went to the Health Department for my immunizations, I was informed of a breed of mosquito that is new to this area and causes an illness even more serious than malaria. Both Jim and I will be on prophylactic antibiotics before, during and after the trip. Tarun reports that our workers in India are praying for us and are excited that we will be visiting soon. **We still need funds to make the workers’ conference a reality.** These ministers and their families sacrifice so much and have so little. If you can help with this need, it will be greatly appreciated.

For those who have never heard, Randy

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