

BRMC CHITTOOR MISSION TRIP REPORT

20 – 26th September 2015

On 20 September 2015, seven members from our church made our way to South India, Chittoor in the state of Andhra Pradesh for a short term mission trip. This is our first time visiting the new mission field that BRMC recently adopted and come into partnership and sponsoring the missions program of Trinity Life Trust under the initiatives of missionaries Paul & Shantha. TLT sponsors the ministry of ten Church Planters in their work amongst the Dalit people in at least eighteen villages and offers education opportunities at St Paul Vidalaya School in Chittoor .

We also visited Pastor Jayapaul and the boys at Shalom Foundation Home in Vellore, in the state of Tamil-Naidu at the end of our seven days trip.

THE TEAM

The team composed of Ruth1 June Chan (URS), Kelvin Low (URS), Anthony Yeap (Saturday Service), Caroline Yeoh (10:30 am), Kevin Lowe (PTS (Missions)), Terence Goh (new Missions Chair) and William Teo (URS) (team leader).



The team members were warmly received in Chennai International Airport by Brother Paul and Sister Shantha, who managed the ministry at Trinity Life Trust and the staff of St Paul Vidalaya School.

SHARING AND SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS AT ST PAUL VIDALAYA SCHOOL (21 SEP)



SPV was founded in 1985 and is an English medium school catering to the children in the poorer section of Chittoor town. The student population is 180 with classes conducted from Kindergarten to High School.



These children needed education, spiritual guidance and most of all – to know that they are loved and valued by God. We are reminded in the Scriptures that Children are a heritage from the Lord. They are spiritual beings and a gift to the Nation. As we partner with these children and their families, we can help them transform their communities.

AT THE SPV TEACHER GET-TOGETHER DINNER

God is good and His love endures forever. We saw how God touches the teachers and how they responded to the message of the Gospel.



FELLOWSHIP WITH CHURCH-PLANTERS FROM TRINITY LIFE CHURCHES

We met up with these 10 simple, faithful village pastors with their respective spouses . We spent a day to encourage them and share some of our training resources with them so that they can better serve the Lord more effectively, in love and in power to His glory.





It was also a great opportunity for the Team to get to know the Church Planters and their families better. We spent time praying with them and help them to move forward in their vision and commitment to see the villages reached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



GOD IS AT WORK IN INDIA!

We visited the Christian disciple-making community in a number of TLT-sponsored villages. We witnessed the fruits and labour of the Church Planters who faithfully bring God's news of salvation to the people.



We saw Jesus lifted up! We knew that the Lord was present at these Gospel meetings. We were joining Him in His work of bringing salvation, restoration, healing and blessing to the people. Hallelujah!!



We responded quickly to let the Holy Spirit work through us as these villagers came forward for prayer with their specific needs.



COMING TO A PLACE OF REST AND PEACE – SHALOM FOUNDATION HOME FOR CHILDREN, VELLORE. (24-26 Sep)

Here at the Shalom Home 20 boys (orphans) from age 10 to 16 receive everything that is required for a healthy development: a solid education, food, clothing and care. Through these basic essentials, they find security, comfort, rest, support and everything they need to start life again. This year marked the BRMC 18th year of support and partnership towards the good work of Shalom Foundation in Tamil Naidu.



It was awesome to see how God touches others and our own lives on this trip once again. God's Presence and the Power of the Holy Spirit were evident wherever we went.

We have also returned from this trip with greater respect for God's servants who labour and serve Him with such joy and faithfulness in this vast mission field.

We sincerely like to thank each and every person who had prayed for, or supported the Team in whatsoever way before and during the trip. God bless you all.

We know that not everyone can pack up all their belongings and become career missionaries, but many of us can go on short-term mission trips like this one.

If you've never experienced it, I encourage you to consider one the next time. Like many of us in the team who have experienced His blessings, you too will be blessed. You will encounter God's heart, overcome your fears, and build lasting partnership. Last but not least, you will expand the Kingdom of Our Heavenly Father.

Whether you go or stay, may this short report lead you to recognize the priority of missions today. Let us “Step Up – Step Out “and encourage everyone here in BRMC to discover their role in God's Great Plan to tell people about Jesus and His love. May this become a personal reality in our hearts today!

Report submitted by

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