

## “I Had Never Heard”



Last May, Sandhyrani Nayak attended a Children’s Bible Club Teachers’ Training Program in Gajapati. At twenty years of age, she listened to the Word of God for the first time in her life.

She had always been an obedient daughter of Hindu parents; yet a desire for truth was ignited within her and she began visiting Pastor Pradip and his wife Lata at the church in her village. At first her parents objected, but through patience and love she won them over. Not only do they now allow Sandhyrani to attend church, but they are open to the teachings that have changed their daughter’s life. She accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior and took baptism on 11 February. In her testimony, she proclaimed, “All my life I had never heard, but now I hear and believe!”

She continues to witness to her parents, brother, and neighbors. She asks for your prayers that God will use her to take the gospel to others who have never heard.

*The following is a journal entry from a REACH team member:*

As we continue to experience the sights, sounds, and smells that India offers, I am reminded that God is the Creator. He has made this beautiful culture and these beautiful people who make up this part of the world. He is eagerly pursuing this land, desiring to bring it to full relationship with Him. I am awed and humbled that for these next few months He has given me a part to play in claiming this nation and these many people who had never heard the gospel, for His glory.

I feel like we have lived here forever and all these people are our family. It reminds me of how amazing it is going to be when we meet our Creator in Heaven. I have a vision of everyone from all over the world praising Him - and the best part is we won't even need a translator! We will all be speaking the same language and we will have the best celebration we could ever imagine! I for one can't wait for that day when I will be able to see all the people we have met here and be able to fellowship with them again. That celebration will be so amazing. What a great God we serve!

*Please continue to pray for the five young people who make up the REACH team that is ministering at House of Hope and in village churches. Below is a photo of them with Tarun at a recent service. On page 2 is a stunning photo of the mountains surrounding House of Hope which was taken by one of the team members.*



*And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world  
for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.*

*Matthew 24:14*

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- Thank you for your prayers and support! Your generous response to the need for medical supplies at House of Hope will insure the kids have sufficient band-aids, Tylenol and Pepto-Bismol
- for their minor ailments in the coming months. Still needed: \$2000 for school supplies/tuition and
- 44 additional monthly sponsors (\$20). Please consider telling your friends and other family
- members about the children of House and Hope and this need. Wouldn't it be awesome if all of
- our readers together could recruit those 44 additional sponsors this month?

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“HOW BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS ARE THE FEET OF HIM  
WHO BRINGS GOOD NEWS...”  
ISAIAH 52:7A



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