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Spring has finally arrived here in London with temperatures up to 21 degrees centigrade (70 degrees Fahrenheit for those of you that have not made the conversion as yet). Yet as I write, the temperature is dropping and there is snow in Scotland and N. England. Nevertheless, the flowers are beginning to bloom, the trees are budding and things are growing again! Isn't it funny how your own climate, environment and circumstances can affect the way you think? For example, this time of year has more programmes, outreaches and events than any other time for most Christians in London, and probably throughout the country. We are getting geared up for a lot of activities in our fellowship and in our city as we move through spring and into the summer. However, with so much happening in our own immediate environment, it is so easy to forget so many people who are serving in a very different place.

This month I want to remind you to pray for one of our ministries that is a long way from London with a very different climate, culture and environment. Just over two years ago I had just returned from my first trip to Pakistan and India.



A quick drink of coconut milk with Paul Chandran!

I would like to focus for a moment on one of our works that I visited during that time in S. India, in a state called Trivandrum. Paul Chandran, with his wife Leela and son Stephen, regularly make an 8-hour journey to the mountains of Munar where they have established an orphanage as an outreach to this mainly Hindu community. Although in London it was the beginning of spring, I had entered into a tropical paradise with palm

trees, fresh coconut milk, hot days and sugar cane. I was even introduced to fresh squeezed sugar cane juice for the first time!

During my brief stay, I saw first hand the orphanage that Paul had established. At the time, they had just restructured and had around 15 young boys ranging from ages 12 to 17. It was remarkable to see these young orphan boys with such order, discipline, and I must say, happiness. They got up in the mornings, did their cleaning



Some of the orphans that Paul & Leela Chandran are serving

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assignments, had breakfast and then went for prayer and bible study! The boys loved it, and I must admit that I did as well. They would then go to school and return later that afternoon to enjoy the remainder of the day with activities, chores, schoolwork and dinner before prayer and bedtime. There was no TV, no video games, no radio or board games. In fact, one day we played cricket! It was so good; I thought that it would have been a good idea to send some of our children from London to school there for a while.

I asked Paul to give me an update and a few prayer request. Here are a few highlights of his letter:

Thank you so much for your mail. God is blessing our ministry, and as you saw, four of the boys were baptized who grew up in the orphanage. God willing, we will be having a Vacation Bible School soon and there will be 200 children from the local area who will be attending. Most of them will be from Hindu backgrounds and this will be their first time to hear the gospel and the story of Jesus. During the VBS we need to provide them food and also prizes that will be given to them to encourage them to come again.



Paul baptizes one of the orphans who recently gave his life to Christ

Regarding the orphanage we are planning to extend the backside of the building to build a separate dining hall and a study room for the boys. Also, during the summer seasons we are not getting enough water so we are planning to dig a bore well. Please do pray for all these matters, and once again thank you so much for everything...

As we remember the death and resurrection of our saviour this weekend, perhaps we can forget the worries of the economic "crisis" or the difficulties of our own climate, environment and circumstances. I know that I am going to try to remember to pray for those who are suffering much more than we are and for those, like Paul and Leela, who are making great sacrifices to minister to others.

In His service,

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