

Our report back from Isnapur on the health centre and children's home project in Hyderabad.

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Building for the Kingdom in Isnapur

New Children's Home and Health Centre is Underway!

In February we visited Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam spending time teaching and encouraging church leaders in disciple-making, building on work from previous trips.

Paul writes to the Galatians in chapter six and verse nine, "And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary". Praise the Lord, after almost 12 months from original inception we have finally commenced our project in Isnapur to build a Medical Centre and Children's Home. Isnapur is a slum area on the outskirts of Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh, India. It has a population of 20,000 people with a further catchment area of many thousands more, all without a medical facility. Recently, we held a one-day medical camp giving only 24 hours notice and we had over 300 families turn up for help.



It has taken almost 12 months to acquire the land and negotiate the incredible bureaucracy, but finally, work has commenced during our visit last month. The land cost around £14,000 and initially I was hopeful that we might be able to build



Digging gets underway at the recently-acquired site. As you can see below, we took a 'hands-on' approach!



One of the first tasks was to sink the borewell which is ready to start yielding plenty of free, clean and fresh water for which we thank the

above the existing building. However, the structure proved to be unsuitable and so we have cleared the site and started afresh.



Lord. Access to clean drinking water is vital, and something we take for granted in the UK, but is far more complicated in India.



The holes have been excavated for the foundations and the footings are in place ready for the pillars to be built - these will support the whole edifice. The next stage will be to site the pillars which will support the structure and erect the structure itself.

When complete, the facility will meet a variety of needs. On the ground floor there will be a medical centre with a consultation, a treatment, and a waiting room. The very large waiting room will also double up as a community hall which will also be available for the church to use. The 1st floor will provide living accommodation for the 32 children currently being cared for by Pastor Seemon and his wife Suneetha.

There will be boys and girls dormitories as well as en-suite toilets and showers. These children currently live in squalid conditions although they seem quite happy and healthy. On the top floor there will be a kitchen and refectory as well as living accommodation for the Pastor and his wife so that they will be on-site for the children, whilst still having their own family space and accommodation.



Each floor will cost a little over £20,000 in addition to the £14,000 we have already used for the purchase and registration of the land - so this easily becomes the biggest project we have ever attempted. However, we believe that the Lord is not only in it, but that He has initiated it and therefore we stand in faith for all the provision that we will require.

Financially, we are a bit in no-man's land: we have been given a significant donation towards the medical centre and a significant donation towards the children's home, but neither will complete either.

So, we have paid for the land and we have enough funds to complete the ground floor medical centre, but from there on we need to raise around £40,000 to complete the building work and a further £5,000 to furnish it. Fortunately, we are able to proceed in phases (each floor being a phase). So, our current need is for a little over £20,000. Would you join with us in prayer for this amount to complete phase 2? We truly believe that, by God's grace, we can complete the whole project in 2015.

We are so grateful to God for each person that partners with us and stands with us in prayer. We could not do what we do without you. Thank you so much.

**With love,
Viv & Jean**

Diary Dates for the next 3 months:

22 March	Emmanuel Community Church, Barrow-in-Furness
29 March	360Life Church, Stockport
2 April	360Life Church, Stockport
9-22 April	Denmark (Herning, Roskilde, Mariager)
3 May	360Life Church, Stockport
7-9 May	AOG Stronger Conference, Peterborough
10 May	360Life Church, Stockport
17 May	Emmanuel Community Church , Barrow-in-Furness

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