



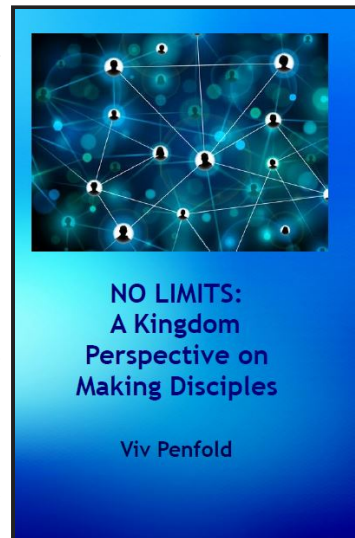
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Dear Friends

Firstly, Happy New Year! This is going to be a longer newsletter as we have a great deal of news to share, so please bear with us!

Last year saw me, Viv, entering my 70th year. I am still full of passion, but perhaps not the same energy levels. Therefore, in October 2019 I am planning to step out of my role in the leadership team of our local church in Stockport. I will continue to focus on my passion for making disciples, both personally and through translocal ministry to churches that I am in relationship with. My book, “No Limits: A Kingdom Perspective on Making Disciples”, continues to prove popular and I am hoping to publish it in French early in the New Year.



Our work continues in India under the leadership of Malaki and Beulah Dara; and my good friend and colleague, Rob Carter, continues to visit annually from UK. A recent political development has impacted our work - the State of Andhra Pradesh has been separated into two states: Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. Telangana includes Hyderabad and is governed by an especially radical Hindu philosophy with the result that our children’s home in Isnapur has been closed down by the regime, although the Medical Centre continues to be warmly welcomed. Pastor Seemon continues to reach out to street children by offering them food on a daily basis.

Following are some extracts of Rob’s report following his visit last month . . .

## Isnapur Medical Centre

This is a big success story. Up to a year ago, the clinic was operating just once per week. Dr. Pramilla was crying out for 'a team' who could help her and we all prayed.



Now the clinic is operating Mon-Sat 9am-12.30pm with 20-25 patients daily. Weekly Immunisation clinics are held for the under 5's (Polio drops, DPT and the 7 injections rainbow scheme). Health awareness seminars are held fortnightly for mother and child. Surgical cases are referred to the hospital and because of Dr. Pramilla's connections there, there are minimal or no charges – with 38 successful referrals in

2018. The Clinic is staffed by volunteers under the leadership of Dr Pramilla and include: Pathogist Dr. Gangadhar and his wife Madhu, a Social Medical Officer; Dr. Sriedei who is a Professor in Social and Preventative Medicine; and two Nurses - Philomena and Florence.

Partly due to the Medical Centre, the church appears to have grown in numbers in the last year to around 250 on Sundays. Pastor Seemon's heart is to reach surrounding villages with the gospel and to plant churches – there are already 3 branch churches nearby. Seemon continues to benefit from substantial input from Malaki and our new Kingdom Discipleship Centre students (please see below).

## Kingdom Discipleship Centre (KDC).

The centre has been operational since March 2018 and is based in a rented ground-floor apartment about 3km from Malaki's home in Chanda Nagar. Written records have been provided of all students that have passed through the centre to date, and at the core attendance has been five numbered 'batches' of between 6 and 14 young students each batch – a total number of 49 men and women. The students stay for 21 days and receive intensive input together with experience of practical ministry by travelling with Malaki to churches around Hyderabad, Eluru, Isnapur, Bellampalli and Nalgonda. There are other individuals and couples who visit for shorter periods, and a few who have committed to longer periods of 6 or 12 months.



There are currently 8 young people staying in the centre and, as you would expect from the name, the teaching focuses on God's Kingdom, Kingdom Principles, the importance of personal discipleship and in making disciples.

## Tanuku Children's Home



This has been the longest operating of our children's homes. In 2016 there were 22 children (16 boys and 6 girls). Most of them have now left - either entering higher education, getting jobs, or getting married. There are currently 5 boys and 5 girls living there. The revised budget is \$470 per month of which we have committed to 50% - \$235 USD per month.

## Visakhapatnam Children's Project

Pastor Prabhakar and his wife, Glory currently have 13 children in their home, and they also support 3 others in the community. The current budget is £335 per month, including rent. However, Prabhakar's main focus is upon discipleship, leadership development and church planting; and so we personally support him with a stipend of £135 per month in addition to the running costs for the children's project. He has planted several churches in and around the city of Visak, as well as churches in Srikakulam, Vijayanagaram, East Godavari and the Araku Valley. He continues to reach out into the neighbouring state of Odisha (formerly known as Orissa).



## Thanks

Finally, please allow us to thank each and every person who has supported us faithfully over the past year. We appreciate the prayer cover as much as the the financial input. However, most of all we thank you for your friendship and partnership as we serve the Lord together. May 2019 prove to be your most fruitful yet!!

Grace be with you,

***Viv & Jean***

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