

Please pray for this event as there are "anti-conversion" laws in that state, meaning it is basically against the law to preach and lead others to change their religion. Also there are many fanatical Hindu groups that live in the forested mountains outside the town. These people often kidnap children to train up as their soldiers, and they especially target Christians - wanting to kill them and destroy their homes and churches. It is very hard for Christians, especially in that part of India, and in fact it is estimated that only about 3% of the inhabitants of India



are Christians. So you can imagine that VERY FEW children there ever get to hear of Jesus! But Saroj and his team are determined to change that and say that they are amazed at how many children are excited to hear the Gospel and receive HOPE that their lives will one day be better, instead of being condemned by Hindu beliefs that they must live their whole lives in poverty!

SEE IF YOU CAN DECODE THIS SCRIPTURE VERSE THAT EXPLAINS TO US ABOUT HOPE:

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Our next issue will be a special Christmas issue and we would like to share short greetings from many of those around the world who receive this each month. So far we have only had TWO people reply to our request so PLEASE send us an e-mail and tell us if you enjoy getting the PAL page each month!

"Til next time,

love from your firend, Shirley

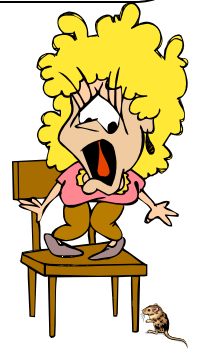
Facts from: www.nationmaster.com Answer to scripture verse found in Romans 5:5
Learn more about the persecuted church in India from Voice of the Martyrs www.persecution.com and ask to receive their children's magazine Kids of Courage free each quarter.

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Has there ever been a mouse in your house?

Most of us run to get a mouse trap or poison to get rid of any that come inside our house! But do you know there is a country where most people are afraid to kill mice or rats? In fact, even if mice are found to be eating the food or carrying disease the people won't harm them! Can you guess where this is? It is INDIA!



The majority of people in India are Hindus and worship millions of different gods, and they also believe in reincarnation. That means that they believe that when someone dies, he or she will be born again (not as we understand as a Christian) but as another person or animal! If he/she lived as a bad person and did not please the millions of gods, then next time they will be born as a very poor person or maybe even an animal like a rat! So they don't want to kill an animal (even a rat) in case it used to be a relative!

India is a triangular shaped country in Asia with an area of over 1,269,000 square miles - about one-third the size of the USA. It has a population of over ONE BILLION people and according to a recent survey has 41% of the world's poorest people living there! Its flag has three stripes in orange, white and green with a blue prayer wheel in the center.



India is a very beautiful country that stretches from the Himalayan mountains in the north to the Indian Ocean, and it is one of the places where civilization has existed continuously for more than 5,000 years. Its capital is called New Delhi and you have probably seen the picture of one of its most famous buildings - the Taj Mahal. The famous River Ganges flows for over 1500 miles through New Delhi and on to the Bay of Bengal. The Hindus consider it a sacred river, and so even though it has sewage and rotting animals often floating in it, every day thousands of people get into the river to bathe or even drink - believing that the water is pure and can even heal them!! There are many such strange beliefs in Hinduism, which completely control the lives of most of the Indian people.



The "caste system" is the belief that everyone is born into a certain social position (determined by their past life). If someone is "high caste" then they can go to university and get a good job or position of authority; but if they are "low caste" they can never have a better life or job no matter how hard they work! Most low caste people are only allowed to do the most dirty, horrible jobs and so they are doomed to always be poor!

Read what the Bible says in John 10:9,10 and 2 Corinthians 3:17 and see why the Gospel is such good news to the people of India!



Because Hindus believe in and worship so many gods, there are literally thousands of shrines and temples everywhere and the people always give offerings of flowers, fruit or money to try to keep the gods happy. There are many stories told about the different gods - for example the area where our friend Pastor Saroj lives in the state of Chhattisgarh in eastern Central India is known as the land of the goddess Danteswari. The legend tells of a war among the gods in the heavens and as a result some teeth from the goddess fell to the ground there - and so it is considered a holy place, with a very large temple built to honor the goddess!



True story! Our friend, Pastor Saroj, has a very fast growing children's ministry and is sharing the good news of the Gospel with hundreds of children in that part of India. He is a young man of 28, who was left alone by his family at the age of 13 - he knows how it is to live on the street and have no food or home! But when he was 16, he heard the Gospel and gave his heart to Jesus Christ. Although he still lived in India where the caste system controls lives, GOD set him free and made a way for him to attend bible college and get his degree! He became an evangelist, traveling to many parts of the country, but in 2005 God gave him a vision to minister to children. When he shared it with others, even in churches, they made fun of him because there are so many poor and homeless children that few people care about them! But he started anyway, feeling very alone - then in June of this year (2007) he found our website and



contacted us. He was SO excited to find others who have the same vision as he does! We sent him our teaching materials and he immediately studied them and decided to teach a seminar to train others to also do children's ministry. For a month he taught five other young people (some from jungle villages) who stayed with him, and as they learned, they went out in the afternoons and taught children in nearby villages. At the end of the course, FOUR of the group decided to commit their lives totally to children's ministry and so they formed a team with him, called the Joy with Jesus team!

Already Pastor Saroj and his team are visiting many churches to teach children about Jesus and also to train other children's ministers. On December 8th they plan to hold a huge children's rally in the town of Jagdalpur and expect about 1,000 children to attend! We are helping him plan the events and also will send him a box filled with over 1,000 Christian stickers and hundreds of balloons and small Christian novelties. If you would like to help, just let us know!

