

# John Gabriel *Report*

April 2016

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## CHURCH GROWTH IN ANDHRA PRADESH



Pastor Vijayakumar and his family

A 6–person team from KCCM traveled 685 miles to Andhra Pradesh in November 2011 to meet VIJAYAKUMAR and his wife, MERCY (a native of Kerala). Though living in neighboring states they spoke different languages. Thanks to Mercy and translators, the Kerala team was able to teach and train several AP preachers Vijayakumar had gathered from nearby villages.



Missionaries from U.S.A Preaching

### TEACHING AND TRAINING

Their first Family Camp at Avanigadda, a village of 27,000 near the Bay of Bengal, was held February 12–16, 2013 with two leaders from Alaska and four from KCCM. Eleven congregations participated, with other preachers showing interest. During 2013 KCCM teachers taught a total of 20 Andhra Pradesh leaders.



U.S. Missionaries with John Gabriel in A.P

The 2014 Family Camp at Avanigadda featured three men from the U.S. and 12 leaders from KCCM. A four-member Florida team from the U.S. taught the AP preachers who traveled down to Pampady for Kerala's October 2015 Family Camp.



Avanigadda Church is growing

### GROWTH AND CONSTRUCTION

As a result of God's grace and many teaching events, the AP congregations are growing, especially Avanigadda, which now numbers more than 100 faithful believers – most who previously knew nothing about the Bible or Christianity. [About 88% of AP is Hindu.]



Construction is progressing

The Avanigadda church started with a parsonage, then secured a temporary building for their worship and meetings. They are completing the construction of a second story meeting hall. JOHN GABRIEL is delighted to report, "Within a few weeks they will finish the work and will dedicate it to the Lord."



Getting ready to finish

John adds, "God is really blessing. We need your prayers and support in this growing work."



## V.B.S. TRAINING PROGRAM 2016

By AJI VARGHESE



The Pampady church youth prepared a V.B.S. syllabus – writing and composing all the songs. In preparation since last January, the youth from Pampady and several other churches came up with meaningful songs. A huge task. From all the songs, the best 15 were chosen for the 2016 V.B.S. – each recorded and printed for song sheets. Actions were created for some of the songs.

HAVE FAITH IN GOD (Mark 11:22) is the theme for six days of Bible lessons with one verse to memorize each day. Six craft sessions were developed, five videos were chosen and games were prepared to complete the program – all compiled by the youth.



The leaders of V.B.S

A leaders training program was conducted on April 2 in Pampady, with 50 members from 16 churches participating in it. In six hours they learned all of the Bible lessons, videos, games, songs and actions. The Pampady youth coordinated the entire program – appreciated by all who attended the event. Each group agreed they are better equipped to conduct their V.B.S. with this material and training.

Pampady's V.B.S. was April 4–9, with the other churches scheduling theirs later in the month. A complete report will appear in the next KCCM newsletter.



## CHILDREN'S VILLAGE REPORT

Greetings from LIZ GABRIEL



The academic year just completed was highly successful with 46 girls and 11 boys – all receiving eligibility to advance to the next grade. It is so rewarding to see ten of the girls getting near a career in higher education after their 12th grade – three in Teacher training, two in Nursing, one in Commerce, one in Economics, and one in Fashion Design. Depending on their major, it costs \$50–150 to sponsor these girls each month.



Noteworthy: Seven of the eight girls have been with us for more than 10 years.

This year the Lord blessed us with several good Christian staff Care Mothers for the children. Additionally, five of our staff and three young people were baptized into Christ. Praise the Lord.



## TEMPORARILY MAXED OUT



We are receiving requests to sponsor children with many needs, but cannot accept more needy kids since we have a space restriction. We are praying for an additional place to accommodate more girls with the property adjacent our facility. The new property costs \$85,000US. Would you please join us in prayer that God will open doors and provide financial support for this vital expansion?

All of us in the Children's Village family are so thankful to all of you who support us with your prayers and generous donations. Liz believes, "God will provide."



## LIZ RECEIVES HER DOCTORATE IN SOCIAL WORK



LIZ GABRIEL successfully defended her dissertation “Domestic Violence and its effects on women”, and was awarded a PHd in Social Work on April 20 by Mahatma Gandhi University.

She was inspired to chose this topic, as many of the children and care mothers at the Children's Village are victims of domestic violence. The state of Kerala despite its excellent healthcare and literacy rates, has one of the highest rates of alcohol abuse & domestic violence.

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## JOHN, LYNN AND LIZ TO VISIT THE U.S.



JOHN GABRIEL, with his two daughters, LYNN and LIZ, plans to visit U.S. churches and individuals from May 15 through July 4. During this 7½ week tour John will renew connections with many friends and supporters, and introduce them personally to his daughters who are among the next generation John has been training for mission leadership.

- Their tentative schedule:
- May 15-June 1 – California and Nevada
  - June 2-5 – Houston, Texas
  - June 6-10 – Memphis and Nashville, Tennessee
  - June 10-13 – Tampa Bay, Florida
  - June 14-19 – Alaska
  - June 20-26 – Oregon and Washington
  - June 27-July 4 – Idaho

Anyone interested in meeting the Gabriels may contact Tom Burgess for possibly including you in their schedule. Address Tom at 9615 N.E. Mason St., Portland, OR 97220, or [eeburgess@comcast.net](mailto:eeburgess@comcast.net), or call 503-421-5041. The airfare is \$10,000 for any interested in assisting this personal contact tour.

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## OPPORTUNITIES TO ASSIST KCCM

Crossroads School Bus	\$34,880US
Land for the Orphanage expansion	\$85,000US
Gabriel's US traveling expenses	\$10,000US

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