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Dear Friend,

Can you imagine what it would be like to see your whole street or community come to know Christ? What a transformation that would be!

Over recent weeks I have been speaking with our partners in India who related this very story after spending a number of weeks ministering in a remote village area some 80 miles from the nearest town in central India.

Through our shortwave radio ministry and our 'Light up a Village' project, the people of several villages (*pictured above*) have come to know Christ over recent years culminating in a whole tribe coming to know the Lord including the tribal leader!

Not only that, he set aside a parcel of land in the village to build a community church!

Dolly and Christopher, along with a team of volunteers, spent time with this tribe to get the project started. They were determined to start as soon as possible, which meant their visit became just a bit longer!

I wish I could show you video footage I have of the village leaders and the team measuring out the land and starting the foundation of what is to become Jeewan Dhaara (Stream of Life) Community Church. Unfortunately, we still need to be mindful of the safety and security of this community which means being careful about how much we say and what we show.

What I can show you are the photos contained in this letter overleaf. The first photo shows Dolly, Christopher and some of the team on the site of the church, and the second shows some of the local villagers and volunteers working on the foundation.



"Entire village comes to know Jesus!"



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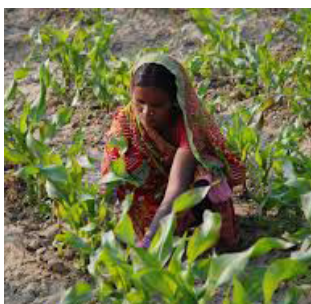
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We have been broadcasting into this area since 2004 and for much of that time supporting a local pastor as he ministered to dozens of small villages in this rural, and in some parts, very remote area of central India. Dolly explains how this came about –

"We spent time in a cluster of far flung villages in Chhattisgarh, central India, where we have been working in the region for some time supporting Pastor L. We help him produce programs in two of the local languages which are broadcast into Chhattisgarh from Australia. This area is also the HUB of our 'Light up a Village' project where we have distributed solar powered lights and radios throughout 100 small villages.

This village is in the place where a whole tribe came to Christ a few years back, and as an act of thanksgiving the leader of the tribe set aside a piece of land where they wanted us to help them build a community church. This was incredibly exciting and was the catalyst for us extending our time in this village.

The thing is, they just don't want to build a church, but have it become a flourishing community centre providing support in a number of ways, including health care. Their desire is for this building to be a beacon of light that reaches out to people in their own local language throughout this remote part of the country; to be an example of what God does when transformation happens."

In Matthew 16:18 Jesus said to Peter that he would build His Church, "and the gates of Hades will not overcome it". How exciting, and humbling, to witness this reality and be part of a church plant in a village committed to the transforming work of Jesus in the region.

We are grateful for the support of many that allows us to see such amazing things like this occur. If you would like to contribute to our 'Light up a Village' project and be part of many more wonderful stories like this, please fill in the donation slip below or visit our website www.reachbeyond.org.au.

Yours in partnership

Dale Stagg, CEO

P.S. Thank you for prayerfully considering making a donation to our 'Light up a Village' project.

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