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My beloved friends:



Amidst the barrage of information coming your way, thanks for taking the time to read this newsletter. A young counselor asked his retired mentor: How can you listen all day long to the lengthy litanies of woes and problems of your patients and still remain sane?" To which the old man replied: Who listens?? (Sometimes I wonder... who reads??)

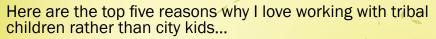
So, read on.... Recently, I shared a service with my Dream Center kids. They were singing:



"Jesus: You died, you were buried, in death you gave us victory, we now have new life, we have eternal peace."

Jesus, We will live for you, we will die for you, For you we will bear all pain, Yet, gladly Your Word we will spread."

Martin Luther said, "Let me control your music and I will control your theology and your life." These songs sure beat some of the fluff we sometimes sing in Church. And these kids know the meaning of: "If anyone will come after me, let him take up his cross and follow me."



- 5. They are totally pliable, eager to learn and have not lost their sense of wonder.
- 4. They are deeply respectful and obedient to adults.
- 3. They know modesty in all areas... especially clothing. There is no hint of any provocative sensuality in their lifestyle. When asked if they would like to be rich, they all say: "NO, it will take us away from God. We just want our daily bread."
- Their simplicity and innocence are profound.... They are what kids were meant to be.
- 1 They love Jesus! With few or no musical instruments, they will sing loud and strong for 45 minutes, recite dozens of Scripture verses, and love interactive sermons.





### GNI Hot News

A big **THANK YOU** TO MATT FREDERICKS AND JOHNNY BIRTALAN who bicycled over 3000 mi. coast to coast in June/July to raise \$100,000 to build the Nabrangpur Dream Center.

Matt's dream is to build Seven (7) Dream Centers for GNI... now that is a jaw-dropping goal for a 22- year-old young man. (This is his 2nd GNI Dream Center). Hallelujah! Visit his website: www.dreamseven.org (See insert)



### We launched our Dental program...

...thanks to GNI supporters who gave us two full Dental kits, two portable dental chairs and an endowment to fund a full-time dentist. This has been one of my goals for several years now... and it finally has come to pass.

### **New Building**

Jharsuguda Dream Center was dedicated on June 17th thanks to a wonderful couple from the Northwest, in memory of a beloved father. Joy, my wife, and 5 others from the USA joined me for this celebration. Five other dream centers' dance teams came in to celebrate this answer to prayer with the 130 Jharsuguda children. My... what a wonderful time we had. Hallelujah!



### 25th Dream Center

We opened a new Dream Center in the Deogarh District of Orissa with 31 desperate, but darling kids from nearby forests. They looked beaten... but they are beginning to smile. Give us a year and they will be in full bloom!! This is our 17th Dream Center in the State of Orissa.. part of our strategy to put one Dream Center in each of the 30 Counties of that broken State.

### **First Ever GNI Dance Camp**

Our first Indian Classical Dance Camp was held June 5–12, 2011. Thirteen Dream Centers... 3 classical dance teachers...110 kids... 8 hours of instruction each day... new friendships and tons of fun... ending in an outdoor concert on June 12 for the community where the Gospel blazed forth in color and pageantry.







### High Risk Ministry...

Sometime this Fall, we are calling for a Pastors Meeting from the Hills of Northern Bengal and North East India. We are going to get more aggressive and build more Dream Centers to find and rescue these High risk girls from being trafficked into the brothels of India. We have rescued 90+ girls from the horrors of brothel life, but for every girl we do find, several others are being taken away into Satan's grasp. Please do pray with us that God will direct the right staff to undertake this hazardous mission.

### Expanding Our Ministry to Lepers...

We held a strategy planning meeting with our Executive Committee a couple of weeks ago in India - especially as it relates to the Leper community. And we decided to aggressively build Regional Cities of Refuge for these dear people in and near their Leper Colonies so as to bring the Good News into their broken and hopeless worlds. These regional centers will provide food, medicines, medical care, clothes, shelter and an atmosphere of love, acceptance and forgiveness. I am just so excited about these plans to search and rescue Satan's POWs and bring them into His Kingdom.

Our present City of Refuge is doing fantastic. We have begun our own School for these kids since they were being shunned by the local School and community. Now the community is making inquiries about admitting their kids into our School!! This is unprecedented and "prejudice-shattering" in that a local community will come into a Leper colony to educate their kids.



### GNI Vocational-Tech Schools...

We are starting vocational-technical Schools in 3 Dream Centers. GNI will have its own Tailoring, Handloom cloth-weaving, Welding, Carpentry, leaf-plate making and automotive Schools. Another of my dreams come true. Now, those of our kids who struggle with studies, will have the choice to pick up a trade by which to make a successful living.



### Academic Excellence...

Just recently, it was my joy to hand out academic prizes at our Ganjam Dream Center. From Grade 1 to Grade 10, (at their Government Village School) our GNI kids captured first, second and third academic ranking in all their classes. Each classroom has an average of 60+ kids! You don't know what that does to me! These throw-away kids at our Dream Centers are dominating their School and community with their excellence in all areas. If I go to visit them during the weekday and hold them back from School, the School staff goes into a tizzy because our kids bring life and vigor into their Schools! Wow... I just love it.



### Part of our mission at GNI is to "heal the brokenhearted"...

This is Chinmoy, age 35 and her daughter Urjashree, about 7 years old. Because Chinmoy gave birth to a second daughter, her husband poured gasoline on her chest and set her on fire. She survived with extensive burns. Her husband paid a fine and got away. Chinmoy found peace in Jesus and is now working with us at one of our dream centers. I press on because "life is not a dressrehearsal".... people are hurting.

When I graph our increasing budget, it is a very steep line upwards! I start to flounder with worry when I "analyze our budget". I recognize that there is a very fine line between faith and stupidity and I zig-zag back and forth constantly! At times, the needs are overwhelming...

But when I read the bio-data of these tribal children coming across my desk, I am overwhelmed and compelled. When I meet desperate lepers, I cannot close the door. When I read about the young girls being sold into brothels, anger rises within me... I push on by faith, spurred on by the words of Hudson Taylor: "God's work done God's way will always have God's provision." These kids live in such pain and desperation...no child should live like that. Does not the Scripture say: "Withhold not good to them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hands to do so."

I pray that you will have a great Fall Season. My next newsletter will herald in Christmas - my favorite time of the year. Your "Indian kid" will be anxiously checking the mail to hear from you. Thank you for standing by me. May His grace overtake you each day.

Joyfully in Christ,

Dr Faiz Rahman

P.S. - Please write to your child... It makes their month to receive a card/ letter from a sponsor. They get very excited. Some sponsored kids have never received a letter from their sponsor. One minute of your effort will yield weeks of joy for your child! (You can also email a note through our office at info@goodnewsindia.org)

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### Designated Funds

GNI will conscientiously honor designated funds for specific projects but reserves the right to use these funds and any excess for ministry expenses at the discretion of the Board.

Questions? If you have questions about your sponsorship or corresponding with your child, please call or email us.

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# PROJECT Listed by NEEDS:

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3 Coolers \$	400		
3 Chairs	25	GANJAM (2801-2999)	
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	500	1 Sewing Machine	180
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SIRISBONI (1401-1599)		3 Ceiling Fans	"\$90
	155	1 Water Purifier	60
8 Ceiling Fans	173	1 Office Chair	25
2 Shoes Stand	100	1 Motorbike	1,200
Kitchen Utensils/Pots	115	1 Office Cupboard	90
	175	1 Power Inverter	500
	350		-
Storage Shed-Firewood:	200	PURI (3601-3799)	
		1 Generator \$	1,300
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### 6 MORE BICYCLES NEEDED!

3 Coolers

6 more kids at our Baligeria Dream Center urgently need a bicycle (\$60 ea.) as their school is 5 mi. each way. They are doubling and tripling up on our existing bicycles.

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# One young life... written by Dr. Faiz Rahman

Meet Matt Fredericks... a Seminary Student at Princeton University. Five years ago, he was challenged in one of his classes to explore the whole issue of slavery in the 21st Century. He was skeptical. But his research showed the stark reality – more than 29 million people are trapped in slavery in our modern times. While he was mulling all this over, he was challenged by a Postal worker to do something significant for God right now... and not get lost in philosophical discussions in the sterile world of an academic classroom. The man said to Matt, "... Remember, life is not a dress-rehearsal..."

So, Matt took the challenge. He went to India and visited a couple of our Dream Centers...and he was totally hooked. He came back, and at the age of



Johnny Birtalan, Matt Frederick

22 committed to building 7 Dream Centers for Good News India. Two years ago, he raised the funds to build our Puri Dream Center and then this year, he took on the herculean task of bicycling from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean (San Francisco to Virginia), to raise funds for a second Dream Center. He found a cycling companion in a young man from the UK named Johnny Birtalan. They pedaled for 51 days and rested in between for 10 days, totaling 61 days on the road. To date, they have raised almost \$90,000 for a new Dream Center. Hallelujah! (Continued)



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11:30 AM on Sunday, August 14th - Pastor Fredericks segued from his sermon into an interview with Matt, his son, and Johnny. They talked about why they took on this huge undertaking, what their high and low points were during the tour and who the beneficiaries were. Matt was unaware that I had flown in to be at the Church on that Sunday. Interestingly enough, although Matt and I had exchanged volumes of email, we had never met!

As Matt was powerfully sharing about slavery and GNI, his father interrupted him to say: "Matt, by the way, the founder/chairman of GNI is here today." And I walked out on stage.

That audience erupted into tears and applause. We hugged, wept and rejoiced. It was an electrified Godmoment... pregnant with pathos and ethos.

The tears continued to flow as I thanked Matt and Johnny on behalf of the kids at Nabrangpur where we have our first HIV positive orphan girl. We begin construction in late September. A large group has committed to come from this Maryland Church for the dedication in January 2013.

I share this story because Matt absolutely amazes me. Many young people in their 20's are narcissistic and/or trying to discover themselves. Matt is an iconoclast. He is very cerebral, but has his feet firmly planted in reality. And he is making such a difference! Matt is a rope holder. He is providing the means for me to go into the pits and rescue these kids from slavery. I wonder if his story can be repeated.... I pray his tribe will increase. 

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