

You Can Help!

Want to make a difference in someone's life? How about buying a chicken, goat, water buffalo or sewing machine for a family in India? Not only will this income producing gift help families earn money to buy food, medicine, clothes, and send their children to school, but their expected tithes will also help their local church become more self-supporting. This, in turn, will lift some of the financial burden from the ministry.

Goat..... \$35
Sewing Machine.... \$130
1000 Chickens..... \$300
Water Buffalo..... \$580



Consider combining contributions with friends or family members. Makes a wonderful memorial gift—or birthday present! (Donation is also a wonderful Sunday school class project!) Donations of other amounts are also welcome as there are initial set-up expenses in addition to actual purchase of the animals and sewing machines.



Remember us in your prayers

- Pray for protection of our persecuted brothers and sisters in India.
- Pray for means to provide relief for Indian Christians who have fled their homes.
- Pray for the victims of the terrorist attacks and for the government of India as it fights terrorism.

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Letter from Home

Dear Friends,
Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We hope you had a blessed Christmas. We wish you all a happy and blessed year. It is our privilege to be partners with you in the work of the Lord to extend His kingdom on earth. We remain grateful to each of you for your prayers, partnership and continuous support.

With Grateful Hearts,
Jay & Ramola Henry

Notes from India

Praise the Lord – the case against Jay has been 95% resolved! Thank you for your prayers on Jay's behalf. The man who accused Jay of forced conversion has repented and asked for forgiveness. He also went to the authorities and told them in writing that the charges were false. We are waiting for all the paper work to be completed and the charges formally dropped.

Thank you for everyone who has contributed to the security wall around our compound in Damoh. The wall/fence has been completed and it is such a blessing for all the students, faculty, and those who live and work there.



Persecution Continues

Thank you for your prayers concerning the elections in India. Persecution continues against all Christians in many states.

Many have asked about the state of Orissa (to the east of Chhattisgarh, on the Bay of Bengal). Conditions there are not good. Extremists have threatened Christians, burned their homes,



and attacked and burned churches. Christians had an even tougher time during the Christmas Holidays. Extremists created difficulties

so that Christians were not able to celebrate Christmas Day or worship together. Churches were attacked and manger scenes destroyed. We estimate that thousands of Christians were forced to flee their homes. As they fled, criminals looted their homes, churches, and institutions and then burned whatever was left. There is little relief work going on in the resulting refugee camps. Outsiders are not permitted to do relief work in this area at the present time.



In one state to our south, several Christians, returning home after a Christmas gathering, were attacked and beaten with sticks.

It is not safe for Christians to gather in public for worship or study in many places.

Notes from the U.S.

National Missionary Convention

Jay will be the main speaker at the 2009 National Missionary Convention in Peoria, Illinois, on Thursday, **November 19, 2009**. Please come by booth #713 to visit with the Henry's.

Vacation Bible School

Jay has prepared a 5-day VBS program. If you would like to use Mid-India Christian Services as your VBS project this year, please call **513.335.4474** to get the DVD.



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