



2nd Quarter 2019

Dear Friends and Co-laborers,

It is hard to believe, but 2019 is already half over. Summer is a busy time of year as many of you will be going on vacation and taking part in VBS, camp, and other means of serving in your local church. What an exciting time of outreach!

As we round the bend of the middle of the year, we have seen some exciting things happening so far this year. We have started a youth group. With nothing like it in the area, we feed the teens a meal, have an activity, and give a devotion from God's Word. Each activity has been well attended, we have had new teens each time, and the Word of God has been given and "will not return void." Pray for these meetings as nearly all of the youth are not saved who attend the events. We are hoping, in this next quarter, to start a Bible study.

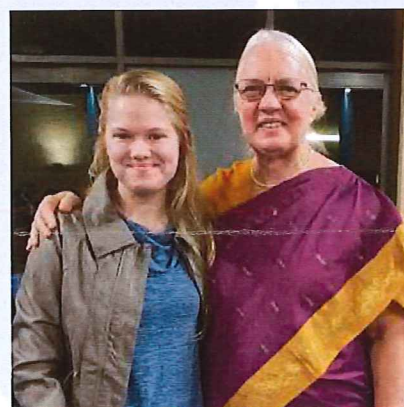
Some other exciting things that have been happening are that we have had a new regular-attending couple, and a family that visited from a rural area who told us that they are excited that they now have a church to come to while in the city. Just this weekend we have had someone else tell us that they would like to start coming. Sherrie has also started a sort of Sunday school in the car on the way to drop off children whom she picks up—answering Bible questions, telling stories, singing songs, and helping with memory verses. Our time is often so limited to get the Word of God into the hearts and minds of the people that every chance we get, we want to make good use of that time.

As I close, one thing that Sherrie and Liarra enjoyed doing this quarter was meeting an Australian missionary to India. The missionary was Gladys Staines. The story of the life, ministry, and death of her family has been made into a movie titled *The Least of These*, which has played in theaters around the world. Sherrie wrote about the meeting in a missionary blog (inhershoesbmw.blogspot.com) post entitled, "Meeting Gladys Staines." Her story is one that will inspire you.

In a country where even in the last month we have met Australians who don't even know who Adam and Eve are, what a wonderful thing to have the legacy of the Staines family. Thank you for all your prayers and support as we endeavor to reach the Australian people for Christ.

To the praise of His glory,

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