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### Message to our Supporters

# Visionary for Our Lord Keeps Moving: Pastor K.K. Alavi with New Wheels, Expanding Vision

Editors Note: Pastor K.K. Alavi, his son Abdul, and the whole team working through the Bishara Center in southern India keep moving forward in Spirit-inspired and moving ways. This edition of the newsletter from New Hope Mission Society will share exciting happenings in this mission. We hear first from Pastor K.K. in his own words.

"We have been honored and privileged to have Pastor Randy and the team visit us at Bishara. This visit from our honorable friends from Minnesota has helped our mission efforts to stay focused on strengthening our relationship with the New Hope Mission Society. We, as a family and caretakers of Bishara, are ever grateful to the friends and partners of New Hope Mission Society. With this renewed friendship and fellowship, we see every effort to encourage us and the people we serve, equip, and train the Shaliach's Institute in the ministry of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as he has commanded in Matthew 28:18-20.

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God, by His grace, has helped Bishara and its ministry remain focused on our mission to share the Gospel with more and more people, especially the Muslim communities, in a meaningful way. We are committed to looking for new opportunities to expand the reach of the Gospel in places where we have not been, even in our own country. We have plans to plant 100 new house churches in the next five years. As a mission, we see a renewed commitment to finding ways to connect with communities and with people, all to share the Gospel on a person-toperson basis with as many people as possible through the Literature Outreach Program.

We are reminded again and again of the message from the book of Revelation: Christians will be persecuted and suffer for their faith. Satan will be attacking people and Christ's Church. It may seem like Satan and his forces are winning that war and that Christ's Church is losing it. Then comes the beautiful

truth, and the message of incredible comfort, that every man and woman, every child and every nation know that there is hope in Jesus Christ and He is coming soon. Ultimately, He is the victor, and so are we, His children. Praise be to God!"

A big word of thanks for those who contributed funds to provide the special wheel chair to help Pastor Alavi be more mobile.

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#### First Objective of Delegation from NHMS

The marvelous witness of Pastor K.K. Alavi still continues, we hope for years to come. It seemed wise, however, to have him tell his story and to capture it on video so that it could inspire generations to come and encourage such Spirit-inspired witness to Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior of all.

Zeke Hanson, son of Pastor Nate Hanson, a present board member of NHMS, is a professional videographer. Seen here, Zeke brings his gift of photography to put K.K.'s story in a video format. He spent hours in this brief time working to capture K.K.'s story in his own words that will be shared well into the future. NHMS is thankful for Zeke's gifts and looks forward to being able to share this finalized video soon to help us in our witness.



Thank you to supporters of NHMS who have given generously to support the making of this video.

#### Past & Present Leaders with Vision Move Forward with Dr. Abdul Messiah



Dr. Abdul Messiah, son of K.K., is central to the day-to-day leadership of the mission. NHMS is thankful for his gifts and commitment to extending this mission's witness. We are thankful also for Pastor Randy Freund, a founding leader of NHMS about twenty years ago. Randy is pictured here with another early leader, Ian McDonald, and a present NHMS board member, Pastor Nate Hanson. With the continued support of many congregations and individuals/families this mission will continue well into the future.

# A Big Thank You to Tabshir Project Donors Another Impactful Story

A dream of leaders at the Bishara Center has been to provide means for recent converts paying a heavy price for their new life in Christ to face life-challenging daily needs. Tabshir funds have given one such family hope. With these funds the Bishara Center leaders have been able to purchase and give what is called a Tuk-Tuk vehicle. It is a kind of rudimentary taxi that will allow them to support themselves. Here, Ian McDonald, a member of the delegation, is turning over the "taxi keys" to this otherwise destitute family.







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# SHALIACH BIBLE COLLEGE "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." - III John 1:4



#### Ribbon Cutting and Dedication of a Special Renovated Annex Block

One of the highlights of the delegation's time with our mission partners is shown here. This facility will be a blessing to countless people in the future. Dr. Abdul notes that this facility "operates similarly to a retreat center with seven guest rooms, the Bishara central office, a dormitory, and a dining hall. It will host guests from all over the world, and those who need refuge and private accommodations on the Bishara campus."



Thank you, NHMS, donors for your part in seeing this marvelous center prepared for its ministry of hospitality and much more.

## A Big Word of Thanks and an Invitation to Help Us End the Year Strong

The board of New Hope Mission Society wishes to express its gratitude for the marvelous generosity of so many congregations and individuals/families through the month of November, 2023. With your faithfulness, this mission goes forth boldly.

To date, approximately \$108,000 in unrestricted gifts have been given towards the mission endeavors of NHMS this year. The vast majority of these funds are directed to the mission in India through the Bishara Center and the Bible school. NHMS also supports the leadership of Brother Titus in Nigeria through our mission partner in Germany, Dr. Christoph, and the Good News mission (\$4,000). Work also continues with international students in Twin Cities universities through the supported program, Campus Crusade for Christ (\$1,000).

We ask that our faithful supporters help us finish the year strong so that these missions can continue to bear witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior of all. Thank you for your financial and prayerful support of the missions of New Hope Mission Society.

New Hope Mission Society desires to bring the love of Jesus Christ to the Muslim world.



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