



Message to our Supporters

Dear Friends of New Hope Mission Society,

NHMS has faced many challenges this last year, such as the lingering effects of the pandemic and a globally weakened economy. The missions we support have performed so well and have continued to reach out to those in need, both physically and spiritually. Many new brothers and sisters have been added to our Christian family. Shaliach's Center for Intercultural Studies (the new name for the Bible college) is back in session with more than 30 students learning about Jesus and how to proclaim the Gospel to Muslims. In addition, the Bisharah campus has received needed repairs and maintenance.

There is so much good happening, but a shadow also hangs over our efforts and is causing great concern. At the end of 2022, our financial situation had degraded and we reduced our annual reserves by 1%. We have faced a trend of expenses exceeding donations received over the year. In 2022, donations were down about 7% as compared to 2021. This, coupled with higher future expected operating expenses, leaves NHMS with a budgeted 2023 deficit.

As we look ahead, expenses are forecast to be at higher-than-normal levels this year and we have several projects that will be required to continue the mission in India. Your generous and blessed donations are all that will allow our continued service to our Lord in India.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I ask you to consider prayerfully how God has blessed you to help fund this mission through 2023 and into the future. I also urge you to help spread the word about NHMS' mission, so we can expand our donor base. With your valued support, we can continue to deliver the wonderful news of Jesus. Please help spread the story and mission of NHMS, maybe by passing on this newsletter. Thank You for your support and prayers!

Grace and peace,

Jeff Amundson, Treasurer - New Hope Mission Society



Roadblocks and Potholes: Our friends in India face many challenges, including increased persecution from others. They bravely confront these challenges and continue their work to spread the Word. The government continues to erect roadblocks to operations and transfer of funding to missions in India. Please pray that solutions may be found so that our work may continue uninterrupted. We are still able to send funds into India, but the state-controlled banks have cut off funding channels for other Christian missions. This is one example of how anti-Christian powers are working hard to impede or stop the spreading of God's Word. Your support and prayers are much needed to continue to push against that tide and reach those hungry for God's Word and the promise of salvation.





BISHARA MISSION

"By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."
- John 15:18

Worship and Proclamation: Spreading the Word of God comes in many forms and reaches many people who are reading and being introduced to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. God's Word is reaching those who need it and they are coming together into small house churches to proclaim and praise God! There are also some more formal church facilities available and they are often filled with worshippers.



It is such a great blessing from God that these brave individuals gather together on Sunday morning and gladly consider it a priority in their lives. They are strengthened by God to face the persecution of their neighbors and government because of their beliefs.



Special Visitor:

Board member Joel Otten recently visited the Bisharah mission and met with K.K. They had wonderful discussions and shared thoughts about what God might have in store for the future. Joel also dedicated the Bisharah Central Office opening for the glory of God. It is always good to visit and be inspired by K.K. and the activities going on in the mission and school. This is another example of God's great blessings.

K.K.'s Story: We have two exciting happenings related to telling K.K. Alavi's story and his work to bring the Word of Jesus to so many others. His book, *The End of a Search*, recounts his testimony and story. An updated copy now has been published and is available through Sola Publishing; it is an inspirational, highly recommended read. Secondly, plans are in place and funding is nearly raised to film a documentary about Rev. K.K. Alavi on-site at the Bisharah complex. It is sure to be an awesome outcome, sharing the remarkable way God has worked through him to evangelize among Muslims. We have a goal of \$10,000 to cover production costs and some travel expenses, and are over halfway there. Additional donations to this project are greatly appreciated. This film could be used to spread the word about Rev. K.K.'s mission and the work of NHMS.





SHALIACH BIBLE COLLEGE

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."

- III John 1:4

College Update: The Shaliach's Bible College continues to grow and change; this includes a name change to Shaliach's Center for Intercultural Studies. Its goal and mission remain the same, to train leaders to reach the unreached for Christ and launch Gospel-trained leaders into communities throughout India and neighboring countries. The Shaliach's Centre will close this year for the summer on March 20. Please pray for all the students and staff as they prepare for the end-of-the-academic-year examinations. There are already 15 new applications for the next academic year starting in June 2023 and more are expected to join, until a total of 35 students at the Shaliach's Centre is reached. We would like to see that grow to 50 in the near future.

We are thankful for your support in equipping leaders. Students at the college each need \$150 per month to sustain them, covering room, board, tuition and materials. In return, we have trained students who will share the Gospel and be effective in the ministry of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please prayerfully consider helping this growth goal. Here is a testimony from a future leader:

One of Many Testimonies: My name is Fwрмаi Khakhlari and I am 17 years old. I come from the Udalguri district in Assam. I was born in a Hindu family. My mother passed away during my birth, and my father during my childhood. Though I had no parents, my grandmother and uncle brought me up. It was my grandmother who sent me to school, put morals in my life, and introduced the Bible to me.

But when I was in class 9th, I started drinking alcohol and smoking cigarettes along with friends. As I grew up, I became worse. I became poor in my studies and was unable to concentrate. I failed to look at my grandmother and her sacrifices for me.

In 2020, I was baptized as per my uncle's instruction. Even after baptism, my bad habits followed me. There was no fear of God in me.

But one day during my 10th examination, I met with a road accident. I lost sensation in my body. I was taken to the hospital. I was taken care of by my friend's mother. My uncle had to spend much money on me, but they wanted me back again. I was well in a month and my family was happy, and then I realized their love for me.

One night after dinner, my uncle said to give my life to Jesus and follow Him because He saved me from that road accident. He suggested I join a Bible college. I realized that even though I wasted my life and was involved in various sins, Jesus loved me. I made a decision to change my life by giving it to Jesus. As I dedicated my life to Jesus and decided to go to Bible College, people from my village came and prayed for me. Thank you for this opportunity to study at the Shaliach's Bible college at Manjeri.





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*"The true character of ministry is a servant's heart."
- Harold Warner*

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