



Patel News

Agra, India

Romans 10:15a – “And how shall they preach, except they be sent?”

July/August 2005

Dear Friends,

Praise Items

1. Allowing our family to be together for the summer
2. Keeping us well during the summer/monsoon season
3. Wonderful, steady attendance in children's church (above 150)
4. An opportunity to minister in a new village since last month.

Special Prayer Requests

1. Jason and Daniel's traveling safety to the States
2. Mr. Simon (in need of a kidney transplant)
3. Eleven-year-old Alicia (diagnosed with a condition known as white leprosy)
4. The salvation of Amit and two African students named Amos and Daniel
5. Safety of travel for Jeff Jones (a SE College ministerial student coming to work for 6 weeks with us) and for Rev. Greg Floars, Dr. and Mrs. Stox, (coming to minister with us for a few days)
6. For our upcoming Revival services from Oct. 30-Nov. 2

The summer months have passed quickly and like many of you, it's back to school for another year. Our 2 younger sons will be starting their home school studies next week and our 2 older sons will be heading back to college the same week; please pray for their safety of travel! We are thankful for their willingness to come to India at this time of year, when the temperature is the hottest and monsoons rain havoc during July and August. It has been wonderful having them work and serve with us here for the past 3 months. They were so helpful in the teen ministry, college ministry, and children's church. It was especially good to see Jason back at the keyboard and guitar. They also formed a basketball team from some of the church boys and played several different schools in our area, which gave them an opportunity to invite other young men and their coaches to church.

Our summer break was packed full of activities. We have teen meetings every Tuesday during this time and then end the summer with a teen banquet, when we present to 4 young people an award for having a great Christian Testimony (a boy and girl from Faith Church and from Bethel Church). These teens are chosen by the youth group. We are proud of our young people. We also had a tremendous turn-out for VBS (you may have seen the photos on the web page). In addition to our youth meetings, we also have a college/career meeting once a month, and at the start of the year, we began a new activity for our junior-aged children. Once a month, our "Juniors4Jesus" meet for a Bible lesson/story, games, and refreshments. Jordon and Jenny lead this group and they have averaged 40 or more each month. We are thankful for their faithfulness to work with these young boys and girls.

Lastly, we'd like to announce the plans for our first wedding in the church, scheduled for mid-February of next year. Greg, a Kenyan student, who rededicated his life to the Lord and answered the call to preach several years ago and is being trained through Southeastern FWB College's correspondence program; and Evelyn, a Kenyan student, as well, will be announcing their engagement this Sunday evening before the church. Both have been active in various areas of ministry for years and have the same desire to serve the Lord with their lives. They have been especially instrumental in our African student's ministry. Greg is completing his second master's degree in rural development and ecology along with his Biblical studies, and Eve is completing her last year of her master's in child psychology. Pray for them. They chose to have their wedding here at Faith Church because they have no church family in Kenya and have been a part of our church family for quite some time. As much as they would like for their families to be a part of this celebration, it is only possible for Greg's parents and maybe Eve's mother to fly in from Kenya.

Thank you for keeping us before His throne of grace. We are so blessed to have prayer warriors continuously intercede on behalf of our family and our ministry. May God bless you for your labor of love with us in our ministry for the lost.

For His cause,

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