Pastor Laban reports that the churches are growing and strong. The students in the Bible College are doing well with their work. It is now time to begin the new season of agricultural work. His projection is to cultivate 10 more acres this year. Along with maintaining the existing trees, more mango trees, palm trees and orange trees will be planted. The seasonal crops to be planted include corn, beans, sunflowers and peanuts. Pray for another abundant year as this farming operation also helps to meet the needs of the pastors who are serving in the villages in remote areas.

Pastor Geoffrey continues to hold Gospel meetings throughout the region with many souls responding to the call for salvation in Jesus Christ. A great celebration service was held in December to baptize over 100 of these new converts, with 5 area pastors taking part in the service.

Philippians 3:13-14

“Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

We have closed the year rejoicing over the wonderful blessings of God that we have experienced in 2016. But as the apostle Paul stated, now we have to look forward to those things which are ahead. As we build upon the foundation of what has already been established, we are excited about the new opportunities this ministry will be moving into in 2017. We are so thankful for all of the workers who have been faithfully laboring for the harvest. Many times the conditions are harsh and the work exhausting. They are often making personal sacrifices for the sake of the orphans they are caring for or the pastors they are encouraging. Their lives are dedicated to their Savior and to those they are ministering to. So they press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Tanzania:

Zambia:
The ministry in India continues to move forward, expanding into more villages as pastors evangelize and develop new church groups in remote areas where the Name of Jesus has not been preached before.

Pastor David Varghese stated that 3 well pumps in separate villages had to be repaired this past month and another well is in need of repair. The church under construction in the village of Ambai is still in need of $2500 to complete the work. Also, the 23-year old bus is needing to be replaced.

The orphan children are doing well and have just completed their mid-term exams. The elderly widows are also in good health and are rejoicing over being blessed with a new washing machine.

The government has removed 500 and 1000 rupee notes from circulation and replaced them with new 500 and 2000 rupee notes. Long lines of people are waiting in the banks and at ATMs to exchange their currency. Due to the long lines, several elderly people have died while in line. There are daily limits of 2500 rupees ($38) at an ATM or 24000 rupees ($358) from a bank that are allowed to be withdrawn, however, our workers have been able to get enough released to feed the orphans and meet their needs.

Srini, our Director of NHM India has recovered from his attack of Malaria and Cholera. The orphan children in the coastal regions who were suffering from Dengue Fever have also recovered and all are now doing well. The churches in that region also continue to grow in spite of the persecution they are regularly facing. The two new church buildings that are under construction at this time are each in need of $8000 to complete the projects.

Preparations are being made now for our trip to Cuba. We will arrive in Havana on February 7th and minister there until February 16th. We are looking forward to meeting with the pastors and churches that we have come to know over the years. We are especially excited to stay in the home of Pastor Rene and Neisy and their girls. They are gracious hosts and dear friends. Pastor Rene is scheduling services in several churches and home group meetings. We are expecting a powerful move of the Holy Spirit as we share the Word with these wonderful people.
Florida: We will fly from Havana to Tampa on February 16th. We will be taking part in the Faith Christian Fellowship International Regional Conference to take place in St. Petersburg, FL on the 19th-21st. Then we are going to visit a company that is working to place a unique type of fish farming operation in foreign countries in conjunction with missionary endeavor. We will explore the possibility of implementing this type of plan in India and Tanzania as a means of developing revenue to help fund the ministries there. We will also be ministering in some churches on behalf of New Harvest Ministries while there, and returning home on February 28.

Annual Banquet: PLAN NOW to attend the ANNUAL BANQUET on March 17, 2017. Registration and Punch Bowl at 6pm and meal at 6:30pm. You can call 616-748-8888 between 9am and 2pm, Monday through Friday to make your reservation.

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India
New Harvest Ministries is providing for the care of orphans at 4 facilities and a day school
73 churches have been established
Over 100 wells have been drilled in remote villages bringing fresh water to over 100,000 people
Over 1,000 graduates from New Harvest Bible College

Tanzania
7 branches of New Harvest Bible College with over 800 graduates
100 churches have been established throughout Tanzania, Burundi and Democratic Republic of Congo

Zambia
Open air meetings and church revivals reach remote villages

Cuba
Pastors seminars and church services continue to encourage and inspire pastors and leaders
My name is Bhamath. I am 12 years old and in 6th grade. I live at the orphanage in the state of Andhra Pradesh, India. I enjoy reading books and playing. Thank you for providing me with a hope and a future.