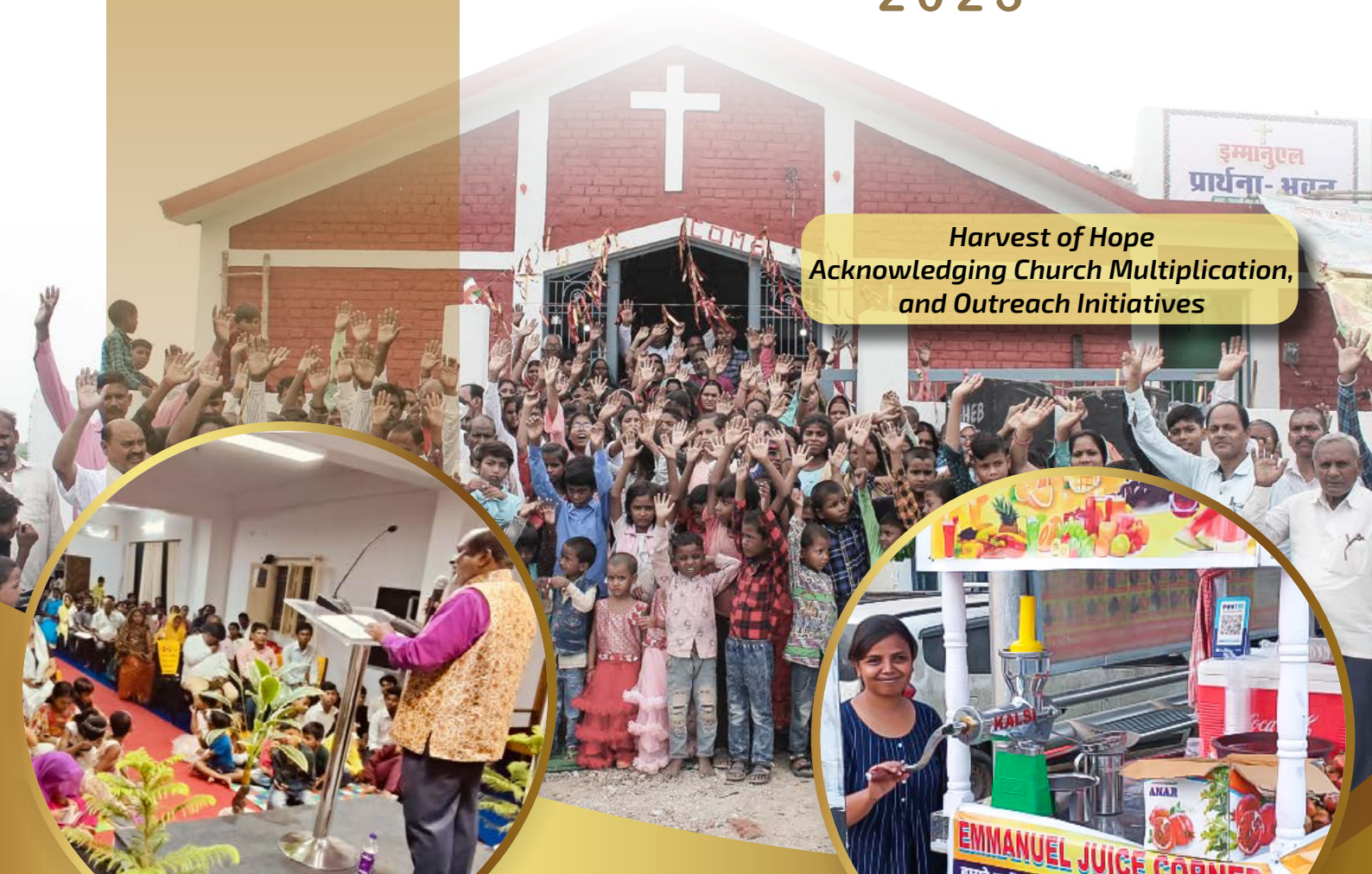


# ANNUAL REPORT

2023



**Harvest of Hope  
Acknowledging Church Multiplication,  
and Outreach Initiatives**



**Celebrating Spiritual Milestones,  
Thankful for God's Grace**



**Empowering the Poor with Hope  
A Year of Blessings**



EVANGELIZING EQUIPPING ENLARGING & ESTABLISHING THE COMMUNITIES





## 2023 PROMISE VERSE

“Fear not, for you will not be put to shame; And do not feel humiliated, for you will not be disgraced....”

Isaiah 54:4



# FROM THE PRESIDENT

## An Year of Abundant Belssings

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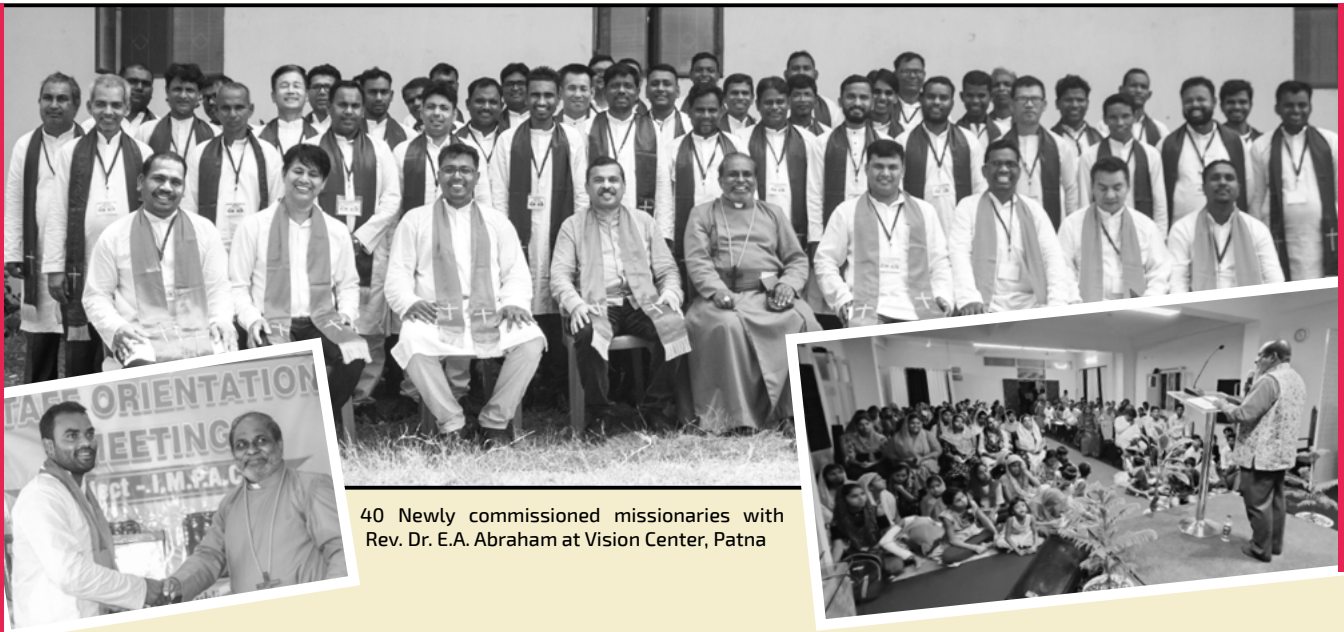
On behalf of the Hope India Mission family, we are delighted to present our Annual Mission Report for the year 2023. We express our gratitude for the chance to share the Lord's blessings, challenges, and achievements in and through our mission.

God has showered His blessings on our efforts, and today, more than 300 full-time staff engage in various departments of HIM. We have an expanding network of 58 central churches, numerous House Churches, two orphanages, a Bible College with 17 branches in four states, five mission schools, and various social and compassion projects across nine states. We give all glory and honor to God for His continued guidance and provision.

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Rev. Dr. E.A. Abraham  
President  
Hope India Mission





40 Newly commissioned missionaries with Rev. Dr. E.A. Abraham at Vision Center, Patna

# You Prayed and God Answered

- Commissioned 40 new missionaries to 40 new fields.
- The Lord provided new land for Patna City Church near AIIMS, Patna, the largest hospital in Bihar, and a temporary hall for the church as a commencement to the CITY CHURCH Project.
- Inaugurated the PATNA CITY CHURCH on 22nd October 2023 in Patna, Bihar, by Rev. Dr. E.A. Abraham.
- Rev. Dr. E.A. Abraham earned a prestigious position as an executive member of IMA (India Mission Association), a testament to his outstanding achievements in missions.
- The extension works of Sabaya (Gopalganj) Church building completed and was inaugurated on 20th August 2023.
- Constructed and dedicated a Church Building in Odar, Kaimur, Bihar, on 27th September 2023.
- 24 Pastors ordained as Bishops in Fatehabad, Haryana, on 31st March and on 3rd April at Bangalore by Archbishop Elavatta Abraham Abraham.

The inclusion of 40 missionaries into 40 new mission fields across various North Indian states has significantly contributed to the expansion of Hope India Mission's believer base. Their dedicated efforts and outreach is playing a pivotal role in fostering the growth of our mission.



# You Prayed and God Answered

- Our mission school (Emmanuel Mission Public School, Patna) received central Government affiliation for another 5 years from C.B.S.E. Board, New Delhi.
- Commenced 40 new non-formal education centers in six different states of India.

## Promising Start

### Patna City Church Initiates Spiritual Journey Towards a Permanent Home



Patna City Church has taken its initial steps by commencing services in a rented space near AIIMS, one of Bihar's largest hospitals. As a precursor to the ambitious PATNA CITY CHURCH mega project, a plot of land has already been acquired, and efforts are underway to raise half of the finances required for the construction of the dedicated church building. The commencement in the rented space is a promising start, marking the beginning of Patna City Church's journey toward its own permanent home, with hopes of a swift transition.

# PIONEER EVANGELISM & CHURCH PLANTING



## MISSION FORTIFY

Creating sustainable congregations through strengthened communities in rural India  
Year 1 Report (2023-24)

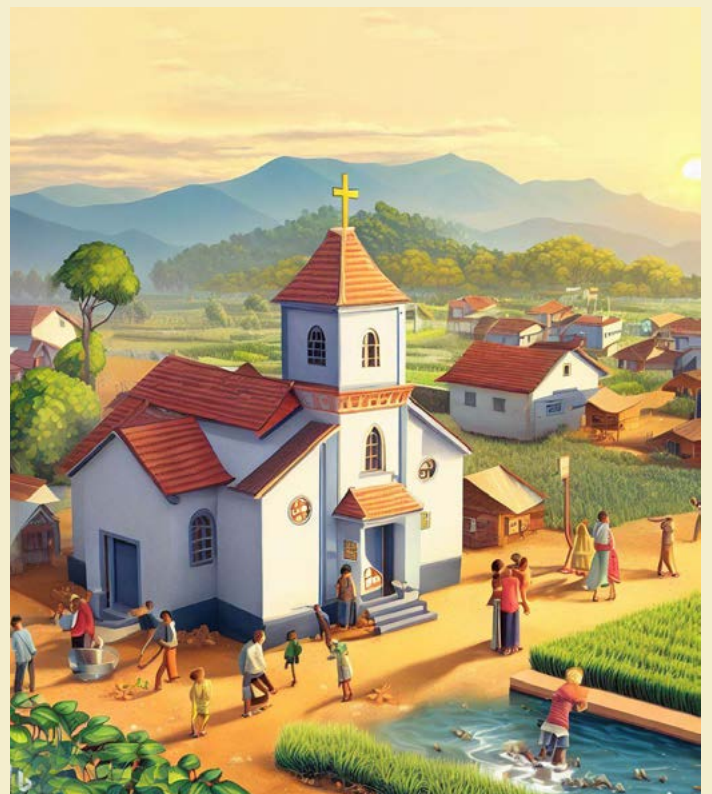
In 2023, our commitment to pioneer evangelism and church planting took remarkable turns. The year witnessed an unprecedented expansion as we added 40 new mission fields totalling the number of our Central Churches to 150 and spreading across 13 states under the project Mission Fortify. This milestone was marked by the commissioning of 40 dedicated missionaries by Rev. Dr. E.A. Abraham, the president of Hope India Mission. The commissioning and staff education meeting, held from August 16th to 18th at the Vision Center in Patna, proved to be a significant event in our ministry's history. This massive addition of missionaries and mission fields stands as the largest in Hope India Mission's journey and is expected to bear fruits in the days to come.

### Mission Fortify: Year 1 Report (2023)

In its inaugural year, Mission Fortify, a transformative initiative by Hope India Mission, has achieved significant milestones in line with its mission to establish sustainable congregations and fortify communities across rural North India as it planted 40 churches. The primary focus of the project is the establishment of 400 - 500 House Churches under these self-sustaining Central Churches within a span of 5 years.

### Church Planting Success:

As of the beginning of 2024, Mission Fortify proudly reports the successful planting of 40 new churches in strategically identified Panchayats with min-



### THE GOAL

The primary focus of the project is the establishment of 400 - 500 House Churches under these 40 self-sustaining Central Churches within a span of 5 years in rural North India.



imal exposure to the Gospel. These churches stand as beacons of hope, nurturing the seeds of faith in communities previously untouched by the message of Christ.

### **Spiritual Impact:**

The initial year witnessed a remarkable increase in the number of believers now forming a part of the Hope India Mission congregations. The spiritual impact is evident in the transforming lives of these communities in these 40 churches.

### **Leadership Development:**



Believers from Ladakh, India

To ensure the sustainability of these newly planted churches, Mission Fortify has focused on developing local leaders using the 40 already ordained Pastors. The goal is to equip native leaders for the house churches with the necessary skills and knowledge to lead their congregations effectively. The project has identified and is empowering native leaders within the churches to oversee developments under the guidance of the Central Church Pastor.

### **Literacy Boost and Vocational Training:**

The non-formal literacy centers have played a crucial role in providing education to school dropouts and adult learners. These centers offer personalized learning programs and vocational training, focusing on skills relevant to the local job market. The literacy rate among adult learners has seen a commendable increase.



### **Health and Hygiene Initiatives:**

Under the Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK), Mission Fortify is organizing programs for mother and child care, immunization, and primary health-care. Awareness campaigns on family planning and personal hygiene are being conducted, contributing to the overall well-being of the communities.

### **Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation:**



Efforts to ensure safe drinking water include the installation of Reverse Osmosis (R.O) water filters and tube wells in villages. Programs have been organized to discourage open defecation, and low-cost sanitation facilities are being constructed.

### **Micro Enterprise Development:**

Mission Fortify's unique approach to creating sustainable livelihoods involves promoting micro-enterprises such as sewing centers, incense/Agarbatti making businesses and soap, detergent, shampoo, and floor cleaner manufacturing. Training and support have been provided to villagers to start their businesses, contributing to local economic development.



### **Agricultural Innovations:**

To promote agricultural innovations, Mission Fortify has organized training on vermicomposting and horticulture. Collaboration with the local agriculture department and the sharing of farming practices among villagers aim to increase productivity and provide sustainable livelihoods.





One of the typical panchayath setting where Mission Fortify is implemented

### Financial Overview (Year 1):

The financial allocation for the first year has been diligently utilized across various programs, ensuring the effective implementation of Mission Fortify. A detailed breakdown will be provided.

### Future Outlook:

As we celebrate the successful establishment of 40 new churches in 2023, Mission Fortify looks ahead with enthusiasm and commitment. The positive impact witnessed in the target Panchayats during the first year lays a solid foundation for the continued growth and expansion of the project.

From the first staff orientation meeting of Mission Fortify in September 2023





# Completion of Church Buildings Marks a Milestone for Dalit Believers

**Odar and Tendupara Churches :** Uniting Tribes and Dalits in Spiritual Growth

In Odar, Bihar, we praised God as the church building was inaugurated on 26th August 2023 following its completion. This building now houses the ministry to serve the Dalit community, often referred to as the untouchables. In Indian culture, this community endures daily discrimination and social exclusion, but through our ministry, they learned that they are accepted and belong. Here, the Dalit believers can freely gather, worship, and deepen their faith, in a building of their very own. This completion stands as a boost to church growth in and around Odar.

Moving on to Tendupara, Chattisgarh, our building stands as a lighthouse of faith and hope among the tribal believers. This vibrant community has embraced the Gospel with open hearts, and the construction of their new church building is a testament to their devotion. Although some finishing touches are yet to be completed, the tribal villagers are already worshipping, demonstrating their unity and spiritual growth amidst the ongoing construction.





# TRAINING DEPARTMENT



## TheoTech College

**O**ur Training Department continued to equip and empower missionaries through comprehensive training programs. The facility has been upgraded to BTh level and the third semester of the present academic session is progressing with 15 students in Vision Center, Patna. The Theo-Tech Bible College in Patna continues to play a pivotal role in producing zealous missionaries who are passionate about sharing the Gospel. The synergy between theoretical learning and practical application proved to be an effective approach in nurturing effective church planters.

and contemplating ending his life, a chance encounter with Pastor Nirmal Yadav changed everything. The pastor handed him a small booklet with a Bible verse that brought a sense of peace and hope into his life. Deepak started attending the church, where he embraced the teachings of Jesus and began his journey of transformation.

Under Pastor Nirmal's guidance, Deepak left his old habits and embraced a life devoted to God. He found solace in the supportive community of believers and learned that his past mistakes did not define him. Deepak's faith grew stronger, and he discovered a new purpose in life. He started a house fellowship and shared the Gospel with others who were lost and hopeless. Completing his studies, Deepak felt a calling to serve God full-time and pursue ministry, with the backing of Pastor Nirmal and his church community. Today, Deepak has become a beacon of hope, demonstrating that with God by his side, anything is possible. He is now preparing to go to Bible seminary, and his story serves as a testament to the incredible power of God's transformative love.



### From a criminal to Jesus' Disciple

**D**eepak Sharma's life had hit rock bottom when he found himself behind bars for stealing a bike, leading to rejection and isolation from his village and even his own family. Hopeless





## EMMANUEL LEADERSHIP TRAINING (Village Bible Schools)



**H**ope India Mission proudly concludes the academic year with successful graduations at all 16 Village Bible Schools, marking a year of dedication to bringing the message of Christ to remote communities. These ceremonies celebrated the commitment of students and teachers to both their educational and spiritual journeys.

Our churches (Emmanuel Fellowship Churches) alone minister to more than a hundred castes in nine North Indian states. Many castes and subcastes are newly reached every year in remote villages and towns. Every Indian caste has a separate way of life. Even people of two different castes rarely enter wedlock and it is even prohibited by the caste system. For members of a caste, a non-native church planter is like an alien who preaches about a foreign God. This

is one of the main challenges that a church planter of another caste faces. Because each of these castes and communities are distinctive, each of them will require separate ways of mission strategies, disciple-making process and church planting. Even after coming to the faith they rarely marry outside their caste. To reach them, a church planter must have a thorough knowledge of the caste or subcaste he is about to reach. In reality a native church planter is best suited for this job!. This is why Rev. E.A. Abraham, president of Hope India Mission has always given priority to native discipleship training along with regular outreach ministry. With the help of his fellow missionaries, God enabled him to establish 16 Village Leadership Training Centers among different castes and subcastes in 6 North Indian states. More than 500 leaders were trained as 2023 comes to an end.

## OTHER DEVELOPMENTS UNDER TRAINING DEPARTMENT

- Theo-Tech College B.Th. (Bachelor of Theology) 3rd semester in progress with 15 dedicated students.
- Self Help Training Program conducted on 23rd February 2023 at Emmanuel Campus, Nihura, benefitting 30 participants.
- Awana Training ongoing, training hundreds of Sunday School teachers.
- Seva Bharat Training conducted in August 2023 for Adult Literacy Teachers.
- Staff Capacity Development with TTI 2nd module training in September 2023.
- Furnished the library with various books and Bibles from 'Sathyam Publications.'
- B.Th. second year progressing smoothly with 15 students on their 3rd semester



# CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY



**T**he young generation remained a focal point of our ministry in 2023. Our Children and Youth Ministry continued to grow, impacting lives through dynamic teaching, engaging activities, and personal mentorship. Through age-appropriate programs, we instilled strong values and a deep understanding of the Gospel, nurturing future leaders.

## A quick VBS 2023 Report

### Key Highlights:

- Reached out to over 15,000 kids across seven states in India.
- More than 10,000 non-Christian kids alone participated in the program.
- Over 1,500 kids gave their lives to Jesus.
- We trained about 700 VBS leaders who successfully conducted the program in all seven states.
- B.Th students from TheoTech college were trained and sent on outreach to conduct the VBS program for ten days.
- The program impacted not only the children but also the VBS leaders who received leadership and discipleship training.
- Relationships were built with families and communities where the VBS was conducted and the local pastors are doing the follow-ups.

*below is the real story of how a VBS program led to the miraculous healing and a cycle of transformation in a tribal village in India...*

**B**abitha Singh (Name Changed for security reasons), a young girl from Amgav village in Chhattisgarh, had been suffering from an unknown illness for years. Her family had tried everything to cure her, from visiting various doctors to consulting sorcerers, but nothing had worked. Eventually, they lost hope and left her to die.

But in 2009, two Hope India Mission pastors, Pr. Paras Nath and Pr. Bidya Lakra, visited the village and shared the Gospel with Babitha's family. They invited her to attend a local VBS program and prayed for her deliverance. Within a month, Babitha was completely healed from her illness. Her





family was amazed and began to believe in Jesus Christ. The news of her miraculous healing spread quickly, and more than ten families began coming to her house for prayer and worship. Despite threats from religious fanatics from surrounding villages, her family remained firm in their faith and continued to worship Jesus Christ. They even started holding weekly prayers in their house, which attracted more people from the village.

Babitha's family played a crucial role in the formation of the Amgavu church and were the primary believers who gathered other members. Their steadfast faith and commitment to worshipping Jesus Christ despite persecution inspired many others in the village

to follow their example. Through the power of faith and the love of God, in about five years, the Amgavu church had grown to include 16 strong families with 33 baptized members who worship the Lord in spirit and truth. Babitha's transformation story serves as a testament to the impact of VBS programs in tribal Chhattisgarh. With a simple VBS program, an entire family and nearby village were transformed by the power of the Gospel.

Today, Babitha is 25 years of age and works at a vehicle dealers showroom and her story continues to inspire others to seek the healing and hope that come through faith in Jesus Christ.

## OTHER DEVELOPMENTS UNDER YOUTH & CHILDREN DEPARTMENT

- Partnership with Seva Bharat for 3 children clubs and 5 women club projects.
- Kids' Annual Celebration held in Patna on 3rd September 2023 with 100 kids participating.
- Vacation Bible School (VBS) conducted in 40 churches, reaching 10,000 non-Christian kids.





# SEMINARS, CONFERENCES & CHRISTMAS EVANGELISM

Our commitment to knowledge sharing and networking saw the successful organization of seminars and conferences. These gatherings facilitated mutual learning, strategic planning, and the exchange of best practices among missionaries. The spirit of collaboration proved essential in overcoming challenges and optimizing our collective efforts.

## 2023 Christmas Evangelism (NeighborHope Ministry)

Hope India Mission conducted over 900 Christmas parties in 13 states, despite Christian persecutions. They provided Bibles, gift packs, warm clothing, and support to orphanage kids. The outreach reached thousands and brought hope and love to many.





## OTHER DEVELOPMENTS ON SEMINARS & CONFERENCES

- Holistic Tribal Development seminars on 15 August 2023 and Family Seminar on 6th August 2023 were conducted.
- Leadership and Personality Development seminar in September 2023 with more than 60 participants was held in Patna
- Revival meeting for B.Th. students with Bishop Babu George held in Vision Center in November 2023
- Monthly Zonal Meeting held at Sikandarpur Zone on 8th August 2023.
- Vision Casting Seminar (IMPACT) held virtually on 31st July 2023.
- Replication program on 19-21, October 2023 at Anisabad with 40 participants held.

## SCHOOL MINISTRY

**O**ur school ministry furthered our reach into local communities, allowing us to sow seeds of faith early in young hearts. Our Mission School branch in Patna received Central Government Affiliation (CBSE) for the first time. The value-based education provided through 6 of our schools played a crucial role in nurturing children's holistic development, imparting moral values, and fostering a sense of purpose.

### **The Miraculous Story of Priyansu: United in Prayer, Shielded by Faith:**

The story of Priyansu revolves around a terrifying incident at our school in Patna, where the young boy's life was endangered due to a lanyard accident on a slide. As Priyansu battled for his life in the hospital,

the situation became critical not only because of his health but also the potential threat of attack and persecution on our school by the rivals of the Gospel. The crowd that gathered at the scene, fueled by animosity towards our mission, posed a risk of aggression, jeopardizing the safety of our school campus and staff. In the midst of uncertainty, our prayer partners played a crucial role, interceding fervently for Priyansu's recovery and the protection of the school. Miraculously, Priyansu's condition began to improve, and he fought his way back to life, while the threats of violence were quelled. This powerful testimony showcases the potential risks and challenges faced by our mission in spreading the Gospel, and highlights the importance of prayer and divine protection in the face of opposition.



# SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

## Empowerment Initiatives for the Dalit and Musahar Communities



In 2023, Hope India Mission intensified its efforts to uplift the Dalit and Musahar communities through targeted initiatives aimed at providing essential support and empowering these marginalized groups. These initiatives encompassed adult and school dropout literacy classes, self-help training programs, and clothes distribution, reinforcing our commitment to fostering holistic transformation.

### Leprosy Colony Support:

This initiative provides essential support to over a hundred individuals affected by leprosy, who have long been stigmatized and marginalized. Through free meals, adult literacy classes, and medical checkups, the mission offers practical assistance to improve their physical and mental well-being. Moreover, this project also extends its reach to embrace other marginalized groups, including the Dalits, thereby fostering a sense of unity and inclusivity.



### Musahar Children Literacy and Feeding Program:

Another vital initiative undertaken by Hope India



Mission is the Musahar Children Literacy and Feeding Program. This project targets one of the most impoverished and socially neglected communities, providing non formal education and nutritious meals to drop out children in need. By addressing the immediate education and physical needs of these children, the mission creates a pathway for holistic transformation.

### Adult and School Dropout Literacy Classes:

Adult and school dropout literacy classes specifically for the Dalit and Musahar communities are continuing touch more lives. These classes not only provided basic literacy skills but also instilled a sense of empowerment and confidence among participants.



By equipping individuals with the ability to read and write, we opened doors to new opportunities and self-improvement.

### Clothes Distribution to Widows and the Destitute:

Our commitment to caring for the vulnerable extended to widows and the destitute. These events were not only celebrations of love and hope but also provided practical support. Bibles, gift packs, warm clothing, and assistance for orphanage kids were distributed, touching the lives of thousands and





bringing light to many in challenging circumstances.

### Self-Help Training Program in Partnership with Sewa Bharat:

In collaboration with Sewa Bharat, we initiated a self-help training program aimed at enhancing the economic prospects of the Dalit and Musahar communities. This program provided valuable vocational skills, equipping participants with tools for self-sufficiency. By enabling individuals to earn a dignified livelihood, we aimed to break the cycle of poverty and create a pathway towards economic empowerment.

### Freedom Center in Nihura:

The Freedom Center in Nihura, Patna is a beacon of hope and empowerment for vulnerable women, specifically targeting widowed women and those who have been deceived by false promises of financial benefits. This center serves as a sanctuary of learn-



ing and skill development, particularly for the most ultra-poor ladies who aspire to stand firmly on their own feet.

In a society where widowed women often face immense challenges, the Freedom Center provides a nurturing environment where they can acquire valuable skills and knowledge. These skills empower them to generate income and gain a sense of self-reliance, breaking free from the shackles of dependency.

Moreover, the center extends its support to women who have been misled by false hopes of financial security. By equipping them with practical skills and education, we aim to restore their confidence and provide a genuine pathway to economic independence. Through tailored training programs, the Freedom Center ensures that these women can learn, grow, and ultimately stand on their own feet with dignity and self-assurance.

## CHILD CARE HOMES

In 2023, our Child Care Homes continued to serve as havens for children from challenging backgrounds. Through holistic care, quality education, and character development, we aimed to empower them to break the cycle of poverty. Key activities include:

**Quality Education:** Through Our mission schools, children received quality education with tutoring and academic support.

**Holistic Development:** Health check-ups, counseling, and spiritual mentorship played vital roles in their growth.

**Life Skills:** Workshops instilled discipline, empathy, and responsibility, shaping them into compassionate individuals.

**Extracurricular Activities:** Sports, arts, and cultural events boosted confidence and talents.

### Stories of Hope

Within Esther Home and Barnabas Homes, transformation stories abound:

- **Asha's Confidence Journey:** Overcoming her troubled past, Asha became a confident student, aspiring to be a teacher.
- **Raj's Leadership Discovery:** From neglect to leadership, Raj now dreams of being a social worker, creating positive change.







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# PRAYER POINTS FOR 2024

## Please pray for:

1. Pray for the strengthening of churches in the face of persecution.
2. Anti-Christian groups are forcibly converting tribal people back to Hinduism, especially in Chattisgarh State. People are living in fear of death and damage to their homes.
3. Construction of Patna City Church needs to begin soon (land has been purchased).
4. Pray for Bishop Abraham's travels to Canada and the USA to go well and for the success of the programs he is involved in.
5. Our school is facing admission problems after COVID. Kindly pray that this academic year, which starts in April, will go smoothly.
6. Our nation's federal election is in April/May. The present government is against religious freedom, especially for Christians. Let us pray for God's will to be done.
7. Pray for the safety of all pastors and evangelists, and for the growth of God's kingdom in India.







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