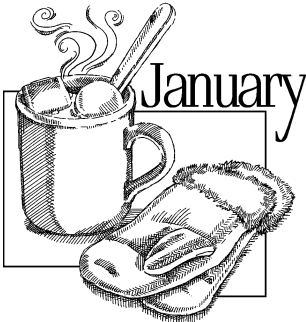
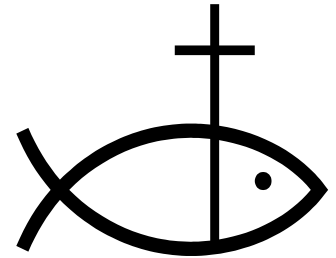


## Bright Christian Church Monthly Mission Report January 2012

Our mission statement is:

**Love God, Love People, Impact the World !**



**It is a new year . . .**

Get down on your knees . . . Thank God for what was accomplished in 2011 . . . Ask God to continue to bless and multiply those efforts . . . Then ask Him to use you and get us excited about 2012 !!

Kathy Bollinger and Ed Chapdelaine are new members of the Missions Ministry.

2011 reports and 2012 plans and budget will come in 30 days or so.

The sun never sets on our efforts to preach the gospel around the world . . . Pray, share, encourage, we need it!! You have questions . . . ask, we will be happy to share . . . In the meantime, here is some information we have received . . .



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### **From India . . . (From South India Church of Christ - David Morris)**

Dear Prayer Partners, A quick note. . .

A cyclone alert has just been released on radio and TV. This as we are going to meetings and following up on the various great Christmas programs. The cyclone is named "Thane" and is headed straight for Chennai with landfall tomorrow night but heavy rains and winds expected tonight. This usually means the electricity gets cut until after the storm dies down. **(Just a normal rain storm, right?)** However, none of this matters in the individual villages. The bountiful Christmas celebrations and the numbers of baptisms and the fields awaiting work as the rains stop and the earth is ready for planting the next crop: all is blessed and well, except for the suffering of the elderly in the surprising cool nights. **(Guess what !)**

Dear Prayer Partners,

The tsunami waves of December 26, 2004 were an immediate tragedy that completely turned upside down the world of the fishing communities along a part of the Andhra Pradesh and all of the Tamil Nadu coast. To this day, no one exactly knows how many lives were snuffed out in the 20 minutes or so when the first and then the second massive, 40 ft waves generated by an earthquake near Indonesia crashed into the eastern coastline of southern India. That was seven years ago. This December 26th, 2012 was marked by funeral processions and prayers for the dead as well as for the survivors. And then on the night of December 29-30, Cyclone Thane, with its 125 mph winds, struck these same shores...and for up to 10 miles inland. Because the area covered was so much more than the tsunami waves covered, the number of homeless and those without shelter right now is far more than in 2004. But, and we thank our Merciful and All-Powerful God, the loss of life was very small. The biggest problem right now is drinking water, as it will take weeks and perhaps even months to get the electricity restored. Wires, transformers, electric poles and all the other parts of the electrical system were blown away and are not easy to replace. In trying to respond to the needs of their Christian brothers and sisters from the survivor groups who now attend churches planted in 2005 and 2006, the church members of the congregations have decided that this Sunday will be a Sunday of prayer for more rain and a rapid restoration of electricity. Until then, each church in Tamil Nadu is taking up a special collection. January 15, 2012, all Mission-planted churches in Andhra Pradesh and Kerala and Karnataka that can be reached are planning a similar Mission-wide prayer service and special offering. It would be heart-warming for the churches here in India to know that your church prayed. Could you please send a message to [prayformeIndia@gmail.com](mailto:prayformeIndia@gmail.com) [<mailto:prayformeIndia@gmail.com>]

**Let's all pray with them - today is the day !**

# January

At the beginning of a new year we review how the last one went and make plans for the next . . . The mission ministry often has to be more flexible than that as emergencies arise and need to be addressed immediately . . . It's good to know you stand behind us . . . !!

## Here is a positive response from a recent gift to Christian Benevolent Association . . .

As of today, we have received \$39,546 toward our CBA Year End Appeal. The response has been outstanding! For comparison, last year's Appeal brought in \$26,044. CBA is most grateful for all our contributors.

Best wishes for a healthy and prosperous New Year.

The Christian Benevolent Association operates Mt Healthy Christian Home, Mason Christian Village in the Cinti area.

**At this time of year we request a report from each mission we support. Obviously we cannot print all of them . . . But they are available. If you are interested - contact Karen Brandt.**



**This material as well as newsletters and other information from all of the missionaries we support are available. If interested again please contact Karen Brandt.**

**This information will help you pray and otherwise support our outreach . . .**

## About Our Missionaries



**Our missionaries have two choices to display their work and meet and greet at nationwide conventions. One is the North American Christian Convention which was held in Cincinnati in 2011 - and the National Missionary Convention which will be held in Indianapolis in 2012. These are great opportunities to learn more about missions.**

**The National Missionary Convention has changed its name to International Conference on Missions. Here is a report of some of the things that happened in Atlanta, Georgia this year where our chairperson, Karen Brandt was able to attend.**

**Atlanta Stats:** 5,000+ attendees, 541 exhibit booths, 129 workshops, 93 decisions made for full-time Christian service, Offering was just under \$40,000.00, 140 missionaries attended the Pre-Convention, the most ever!

Welcome to the first, "International Conference on Missions"

November 15-18, 2012

Indiana Convention Center -Indianapolis, IN

John Caldwell, President

Theme: "Radical...Again"



Present members of the Mission team are: Karen Brandt, ch; Norm Andrews, treas; Dora Wilson; Jenny Rodarmel; Frank Henegar; Betty Grubs; Jim Plunkett; Kathy Bollinger; Ed Chapdelaine, Rob Sweeney; Jeff Stone.

**Jim Plunkett edits the mission team report, Direct your comments to him!**