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SECTION - THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST



Helping Flood Victims in India

Disaster Relief in Andhra Pradesh, India

"And the flood was... upon the earth; and the waters increased... And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth" (Genesis 7:17 - 19)

In the month of October 2009, heavy rains flooded

the Indian State of Andhra Pradesh for many days, especially near the City of Guntur. Although it was not the deluge as recorded above in Genesis, the heavy rainfall caused flooding that overcame many homes, particularly those in low-lying areas. One of our brother Elders in this area described the rains as "like the days of Noah" wherein the water was 20 to 30 feet high in some areas. Many found all their personal posses-

sions ruined; but worse than that, they could not work the fields to earn their daily living, so they did not have funds to purchase life's basic necessities, such as clean drinking water, clothing, blankets, food, etc.

Through the Quorum of Seventy Disaster Relief Fund and some donations from a few branch auxiliaries, the India Committee was able to provide \$1,000 to help nearly 100 families get back

on their feet. These victims all live in locations where The Church of Jesus Christ has been established. Along with the assistance of an Elder who traveled from Chennai with the funds, our Guntur Area Elders successfully distributed rice, blankets, clothing, etc., to member and non-member families. Since we were the only Church in the area to send aid, it was

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God's Miraculous Power Revealed in the Countries of Zambia and the DR Congo

by Evangelist Joseph Perri

When in the Mission Fields, we spend a lot of time presenting seminars instructing the Ministry, ordained officers, and the membership on the Faith and Doctrine, Restoration, The Book of Mormon, Church Structure, and Discipline; but we often miss the opportunity of hearing the blessings of God by way of experiences they have received.

During the recent trip made to the DR Congo and Zambia, we were inspired to dedicate one meeting in each of the Branches where our brothers and sisters would testify of some of the blessings of God they had received. We desired to have a "Praise God" type of meeting, thinking perhaps there would not be many who would participate. To our surprise, experiences were related one after the other without hesitation. Some of the experiences brought tears to our eyes after hearing of the miraculous power of God.

I would like to share a few of these experiences, so you might feel the same joy we felt in hearing them.

Experience # 1

A young sister named Catherine Puma, from the Chingola, Zambia Branch, related that when her husband passed away suddenly, with her pregnant and soon to give birth, he left her with very little money. What money she did have was spent in a short time leaving no way for her to make the monthly rental payment or buy food. She had no one to turn to but decided to visit with her Presiding Elder, Brother Albert, and his wife, Sister Jessie, for help. Brother Albert and Sister Jessie had very little and could not provide financial assistance. They felt the only way for Sister Catherine to receive what she



Sister Catherine Puma

needed was to fast and pray and ask God to provide. God heard their prayer and responded by providing the following for Sister Catherine and her child.

Sister Catherine has the gift of knitting and she was asked to make a set of baby clothes consisting of a hat, jacket, trousers, and booties. When she completed the outfit, she gave the baby clothes to the person who requested them and in turn received some funds. Sister Catherine mentioned in her testimony she was elated to receive some money and added, since making the first baby outfit she has received many orders and there are sufficient funds to pay for the rent and buy food. God provided for her needs and she gives Him much praise. Sister Catherine was ordained a Deaconess this last visit.

Experience # 2

Sister Esther, a Deaconess from the Kalebuka Branch in the DR Congo, related an experience of when she was pregnant. When the time came to give birth, the doctor who was to deliver the child examined our sister and determined the baby was in the wrong position for a normal delivery. The doctor told Sister Esther he would have to oper-

ate and deliver the baby through Caesarian section; however, she insisted she did not want an operation. She told him her faith was in God and He would help her deliver the baby normally. The doctor's reply to that statement was, if he did not operate and remove the baby by Caesarian section, she would die. After he told her the need for surgery and the possibility she would die while trying to give birth, the doctor left her and walked away not very pleased in hearing of her refusal to have surgery. He returned a short while later prepared to perform the operation.

When Sister Esther saw he was preparing to perform surgery, she insisted he was not going to operate, telling him God would help her deliver the child normally. He again related to her the fact that she could die if she tried to deliver the baby without surgery. Her response again was she would not die, her faith was in the God she served, and He would help her deliver the child normally and without surgery.

As the time drew near to give birth, Sister Esther turned her heart to God and began to pray for the help she needed to have a normal delivery and for the baby to be healthy. While

Sister Esther was praying she gave birth to a normal healthy child. As the doctor witnessed that she was able to deliver the child without surgery he said to her, "Now I know the God you serve is alive". Both mother and child are doing well - all praise going to our great God whom we worship and serve.

Experience #3

Brother Cipeng, the DR Congo Church President, was requested to travel on a missionary journey to meet with US Missionaries in another country. After the two week trip had concluded, he returned home to find one of his daughters very ill. Seeing his daughter's condition, he rushed her to the hospital and had her examined to determine the cause of the illness. After the examination, the doctor diagnosed her as having appendicitis and in need of an operation. The doctor was concerned it would burst at any moment. Hearing this news, Brother Cipeng was very sad and discouraged and began to wonder why this would happen after returning from a missionary trip. Furthermore, neither he nor anyone in the family had any money for surgery. He returned home, leaving his daughter in

the hospital, wondering how he could get the funds needed for the operation. He went into the bedroom and raised his hands and voice towards Heaven and began to pray. "Lord, I need your help because of my daughter's serious illness. She needs an operation and we have no money to pay for the surgery. I need your help now. Please help us!"

When he concluded his prayer, he heard tapping at the window. Wondering what the sound was he went to the window, pushed the curtain aside, and to his amazement he saw many locusts. He called to the family members who were at home, telling them there were many locusts outside and they should get some bags and begin to gather them. They filled a number of bags with the locusts, took them to the marketplace, sold them, and were able to raise enough money for his daughter's surgery. God provided a means for Brother Cipeng to pay for the surgery needed for his daughter!

Reading this experience, you may wonder what the Congolese people would do with locusts. The locusts are eaten as a part of their diet for protein.

Experience # 4

A Sister from the DR Congo testified that she became very ill with pains in her stomach from malaria and was given medication for her condition which did not agree with her. She related the pains became stronger and said she was unable to hold the medication down. She went on to say, "I thought it was my end and I would die. I could not eat or drink water. My husband seeing me in this condition began to pray in this manner, 'My God, I am your servant. I am pleading for you to do something for my wife that she will not die'. I did not have the strength to pray, but my husband prayed for me."

"I fell asleep for a few hours and when I awoke I had regained my strength, felt hungry and wanted something to eat. It was during the night that I had a dream where before me there was an open

grave. I saw my end if God had not heard and answered the prayer of my husband. I was healed. My health has returned and I have not suffered any ill effects. I need to praise my God for this glorious testimony."

Experience # 5

Brother Joel, one of the Elders ordained in the DR Congo on this trip, related an experience he received before he came to know The Church of Jesus Christ. There was a tragedy within his home that took the life of his child, a girl. She had been running around the yard and fell into a pot of boiling water that was being prepared by his wife for cooking their meal. The child was taken to the hospital, but the burns on her little body eventually caused her death.

"In January of this year while preparing to cook their meal, there was a pot of boiling water, and my son who was playing close to the area, fell into the pot. Everyone standing nearby said that I should take my son to the hospital, but I remembered what had happened




Sister Esther (4th from left)

to my daughter and said, 'No, I will take him to church and have him anointed.' The Elder anointed him and he was healed. The skin was restored as it was before the accident; there is not a scar to be seen. I have reason to praise my God for this wonderful experience because He loves me".

We heard many testimonies and experiences similar to the ones above - brothers whose lives have

changed since coming to know Jesus Christ; sisters who were unable to bare children but, after being prayed upon, were able to give birth to healthy babies. The experiences we heard are too numerous to mention them all.

We give praise to God for His manifold blessings in our lives and the lives of our brothers and sisters in Zambia and the DR Congo. 

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I would like to donate to the following:

*"What shall I render unto
the Lord for all his
benefits toward me?"*

PSALMS 116:12

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a wonderful opportunity for our Church to assist those in need and more importantly, show them the love of Christ in action. Our brothers created and displayed a banner stating that the help was from The Church of Jesus Christ in the United States.

The comments from our Gun-tur Area Elders were, "God did this favor to these flood victims through your intercession" (The Church of Jesus Christ) and "Flood victims that received the relief material praise God for His glory and appreciate The Church of Jesus Christ and her members in helping at this crucial time. No other organization has taken up such a program to help as of this

date. The Church members and others wholeheartedly appreciate the generosity and kindness of the brothers and sisters in America, whereby God is glorified and the

response which enabled us to provide speedy assistance to the flood victims. Please remember the words of King Benjamin, "And behold, I tell you these things...that

the Quorum of Seventy Disaster Relief Fund. Keeping this fund alive will prepare us to respond to needy victims the next time relief help is needed.

...words of King Benjamin, *"And behold,
I tell you these things...
that you may learn that when ye
are in the service of your fellow
beings ye are only in the
service of your God"*

flood victims have witnessed your love and affection to them."

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