

JANUARY '09

PRAISE GOD WITH US

1. For another blessed and Christ-anointed year
2. For the safety and health of all at Mizpah
3. For His providence and mercies which are new every morning
4. For faithful partners who support this ministry
5. For the new piece of land behind Mizpah which we were able to purchase for the kitchen-garden

PLEASE PRAY WITH US

1. For the continual grace of God in Mizpah's ministries
2. For wisdom and patience to be good Christian examples
3. That we are led to the right person to fill Kamala's position soon
4. For Alex, Priyanka and Murali, who will be appearing for their board examinations in the next few weeks
5. For the various financial needs of Mizpah Home

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Dear friends,

Greetings from Mizpah in the New Year!



We at Mizpah thank the Lord for His grace and faithfulness in our lives through the year 2008. We have had our strength renewed when we were weary with the cares of life. We have soared on eagles' wings when mountains have stood in our path and have had times of refreshing, the comfort of which is for us a wellspring of joy. We'd like to share some of the highs and lows of the year with you.

We had three children join us this year. **Banu, Manoj** and **Sneha**. The children have very quickly settled into the Home and are doing well. **Lama Wangchu** was chosen to represent his school in the football tournaments at the District level. By the grace of God, **Yangchin** and **Satish** were spared from serious danger when they were knocked down by a motorcyclist when returning from school. Thankfully, both children are in perfect health today.

We are happy for **Kamala** who left us to marry and make a new home with her husband in Erode. Our most treasured blessing came to us in the form of **Jessica** – the baby girl who joined our Home and our lives in September. We give thanks to God for her every day.

We feel blessed when friends and well-wishers share their happy days with us – birthdays, wedding anniversaries and other special days that mean much to them. Our children are quite ready to sing and entertain, encouraging a spirit of good cheer among us, which invariably helps the celebrations. Students from **Hebron School, St. Hilda's School** and **The Good Shepherd School** make a special effort to visit us. They brighten our lives with encouragement. They remind us that we are part of a wonderful plan that God has for all those who put their trust in Him.

Other special days for us are when friends visit us as teams. Their intent is to support and build up the work at Mizpah. Our minds are still fresh with the memory of the girls from **Fairholme College, Toowoomba, Australia**. Their lively contribution in every event shared with us have left us happy that they have come our way. No team has disappointed or left without satisfactorily completing the work they have set out to do. We share added joy in the knowledge that we have contributed to their lives in equal measure.

Some of our older boys and girls have had opportunities to attend various camps such as The Girl Guides, Junior Red Cross, Youth Fellowship and so on. These were special times of learning and refreshing that had the desired effect on those who attended. We are always encouraged by the joy on the faces of our children when they return home.



The children who stayed with us during the Christmas break were glad to go on a picnic to Masinagudi, where we enjoyed the beauty of God's creation in the silence of the forest. We were in wildlife territory. Our day was planned by **Rev. Jerome**, who also joined in the fun, making it a very special day for us indeed. In his words, "It's a wonderful way to sign off the year."

We are aware that to continue growing and to be fruitful we must abide in the True Vine - in whom we find purpose and fulfilment in life.

Jenny, Mohan and all at Mizpah