

## Our Dear Partners,

**JAN-FEB '10**

### PRAISE GOD WITH US

- For keeping us safe during the torrential rains
- For the safety and health of the children
- For His faithfulness in supplying our needs
- For faithful partners who support Mizpah
- For His providence and mercies which are new every morning

### PLEASE PRAY WITH US

- For the planning and preparation of Mizpah's 10th anniversary
- For Sadish and his mother in this difficult period of their lives
- For Alex's present and future study plans
- For the continual grace of God in Mizpah's work
- For the various financial needs of Mizpah

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**As we begin this New Year, it presents us with an occasion to recall the abundant blessings of our Lord.**

We give thanks with a grateful heart for all His grace upon our lives and work here at Mizpah over the past year. We call to mind the word that was put in our hearts at the beginning of our childcare journey – that we are called to do the best we can where God has placed us – to “bloom where we are planted.”



Thank you for your care and concern for us. While we often let the focus be wholly on the work we do, we know that you are interested in us as much as you are in our work. I (Mohan) still work at Hebron School. I have now moved to another department, which calls for an involvement in the school's maintenance and gardening. I enjoy this new responsibility, as it is more in keeping with my interest and

abilities – as opposed to catering – though I come home more dusty, tired and later than before. I still experience some pain in my back, in spite of the therapy and exercises I undergo. Jenny is in good health by the grace of God. Alex is now in class 12. He has another year at Hebron School, after which he will move on to University. He wants to study Design and Technology. We do not as yet have any sponsor for his future studies. We trust God will raise the money for him when the time comes. The truth is, we will trust the Lord tomorrow as much as we are doing today. He is the best provider of all. I am left looking into the future not with fear but with an added sense of care, which we are advised in 1Peter 5:7 – to cast our cares on Christ our Rock and Redeemer.



Late last month Ooty received one of its worst downpours of incessant rain. This resulted in major landslides, damage to roads, houses and property. Power lines and water supplies were disrupted for weeks, while many lives were lost. In the midst of such disaster we feel blessed for the safety we have in Christ Jesus. Out of every such tragedy there emerge survivors. Mizpah, by God's grace, was able to help one boy and his mother who lost all but their lives. It's hard to help them forget that fateful night. It is our desire to help them look up and look forward. The boy, Sadish, is 18 years old. His mother is an unskilled labourer, about 37 years old. We are helping Sadish continue his studies, and encouraging his involvement in sport, which he

enjoys. We are also advising him to put his faith in Christ Jesus, the Lord of Heaven and Earth. These two people and many others need your prayers to have the grace to stoop and build again from scratch. God help us help them.

Christmas celebrations at Mizpah started late in November with a dinner at Hebron School. We also had a special 'tea and games' with the children of other orphanages in Ooty. Two of our girls joined the Christmas choir, while others were involved with the Sunday school nativity play at St Stephen's Church. On Christmas Day, the children were glad to receive their gifts, have lunch at a restaurant and then go shopping to spend their pocket money.

We trust all is well with you. We pray for you and remember you with much fondness. We desire for you every good and perfect blessing from God. We learn to count our blessings in the joys that each child brings to our home. Our hearts rejoice with knowing that the children are a heritage from the Lord. He made each one with a unique personality and temperament, to the glory and praise of His name. We want you to know and share the comfort of God's presence and the warmth of his love at this festive time – as we remember the purpose for Christ's coming into this world. We close with our united love and prayers,

*All at Mizpah*