

## January' 2012

Dear Friends,

Greetings and may every blessing for this New Year be yours in Christ Jesus.

The Christmas holidays are now over and you can well imagine how our children have welcomed the first days of school! Having just enjoyed ten days of fun from dawn to dusk, three-and-a-half days of travel as a group and a trip to the airport to give Alex a cheerful send off to Canada their excitement knew no bounds! Going to school again was really tough. It's nice to hear the children talk of the many fun things they enjoyed doing. I too would like to recall a few for those of you reading this.

We cooked and packed a picnic lunch which we ate under the shade of trees. Our first stop was Mysore. Since we had only a short time before sunset we took our children to the wax museum. We observed wide-ranging reactions, not only between the boys and the girls, but also between the various age groups, as they watched life-size figures expressing different skills such as music (Indian and Western), hunting, weaving, cooking etc., as they depicted the wave of change across yester-years to the modern day.



Dinner for us that night was with a lawyer friend of ours at her home. Not only was the dinner of high quality and quantity, it also offered our children their favorite dessert, ice-cream. What's more, our children each received a Christmas gift, making it the seventh one for the season. We all slept in a pleasant dormitory that night. The excitement didn't die down until late that evening, despite the many reminders that we were to be up and ready by 7:30 the next morning! Breakfast was a four-course affair of southern delights and my word, was it thoroughly relished! We were especially blessed that day. Despite being a Tuesday, the zoo was kept open because of the season. In fact, there wasn't a big crowd at all, since many signboards

### PRAISE GOD WITH US

For the safety and health of all at Mizpah.

For faithful partners who support this Ministry.

For His Providence and Mercies which are new every morning.

For another Christ anointed year.



read "The zoo will remain closed to visitors on Tuesdays". We walked around and saw our furry and feathered friends at leisure, having all the time in the world! That done, we headed on toward Bangalore, stopped at a way-side restaurant for lunch, which was another feast in itself and enjoyed ice-creams to top it all off! There was a strange silence that took over from then on, in anticipation of Alex leaving for Canada. Early the next morning, they were woken up and hurriedly shunted onto the bus. By 6 am, however, it was back to the familiar chatter and fun again. By then, we had prayed together and waved our goodbyes to Alex, who seemed to walk with a new spring in his step on the other side of the thick glass that separated him from us. God be praised, he is safe and well in Canada today!

### PLEASE PRAY WITH US

For the continual grace of God in Mizpah

That the children would grow in the Grace and Knowledge of God.

For the various financial needs of Mizpah.

For a suitable staff to join us.



There was one more adventure our children wanted to take part in before returning to Ooty, playing in the water! Their opportunity came when we stopped on the banks of a river near Mysore. The sun was hot and that made the water all the more inviting and fun to splash in! A very contented and tired bunch of children slept in their own beds that night. Our children participated wholeheartedly in the church choir this Christmas season. Then, there was the Christmas story to enact, together with the children from Sunday School. It proved a very special evening for our children as they sang carols to the elderly at the Home for the Aged in Coonoor.



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These and many other joyful activities made up this wonderful Christmas season! We hope you too enjoyed a Christ filled Christmas and that you are looking forward to the companionship of God in this New year.

*All at Mizpah*

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