

## The Preston's June 2010 Newsletter

The past seven weeks have sped by as we have travelled to Ooty & Sri Lanka for camps and returned to take up a variety of services at our home base.

From January to June we have taken part in seven UCCI crusades which were sponsored by a friend in Belfast. The pastors love to use this method to preach the Gospel to the crowds.

Before leaving mid May we spent two weeks teaching English to some of the staff. It was a lot of fun using drama with amusing life situations.



**Janet teaching English to some UCCI staff**

As it was vocation time for children we held two hour children's meetings in ten different villages. Music, games and stories always attract and so they came – children to participate & adults to watch. The message got across by all means.



**J: E: S: U: S - JESUS!**

It was a relief to arrive in Ooty for our Jungle camp as the temperature dropped from 45 to 28 degrees! Several non Christians had been invited and loved the fun and challenge of the camp. The train back to Chennai 'rocked' with the banter of the young people returning!



**Some of the WAC crowd at the Jungle Camp**

We moved on from here to a holiday in Sri Lanka. The Monsoon weather hit the island hard this year and there was heavy flooding when we arrived! However, there were dry days to let us visit an elephant sanctuary, a tea factory and a silkworm shop.



**Who's taking who for a ride!**

At the end of our stay we helped out at a family camp. Rachel & Hannah did a marvellous job taking six children's sessions whilst we gave a few talks & helped minister to many whose lives had been messed up through tragic circumstances. It was a mixture of family fun & heartfelt worship with some amazing results.



**Rachel & Hannah at the family camp**

On returning to Kethenakonda we prepared for a special party for our AIDS patients and their families (64). The effort was so worthwhile - team games, gifts, chicken curry, food bags and ministry. As Joshua said 'it will be remembered for a long time.'



**'Pass the parcel' enjoyed by all**

This month the girls have found sponsorship for six new boreholes! Already we have opened three of them. The villagers are delighted. Thank you so much for your generosity.



**Rachel opening a village borehole**

We hope to pick up valuable skills this week as we tackle some of the outstanding repair jobs around the campus: leaky taps, broken hinges and generator hut repairs etc. Service that is always much appreciated.



**Learning new skills**

The last week of our programme is for evaluation, debriefing and preparing for our graduation. It is a time of reflection and thanksgiving as we take stock of the things that God has done in and through our lives over the past six months.

Thank you once again for all your continuing support over this past year. We couldn't have done it without your prayers.

Praise for:

- Fresh revelation in preaching
- Lives changed at family camp
- 100s of children reached
- Provision for 6 more boreholes

Prayer for:

- Debriefing (23<sup>rd</sup>) & Graduation (26<sup>th</sup>)
- Completion of Borehole work
- Safe travel home (28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> June)
- Recruits for September Programme
- Applications for one year visas

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