

# Heavenfire Ministries

*encouragement, empowerment, evangelism*



## From Every Tribe

**We wound our way through the forest and jungle on deeply rutted rain-washed tracks, crossing rivers in a borrowed 4x4 vehicle that could barely squeeze through the trees at times. Despite signs warning "beware of tigers" we didn't see any. Nor bears, and very few snakes. That's probably good! My hosts confidently asserted that there had been no foreigner here since the days of the British Empire! The tribal forests of India's rugged interior are remote, dangerous, and beautiful. We had left Andhra Pradesh's rural towns – now visited by many 'missionaries' – behind, and were 20 miles from the nearest road, Heavenfire's partners having recently established a small nucleus of new churches and pastors in tribal villages where outsiders (that is, Indians who are not from the forests) are often unwelcome.**

**Making the long journey daily from our suburban base into the jungle, to villages with names that translate as 'Palm Tree Place' and 'Snake Valley', I was privileged to minister to small churches where people had gathered from miles around, as well as to others in their homes. Many rejected their idols and 'aods', ripping off the cords around their wrists that indicate**

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allegiance to their demons.

## **The Leaves of the Tree Are For the Healing of the Nations**

The tribal mountains are a harsh environment in which to live, but the ground is fertile. Palm trees, rice fields, plantations of rubber, tea & tobacco are everywhere. Leaves of every kind of tree and plant hide the hazards of snake and scorpion that lurk unseen. But Jesus Christ is Lord of all – a truth I proclaimed in the local language many times! Jesus restores to us all the right of access to the Tree of Life, surrendered by Adam, and the leaves of this tree bring healing to all who will receive! A teenage girl, deaf from birth in one ear and able to only make basic sounds, not words, received her hearing and speech! An old woman, bent double and in severe pain, was freed and straightened up (I reported a similar healing on the last visit!). Paralysis from a stroke was cured. People testified to being healed from all manner of diseases and pains – often merely as a result of hearing the word the Lord spoke through me! Even a water buffalo was healed by the word of authority and laying on of hands, and subsequently began to produce abundant milk for its owner!

## **Redeemed From the Curse**

As in Old Testament times, witchcraft and curses are a major problem to the heathen people and a hindrance to the growth of the Church in these barely-reached regions. I was taken to minister to a *Pujari* - the village witch – who had for many years wielded control over the Hindu population by her curses and demonic powers, until the demons she relied upon for power turned against her. Severely ill and bed-bound, as a last resort she had turned to the Christian pastor, our partner on this journey. He took me to minister to her. The story of her deliverance and healing is too long to repeat here (see more on our web site), but "Christ redeemed us from the curse", and we praise God that she was dramatically set free and healed, and she is now living temporarily in the church building – a thatched wooden structure – until her faith is built up and her house cleansed of its demonic connections.

## Cycles of Salvation

Our partner has recently established bible college for 40 students back in the rural but more-populated area. I was privileged to teach here and at a conference for 80 pastors, where students and pastors alike marveled at what was, to them, new revelation from scripture and fresh encouragement for their daily struggles. Pioneering Christianity such as they do daily demands so much more than is supplied by the 'chuckle church' of insipid Christianity in countries where 'radical' has been replaced by 'routine'. The needs of life here are very practical, too. We provided 5 bicycles to tribal pastors to enable them to reach their people; laid on a feast for the 45 children of the orphanage that our work helps support in our host-pastor's village, and gave a wheelchair to a child suffering from cerebral palsy to help her until such time as she can receive full healing from her saviour! We want to provide clean water to a village - the village of the former witch - but for this we will need your help. Please consider whether this could be part of your offering to God.

*Read more, including some thoughts and illustrations of why prophecy is such a beautiful gift, on our [web site](#)*

## Happy Christmas!

*"The word became flesh",*

*and we thank God that he sends us in his name!*

*All of us at Heavenfire Ministries*

*wish you a very joyful and blessed Christmas!*

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