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New diesel generator installed last month—one large enough to power most of Bethlehem Bible College campus. Our original plans called for a solar powered system, but government regulations required the switch to diesel. Our many thanks to all who contributed to this purchase.

Six families—42 goats! Last month three families in each of two villages received 7 goats—one male and six females. Each family will return the first born of each female goat to the mission to be passed on to other families. That means 36 more goats to give to more families!

Church buildings completed in two villages. Persecution makes it impossible to rent buildings for churches, and it is too dangerous to meet outdoors, so these buildings are a necessity for the villagers who will be worshiping in them. Knowing that there are Christians in America who care enough about them to help build safe places for their worship is encouragement beyond words.

No monsoon rains in Damoh this year! Although much of India is suffering from extensive flooding, our area suffers from severe drought. The water table (aquifer) is lower than it has ever been—we only have one well that has not gone dry. We must buy water and truck it to the campus. We are searching for new ways to procure and conserve water.

Our sincere thanks go to the First Christian Church in Xenia (Ohio) for providing sports equipment for Bethlehem Bible College. Our students enjoy playing sports in their free time.

News from the States

National Missionary Convention in Peoria (Illinois) —Jay Henry opened the convention with a powerful sermon. It was a time of inspirational preaching, instructional workshops and sweet fellowship. Old friendships were renewed and new ones formed. Next year's convention will meet in Lexington, Kentucky. Plan now to attend.

Today we are within 90% of our capital campaign's goal! We are confident that not only will we reach our goal, but that we will exceed it. Your gifts will allow us to do more projects on the campus of Bethlehem Bible College, and build and equip more churches. Thank you to those who have made commitments to this huge undertaking—you are blessing many lives!

Pray for us

Christmas is a dangerous time for Christians in India. Christmas gatherings are often targets of attacks and persecution from extremists. Radicals are challenging and harassing the mission on every front this year.

Pray that God will put a hedge of protection around the missionaries, staff, students and village Christians.

Pray that the mission staff remains strong and doesn't become discouraged.

