



India Outreach Newsletter

December 2013



Pastor Paulraj with Rev. Haak

Pastor Paulraj Visits Georgetown PRC

Early November was an exciting time for the members of Georgetown PRC, as Pastor Paulraj of Vellore, India was able to spend time visiting and speaking at our area schools and churches. Pastor Paulraj arrived on November 8 at the Gerald R. Ford Airport, to

several members of Georgetown PRC who were anxiously awaiting his arrival.

Pastor Paulraj spent time at Hope PR School, Heritage PR School, Eastside School and Covenant Christian High School. He spoke about the wonderful gifts of our Heavenly Father and how fortunate our children are to have parents and families. He reminded all the children to go home, give their parents a hug and say "thank you" and to remember that not all children



Pastor Paulraj speaks at Eastside School

in this world have loving parents and families to go home to at night. He also spoke about Grace Foster Home and how they provide housing and education to

children who do are not able to live at home due to their families not being able to care for them, or because one or both of their parents have passed away. The children enjoyed Pastor Paulraj's visit and were able to spend time asking many questions!

Therefore said he unto them, the harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest. Luke 10:2

There was also a presentation given at Georgetown PRC where Pastor Paulraj spoke about his work in Vellore, India.

He gave updates about the Reformed Christian Church of Vellore, Grace Foster Home (GFH), and his work in the outlying villages.

He spoke of the struggles they face with GFH not having a permanent building and never knowing when they will have to pack up 50 children and move. Finding housing for all the children is no small task, so Pastor Paulraj is praying that they will soon be able to build a permanent home on a piece of land they were recently able to purchase.



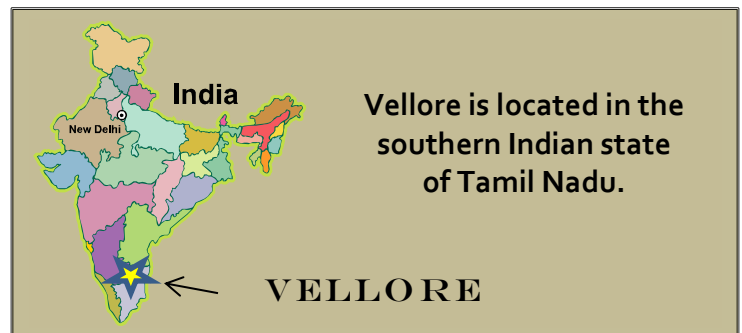
Pastor Paulraj speaks at Georgetown

In addition to visiting area churches and schools, Paulraj was also able to attend Sunday worship services, catechism classes, Bible studies, and Council meetings at Georgetown. He was also able to visit Calvin College, the PRC Seminary and also spend time at the Holland Rescue Mission.



Pastor Paulraj visiting Calvin College

We at Georgetown PRC are so thankful to have had the opportunity to meet and get to know Pastor Paulraj. Please continue to pray for him as he continues his difficult work in Vellore.



Vellore is located in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu.

VELLORE



Prof and Lori Gritters



Elder Deane and Donna Wassink

Vellore, India Visit Planned for New Year (2014)

The Reformed Christian Church of Vellore (RCCV) is looking forward to receiving a delegation from Georgetown PRC, the Lord willing. Elder Deane Wassink, his wife Donna, Prof. Barry Gritters, and his wife Lori will be leaving for India on January 2 and returning January 17. This will be the fourth delegation sent to Vellore since Georgetown began to support the mission outreach of Pastor Paulraj. The two men traveled to India last year and have built relationships with the saints there. Elder Wassink comes with teaching and business experience, leads Bible studies, and ministers to the homeless at the Holland Rescue Mission; Prof. Gritters teaches Missions at the Protestant Reformed Theological Seminary and specializes in office-bearer training.

Georgetown PRC and RCCV have set goals for this two-week visit. Prof. Gritters will resume his classes on Reformed Church Government by holding a three day conference. In addition he will hold a two day conference with the English congregation on the Distinctives of Reformed Doctrine. The visitors will also spend time with Paulraj in village outreach, and Prof. Gritters will preach in the English and Tamil congregations. The men will meet with the leadership of the church and orphanage. Deane Wassink will assist Professor Gritters wherever needed, build relationships with the Church Council, review building needs and plans, and explore possibilities in regards to micro businesses. Lori Gritters and Donna Wassink will assist the Grace Foster Home by assessing their needs and will build relationships with women and children of the church.

Rev. Haak and Bruce Miedema plan to visit the RCCV in the fall of 2014, the Lord willing.

As you can see, those going on the 2014 trips to Vellore, India have a great task ahead of them. They will need your support! The Contact Committee and Theological School will be funding a large share of the costs, but we will need to raise funds for the trip as well. If you are interested in helping fund part of these trips, please contact Deacon Justin Visser who is treasurer for the India Committee. If you have any questions about these trips, please contact any member of the India Committee.

Let us keep these men and women in our prayers as they prepare for their visit. Pray for their health, safety, and traveling mercies. May the God of His Church grant that they may be a blessing to the saints in Vellore. May there be a mutual exchange of fellowship and learning in the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants, and Thy glory unto their children. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands, establish Thou it." (Psalm 90: 16-17)

DID YOU KNOW...

THIS IS WHAT PSALM 23 LOOKS LIKE IN THE TAMIL LANGUAGE!

Tamil

Psalms

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கர்த்தர் என் மேய்ப்பராயிருக்கிறார். நான் தாழ்ச்சியடை யேன். அவர் என்னைப் புல்லுள்ள இடங்களில் மேய்த்து. அமர்த்த தண்ணீர்கள் அண்டையில் என்னைக் கொண்டுவரப்படுகிறார். அவர் என் ஆத்துமாவைத் தேற்றி. தம்முடைய நாமத்தினிமித்தம் என்னை நீதியின் பாதைகளில் நடத்துகிறார். நான் மரண இருளின் பள்ளத்தாக்கிலே நடந்தாலும் பொல்லாப்புக்குப் பயப்படேன். ஏனெனில் தேவரீர் என்னோடே கூட இருக்கிறார். உமது கொலும் உமது தடியும் என்னைத் தேற்றும். என் சத்துருக்களுக்கு முன்பாக நீர் எனக்கு ஒரு பந்தியை ஆயத்தப்படுத்தி. என் தலையை என்னெய்யால் அபிஷேகம் பண்ணுகிறார். என் பாத்திரம் நிரம்பி வழிகிறது. என் ஜீவனுள்ள நாளைல்லாம் நன்மையும் கிருபையும் என்னைத் தொடரும். நான் கர்த்தருடைய விடிலே நிடித்த நாள்களாய் நிலைத்திருப்பேன்.