

# Faith Foundations International with Ray B. Nelson Serving the Lord in India



A Wheelchair ministry, operated through Joni Erickson Ministries, came to our church campus and spent March 7th, 8th and 9th of 2019 blessing the Indian need. They gave away 50 wheelchairs, plus walkers and crutches. All were fit to the individual needs.

It was heartbreaking seeing all the children that were deformed and adults as well. It was a GOOD ministry, watching them customize every wheelchair, walker and crutch to fit every need personally. They cut custom seats with foam and vinyl and made crutches the right height and every walker was customized to fit. It was GREAT watching them meet every need perfectly.

They cared for small children as well as all ages going up to the elderly. The wheelchairs, walkers and crutches were given at no charge but the material used to customize them came to \$1,147.00. If you had some money you were looking to invest in the Kingdom of God in India it would sure help pay off this debt. A little or a lot would add up to pay off every penny. You can help by sending your donation to Harvest International, Inc. P.O. Box 6690, Ocala, FL 34478 and notate "Ray Nelson - Wheelchair Ministry".



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During my trip to India this year I was blessed to be able to teach two classes with the help of a translator. The men's meeting was at 5:00 am every Tuesday morning. It is very difficult to get men in India to come because of the persecution. I was working to teach them to get there on time, which in India is very difficult. If you say 9:00 am, they hear 10:30 am or 11:00 am. So I told them the meeting started at 5:00 AM with or without them

and if they came after 5:00 am they would miss something important.

Many would come without bibles, not that they didn't own one but because of the persecution they would suffer by bring their Bible. Then I taught them to use the notebook and pens I would supply, so something was said that they wanted to remember they could write it down with the date they heard it.

Many missionaries or Sharath (my host) would teach or I would bring the message if we didn't have a speaker, otherwise I would teach what the Lord gave me.

## Video of Ray teaching in India

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/WHwjJMsLrT9NJpde9>



The video was taken while I was teaching the Bible School, which was every day Monday - Friday at 9:30 am. I charged (10 Rupees to those who had poor excuses) and during the six months I was there I collected 500 Rupees, about \$8:00 US Dollars and bought a spiritual dictionary for the class. 10 Rupees was hard for the students to pay.

There were male and female participants. I taught for six months on GOOD NEWS FOR THE POOR. We all have areas where we are poor, as I got into the Word, the Word would identify areas that we were poor in, and we could begin to tear down the walls of our restrictions to the word of God, little by little by little.

When God fills our cup he fills it to over the top, onto the table, onto the floor and out the door. In the kingdom of God there are no shortages. What a good time we had learning what the Word says to us to believe.

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Ray left for India on September 11th. As always, he was extremely excited and thankful that he was able to return to the country and people that he loves. His return, however, is bittersweet because Shanti, Sharath's wife, will not be there to greet him when he arrives.

Ray received word at the end of August, that Shanti had passed away after a severe illness. Indian custom dictates that she be interred within a couple of days and that the family then host a memorial/funeral service at a later date. Ray will be able to participate in this memorial and be with Sharath during this difficult time.

Shanti was a Godly woman and a firm believer that will be missed greatly by her family and friends. Sharath will miss her invaluable assistance with his ministry. Hopefully Ray will be able to support and encourage him during this time of change and readjustment.



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The Christmas season is full of things to celebrate. We had a Christmas season with a new church five hours north of us. It was our first time there. The audience had a lot of Hindus in it with extra special time to share the Gospel. We also spoke at another church with a congregation of thousands. We had spoken there before. What a time for the Gospel and to reach so many people at once. Sharath and I both preached a Christmas message.

There was a marriage to celebrate, what a time for it. Everything went like clockwork. There was a Funeral to attend and share the grief and joy with the family of the deceased.

All of these celebrations happened at the Christmas season. We celebrated with joy in each occasion that came about.



*Giving a Christmas message to the new church.*



*The Wedding*



*The Funeral*