

Our dear friends,

This is the special time of the year when we can rejoice with you in Emmanuel. Remembering it's because of His coming we are saved to good works.

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PRAISE GOD FOR

1. The safety and health of all at Mizpah.
2. His Providence and Mercies which are new every morning.
3. The new spacious dormitory for the girls.
4. For the new solar water heater equipment.

PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR

1. The continual grace of God in Mizpah's ministries.
2. The piece of land behind our home that we intend to purchase.
3. Geetha who is appearing for her Standard X Board examination.
4. For the various financial needs of Mizpah Home.



It is that time of the year again when we are looking back to count our blessings and looking forward with hope in our eyes to see what great things God has in store, determining to do His will. It has been a year of gladness in that we were blessed with the joy of having three new children join the Mizpah family – **Sam, Devarani** and **Sathish** (you have read their background in our previous newsletters). The girls' new dormitory is in use now providing plenty of place and light.

There are carpets on the floor and curtains on the windows. The solar water heating system has been installed, greatly adding to the charms of our daily life. The wooden play station in the compound can now be used even on rainy days, since a zinc roof is now put up making it more user-friendly. Besides all these provisions at Mizpah Home, God has helped us add to the joy of learning in the picnics and outings the children have had through the year. Many of these were opportunities to meet other people and learn from the experience.

In commemoration of seven years of community service, Mizpah Home organized a skit on global warming and an environment awareness programme where other local NGO's and people from the community witnessed and participated. The following day Mizpah Home children took part in the 'Keep Ooty Clean and Green' drive at the Government Botanical Gardens, where the children picked up litter from off the lawns and beside the park benches. The older children swept up the fallen leaves and garbage, putting them into disposable bags and then into the waste bins – leaving the Gardens beautifully clean for the visitors of the day. These events turned out to be a beautiful learning/teaching experience – not only for Mizpah children – but to all those people who participated.



Mizpah's labour of Love is not only confined to those within its boundaries but also other under-privileged people who come seeking help. Two of these life-challenging stories are worth mentioning. Shabrami, a teenage mother, was directed to Mizpah by some well-meaning people. She came with her 8 month old daughter (Hebsheba) one rainy afternoon believing we will help her. Her husband died in the severe monsoon we experienced during the month of June this year. She was sent out of the friend's house where she was sheltering. Mizpah secured a place for her at Sara's Trust, an organization working among destitute women, where she is getting all the help she needs for herself and the baby. We visit her regularly and help her in every way possible. Then there is Shivaram, his mentally challenged wife Ragi and their 14yr old daughter Crusema. Mizpah paid the school fees and provided her with school books and uniforms. We also helped them with zinc sheets to cover the roof of their house and provide them with warm clothing and footwear whenever they come to us in need. We thank God for His grace that overflows through our lives.



We are prayerfully considering purchasing a piece of land behind Mizpah home. Since we have no land behind the house, our walls are dampened each time the neighboring landlord waters his fields. This not only ruins the rooms, but also makes the children's dormitories cold and wet – resulting in the children getting sick. Besides, we plan to use the area to dry clothes and also for a small kitchen garden where the children will be involved in growing vegetables for our own need.

With love and prayers,

The Mizpah Family

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