

# New Lifer News

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## KidsLife Small Groups

The following is an interview between New Life's Children's Ministry Director, Laura Walters, and a couple, Doug & Jennifer Huff, who serve in KidsLife's ministry:

### Tell me about your experience serving as a Small Group Leader in KidsLife, and why you find it worthwhile....

We are the CARE ministry to the children. The ministry in KidsLife is so important to visiting children and parents. It may be the deciding factor for them, on whether their family comes back. We have had LOTS of visitors in the last few months. It is neat that we get to meet them first and take SPECIAL care of their children, so they can tell their mom and dad they want to come back.

It is neat to see smiles on the faces of these visitors when they do come back a second time. Their fear vanishes the minute they see a familiar face with a smile, accompanied by a hug. We are happy to see them again, and love to tell them so! It is equally awesome to see the parents' relief when they can go to worship, knowing their children are being loved and cared for.



### What encourages you as a Small Group Leader?

...the awesome notes and comments from children and parents saying how much they love us. We are always being thanked by parents and encouraged as they say how much their children love spending time with us and learning about the Bible.

We love being the first ones to see the spiritual gifts given to them by God and being able to encourage them. Also, it's awesome seeing their growth in their walk with God and growing understanding of God's Word. Also, their honesty convicts us to the core.

### You have a large family. Has it been difficult to be here to lead your Small Group every week? How about being able to go to church?

We have not missed a service in three months because we go to 1st service and then serve during 2<sup>nd</sup>. Before, serving once per month, it was hard to establish a good weekly church routine. We would miss church once a month to serve. Now we do not feel we miss out on a thing. It's been neat to find friends our children have made and we have made by being at both services. Before there was a whole group of kids and parents we did not know.

### How would you ask people to pray for you and for KidsLife?

Off the top of my head.....praying for servant hearts!!!! We are blessed as we walk away each Sunday. We love, as parents, knowing that the same teachers will be with our children each Sunday and that relationships are being built. We know our children will remember these teachers as adults. They are helping to shape our children into future adults.

# India Missions

by Jim Peugh

There were four of us from New Life, Dave Troyer, Suzie King, Ann Bare, and myself, **Jim Peugh** who traveled to India October 11-20. What a trip! I would like to thank New Life for its support and prayers. We all commented that we now know what it was like to be covered in prayer. Our trip from start to finish just flowed without any problems or events. It didn't matter whether it was our mode of travel, hotel accommodations, or food everything worked well. Speaking of food we all loved it and none of us got sick from eating anything even though many of our meals were prepared in small villages.



It was a fast-paced trip. **We ministered in six churches over five days**, traveled hundreds of miles by van, and two overnights by train as we went from the east side of India to the west side. We stayed in small towns at night but during the day we traveled to some remote villages to minister to the people. A church service was often in progress when we arrived and we would join in to the praise and worship. You can tell when people are praising God even when you can't understand the words. After a short sermon the people would come to the altar for our team to pray for them. What a privilege!

Pastor Stifan is doing a great work. Most of the churches we visited were in **small rural villages where the people are very poor**. The pastors he oversees are reaching people and their churches are growing. It was neat to meet our Indian brothers and sisters in Christ.

The **graduation ceremony in Hubli** was attended by an overflow crowd with many sitting or standing outside. Pastor Dave preached a great sermon both encouraging and challenging the new graduates to remain faithful to their calling. The graduates are well prepared by the school and upon graduation will spend time working with a senior pastor before going on their own. It was exciting to see these people starting on a new life and know that through Christ they are going to make a huge impact on the people and nation of India.



The trip impacted me on different levels. It has heightened my interest in mission work in India especially the work of Pastor Stifan. He just completed a five-day crusade in Kazipet November 15, 2009 where thousands attended and hundreds came to Christ just in the first two days! I know our whole team participated by praying for this crusade. Another big positive was the fellowship I experienced over the nine days with Dave, Ann, Suzie, **Pastor Stifan** and the Indian believers.

