



New Covenant

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Prayer Requests:

- ◇ The relief response ongoing for the earthquake affected.
- ◇ Students continuing their theological studies at Seminaries in India.
- ◇ All the evangelical and development staff of Hindustani Church.

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Absence of water: a crawling disaster

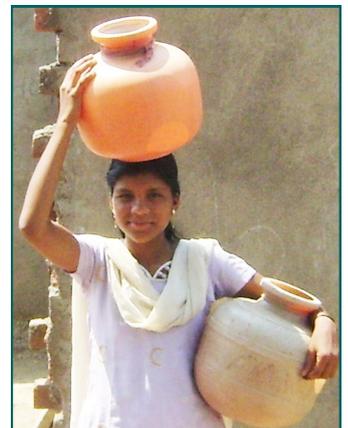
Sonali Guntant Koli, is 15, and a high school student.

Sonali's parents are manual labourers. They are poor and have lots of problems. Two goats they own are their only property. Sonali's school is situated at a distant location from her house. But above that, the major problem is complete scarcity of water facilities at the place they live in. There is neither hand pump, nor well nor tap nor even any open well. They have to walk at least half a kilometre from their house to any water source. And it is Sonali, who has to fetch water for her family every day. Usually, girls in poor

Indian families are responsible to collect water for domestic consumption.

This has often delayed her arriving at her school. She complains about pain in her head, waist, back and neck. She knows the reason for her pains. She carries heavy vessels full of water on her head and waist at least four times every day. She often falls sick. Because of lack of water, she often has to compromise with cleanliness. Her family members also speak about falling sick very often. Thus sickness and money spent on treatment is becoming a worry for the family.

Not having sufficient water can be a slow and silent disaster for a family. This needs to be resolved immediately.



Sonali's walk for water

Vacation Bible School

Local congregations of Hindustani Church are organizing vocational bible schools (VBS) for its children this summer.

Summer brings long month of holidays for most of the children, and VBS is the best opportunity for the

Churches to share Word of God with them.



Children of St. Andrew's Church



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*Drawing from the
life of Christ, HCC
envisions the
establishment of the
kingdom of God
where everyone in
the society is able to
live holistic and
transformed lives.*

Cross Cultural Learning

Evangelin & Samuel are now studying at SVF, Sweden.

Both are representing HCC at Södra Vätterbygdens Folkhögskola, Jönköping, Sweden. This was possible for them because of an exchange program & many years of partnership between UCS, HCC and SVF.

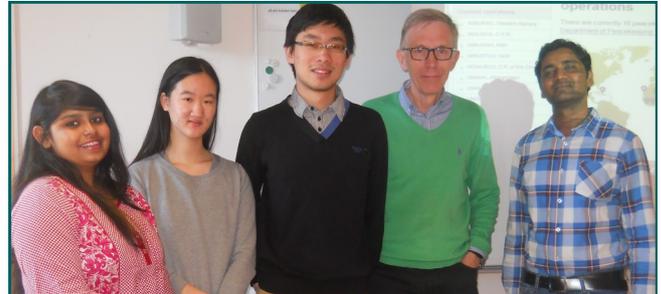
Evangelin is a graduate in Environmental Science and an active youth of HCC

congregation in Pune.

Samuel is an active minister of HCC congregation in Solapur district. He also is contributing as a faculty at

HCC school in Solapur.

HCC expects that they will share their learning in HCC at appropriate platforms.



Evangelin (left) & Samuel (right) at SVF, Sweden

My Education

I am, Ms Snehal thakur, born and brought up in a Christian family.

My father was an auto-rickshaw driver. But, last year he committed suicide being too much disturbed due to poverty related matters. Recently my grandfather also passed away with too much of bereavement at the loss of my father.

My mother is house wife. I have three sisters and one

brother. It is very difficult to survive on our own. There is no one at home to earn for the survival of the family. In this situation, I joined a private company to support my family. A job was possible through the education I have received.

I want to thank my Church that equipped me to receive education, starting from my schooling till

higher education.



Snehal

Church Hall Inaugurated

Glory to God! for a Church Hall is now ready for the members of Hindustani Church at Sundargarh, Orissa for worship and fellowship.

All these years, shades of trees and houses of believers were used as places for worship and fellowship.

But, now they proudly speak about their own church.

This Church Hall was inaugurated with the auspicious presence of Rev. Bertil Svensson, and Mr.

Thomas Bjoersdorff from Uniting Churches in Sweden and Rev. S. C David from HCC.



Recently inaugurated Church Hall, Orissa