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"DO NOT BE AFRAID MARY, YOU HAVE FOUND FAVOUR WITH GOD. YOU WILL BE WITH CHILD AND GIVE BIRTH TO A SON AND YOU ARE TO GIVE HIM THE NAME JESUS. HE WILL BE GREAT AND WILL BE CALLED THE SON OF THE MOST HIGH. THE LORD GOD WILL GIVE HIM THE THRONE OF HIS FATHER DAVID AND HE WILL REIGN OVER THE HOUSE OF JACOB FOREVER, HIS KINGDOM WILL NEVER END." -Luke 1:30-33

Mary was a young girl living in the times when the Romans ruled over a patriarchal Jewish society where a Jewish man thanked God daily for not making him a non-Jew, a dog and a woman.

It was normal for her to be afraid when the Angel Gabriel visited her saying, "Greetings you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you."

She was terrified more so when the Angel said that she would be with child.

Questions, doubts, fears must have risen like tall waves waiting to drown her into the silence of the dead. This, however, did not happen because she was highly favoured by God.

God's favour isn't fair, says Bishop T.D. Jakes. It's special.

What all did God's favour include for Mary?

It meant God had it all covered for Mary.

It meant God was In-Charge.

It meant, God would take care that she was not to be stoned to death publicly for that was the punishment for a woman found to be pregnant before marriage.

It meant God sending His Angel to confirm to Joseph that Mary was to bear the Son of God.

It meant God confirming to her about her cousin's pregnancy in her advanced age.

It meant God giving her and her child protection from Herod.

The heart of the matter is 'The Lord is with you'

When we work tirelessly to change the mindset against girls and women and have them believe that they are favoured by God for He made man and woman in His own image, we believe that The Lord is with us.

Uphill as the task is, we realise we are in the midst of a spiritual battle, but we also believe that the battle belongs to the Lord.

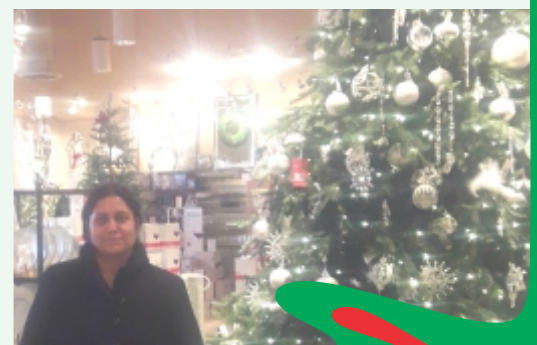
This Christmas, as we encourage ourselves, we believe that God has got us. We are not alone.

Please Pray for us

Wishing you and your family a Christ-centered Christmas and New year.

Sincerely,

Vinita Shaw
Managing Trustee



Radio outreaches



Vishal from Danapur - I love listening to your broadcast. I am posted at the border in the army and your programs have become my best friends and guides.

Kanchan – I would have become a victim of honour killing with my then lover and now husband had you not supported us and guided us. Today we are happily settled and my husband has a job. I love listening to your programs. Thank you for being the guiding light. Please do come and visit us.

Jaspal Singh - Thank you for introducing me to Sonu. We both used to listen to your broadcasts but did not know that we lived so close to one another. Now we go to church together and the literature you sent us, we have been able to distribute. Thank you for connecting us

Tahir from Jammu - A lot of people are listening to your broadcasts here in Jammu

Munender from Punjab - I was going to commit suicide but your broadcast was playing a beautiful Christian song which stopped me. Now I listen to your broadcasts regularly

Go find from Azamgarh - I met Jesus through your program

Pawan from Haryana...I am blind and my wife is handicapped. We trust the Lord and listen to your programs.

Ravi from Saharanpur...I worked in an English speaking call centre in Delhi. Someone spiked my drink and I met with an accident. Now I lie in bed most of the time. I wanted to end my life but my little daughter stood before me and I could not do that. I found Jesus through your broadcast.

Weekly broadcasts on All India Radio (FM 102.6 Rainbow)

Every Thursday - Stuti Vandana - 05:45-06:00 a.m

Every Friday - Satya Vachan - 06:00-06:15 a.m

Every Friday - Khush Khabri - 11:00-11:15 p.m

You can listen to all these episodes and also Disha, Meri Awaz and Good Friday, Easter, Christmas and special days broadcasts on our youtube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyKGPF2hOaTgsK-eFqI5>

Disha launches into The North East Of India

International year of the girl child

October 12, 2017 was a special day in the history of Disha Foundation as it was invited by the Government in Meghalaya to participate in the celebration of the International day of the girl child.

It was hosted in the beautiful city of Shillong along with the officers and social workers as well as the children.



It was also an opportunity to visit with the children ofvillage where Disha Foundation has been supporting the education of the little girl children.

New business takes off in New Delhi – Skill Training bears fruit

These women were those who were not even permitted to step out of their homes. They were depressed and totally at the mercy of their families. Thanks to the efforts of the counsellors, their families sent them to the center where they picked up a variety of skills like henna designing, hair cutting, make up and tailoring . Today, they are a happy and confident bunch who have learnt to speak their minds and respect themselves as they contribute to the family's income. Many of them are earning more than their husbands now. Many others have got married and gone to different parts of India but all of them are working. Their joy was contagious. Even the women who had come to meet me and share their success stories were in a tearing hurry to get back home because amidst their household chores , they are tailoring 2 dressed per day. So, keeping them with us for a day was like taking them away from their working time.



Educating the girls, New Delhi To show girls how to be careful and report Child Abuse



Picnic sponsored for International girl child day



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Girls rooms painted

Our volunteers came and painted the inside of the hostel as the girls told their colour choices. It was a real treat. The rooms are brighter and cleaner and the bathrooms repaired. We are very grateful to them.



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Book release in Toronto, Canada



New Partners in Canada with their Steering committee members

Visitors

We had Pastor Allen Cook visiting us
We had our Dutch volunteers visiting us.
Our volunteers are a growing army
We had Norma Cody and her group visiting us



Prayer requests

- Praise God for the great time Mrs Vinita Shaw had of promoting her new book in Toronto area
- Please pray for our Christmas outreaches-
- St Michael celebration – 13 December
- Old age home visit – 20 December
- Special Christmas broadcasts on 25 December
- Mrs Vinita Shaw has been elected to serve on the Board of International Right to Life Federation and will be representing India. please pray for her added responsibilities

Donations can be made through cheque or DD in favour of Disha Foundation.
All donations are exempt from income tax under section 80G