

Give the Gift of Sight for Lent!



Those hoping for care

Eye Operations for \$40!

**At the Giddalur Anglican
Charitable Eye Hospital
They are depending on us!**



Patient receiving care



Lent 2010

Dear APA Brothers and Sisters,

For those who cannot see, can you imagine a better gift than the gift of sight? Our Lord knew how much His people needed this gift so He made the self-sacrificing effort to provide for this need, both physically and spiritually. Now that He is no longer bodily here He calls on His Church to continue to fill this need.

For several years the Anglican Province of America has responded and worked to provide the gift of sight to some of the poorest people in Andhra Pradesh, South India. The **Anglican Charitable Eye Hospital in Giddalur** was built throughout 2007 using APA donations and the first Glaucoma operations were performed in January of 2008. Since then the APA has funded 30 eye operations a month each year. That is a total of 720 people who can now see who previously could not. But more importantly they have experienced Christ's love from Christians over half a world away.

Last year when the APA conducted this annual Lenten Eye Clinic Appeal the APA churches responded so well that we funded the whole year through this one effort! **Let's do it again!**

Bishop Grundorf and I are writing to you in the hopes that you will again present this idea to your congregation as a **Lenten giving opportunity**. Would the members of your congregation be willing to provide an operation so that someone else might see? You could build your Lenten giving program around the theme "A dollar a day will send sight on the way!" since there are 40 days in Lent and the operation costs 40 dollars. Would individual members of your congregation be willing to supply one or more operations? Would your Sunday school children or church groups such as the choir or the men's group be willing to sponsor an operation? Is there someone who will take on the "Change for Change" jar and each Sunday organize the collection of congregation pocket change? Whatever you think would be a good way to provide this opportunity for a Lenten gift of sight to our Indian Anglican brothers and sisters, please consider it and encourage your congregation to participate.

The cost of an operation, including the medicines or glasses when appropriate, is amazing! Each operation costs only \$40.00. Large or small donations, however it is done, when we collectively donate whatever we can, the story of Our Lord multiplying the loaves and fishes to sufficiency is replayed. But each church needs to do a part.

We will be collecting donations all through the Lenten season and of course at the end of Lent. Any monies collected should be sent to our Provincial Treasurer, Mr. DJ Fulton, 9489 Brown Rd., Jonesboro, GA 30238. Please make your checks out to "APA" and note "India Eye Operations" on the memo line. All monies will be sent to the eye clinic to pay the monthly eye operation bills.

Close your eyes for a minute and imagine what it would be like to remain that way permanently. Please take this opportunity help our less fortunate brothers and sisters. **Let them see and experience the Love of Christ through your gift of sight. Remember, they are counting on us!**

Yours in Christ:

+Walter

The Most Rev. Walter H. Grundorf, D.D.
Bishop of the Diocese of the Eastern US,
Presiding Bishop, APA

and

Dss. Tina Jenkins

Dss. Tina Jenkins
APA Coordinator of
Foreign Missions