

# GRACEMODE

*Transforming lives*

## ***A ministry that touches my heart*** by Alisha Rushing

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Many of you have heard of our ministry partner, Pastor Prem Raulo, in Odisha, India. You've heard many of the things he is doing on the mission field. His heart and soul resonate with a desire to see his countrymen coming under the power of the Gospel unto salvation. We are so grateful to be able to come alongside Pastor Prem and share with you some of the many stories that he has shared with GraceMode.

Some years ago, Pastor Prem heard God asking him to open an orphanage. Since he opened the first orphanage, there are now three ministry projects aimed at providing food, clothing, medical care, and lodging for many orphans and needy children. Today I'll bring you some of the many stories Pastor Prem has shared with me. Our world contains about 153 million orphans, but almost 20% of them are found in India alone. With approximately 30 million orphans in India alone, Pastor Prem had to act.

India is a country of approximately 1.38 billion people, located in the *10/40 Window*, which contains 90% of the world's population. Still, this section of the planet is only about 10-15% evangelized. More shocking than this, however, is that fewer than ten pennies of every missionary support dollar sent from the United States are sent to this area of the world. This is sad but true!



***FAITH Ministries, Odisha, India***

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***Pastor Prem***

***with some of our kids***

In America, generally speaking, we have "orphanages" in many cities. There are foster homes and many other programs for the needy. In India, however, if a child is orphaned he or she is left to fend entirely for themselves. There have been stories of children being nursed and

fed by dogs that have more compassion than the humans around these children. Many times these children will work from sun up to sun down for food in the slums, looking for cardboard to sell, gathering sticks to sell to people that desire to keep their homes warm, looking for clothing, food, etc. Some children are on the streets and get taken advantage of by child sex traffickers.

The problems are real. The faces are real. The names are real. They may not be our reality, but they are the reality for many in the world today.

Today GraceMode will share with you some of the stories of our orphans. The projects designed to reach these needy children are run by Christians. Pastor Prem ensures all three of these orphanages have their needs met, even if it means that he and his family must do without. *Greater love has no man than to lay down his life for another.* Pastor Prem is dedicated to doing the Lord's work concerning these little children. He will continue this work, even if no one comes beside him to help. GraceMode has been pleased to stand with him since 2013, when Pastor Al visited India, met the orphans, and bonded with the believers there.

***You may never meet these children, but let me introduce some of them to you:***

In 2017 Mercy's mother died. Her father could not find work locally, so he traveled a great distance to find work. He could not afford to bring Mercy with him, and there was no family to care for her. This being the case, he left his only daughter to care for herself. Pastor Prem brought Mercy to the orphanage, and she has been there for five years now. Mercy is receiving at least one good meal a day, clothes to wear, an education, and medical care if needed. Mercy does not currently have a sponsor.

Blesson is a young boy, born into a Hindu family, weak and very frail from birth, Blesson's family could not afford food, clothing, school supplies, or other daily needs. He was brought to the orphanage and is doing well. Like Mercy, Blesson does not have a sponsor. If you would like to help sponsor Mercy, Blesson, or any of the other children, you may use the response card and envelope to let us know of your commitment. We would love to hear from you. Along with the children, Pastor Prem is grateful for any prayers and assistance we can send.

## ***Note from the Director:***

Each newsletter will highlight one or two of our missionaries or ministry partners. We will continue to give updates on our other workers as space allows. We know that your giving is between you and God, so we only want to inform you of the needs, allowing you to let God guide your giving. We provide the means by which you may give, but we only expect you to interact with God to determine your level of support, including prayer, sharing this information with others, and giving. We love hearing from you! A thumbs up and letting us know of your prayers, and your prayer requests does wonders, just as one-time or regular donations do.

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