

Remembering Pastor Thomas

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After a several week illness and hospitalization, doctors told Pastor Thomas he would not survive much longer. Having received this prognosis, he asked his family to take him to his church in Tenali, India. While surrounded by his loving wife, Mary Grace, son, Thomas Jr., and many believers of the Feed My People family, he left this life and was ushered into his eternal home in heaven.



Gaddam Thomas was born on July 31, 1947. Although he was raised in a Christian home, his early years were spent in rebellion and he had no interest in school. Neglecting his studies, he chose friends who had a bad influence on him and was involved in street fighting and other violence. When he was twenty-one he started working for a dairy but continued his harmful ways and even engaged in harassing pastors and church meetings. One night, he and his friends had planned a stabbing. Before he could participate in the attack, God spoke to his heart and he responded to the call of God on his life. He resigned his job, and even though his parents were against it, went to Bible College in Bangalore.

After Bible college, he moved to Tenali and worked in various ministries where he preached about



the love of Jesus, reaching Muslims and Hindus with the gospel message. In 1986 Global Outreach Founders, Allan and Harle Eliason, became acquainted with Pastor Thomas at a mission conference in Arizona. They began supporting his work and particularly the children's home he and Mary Grace had started with about a dozen children. During the past thirty-five years of partnership with Pastor Thomas, his ministry has grown to now include 130 village churches, 210 Pastors and 14 Children's Homes. In addition, the Feed My People Ministry has cared for the elderly, widows, lepers, and provided vocational training, Bible College and many other humanitarian services.

We were privileged to send a short video to express our condolences during his memorial service which was attended by more than 2,000 people. Throughout all the thirty-five years of partnership between Pastor Thomas and Global Outreach, he proved to be a faithful and trusted steward that always provided us with thorough reports and detailed accounting of the funds provided for Feed My People. He always referred to the Eliason's as "Mum Harle, and Dad Allan" and Mary Grace said that in his final days he was talking about seeing them in heaven. Many times he reminded us, "without Global Outreach, there would be no Feed My People."

Work Continues in India

Mary Grace and Thomas Jr. continue the good work of Feed My People. They have both been actively involved in the ministry for many years. We have full confidence that this ministry will continue to thrive under their capable leadership.



Children from Regulagunta Children's Home thank God when they heard the new home will be built.

In January we shared about the flooding that resulted in two orphanages being destroyed. We are thankful to report construction has begun on both of the buildings to replace these children's homes.

They are making good progress on the Regulagunta Home.



The first \$5,000 has been sent for the Regulagunta Home, however we are still in need of an additional \$15,000 to complete this home. **Any donations for this project will be greatly appreciated and put right to work as they have already used the \$5,000 and are awaiting additional funds.**



Church leaders are thanking God for new building in Pothavaram village.

We are so thankful to share the wonderful news that Sterling Drive Church of Christ, Bellingham, Washington is funding the construction of the new Pothavaram Children's Home and church. Their generous investment in this project will bless hundreds of children and families for many years.



Work has already started on the new home in Pothavaram.

Global Outreach celebrates 35 years of ministry this month!

Over the past 35 years, literally thousands upon thousands of lives have been impacted by this ministry as we have answered God's call to go in Christian love and compassion to the nations. Souls have been redeemed by the life changing and liberating power of the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Countless children who had no home or hope have been rescued and raised in a loving Christian environment. Starving children have received physical nourishment as well as the Bread of Life. Many widows and elderly have been fed, clothed and sheltered. Churches, schools, and orphanages have been built and supported. None of these "miracles" would have happened without God's help and the help of faithful and generous partners like you. From the depths of our hearts we say thank you and God bless you for investing in those things that matter for eternity.