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Dalit recording project launched!

HSI coordinator Frank Fortunato has just returned from India where he is involved in a multiple-recording project that will unfold over the next five years. On arrival, Frank plunged into recording synthesizer and keyboard parts for an upcoming Hindi language children's recording. This project features songs for the Dalit Educational Centers (DECs) all over India started by OM India.

During his stay in India, Frank went to Bangalore to hear the final tracks of the English children's recording, produced by Jackie and Suresh Peters. Suresh is an accomplished Bollywood film composer (Bollywood is Bombay's version of Hollywood). The songs have catchy, memorable tunes and the arrangements capture the sounds of pop India. The singers include siblings ages nine and six. Suresh commented that nine-year-old Arun is one of the most accomplished child singers found anywhere in India.



The English recording features eight themes aimed at changing the mindset of the disparaged, oppressed and deprived Dalit children. The themes include: I am unique, I am loved, I am special, I am gifted, God loves me, I will treat my body well, I will treat the land properly, and I have big dreams.



Accompanying the recording is a classy 80-page, full-color activity book to lodge the themes of the songs deeply into their minds. A 50-page manual for teachers has also been produced. Discussions are in progress to release the recording in secular markets throughout the nation as well as to the DECs.

During the visit, Frank also met with OM India leaders. Plans were put in place to





add a worship focus to the training of several hundred OM team members. They also requested a second worship curriculum to train pastors of the Good Shepherd Community Church movement. This denomination, begun by OM India, has now mushroomed to 2,500 churches across India.

Frank plans to return to India this coming June to implement pilot projects for the above training. He will also have the joy of taking his 17-year-old adopted daughter back to India to spend a week helping at the orphanage where she spent her first six years.

Warmly yours,
Frank Fortunato, HSI Coordinator

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