

# Hot Off the Press! 8/10/14

## The Verhagens on a Media Mission in India

For three weeks in May and June, Paul and Mary Sue traveled with their long-time friends Dan and Chris Henrich (media missionaries with Handclasp International) to North India. In the beautiful city of Chandigarh, Paul, Dan, and Dan's Indian colleague, film producer and Hindu-background believer Jim Sanjay, together ran a two-week video production workshop.

The 23 students were mostly high school and college-aged young men, but there was one twelve year old and a few adults including one young Christian woman active in ministry. Most of the group were Hindu, several were Sikh, and several were Christian. Dan, professor of mass communications at Edward Waters College in Florida, is a highly skilled teacher of this material and has led such workshops many times in several countries of Asia and Africa. But this was his first group made up chiefly of non-Christians. His approach was to guide the students toward "pro-social media," that is, creating pieces designed to motivate others to make India a better place in some way. This challenge engaged them all immediately (the Christians really "got" the value of this approach for Gospel purposes), and they were energetic, respectful, and attentive, a joy to teach. Paul's special job was teaching field audio recording skills – something rarely done in India, so the quality of Indian movie sound is not what it could be; it sounds like what it usually is, dubbed in the studio long after shooting is finished.

A few of the blessings of this trip:

- Jim established great rapport with all the students, and the younger men often hung about after class to talk with him at the local samosa stand - sometimes for hours.
- Paul discovered that he is a capable teacher of technical matters. After his first session the students clapped and one shouted out, "Mr. Paul, you are a very good teacher!"
- On a quick (and exotic!) weekend trip to the Himalayas, Jim reconnected with many of his mother's relatives, whom he hadn't seen for over 30 years. What a joy to see their interest and responsiveness as he spoke to them about Jesus!
- Chris and Mary Sue were invited to teach a women's group at a small church in Chandigarh, on applying the Gospel to family relationships. The women were all from Hindu backgrounds, some now following Jesus, some just curious. It was a wonderful experience, learning to speak in words and phrases that an inexperienced translator could handle easily.
- Mary Sue began work with Chris and Jim on a script for a short new Indian film based on the story of Hosea in the Bible. This is both harder and more fun than she expected, and the process continues in her "spare" time.
- Mostly good health, plenty of energy, great adventures, sweet fellowship, and Indian food!



Paul teaching a fine point of audio production



Students and Mary Sue celebrating on the last day of class

## WHAT DO 15,000 SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS LOOK LIKE?

Join the fun Aug 22 and find out.

The 2014 *Tools For Schools* Distribution Day is Friday, Aug 22. That day volunteers will find out what the notebooks and 110,000 other supplies look like. The 'tools' are being given to 28 schools —some as close as College Hill Fundamental, Pleasant Hill, Winton Hills and Bond Hill. Others were more remote and include public as well as Catholic schools where the income of the family of many students was below the poverty level. TFS 2014 will be the source of many blessings during the school year.

### THE DISTRIBUTION PROCESS

Through the generosity of many donors in multiple churches, grants and wise shopping, there are a lot of school supplies to distribute. The process begins with Bev Graves, Feast of Love Director, contacting each school mid-summer to determine their needs. This provides the first estimate to the schools each year, which in turn can grow into relationships to further bless teachers and their students.

Beginning at 8:00AM, volunteers are assigned to a team responsible for a given item. They confirm the number available and decide the final distribution by school. Here's where buying in bulk helps, i.e., this year we bought boxes of 72 pencils to make counting and distributing easier. Then each team will take their item to the assembly



The 2013 MARKER Team — Dave Freas, Terri Strasinger, Susan Knueven and her son Tobi.



The 2013 PORTFOLIO Team — Bob and Susan Faul.

area designated for each school. The total they have assigned to the school is entered on the summary list posted.

The *Tools For Schools* orders need to be ready by 11am when the representatives of the 28 schools start arriving. Everyone pitches in to greet them with a smile and help load the supplies. Recipients are so grateful. One of the comments from 2013 was, "I know this is a lot of work for you all. It makes a huge difference to me and



Carol Schubert, undisputed 'Queen of the Crayons.'

PHOTOS BY BARRY STARE

August 10 - August 16 calendar

### 10. sunday

8:00am	Morning Prayer	Prayer Room
9:00am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:10am	Foundation Hour	
	• Children's Classes	Barnabas Ctr
	• Jr. High	BC 204
	• High School	BC 206
	• ASF	Various
11:15am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
1:30pm	ACA Meeting	Clubroom

### 11. monday

6:30pm	Karate	Great Hall
7:00pm	Deacon Meeting	Fellowship Hall

### 12. tuesday

6:30pm	Super Choir	Fellowship Hall
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### 13. wednesday

9:30am	Library Work Day	BC 103
5:30pm	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Clubroom
7:00pm	Bi-Polar Support Group	Great Hall
	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	Writers' Meeting	Fireside Room
	Kindling Prayer Group	White House
	Summer CRASH	Off Campus

### 14. thursday

8:30am	Prayer	Prayer Room
10:00am	Knitting Group	Atrium
3:00pm	College Hill Farm Market	Parking Lot
6:00pm	College Hill Block Party	
7:00pm	ACA Meeting	Club Room
7:30pm	Alanon	BC 201 & 202

### 15. friday

9:00am	Renewing The Mind	BC 201 & 202
2:00pm	Praise Dancers	BC Lobby

**The following assistive devices are available**  
Please ask the ushers if you need wheelchair seating or special hearing equipment. Also, handicapped accessible bathrooms are located to the right of the platform in the hallway leading to the white house parking lot.

### Children and Worship

Children ages Kindergarten through third grade are invited to a Children's Worship service each week. Start off with your families in both the 9am and 11:15am service. Then listen for the announcement dismissing the kids to their special service.

This week's helpers are:  
9:00am Jason McSwain & Cathy Smith  
11:15am Nate Smith & Jonny Wiers

Next week's helpers are:  
9:00am Andrew Duke & Michael Fox  
11:15am Sarah Lowe & Jared Lowe