

## Our Work Abroad.

### BIBLE WOMEN AT VUYURU.

We have had a girl in training now for four years, Katakshamma, a young widow, and we hoped she would be ready to take up the touring work when Mariamma dropped it, but still one woman isn't really enough on tour, and then there was nobody to carry on Catherine's work in Vuyuru. Besides, think of all the large villages on our field, where we ought to have resident Bible women. We have 300 villages and only one Bible woman living out side of Vuyuru. Sometimes we got very anxious, but the Lord has heard and answered our prayers. Last March Amchia, from Gunnanapudi, came and offered herself for the work. She is the widow of one of our former pastors, who was a Christ-like man, and she is already a comfort to us. She has taken Catherine's work in Vuyuru, and teaches in the caste school. She has developed wonderfully since she came, and loves her work and is most faithful.

Another young widow, "Joy," has come to us. She has some little education, and is already showing her worth and good spirit. She is really interested and has true heart-experiences of Christ's grace and comfort. She goes with Amchia and me to the caste houses in town, and with Mariamma and me to the near villages. She speaks very acceptably, and the caste women listen to her attentively. With experience she will make a most valuable worker. These two, Amchia and Joy, are already a great joy to us and we are so thankful for them. Then in training we have our good, reliable Katakshamma (Mercy) who will pass her fourth examination next spring, and then be ready for regular work. She is such a good girl, a Christian whose heart longs to serve her Saviour.

When I was on tour last March, two more young widows came and offered themselves for training, Ratnamma and Martha. The former is the older, has a child six years old, which she has left with its grandparents. She is here in the Boarding School now, learning to read and write. She is quick at her lessons, and shows great desire to learn God's Word and to work for Him. Her brother is one of our very best pastors, a most spiritually-minded man, and it seems as if Ratnam (Jewel) were like him. The other one, Martha, is very young, and though at first she seemed bright

and happy, has since become very homesick, and seems to have lost all desire to study, and to have lost sight of the "high calling" which she said she heard, and in answer to which she came to Vuyuru to learn. I really think she does not know her own mind yet, and I am hoping that when she is a little older she will be led more definitely to decide to serve Him. So I am sending her home, hoping to see her back again, more developed and settled, some day in the future.

Now we are so grateful to God for Mercy and Joy and Jewel. And Mercy and Joy will soon finish their training and be in regular and responsible work. Jewel has still some years of preparation before her. I do beg of you to pray for these dear girls that they may be "kept for the Master's use," and trained and taught by Him.

Now I am bound that this shall be my last sheet, so I must begin to stop. Just a word about our bungalow. When it is all finished you shall have a picture of it. It is almost ready for occupation. The cement floors are drying, the doors and windows being hung, and the mats for the floor are due here on the 25th. We should move in early next month. It is going to be so nice. Not a large bungalow, just right for two ladies. Good sized bedrooms, with plenty of air coming through well-placed doors and windows. A nice little airy sitting-room, and a pleasant dining room behind it, a good verandah across the front and around part of the sides to shelter us from sun and rain. We shall be so happy when we move in, and so grateful to you who have made it possible for us, and to our Father who is the giver of every good gift.

Dear friends, do continue to pray without ceasing for me and the work I am doing, that to me and in the work, Christ may be all and in all.

Yours most sincerely,

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### THE CURTAIN DRAWN ASIDE.

Two photos of two sisters revealed the different position which they hold in Hindu society. One is with her husband. Her face is very intelligent and she is wearing no jewels. It is plain without asking that she is above