

Daily Diary

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HH Candramauli Swami



Holding Tight to His Lotus Feet

Dedicated to

**His Divine Grace
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
Srila Prabhupada**

Introduction

“Realization means you should write, every one of you, what is your realization. What for this Back to Godhead is? You write your realization, what you have realized about Kṛṣṇa. That is required. [...] Whenever you find time, you write. Never mind, two lines, four lines, but you write your realization. Śravaṇaṁ kīrtanam, writing or offering prayers, glories. [...] You are hearing, but you have to write also.

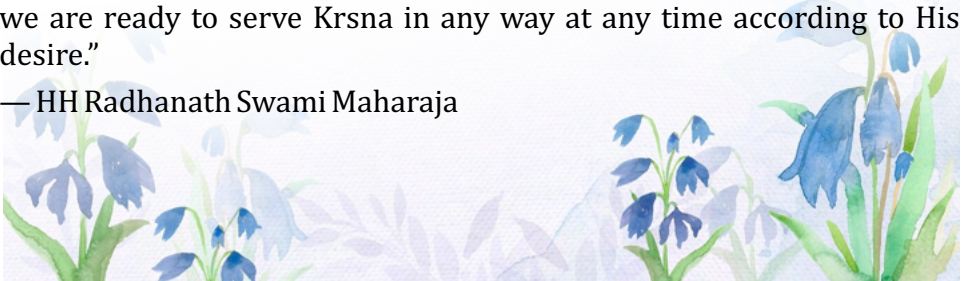
— Srila Prabhupada, Lecture, Los Angeles, August 14, 1972

As I contemplate the journey that led to the creation of this Daily Diary, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the guidance and inspiration bestowed upon me by Srila Prabhupada. What began as a simple act of obedience to his instruction to write has blossomed into a cherished daily meditation practice.

While the diary began in September 2000, its journey continues to evolve in both mood and format over time. Although change is inevitable, I hope it is for the better. Primarily, the diary reveals my struggles and joys in becoming Kṛṣṇa conscious, documenting the challenges faced during continuous travel, frequent relocations, dietary adjustments, encounters with local temple issues, and participation in both global and ISKCON events.

“A very great mystery that should be understood within Vaisnava culture is that the obstacles that the Lord puts on the devotees are specially meant to increase the Kṛṣṇa consciousness of that devotee and to glorify that devotee. And in a positive spirit, if we see these opportunities to surrender in that difficulty, then we accept and receive the Lord's mercy. Therefore, the devotees are never discouraged because we are servants; we are ready to serve Kṛṣṇa in any way at any time according to His desire.”

— HH Radhanath Swami Maharaja



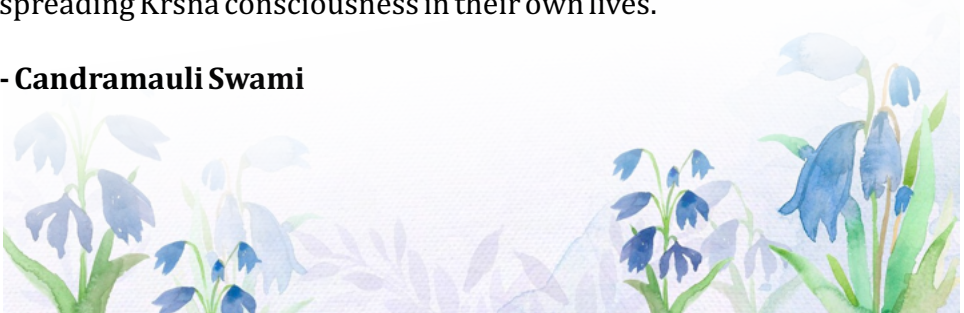
Through writing, I discovered that it not only strengthens my ability to reflect on my own realizations and lessons learned on the path of Bhakti but also helps to recall the sweet, precious, gem-like associations with devotees and other persons we met along the way.

In the age of Kali, the mind often proves to be our greatest enemy. By keeping a diary, this serves as a tool to continuously realign our thoughts with the teachings of Srila Prabhupada. It has offered the opportunity to daily glorify him and seek his mercy amidst the turbulence of the material world and the challenges of serving Lord Caitanya's Sankirtan mission. This has helped in fulfilling the duty of a disciple: to glorify Srila Prabhupada and to always take shelter in him. It has not only allowed me to pray more often to Srila Prabhupada but has also deepened my appreciation for his unlimited compassion. Furthermore, it has enabled me to assess my contributions to the Sankirtan movement and to identify areas for personal growth.

Daily writing about Lord Krsna and His devotees helps purify the heart, and presently I can witness this purification firsthand. Just as one can discover new insights in the Bhagavad Gita through daily readings, writing down the daily lessons learned has prompted me to revisit and deepen my understanding of them. Srila Prabhupada noted in a letter in 1969 that writing enables us to assess our comprehension of the philosophy, which is an essential step in becoming a more effective preacher.

This diary contains a little bit of everything and a lot of my wanting to serve in the best possible way. It is my sincere hope that by sharing this intimate glimpse into my devotional journey, readers will find inspiration to embrace preaching, along with the inherent challenges by spreading Krsna consciousness in their own lives.

- Candramauli Swami



September 2000

September 7 Spain/Barcelona



Today we learned that HH Radhanath Swami is flying to America via London and will be in London for a full day. Unfortunately, we will not be able to get his merciful darshan. However, we pray we can speak with him by phone. The thought of missing him has created a sense of despair, but perhaps this feeling will create a deeper appreciation for his valuable association, which we hope will be available in New Vrindavan in the upcoming weeks of September and October. Line-by-line speaking and translation can make it

difficult to keep spontaneous enthusiasm. While it has its advantages, some prefer and perform better without it. Today we completed reading Jiva Goswami's work entitled "Sri Madhava Mahotsava," translated by Bhanu Swami and compiled by Mahanidhi Swami. It made our Radhastami celebration. Howard Storm's Near Death Experience, written in Stephen Knapp's book "On Dying," affected me in a positive way, also helping me to recall an old friend, Beverly Breadon, who passed away in Cincinnati in 1992. Hare Krsna.

September 8 Spain/New Vraja Mandala

We arrived in New Vraja Mandala. Devotees from Lisbon, Portugal, met us at the airport and invited us to visit Lisbon—perhaps next year. We read the beginning of Chapter 13 of the Bhagavad Gita, and for the first

time, we started to understand clearly what was being explained. After skimming through Harikesh Prabhu's book on the 13th Chapter, we felt drawn to explore the subject more deeply. Lately, preaching seems very basic, nothing fancy or revolutionary, but the response seems to be favorable and appreciative. Today, after meeting Param Dhama Prabhu from Malaga, we decided to go there, although it will be a short visit. It seems like this would be the best use of time and fulfill our promise to visit. When we feel ourselves becoming a little lazy, we need to push ourselves. Even if it feels artificial, pushing ourselves can help break through that laziness, which is the real artificiality. The soul is always eager to serve the Lord. Tomorrow, we will try to reach HH Radhanath Swami before he leaves London. Hare Krsna.

September 9 Spain/New Vraja Mandala

Spain National Council, GBC, and leaders from all over Spain met to decide the future direction of New Vraja Mandala. From one vantage point, it seems like a decision made by a few leaders. We are unsure what the final outcome will be, but whenever there is animosity and fighting amongst the devotees, the Supreme Lord is not pleased. Srila Prabhupada said, "You will show your love for me by how much you work together to push on this movement." Whenever there is a decrease, it means there are offenses or a lack of real leadership. Despite the negativity, there are still many devotees who are sincerely sacrificing, so we will probably return more regularly, if there is a place to return to. I gave class in the morning and evening. We really want to help the devotees, but at the same time, we feel we are doing very little. As Sannyasis, all we can do is preach and extend ourselves to be with the devotees. There is so much preaching to do, yet so little manpower. The world is dying for Lord Krsna's mercy, even if it appears they want something different. We had the pleasure to meet Madhu Sevita Prabhu and associate with Prahladananda Swami and Kadamba Kanana Maharaja. Hare Krsna.

September 10 Spain/New Vraja Mandala-Malaga-App. Vamanadeva, Jiva Goswami

We had a 7-hour car trip from New Vraja Mandala to Malaga, where we gave talks on the appearance of Lord Vamanadeva and Srila Jiva Goswami during the Sunday feast program. There was a nice mixture of initiated

devotees, guests, and Indian families in attendance. Tomorrow is Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur's appearance. Preaching is endless. Sometimes we feel the lack of association due to the language difference, but in another sense, this also reduces opportunities for prajalpa. No matter how many times we are honored in the assembly of devotees, it is only due to Srila Prabhupada's mercy that allows us to serve on his behalf. Humility is the most glorious of all Vaisnava qualities, as it attracts the mercy of Lord Krsna. Hare Krsna.

September 11 Spain/Malaga-App. Bhaktivinoda Thakur

By Srila Prabhupada's mercy, both in the morning and evening, we were given the opportunity to speak on the life and glories of Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur, the greatest of great acaryas. Krsna consciousness means glorifying the great souls, and from this, we can understand so much more. During the evening lecture, personal problems and concerns surfaced as devotees sought guidance on how to understand and address them. This led to necessary communication that helped break down misunderstandings. Hare Krsna.

September 13 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor

Because of travel, I neglected to write yesterday. It was a very spiritually rewarding day. We spoke in the morning and evening on the glories and passing of Namacarya, Srila Haridas Thakur. We can relish presenting Krsna consciousness philosophy when we entwine it with the lives of the great souls. Their teachings and lives are the epitome of our philosophy and siddhanta. Before we can deeply relish the pastimes of the Lord in Vrndavan, we must purify our intelligence, acting always on the platform of service to the Lord at every moment. By Lord Krsna's mercy, coming through the generosity of a man named Paresh, we were able to get a copy of HH Sivarama Swami's second book, "Na Paraye Ham," depicting the theme of the gopis' pure love for Lord Krsna. After reading the lengthy introduction, we were eager to begin. It would be nice to dive deeply into the book without interruption. I'm scheduled to return to Chicago on the 22nd and considered cutting my trip short, but for \$75 and a few extra days, it does not seem worth it. Sometimes we find ourselves feeling a little dissatisfied, which can lead to a general attitude of criticism. We must learn not to dwell on these moods, as they come and go and are only products of the illusory energy. We should deeply

learn to act in Krsna consciousness by always seeing things through the eyes of the scriptures and the great souls, who are always grateful for the opportunity for devotional service and see themselves as very fallen souls. That is our real position. Hare Krsna.

September 17 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor

I neglected to write daily, having skipped the last 3 days due to forgetfulness. There is a sense of being ashamed for neglecting to uphold the vow. Today, we were invited by the disciples of HH Bhakti Charu Maharaja to take part in their ceremony for Maharaja's Vyasa Puja. During the talk, we recalled our first meeting at Prabhupada's Palace in 1980, which brought up strong feelings of attraction for Maharaja. The program was very sweet and rewarding. Our reading time has fallen off lately. But we hope to revive it tomorrow. Today, we heard from Mother Rati Manjari that Nityo Dita Swami has gone ahead with his plan to transition to the grhastha ashram. Although we felt it would happen, it still comes as an unwelcome surprise. It's difficult to see how one can fulfill the role as a grhastha after having been in the renounced ashram for the last 26 years. Anyway, we're eager to hear HH Radhanath Swami's opinion. Whatever happens, we hope he finds happiness in Krsna consciousness. Maybe it is the right move—we really do not know. Sri Krsna, please give us the strength and determination to carry on. Hare Krsna.

September 18 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor

Today is a day to catch up on personal items, especially getting proper rest. The pastime of Ajamila in the Srimad Bhagavatam is full of interesting philosophical points. Tomorrow, we'll dive back into the fire of preaching, and we're appreciating today as a chance to revitalize ourselves, as the next 3 days will be quite full. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

September 20 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor

Today is the anniversary celebration of Srila Prabhupada's arrival in America. We spoke twice on the occasion. Srila Prabhupada's glories are unlimited, and each time we attempt to share them, we learn more about this extraordinary personality. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. The Lord, through His energy, gives us signs of Maya's approach, and in these

moments, we must strongly take shelter in the Holy Name and pray for His protection. Hare Krsna.

September 21 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor

If we can always remember to practice humility, we will find satisfaction in our Krsna consciousness. Tomorrow, we leave for America, closing another chapter in our European preaching. How many lives have we influenced toward Lord Krsna? We can feel satisfied knowing we have helped others advance in their relationship with Him. By Lord Krsna's and Srila Prabhupada's mercy, we are finding the strength to continue despite all difficulties and obstacles. Hare Krsna.

September 22 Chicago

Our return flight was pleasant, with plenty of time to read and listen to cassettes. There is much we want to express, but it is very late, and our bodies and minds are still on London time. Hare Krsna.

September 23 Chicago

HH Radhanath Swami, Vakreswara Pandit, Baladeva Vidyabhusana, Sundar Gauranga Prabhus—the mercy of the Lord is the opportunity to associate with His devotees. Hare Krsna.

September 24 Chicago

Vakresvara Pandit Prabhu graced us with his presence, leading the Sunday evening kirtan and speaking beautifully on the Bhagavad Gita. The devotees were very enlivened. We pray that the Lord will continue to show His mercy upon us by sending us His merciful devotees. There are so many books to read and letters to write, but there is little time. We need Your merciful guidance, O Lord, to engage properly in Your loving devotional service. Hare Krsna.



September 25 Chicago



Sri Sri Kisor Kisoni, the ever-youthful and beautiful Divine Couple of Chicago. Srimati Radharani's mercy is our goal. As Srila Prabhupada stated, "When you receive the mercy of Radharani, then and only then will you be successful in life." Today, we felt the Lord's mercy in a very sweet and wonderful way. Sri Radhe, all glories to Your Divine lotus feet, all glories for Your completely perfect love for Sri Shyamasundara. Hare Krsna.

September 26 Chicago

It was a full day of service. By Lord Krsna's mercy, we are starting to develop a regulation that allows our service to be more efficient, enabling us to accomplish more while still providing sufficient time for hearing and chanting. Today, we began reading Caitanya Caritamrita, hoping to develop a greater appreciation for this great work, especially the depth of knowledge in each purport, which surpasses even the Srimad Bhagavatam in esoteric knowledge. Tomorrow, a college class will visit the temple, providing an opportunity for us to introduce Krsna consciousness to those who may not be aware of what they are getting involved with. Hare Krsna.

September 27 Chicago

All glories to Srila Prabhupada. There is something right and something wrong—regardless, we must always depend on Lord Krsna in all circumstances; this is success. Hare Krsna.

September 28 Chicago

A group of 30 evangelistic students came to learn about our movement. Their questions were typical, yet very polite and respectful. They received

much prasadam and some literature. This preaching is very enlivening; it reaches the heart. Preaching is the essence. We pray for more opportunities to effectively spread Krsna consciousness. Gopesh Patel and his good wife visited today. His birthday is today, and our exchange was very pleasant. Although he is wealthy, he possesses a natural simplicity, born of devotion, that stands out. May we learn to see people as spirit souls rather than by their race or economic background. Hare Krsna.

September 29 Chicago

Today is my birthday. Although I never like to let on, somehow the word spread, and beyond my belief, devotees were very kind and giving. Although I deserve to be kicked, people were affectionate. Lord Krsna's mercy is our only source of existence. We live for His mercy, and we exist only by His mercy. Unfortunately, we cannot fully comprehend His mercy nor properly appreciate it. However, by Lord Krsna's grace, we are beginning to understand that everything for a devotee is His mercy. When Lord Caitanya asked Srila Haridas Thakur, "What is the news?" Haridas Thakur replied, "Whatever mercy You bestow, that is the news." Vrndavan, the abode of pure love, is our only goal. Hare Krsna.

September 30 Chicago

Breaking a strong habit takes time, determination, and Lord Krsna's mercy. As time goes on, old habits become deeply embedded in our actions. Our sincere prayers, along with steady chanting of the Hare Krsna Mahamantra, begin to uproot them. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

October 1 Chicago

Tomorrow, we plan to spend quality time reading and studying. When we lose taste due to lack of contact, it can only be regained through concerted effort. Krsna consciousness is a process of re-spiritualization, emphasizing hearing and chanting the Lord's pastimes and names. Hare Krsna.

October 2 Chicago

Tonight, we experienced an hour-long blackout. Lord Krsna is very merciful. His mercy comes in various ways, always suited to the

occasion. We honored our desire to read, and we hope to increase this practice, remembering times in our spiritual life when all we wanted was to read transcendental literature. Reflecting on that desire reveals a kind of selfishness. But when we chant, our desire to read becomes an act of devotional service, which is more pleasing and complete. Hare Krsna.

October 3 Chicago

We seem to be pushing ourselves beyond what is necessary to successfully execute Krsna consciousness. We need a better schedule. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

October 4 Chicago

If we do not push ourselves, then we can get a little complacent. Allowing the sense of urgency to leave the service attitude can easily lead to lethargy. Our only hope is the mercy of Srila Prabhupada; that I have faith in. Hare Krsna.

October 5 Chicago

Self-assuredness is a characteristic of material life. We are always better situated when we remember our helplessness and cry out for Lord Krsna's mercy. We seem to be barely hanging on. The overall temple participation is lacking; kirtans, japa, and classes lack enthusiasm and interest. We need the association of fired-up devotees—that is our only hope. Hare Krsna.

October 6 Chicago

Today, we drastically reduced our prasadam intake and were able to complete a full day of service. If we can get accustomed to the mood of renunciation, our spiritual life will take on new freshness. The difficulty, as we mentioned last night, is the low devotional energy at the functions. Today, we have been blessed by the association of Prthu Srava Prabhu and his good wife, Mother Dana Keli, who are dedicated and inspired devotees. We are beginning to truly understand the importance of devotee association.

October 7 Chicago

By the Lord's mercy, through Srila Prabhupada, we had the great opportunity to give 2 lectures: one in the morning on the appearance of

Srila Madhvacarya, and one in the evening on the glories of Lord Ramcandra as we celebrated Ram Vijayotsav. There's nothing more enlivening than speaking the glories of the Lord and His devotees. We constantly pray for this mercy. Hare Krsna.

October 8 Chicago

By your mercy, Srila Prabhupada, today I was able to increase my service. I feel a real sense of satisfaction knowing more things got accomplished. Of course, Krsna consciousness is more about quality than quantity, that quality being our devotion. I am always concerned about losing my taste for reading; it is already happening. An effort is needed to revive the taste. Tomorrow, Monday, is an opportune day to read more. Hare Krsna.

October 9 Chicago

Gauranga—the Name denotes the combined forms of Sri Radha Krsna. All glories to that most incredibly merciful Form. Little do we know of the transcendental nature of this Divine Form of the Lord. Gradually, by His mercy, things are revealed. Srila Prabhupada indirectly accuses Sri Caitanya's mercy of attracting third and fourth class men to ISKCON. Lord Caitanya seeks to save the Jagai's and Madhai's. All glories to Sri Krsna Caitanya, the combined merciful Form of Sri Radha Krsna: Sri Radha's sweet mercy and Sri Krsna's strict mercy. All glories to Sri Nityananda Ram, the mercy incarnation of Divine instructions. Hare Krsna.

October 10 Chicago

t's been quite a while since we have done that. Fortunately, each day ends with something yet to be accomplished, and this is Lord Krsna's mercy, in the form of His Holy Name, which offers us more and more service. As long as we maintain a mood of receptivity, it remains a very satisfying adventure. May we find happiness only in service and in the glorification of His Holy Names. Hare Krsna.

October 11 Chicago

The milk fast ends tomorrow. Baladev Vidyabhusana Prabhu is here, speaking about the upcoming opening of the new Sri Sri Radha Damodara temple at Gita Nagari, a long-awaited event. Sunil Madhav Prabhu has agreed to make a financial donation. Sri Sri Radha Damodara

are very special and popular Deities. Let us pray we can serve Them nicely by assisting with the temple opening. We gave class twice today, and although there was little reciprocation, just by speaking Srimad Bhagavatam and Bhagavad Gita, we develop our preaching service to Srila Prabhupada. A preacher's effectiveness is rooted in purity, and we have a long way to go. Hare Krsna.

October 12 Chicago

Tomorrow, we head out driving after 3 full weeks in Chicago. There is more service than we can handle, and it is nectar, but we want to read more. We have a long list of unread material. Reading increases our ability to preach and also absorbs our minds in transcendence. Anyway, we will increase our hearing while traveling. Hare Krsna.

October 13 Cincinnati

It's nice to visit Cincinnati again. We pray this trip will be a spiritual success. Hare Krsna.

October 14 Columbus

At Dinanatha Caitanya Prabhu's home, many guests and devotees came. Akhilananda Prabhu's presence made the program a success. Mother Malati is a great devotee, and by Srila Prabhupada's mercy, we were able to gain a greater appreciation for her. Sri Sri Radha Damodara are Deities we glorify during Kartik. It's time for increased devotion and added austerities. We should pray for the desire and determination to enhance our hearing and chanting and to reduce bodily activities, especially prasadam. Tomorrow, we will visit Cleveland. Please, Srila Prabhupada, grant us your special blessing to become more serious and dedicated to our service. Hare Krsna.

October 15 Cleveland

It's wonderful to hear a devotee spontaneously glorifying the Holy Name and the process of Krsna consciousness. This enlivens the heart and purifies the mind as we witness someone embracing Krsna consciousness. We may feel a bit dry in our Krsna consciousness and find ourselves—or rather our minds—attracted to gross sense objects. Our intelligence recognizes this, but our minds can be very strong at times. We may not be sure how to overcome this, except to pray to Sri Krsna for His mercy. Hare Krsna.

October 16 New Vrndavan



No one can estimate or begin to describe the glories of Sri Sri Radha Vrndavan Candra. By Their mercy, we have come to take shelter at Their lotus feet and renew our devotion to Them. This evening, as our eyes focused on the Supreme loveliness and mercy of Sri Radha, we felt enlivened knowing She is giving Her mercy so profusely. Our prayer for the next 3 days is to become enthused in our service to the devotees and to increase our hearing, chanting, and study. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

October 18 New Vrndavan

I just noticed I failed to write yesterday. It was one of those days in devotional life where, no matter how hard you endeavor to be Krsna conscious, it always seems lacking. We met with Tapah Punja Prabhu, whose steadiness and dedication to service are very outstanding, along with his vision for improvement and expansion. It would be nice to see him receive more community support. I spoke with my mother today; she had a car accident. Fortunately, there were no injuries, but she is disturbed because her car was totaled. Danger is present at every step. We very much relish this month of Damodar; it is very special. We aim to increase our japa, practice austerities, decrease eating and sleeping, and increase our study. The challenge is that active service consumes a lot of time. Still, we can make a strong effort to improve our japa and study. Sri Sri Radha Vrndavan Candra are very merciful and kind to allow us this opportunity for service. Hare Krsna.

October 19 New Vrndavan-Columbus

The day began with meeting HH Varsana Swami in the bathroom. His

kindness, presence, and renunciation are all very pleasing and powerful. We are happy for the New Vrndavan community because of his return. Let us pray he is given proper kindness, care, and facilities to reside at New Vrndavan. He is a very exalted devotee. We hope to continue working hard and increasing our hearing and chanting. Our japa can improve, and we need to strive for betterment by rising early. Kartik is the ideal time for austerities and for increased hearing and chanting. We are eager to get back to New Vrndavan; this quick trip was filled with Sri Krsna and Srimati Radharani's special mercy. Hare Krsna.

October 20 Columbus-Chicago

Today is the appearance day of Sri Radha Kund. We gave a Srimad Bhagavatam class in Columbus. After returning to Chicago, we were immediately confronted with problems, as if we were the temple president, capable of addressing the lack of administration. We accept it as our service to listen, but we cannot be the instruments for carrying any solutions. Our concerns are here regarding preaching and spiritual standards. We look forward to not traveling for at least a week. Hare Krsna.

October 21 Chicago

We found out that the college class was canceled yesterday, unbeknownst to us. Why did they cancel at the last moment? Anyway, we can see that Lord Krsna wanted us to return to our service here in Chicago, and we are happy for that. In fact, every day, we seem to acquire more service, which makes it a challenge to find adequate reading time. Nevertheless, we feel fulfilled in our service and cannot recall the last time we had such an opportunity. We should pray to keep our sadhana strong. Someday, we will do a reading retreat. We hope to accomplish what we set out to do. Sometimes, we wonder where to place our priorities. The immediate is easy, but long-range programs require serious planning. Let us take shelter in Srila Prabhupada's intelligence for guidance. Hare Krsna.

October 22 Chicago

Sri Krsna's mercy is our sole prayer and hope. Our schedule is tight; we hope not to become either proud or spaced out. A tight schedule is beneficial, provided it allows sufficient time for hearing, chanting, and

reading Srila Prabhupada's books. Maya is strong, and this understanding gives us the urgency to call out for Sri Krsna. Hare Krsna.

October 23 Chicago-Ekadasi

We tried to follow Srila Prabhupada's simple dietary instruction: a little fruit and milk. We accomplished sufficient service and reading, but we must honestly admit we are feeling some hunger. However, if we can just tolerate it, it will pass. One thing we have noticed is that we have somewhat lost our strong desire for reading, partially because it is connected with preaching, and we feel little enthusiasm for preaching due to a lack of reciprocation here. Nevertheless, it is our service, and we will continue to do it, always remaining eager to represent Srila Prabhupada. Sri Radha Krsna's pastimes are very sweet and extremely sublime. Chanting Gauranga is synonymous with chanting Radha Krsna. All glories to that Golden Lord, who is unbelievably wonderful as He performs His transcendental pastimes, which are deeper than the deepest ocean and just as mysterious. Yet He always exhibits His loving mercy to His devotees. Jai Gauranga Mahaprabhu. Hare Krsna.

October 24 Chicago

Today we focused on cleansing the car of the body rather than its maintenance and repair. We had a session with our Interfaith group. We went through the day knowing we didn't consciously try enough to remember Lord Krsna. Sometimes we observe ourselves not thinking of the Lord, and this may happen repeatedly, yet the desire to remember Him may not be strong enough to pull our minds toward Him. In this way, Maya seems to subtly set us up for a fall. We need to renew our japa more and more. Hare Krsna.

October 25 Chicago

We are moving steadily toward November 5th, as more service responsibilities and plans develop. Today, while preaching to the other devotees about the significance of the upcoming events, we realized what we wanted to convey. No doubt this is Lord Krsna helping us increase our enthusiasm and participation. The activities in the next few days will increase significantly as Govardhana Puja and Srila Prabhupada's disappearance day approach. Our aspiration is to enlighten and enliven ourselves and others through our service. These

2 days are extremely important to ISKCON devotees. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, whose personal presence becomes a waking reality as our desire for service increases proportionally. Hare Krsna.

October 26 Chicago

We recognize the power of Maya when we realize we're being influenced by her, yet we can't shake off her influence. The mode of passion can wreak havoc on our path of devotion. We must fully develop the qualities of the mode of goodness. Sri Sri Kisor Kisor and Their devotees are very tolerant and kind to allow us to continue serving Them despite all our faults and shortcomings. Srila Prabhupada, we humbly pray for your mercy, especially over the next 3 days as our devotional activities take us traveling to Minneapolis and Detroit. Our prayer is to please the devotees by sharing the sweet pastimes of Govardhana lila and providing opportunities to increase their service to You. Hare Krsna.

October 27 Chicago-Minneapolis-Govardhana Puja

All glories to Giri Govardhana. The program at Sashi Bhajraj's new home had a very good turnout. Many sincere people are coming forward to seriously chant Hare Krsna. If one senior devotee could stay here, no doubt something regular would develop. In general, people need a leader who can lead full-time. Krsna consciousness is spreading in various ways. Terry and Jimmy Devine's wife went to learn further techniques in her work as a nurse, focusing on Neurology. The teacher cited evidence that a straight spine is essential, showing a slide of Lord Krsna straightening Kubja, the hunchback. It's amazing how Krsna consciousness is infiltrating mainstream America. Preaching in Minneapolis is always a real challenge. We humbly pray to Srila Prabhupada and Lord Nrsimhadeva to protect us from the influence of Maya. Your mercy, O Lord, is our only strength. Hare Krsna.

October 28 Minneapolis-Chicago

We were pleasantly surprised to see how many serious Indians Sashi and his wife, Anu, have attracted to Krsna consciousness. In this area, Minneapolis is developing nicely, but it appears that some older devotees, who have been around for years, are doing less and becoming less interested. Without steady leadership, people generally do not progress on their own. Next year, we would like to see separate

ceremonies for Diwali and Govardhana Puja here in Chicago. This would give more importance to each by not mixing them together. Tomorrow, we're off to Detroit for a day. Srila Prabhupada's disappearance day is on the 30th. Hare Krsna.

October 29 Chicago-Detroit-Chicago

We had a bhakta vrska style initiation ceremony on the second day. Srila Prabhupada's festival and enthusiasm is increasing at Devasadana Mandir. His disappearance day seems to be more of an appearance in the hearts and minds of the devotees. This weekend has been quite festive, and tomorrow we celebrate a day to truly remember His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

October 30 Chicago-Disapp. Srila Prabhupada

Throughout the day, due to the weekend traveling being very unregulated, our consciousness was not very good. Still, we must somehow keep ourselves in the fire of glorifying Srila Prabhupada. By evening, enthusiasm and genuine attraction began to manifest as we performed the 7:30 p.m. guru puja, coinciding with the exact time Srila Prabhupada departed from this material world. Neveen Krsna Prabhu visited, and during the noon Pushpanjali, he spoke about the kindness and mercy of Srila Prabhupada. The day ended with a transcendental feast of Krsna prasadam. One thing we realized today is that we are not properly cultivating the quality of humility. When we are severely affected by the mode of passion and somewhat puffed up in relation to others, our minds can be full of fault-finding. Our only hope is the shelter of the Divine lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada. All glories to that personality who, by coming to this world, has significantly changed the course of the world's events. All glories to Srila Prabhupada Thakur. Hare Krsna.

October 31 Chicago

Renunciation is the life and soul of the devotees of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. We are practicing eating less, although at times we go a little too far and then swing back. We are learning how little food is required to maintain our miserable bodies. Lord Nityananda is a vast ocean of causeless mercy, inundating everyone. It is virtually impossible to understand, measure, or fully appreciate His causeless mercy. We are all bathing in the crystal-clear waters of His love as we continue day by

day to push on in our devotional service. The Chicago temple has serious problems that need to be addressed. Only by Srila Prabhupada's grace and Lord Nityananda's mercy can they be dealt with properly. Hare Krsna.

November 1 Chicago

Sometimes we may notice that our desire to preach comes and goes in varying degrees of strength. Today, we felt the need to increase and absorb ourselves in preaching, while at other times we find pleasure in doing menial services. Soon, I will be in the association of my godbrothers, who are all accomplished preachers and fixed in their service. Our understanding of scripture can always be deepened, and our approach to preaching should embody care and humility. Hare Krsna.

November 2 Chicago

I think I should do this writing at a different time, for I am only thinking of getting to rest and cannot express what needs to be expressed. My diet is not sufficient, and I am feeling weak and faint. We must not abuse our bodies in the name of austerity. Hare Krsna.

November 3 Chicago

We are thrust full steam into preparing for Sunday's Interfaith program. We feel a little apprehensive about how we should conduct ourselves. Our only hope, as in all cases, is to prepare ourselves as much as time allows and to completely take shelter in Lord Krsna and Srila Prabhupada's mercy. We aim not to compromise, yet not be self-righteous or condescending, seeing all as sincere seekers, either on or moving toward the path of Truth. Let us offer this as our sincere service to Srila Prabhupada and pray we can work together to serve the cause of propagating spiritual principles throughout the day. Hare Krsna.

November 4 Chicago-Gopastami,Disapp. Srinivas Acarya, Dhananjaya Pandit, Gadadhara Das

We were fortunate to be able to speak on the occasion of this Maha-Tirobhava. Later in the day, we learned more about the life of the great Acarya Srinivasa—his being 1/16th of the energy of Mahaprabhu and other sweet and intimate details of his life. Tomorrow is the day we have

been planning for the Interfaith program, "Pathways to Peace." The concern: will there be a good turnout? Actually, that is not the main theme. The real benefit will be how much closer we, as faith paths, are able to come together in our struggle to know God and to preach His message. Lord Krsna will be the judge of the outcome; we must remain fixed in our service to Him and to each other. Hare Krsna.

November 5 Chicago

The day we have been planning for, "Pathways to Peace," has arrived. Although it was an event that showed many diverse religious groups can come together and work toward a common cause, it failed to address the real issue of peace. Peace can only come when we give up the spirit that "I am the controller" and "I am the enjoyer." The desire to lord over the property of God is the root cause of unrest. The event was successful in that much information went out addressing the problem of killing animals. At least 600 people received wonderful Krsna prasadam. This Interfaith preaching can be a strong tool for spreading God consciousness. The forces of darkness are most afraid. Its impact can be a major blow against Maya's forces. Hare Krsna.

November 6 Chicago

Today I am catching up on rest, reducing eating, and getting a few small services accomplished. All glories to Lord Krsna's Holy Name, which can cause even a very sober person to become a total madman. Hare Krsna.

November 7 Chicago

Preaching through writing is very enlivening and most effective. We can benefit greatly by writing, but sometimes we may lack the necessary self-discipline. Letters help to create the mood, but along with that, we require an outlet. We can pray for the Lord's special mercy. At times, we may find ourselves sinking into an ocean of bad qualities. Sri Krsna, help. Hare Krsna.

November 8 Chicago

What did we realize today? That our neglect to develop regulation is severely hampering our enthusiasm. We need to be alert with clear consciousness in order to chant nicely. Why stay up late for no solid reason? Early rising in a rested state is very conducive to an enthusiastic morning program. Hare Krsna.

November 9 Chicago

Maya, in the form of a nasal infection, has forced me to slow down on eating and increase my resting. Of course, Maya for a devotee is Lord Krsna's way of purifying us or teaching some needed lesson. Anyway, we are planning on traveling to Gita Nagari tomorrow for the installation and temple opening of Sri Sri Radha Damodara, which will take place on the last day of Kartika-Purnima. If Their Lordships want it to be, then it will happen. Simultaneously, Srila Bhakti Charu Maharaja will be visiting Chicago, and this will be an opportunity to gain his rare and special association. Anyway, we throw ourselves at the lotus feet of the Lord and pray for His direction. Hare Krsna.



November 10 Chicago-Gita Nagari

On the plane, we met a young, black-bodied man. He asked questions—very curious. His sister is very religious. We wrote the Mahamantra down for him. Perhaps the beginning of his spiritual life has begun. We must always carry some small books and mantra cards when traveling. Health is very fragile; eating is very difficult. I need a lot of rest and a lot of mercy. Sri Sri Radha Damodara, please give us the strength to serve you properly. By the Lord's arrangement, we have a quiet place to stay at Gandiva's House in Gita Nagari Dham. Tomorrow is the big festival, with devotees coming from all over. Let's serve Their Lordships enthusiastically. Hare Krsna.

November 11 Gita Nagari

A glorious and most wonderful occasion—the opening of the new Sri Sri Radha Damodara Mandir. Hundreds of devotees from many areas of the country attended the event. There were nice kirtans, a wonderful installation ceremony presided over by Caturatma Prabhu, and it was just a very happy occasion as Sri Sri Radha Damodara entered Their new home. It was history in the making as the devotees glorified the Lord by sharing their personal experiences and beautiful realizations. Krsna consciousness, togetherness, and the spirit of cooperation exhibited by both the residents and guests made the occasion very glorious. We

cannot remember a happier day. Lord Krsna's mercy flowed in rivers. All glories to Sri Sri Radha Damodara; may we serve Them with increased love and enthusiasm. Srila Prabhupada Ki-Jai. Hare Krsna.

November 12 Gita Nagari



Another spectacular day in the association of Sri Sri Radha Damodara and all the devotees of Gita Nagari headed by Srila Bhakti Tirtha Swami. We were also blessed with the association of HH Sridhar Swami. Although his overall health is critical, he puts out a lot of energy as he is very enlivened to speak about devotional service. Today, we took time to interact with and appreciate the devotees more. We need to do this to maintain and enhance relationships and general appreciation of others. We hope to continue developing our relationship with Sri Sri Radha Damodara. Hare Krsna.

November 12 Gita Nagari

I gave Srimad Bhagavatam class, speaking on the 6 enemies of the mind: kama, krodha, lobha, mada, moha, and matsarya, and their connection with the 3 manifestations of Jaya and Vijaya. We need to reorient ourselves and become more concerned and



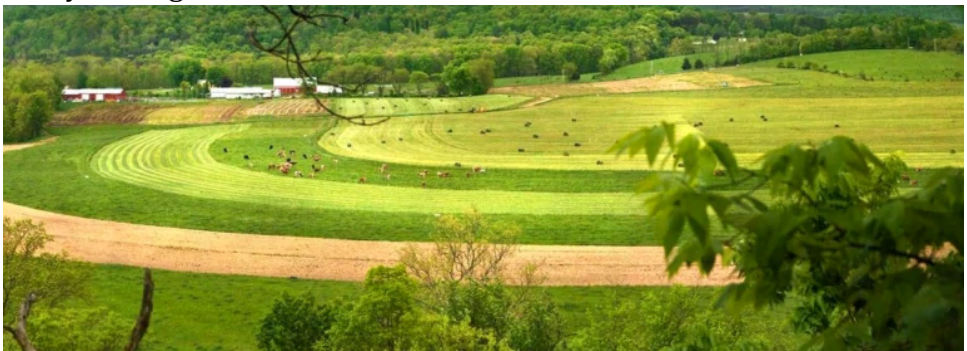
caring, giving our time to others. The Chicago temple creates a certain way of doing service that is less interactive. While being aloof may be conducive to self-development, it must be balanced with qualitative time spent sharing with others. Sri Sri Radha Damodara are very kind, merciful, and extremely attractive. They appear perfectly situated in Their new temple. Hare Krsna.

November 14 Gita Nagari

For the first time in many years, I rode a bike. Along with HH Bhakti Tirtha Swami, there were about 30 of us riding up and down the hilly road near the Gita Nagari entrance. Besides being enjoyable, it was physically rejuvenating. We realized how much we require regular physical exercise in order to maintain our health. In the evening, there was a children's concert held at the house of Yadunanda Prabhu and Mother Taruni. The kids are learning to play western musical instruments. Part of Srila Prabhupada's program is to learn to dovetail our talents and abilities in the service of the Lord—a multi-cultural revolution. Gita Nagari Dham is becoming more and more a viable, growing Vaishnava community. HH Bhakti Tirtha Maharaja's leadership is influencing devotees to work cooperatively and selflessly in serving Sri Sri Radha Damodara. Hare Krsna.

November 15 Gita Nagari

The price of Krsna consciousness is eternal vigilance. We must always be eager and ready to serve despite all difficulties and other desires. We must be fixed in the concept of duty. Tomorrow is our final day at Gita Nagari; perhaps we can increase our service to the devotees. All glories to Sri Sri Radha Damodara, the life and soul of Gita Nagari Dham. May we always be eager to obtain Their Divine darshan. Hare Krsna.



November 16 Gita Nagari

Today, we feel the urgency to be more productive in our devotional life. We want to do more service, give more talks, inspire more people in Krsna consciousness, and write more on Krsna consciousness. We should aim to increase in a way that is effective. At 53 years old, one can get set in one's ways, making it difficult to begin anew. Srila Prabhupada began his mission in the West at 70 years of age. In Krsna consciousness, anything is possible, provided we have great determination. We should not want to waste any of our precious time on anything that doesn't foster our service to Srila Prabhupada. Therefore, all we can really do is pray with the utmost plea of the heart. Please, dear Lord, O friend of the fallen souls, give us clear understanding on how to proceed. We very much need Your guidance in our lives. We once again feel the urgency of service that is pleasing and most effective in spreading Krsna consciousness according to our capacity. Give us the strength and determination to push on effectively. We are blind and prone to laziness and procrastination. Please help us defeat these anarthas and become serious in Krsna consciousness. Your mercy is all in all. Hare Krsna.

November 17 Harrisburg-Chicago

All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

November 18 Chicago

Romapada Swami, Mother Malati, and I had program at Somasundara's. We shared 2 stories: one about Locana Das Thakur and the other about Ramnujacarya and the poor disciple. The theme was the qualities of a devotee, especially brahminical qualities. Srila Prabhupada is the personification of all good qualities. Whatever good qualities we, his disciples, may develop and exhibit come through his loving mercy. Today, we held an organizational meeting as devotees and others came from various regional temples. Meetings can often feel unproductive, and while that may seem frivolous to say, the greatest benefit often lies in the opportunity to associate and share with one another. Other than that, I don't see any real change developing. Hare Krsna.

November 19 Chicago

I am feeling a little dry, not regularly preaching. We need to get back into

the fire by speaking for Lord Krsna, taking risks for Him, and moving forward. While enthusiasm is rising, there's a noticeable lack of ashram service. We can only pray and seek opportunities to preach. Reading has also decreased; the 2 go hand in hand. Monday mornings are designated for reading, which may, for some, feel like an austerity to read Srila Prabhupada's books. I have become a little mad. In this state of madness, there's still a sense of happiness, which must be a good sign. Humility is attractive to the Lord, and though we may not yet be humble, we can continue to try for it. Hare Krsna.

November 20 Chicago

Time marches on, as the scriptures say, "A herdsman moving his flock along." Each evening, I end the day with this writing. It is amazing how fast each evening comes and goes, followed by another and another. Soon it will end, as this material body will reach its final stage. As His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada said in his last moments of life, "Don't think this will not happen to you." When we look at our lives, we can see we don't live life that way. We act as if it will go on forever. We must always remember the temporary nature of this body and the precarious position we are in. Time gives no notice of when it will strike. Therefore, dear Lord, let us always remember You in love, not out of fear of losing but in anticipation of gaining a deeper and more profound understanding of our relationship. Today, in Your most magnanimous Deity Forms, You spun our heads and gladdened our hearts. In Your Form as Sri Nityananda Ram, we felt a pouring of constant love emanating from You. How do we describe this without cheapening the experience or projecting our own imagination? We can feel happy to know we are safe as long as we keep our attention on You. But our false ego is very formidable; it keeps us in illusion about our existence. Nevertheless, we have hope, and that hope keeps us going day after day. We want to be better devotees and, ultimately, more faithful lovers. Hare Krsna.

November 21 Chicago-Ekadasi

Mother of Devotion, the term given by Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur to describe this day, always lends itself to increased service. One Ekadasi, we would like to spend the entire 24 hours hearing and chanting the glories of the Lord. HH Radhanath Swami's disciples are as special as he

is. They seem to have a certain quality that is very simple and sweet, and they are enthusiastic to serve. As the guru, so the disciple. Maharaja spoke about the arrival of Srila Prabhupada in America and his preparation for the journey. He spoke in a way that made us feel more indebted to Srila Prabhupada and helped us appreciate the depth of sacrifice Srila Prabhupada made for all of us. Of course, we can never fully understand Srila Prabhupada's love for the conditioned souls, but even a small drop of that love born of sacrifice makes our hearts feel very heavy. Hare Krsna.

November 21 Chicago-Cincinnati

I spoke about giving thanks and the person to whom all thanks are ultimately directed. The pure devotee, the spiritual master, is our only well-wisher and giver of God's gifts: the gift of a human form, the gift of devotional service, and the gift of all gifts, love of Lord Krsna. A sweet little exchange about the Lord occurred today when Sunil Madhava Prabhu, responding to a joking statement I made about Lord Jagannath riding "free," donated \$50 for gas. The donation arrived via Hari Das Prabhu just as we were offering water to Their Lordships. The exchange was clear: Lord Jagannath wanted to pay His way. Lord Krsna's way of making His fallen devotee happy endears Him to us more and more. We are beginning a week-long preaching trip to Cincinnati, New Vrndavan, Cleveland, Columbus, and back to Cincinnati. We pray for Srila Prabhupada's mercy and guidance to make this trip a successful offering for the pleasure of the Lord and the Vaisnavas. Please give us the needed enthusiasm and strength to carry on successfully. Hare Krsna.

November 23 Cincinnati-New Vrndavan

The theme is Thanksgiving. We give thanks to God by giving Him our lives in devotional service. We have much to be thankful for, but as conditional souls, we are overlooking these obvious gifts and find our attention instead focused on dissatisfaction. We are dissatisfied because we expect life to give to us. If we approach life and God with a spirit of giving, we will always be satisfied in any condition. Traveling becomes harder and more strenuous as the years go by. We wonder how long we can keep up this pace. The thought of settling into a routine after traveling gives relief to the weary traveler. But as long as we do whatever we have to do in a spirit of service to Srila Prabhupada and Lord Krsna,

then everything is understood and accepted in its proper perspective. Hare Krsna.

November 24 New Vrndavan

Sridhar Swami's class and association was very enlivening and sweet in devotional sentiment. We humbly, but sincerely, pray that the Lord allows him to stay with us to help further Srila Prabhupada's desire to spread Krsna consciousness, to give us his association, and to enliven us in our service to the Lord. Although the Lord is independent, He is always moved by the sincere prayers of His devotees. We are finding great happiness and interesting knowledge in "Hindu Encounter with Modernity," a biography of Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur by Sukavak Prabhu. Hare Krsna.

November 25 New Vrndavan

Sri Sri Radha Vrndavan Candra looked exceptionally beautiful and attractive today. Each day, the Supreme Lord and His pleasure potency, Sri Radha, capture the attention of Their devotees by exhibiting various transcendental features. The sweet beauty of Sri Vrndavan Candra is most captivating, and Sri Radha's loving mercy is outstanding and incomparable. I gave morning and evening classes, speaking very simply to an audience mostly composed of Indian guests. In the evening, there seemed to be interest, as attention appeared fixed. However, there was a recognition of some deficiencies in the presentation, highlighting the need for further study and refinement in presentation. This may stem from the general lack of interest we have been experiencing in Chicago. Our eagerness to present an interesting class has given way to just trying to get by. Awareness of a problem brings about the need for improvement. Another part of the issue may be that we are not referencing Krsna and Caitanya lila as much as we used to for points and examples. Tomorrow, we travel to Cleveland, which may prove to be an interesting challenge. Srila Prabhupada, we need to take shelter in Your instruction and guidance. Hare Krsna.

November 26 New Vrndavan-Cleveland

Srila Prabhupada's mercy is very, very grand. Swarupa Damodara Prabhu and his wife accompanied us to Cleveland. The congregation is very much alive with enthusiasm to chant, dance, and hear Krsna conscious philosophy. Hare Krsna.

November 27 Cleveland-New Vrndavan

We are reading regularly “Hindu Encounter with Modernity,” written on the life and teachings of Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur. It is very philosophical, bringing out many interesting points by describing the various ways one's perception of God and religion is understood. We are finding much intellectual stimulation in the book. What we hope to gain is a similar interest in Srimad Bhagavatam and Caitanya Caritamrta. New Vrndavan always has its problems, but somehow, things still keep going. Sri Sri Radha Vrndavan Candra are always making arrangements for us to surrender. Hare Krsna.

November 28 New Vrndavan

“Hindu Encounter with Modernity” speaks on various esoteric philosophical topics dealing with rasa. Srila Bhaktivinoda's life and teachings are a virtual mine of precious spiritual gems, as he expertly brings to light various understandings of both basic and higher philosophical teachings in a novel way, going deep into these precepts. Srila Bhaktivinoda's life should be read and studied by all serious devotees to truly understand our devotional roots and historical evolution. New Vrndavan is quiet, as many devotees are out on the Christmas mall marathon. We will be leaving tomorrow, and we are feeling a little attached to being here. Some part of our future lives will include significant time at New Vrndavan, that is, if Lord Krsna so desires. Sri Sri Radha Vrndavan Candra looked especially beautiful today. Hare Krsna.

November 29 Columbus

We spent time with Gopa Kumara Prabhu, an ideal example of someone natural inclined to perform personal service. His enthusiasm and eagerness, coupled with intelligence, reflect a rare display of devotional energy. His name seems to fit him perfectly. Gopa Kumara Prabhu is always striving to serve the Lord and His devotees. This evening, we visited Venu Gopal's home, a young married man who is attracted to HH Radhanath Swami. About 12 people attended, with the gathering being a last-minute arrangement. We spoke on the glories of Lord Krsna's Holy Name, a topic that is always appropriate. Recently, we have begun eating more simply, which feels good, though there's the possibility of overeating. Nevertheless, we feel better when the prasadam is simpler.

November 30 Columbus

The Columbus temple seems to be undergoing some changes. With Mother Malati spending more time away, greater responsibility is being placed on the devotees there. Mother Yamuna (SDG), after 6 years of service in Columbus, left for Florida without any notice. While some indications were given, the move was abrupt and surprising. Generally speaking, there appears to be an overall decline in America, with devotees leaving and others losing enthusiasm. There seems to be a shift in focus from preaching to stabilizing, which is not a source of inspiration. How can we feel inspired by merely organizing our economic or material positions? Tomorrow, we will return to Chicago as the time to leave for India is fast approaching. There is a sense of commitment to HH Radhanath Swami, but also a feeling of ineffectiveness in making a real impact on others. My astrological charts indicate a shift in planetary influence. Let us see how we can capitalize on this to increase our service to Srila Prabhupada in a way that has a greater impact on helping others become Krsna conscious. O Lord,



December 1 Cincinnati-Chicago

Today we were traveling. HH Sivarama Maharaja mentioned to me, while I was in London, that Srila Prabhupada said traveling took 10 years off his life. For a person like Srila Prabhupada, that is a great loss to us. Of course, being fully dedicated to spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness worldwide, he would not have had it any other way. A self-realized soul, as Srila Prabhupada, knows nothing but how to please the Lord by spreading His mission. We will be in Chicago for 1 week, then in Detroit for 2 days, and then off to India via London. Traveling. Traveling. Traveling. We can hope and pray to become Kṛṣṇa conscious and be effective in trying to spread Lord Caitanya's mission. Kṛṣṇa-śakti vinā nahe tāra pravartana. We are praying for mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 2 Chicago

Today marks the appearance day of HH Svarupa Damodara Maharaja. Tamal Kṛṣṇa Goswami and Sripad Maharaja had the association of Srila Prabhupada, more than many of us. We find great happiness when we truly honor and appreciate other Vaisnavas, especially our peers and seniors. However, envy can easily display its ugly head as soon as we think we are important, leading us to minimize or not appreciate others. May we sincerely and seriously cultivate true humility and remain dependent on the Lord's mercy in all our services. Aside from these thoughts, our minds may feel disturbed by all the negativity and passivity that surround the movement. While it can be unclear how we can help bring about positive change, we can find strength in our firm faith in the Holy Name and the instructions of Srila Prabhupada. May his mercy help us to overcome all obstacles. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 3 Chicago

Each day, I try to write on what stands out during the day. Today, without a doubt, Sri Kisore, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, residing in His most wonderful Deity Form, completely captured our attention. Lord Kṛṣṇa is a Person so He exhibits His Personality in various ways. Today we beheld His mystic beauty and Divine sweetness radiating with such love and compassion that we felt complete satisfaction with this special darshan. What more can we ask for? The love of the Lord is His most attractive feature. All glories to Sri Sri Kisor-Kisori, the Original Supreme lovable Personality of Godhead. May this vision remain constantly in our

minds. Tulasi Maharani, please forgive the long-winded speech, which led to your special worship being omitted. We take shelter in your sweet loving mercy. All glories to you, an eternal resident of Sri Vrndavan Dham. Hare Krsna.

December 4 Chicago

Ah, the Holy Name of Lord Krsna is our real friend, perhaps our only friend. In any case, He is all that we need. Our problems arise when we forget to chant or when we chant with an attitude of "when will I finish in order to do something better?" What is better? A foolish statement born out from ignorance and a lack of clear vision. Chanting will be our activity at the time of death; therefore, it is supreme. Let it be our meditation in life so that when death does come, it is hardly noticed. All glories to the Holy Name. We are fortunate, but we are unfortunate because we don't fully utilize this most precious gift. May we, by the mercy of the Name, find new inspiration in chanting. Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare/Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare. Hare Krsna.

December 5 Chicago

This evening, we watched part 10 of "Abhay Caran." After each viewing, we feel a deeper connection to Srila Prabhupada. One can never truly understand the glory and spiritual potency of Srila Prabhupada, but we are very happy to learn more and more about him. We give much credit to HH Bhakti Charu Maharaja for presenting this wonderful documentary. No doubt, it is a devotional masterpiece. At times, we may not feel very Krsna conscious because our intelligence seems to be dull. How can we sharpen our intelligence? When this happens, we should be more contemplative and less talkative. Careful thought should precede one's speech. Hare Krsna.

December 6 Chicago

We received a surprise visit from a friend, Vijay, who came from Cincinnati. Our brief conversation was very pleasant, and we are grateful to have met him before our trip to India. We experienced an outburst of anger, which always leaves us feeling regretful. In this instance, we were trying to communicate the pain faced by abused children, but it is unfortunate that such things happen in a religious society that values

kindness and love for all living beings. While we felt justified, we realize that expressing our feelings in an angry manner does not make us more right. Hare Krsna.

December 7 Chicago-Ekadasi, Gita Jayanti, App. Radhanath Swami

Today, we chanted 40 rounds of japa. We realize that we sometimes carry hardened hearts or hearts covered with offenses. As the day draws to a close, we may feel some anxiety, aware of our tendency to commit offenses against others due to the misuse of our positions. Arrogance can easily sneak in. Still, we can humbly place our heads and hearts at the lotus feet of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and Sri Nityananda Ram and plead for Their mercy to overcome our offensive mentality. Dear Radhanath Maharaja, happy appearance day. All glories to you. Please accept our most humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

December 8 Chicago-Detroit

We flew from Chicago and went for a home program in Detroit, arriving around 6 p.m. About a dozen people attended. We spoke on the glories of chanting and the importance of avoiding offenses, especially inattention. The response was positive, with good questions raised about practicing the qualities of the mode of goodness. Our host, Raj, was very generous, and we are happy to have met him along with the young, interested devotees. Tomorrow, by the mercy of Srila Prabhupada, we will try to speak about the glories of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Maharaja. We pray for the humility and ability to perform this service in a way that pleases Him and fosters greater appreciation for this Paramahansa Vaisnava. All glories to Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakur. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

December 9 Detroit

Today was filled with preaching and personal interaction. We gave a talk on the life of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur, Part 1, offering an overview of his life and activities. This was very enlivening for us, as we felt the mercy of Srila Prabhupada strongly. We had dinner with Sri Nandanandana and enjoyed a nice discussion afterward. The evening included a program at Mahesh Sen's home with his mother, father, and about 15 friends and devotees. Tomorrow, we will complete the

glorification of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta. We look forward to honoring this great soul. Hare Krsna.

December 10 Detroit-Chicago

Upon our arrival in Chicago, HH Bhakti Charu Swami was here. It was wonderful; we shared a talk on the futility of trying to enjoy in the material world. Maharaja also led the evening arati, which was very sweet. While in Detroit, we spoke on the glories and life of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta, and we can feel his mercy upon us for allowing us to perform this service. His disappearance day is on Thursday and we hope to be given another opportunity to honor him. Hare Krsna.

December 11 Chicago

A blizzard storm has hit Chicago just as we are about to leave for India. If it continues this way, it could postpone our trip. We feel helpless; everything is under the strict control of the Supreme Lord. As stated in Bhagavad Gita 9.10, *mayādhyakṣena prakṛtiḥ*, we become most knowledgeable by accepting the Lord as the friend and well-wisher of all living beings. Hare Krsna.

December 13 London

Due to travel and other concerns, I neglected to write on the 12th. One must strictly keep their vow; forgetfulness is not an excuse, but it can happen when one becomes neglectful and forgetful of Lord Krsna. Our arrival in London was a bit turbulent—not in terms of travel, but in consciousness. We were warmly greeted at the airport by Murari Gopal Prabhu, Surendra (Bobby), Mother Krsna Pradanika, and Ros. Travel takes its toll on health and disrupts our spiritual discipline. Still, it is our service, and we must continue unless we receive contrary instructions from the Lord. Anyway, it is both beneficial and difficult at the same time. We are in London until the 18th, and our prayer is to become successful servants of the devotees and to strictly follow our sadhana. Sri Sri Radha Gokulananda Ki-Jai. Sri Sri Sita Ram Lakshmana Hanuman Ki-Jai. Sri Sri Radha Londonisvara Ki-Jai. Srila Prabhupada Ki-Jai. Hare Krsna.

December 14 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor- Disapp. Bhaktisiddhanta

His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada was very much present as we made some attempt to glorify him on 2 different occasions.

We feel greatly honored and fortunate to have had the opportunity to say something in his remembrance. Aside from the nectar, I am presently struggling with physical weakness and low stamina. We are not our body, and as long as we try our best, Lord Krsna's mercy will continue to provide us with the opportunities for service. We enjoy preaching in London; the receptivity is good, and the challenges encourage our improvement. We pray for the enthusiasm to keep going, as every day presents an opportunity to increase our love and service for Lord Krsna. Hare Krsna.

December 15 London/Soho Street

We gave 3 classes yesterday and 3 today; there is no shortage of preaching. Lord Krsna is merciful by allowing us to serve in this way, yet we feel our consciousness can be improved. We must be very careful to always remain humble and avoid pride. The false ego is difficult to detect and underpins our material existence. Tomorrow, there is a program in the evening. Today we also encountered with 2 devotees from Russia, and somehow, we also agreed to go there. As much as we want to travel and preach, we would also like to focus on certain areas where we can make a difference. We see the need to carefully plan our upcoming year. Many opportunities are arising, but we must consider where to invest quality time. I cannot be like most of my godbrothers, who are well-equipped for travel and effective preaching. My pace is slower for many reasons, yet it remains both exciting and challenging. We need to strengthen our sadhana, especially our reading. Hare Krsna.

December 16 London/Soho Street-Bhaktivedanta Manor

Despite everything, we found sufficient time today to read Caitanya Caritamrta. What we truly pray for is the desire to reduce our eating. While it isn't much, we know it can be less without interfering with our service. Renunciation is the life and soul of the devotees of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Tonight, we visited Prem Sankirtan's house for a program. Majority of the talk was after prasadam. It was a nice gathering by the grace and mercy of Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

December 17 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor

Today marks the end of our stay in London. Over the past 5 days, we held 3 Srimad Bhagavatam classes, a Sunday Feast lecture, 3 general lectures

at Soho Street, a home program, and a 2-hour question and answer session. Our humble prayer is to remain careful not to commit Vaisnava aparadha and to remember the requests of the devotees who have asked us to pray for them. We must never forget that we are always dependent on Lord Krsna's mercy, coming through Srila Prabhupada and the Vaisnavas. Hare Krsna.

December 19 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath Mandir

Due to travel, again I neglected to enter a thought yesterday. Once a vow is made, one should always remember to fulfill it despite all circumstances. Anyway, I will continue to try to not be neglectful in the future. We will continue to strive not to be neglectful in the future. We arrived in Chowpatty this morning around Mangal arotik time. Radhanath Maharaja was just leaving for Mayapur then. We exchanged brief greetings, which were enough to enliven us. All day, we were able to meet with various devotees, and it was very pleasurable to see many of the brahmacaris again. In their simplicity, they inquired about various topics, including Nityo Dita Prabhu. We know we will be facing this question again, perhaps regularly. He was very dear to many brahmacaris, and they are concerned and perhaps a little confused. Our concern is to serve these devotees nicely and regularly. It is a drastic change to come to India, and it may take us a little longer this time to completely blend with the flow. Anyway, our prayer should be one—the desire to serve and remain fixed. Please, Srila Prabhupada, by Your mercy, anything and everything is possible. Hare Krsna.

December 20 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath Mandir

Sri Sri Radha Gopinathji were especially merciful today as They gave us Their merciful darshann, displaying Their opulence of beauty. We spoke twice—Srimad Bhagavatam and the evening Bhagavad Gita lecture to about 200 people. It was in the section on the various causes of suffering, which was put before Maharaja Pariksit by the personality of religion in the form of a bull. Many nice questions were asked, and afterward, a group of people came with additional questions. Tomorrow is Ekadasi, and Friday we leave for Sri Mayapur Dham and then on to a 10-day yatra. We hope our physical energy, or what's left of it, is sufficient to sustain us on this parikrama. Our prayer is not to become proud due to the kindness and attention of the Vaisnavas. Let us always develop the mood of a humble servant. Hare Krsna.

December 21 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath Mandir

We should develop friendly relations with other Vaisnavas who are our peers. This is essential for our spiritual growth and for maintaining the overall purity of the temple atmosphere. If we fail to do this over time, we may become attracted to associating with members of the opposite sex or find ourselves gravitating toward that association due to not finding close friendship with our peer group. We should avoid getting prasadam that is sought out independently based on one's personal liking, as this will make the mind restless. By the mercy of Lord Krsna, Lord Nityananda, and Srila Prabhupada, we can continue to fight on, despite being severely attacked by Maya and not always responding properly to the attack. We pray to Lord Nrsingadeva for complete protection and mercy. Hare Krsna.

December 22 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath-Sridham Mayapur

I arrived in Mayapur along with Tapasa and his wife, Lajjvati. They have received the mercy of HH Radhanath Swami and, like many others, are feeling renewed enthusiasm due to meeting Maharaja. Although we experienced the mercy of Maharaja, Lord Caitanya, Lord Nityananda, Panca Tattva, Lord Nrsingadeva, and especially Radha Madhava and Srila Prabhupada, we're feeling very disoriented due to travel. During darshan, we felt ourselves being powerfully attracted to the Lord. If Lord Krsna wants to show His mercy, how can one not feel supremely attracted? Also, Maharaja gave us his rare association during an evening japa walk. We talked briefly about various people in New Vrindavan, and we felt very happy with his kindness toward us. We should always be careful not to act or speak foolishly or proudly. His humility is a difficult endeavor to associate with unless we allow ourselves to completely let go of our false ego. Anyway, we feel happy and sufficiently purified. Our passionate nature is always our main hurdle. Tomorrow, we look forward to getting mentally and physically prepared for the yatra. All glories to Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityananda. Thank you, Radhanath Maharaja, for your kindness to us fallen souls. Hare Krsna.

December 23 Sridham Mayapur

Devotees are arriving in large groups as tomorrow begins the 10-day yatra. By Srila Prabhupada's mercy, anything and everything is possible.

We are happy to be in the association of these devotees and roam through the land of Sri Gauranga Mahaprabhu and Sri Nityananda Ram, dancing and chanting Their glories and remembering Their pastimes of love. Our minds can be a different entity, always giving us trouble. Maybe our minds will surrender to the association of these wonderful Vaisnavas headed by HH Radhanath Swami Maharaja, who is constantly in association with Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Gopinath, executing Their desire by spreading Their glories and the glories of A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, our beloved spiritual master and Founder Acarya of the Hare Krsna Society. My Lord Nrshingadeva, please bless us with Your mercy by removing all obstacles on the path, and may Srimati Radharani's love for Lord Krsna be our source of constant devotion. Jai Sri Sri Mayapur Candrodaya. Jai Sri Sri Radha Madhava Astha Sakhi Ki-Jai. Hare Krsna.

December 24 Sridham Mayapur

It is the first day of yatra. We began by taking the holy darshan and snana of Sri Ganga, followed by the darshan and kirtan of Srila Prabhupada in his Samadhi Mandir. A kirtan procession to Yoga Pitha followed, and after taking darshan of the various Deities, an exhilarating kirtan ensued. HH Radhanath Maharaja danced with such grace and beauty that it astounded everyone. I was awestruck by witnessing such dancing. Having seen Maharaja dance over the years, this time felt like seeing it for the first time. We also danced but found ourselves becoming tired quickly due to less rest last night, dealing with a tired mind and body. Nonetheless, it was an ecstatic kirtan. Following the kirtan, Maharaja began a narration of Gaura lila starting from the time of Sri Gauanga's sacred advent. Tomorrow we will continue at a Gupta tirtha known as Agra Dvipa. Our prayer is to focus on the Holy Name and holy katha, avoiding mundane talk, and to be fully rested to serve the devotees enthusiastically. Hare Krsna.

December 25 Sridham Mayapur-Agra Dvip (Home of Govinda Gosh)

A special place! Because it is very late, I'll refrain from a long narration. Today was a day where the supreme mercy of the Lord and the Vaisnavas, headed by Sri Radhanath Maharaja, flowed like a raging river into the ocean of devotion at the Sri Samadhi of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta

Saraswati Thakur. May his mercy be ever alive in our minds and hearts.
Jai Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

December 26 Sridham Mayapur

Today we spoke about the pastimes of Lord Caitanya and Chand Kazi to 900 devotees. Afterwards, we realized that we had left out many details, though we still covered a lot. The pastimes of Lord Caitanya are unlimited. Hare Krsna.

December 27 Sridham Mayapur

Srila Bhakti Swarup Damodara Maharaja and the Manipur Rangan kirtan dancers and drummers presented a powerful display of Bhakti culture in an amazing kirtan performance. Maya constantly tries to make us fall. At times, we may feel confused; while Lord Krsna guarantees all protection, we often seem to find ourselves falling due to something unseen. Maya knows our weaknesses. We came here to associate with devotees and seek purification, yet it feels as though we're moving in the opposite direction. We find ourselves questioning whether we should spend so much time in India. Although we strive for purification, we often become lax in seeking shelter in the Lord. Srila Prabhupada, you are our only shelter and guide. We depend on you completely. Please engage us according to how we can serve you in the most pleasing way. Our only satisfaction is to please you through our service and surrender. Help! Save us, Sri Krsna! Hare Krsna.

December 28 Sridham Mayapur

Today's parikrama took us to less-visited places: Uddarana Thakur, Raghunatha Goswami, Isvara Puri, and Sivananda Sena. It was a special day with special mercy. Our concern is whether we can always accept the



Lord's mercy in this way, or if we remain so conditioned that we fall victim to the same Maya, even when Lord Krsna grants us some special mercy. Our only hope, or rather, our true success, lies in maintaining the mood of humble servants and remaining fully engaged in devotional service. We will refrain from narrating the events of the yatra as they will be included in the tapes. Hare Krsna.

December 29 Sridham Mayapur

The yatra is becoming increasingly nectarean. HH Jayadvaita Swami joined us today, and we both spoke at the home of Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur. HH Radhanath Swami led a powerful kirtan, singing Yasomati-Nandana. A small group of us, including Jayadvaita Swami's sister, who is visiting India for the first time, had lunch at Sankarsana Prabhu's home, the temple of Lord Jagannath. He is Srila Prabhupada's nephew and disciple. At the temple, we met a Bengali brahmacari, Swarup Siddha Prabhu, who serves Lord Nrshingadeva at Mayapur Candrodaya. We concluded early today. Tomorrow, we leave at 4 a.m. for Ekachakra Dham. Our prayers have been answered; by Lord Nityananda's mercy, we have been given the opportunity to associate with Him in His Dham. All glories to Lord Nityananda, the merciful manifestation of Sri Krsna Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Hare Krsna.

December 30 Sridham Mayapur

Nadiya Godrumna Nityananda Mahajan. All glories to Sri Nityananda Ram. All glories to Lord Balaram, the Supreme Personality of Godhead. They are one and the same. May we always remember Banke Raya, where the Supreme Lord, Sri Nityananda Ram, chose to conclude His transcendental lila on this earth planet. Please forgive our offenses, dear Lord, and grant us a place in Your eternal lila. Sri Nityananda Ram Ki-Jai. Sri Gauranga Mahaprabhu Ki-Jai. Srila Prabhupada Ki-Jai. Hare Krsna.

December 31 Sridham Mayapur

We are sick today from eating some contaminated food last night. Everything is Lord Krsna's arrangement, but we must use our intelligence to execute devotional service properly. Hare Krsna.

January 1 Sridham Mayapur



Haridas Thakur and Advaita Acarya were the focus of today's yatra. We have always wanted to visit Sri Santipur Dham, but unfortunately, there was a New Year's party arranged by the locals at that spot. The crowd was somewhat intoxicated, so after prasadam and a short talk by Jananivasa Prabhu and myself, we left just as it was getting dark. All glories to Sri Advaita Acarya and all glories to Sri Namacarya, Srila Haridas Thakur. We beg at his lotus feet for a taste of chanting the Hare Krsna Mahamantra. Hare Krsna.

January 2 Sridham Mayapur

We returned from yatra today, and it was an interesting day. Radhanath Swami gave a fabulous class, truly unbelievable, as he narrated the pastime of Lord Caitanya and Chand Kazi in full detail. We had breakfast at Mahasrng's home around 11:30 a.m., along with some local villagers he had befriended. This devotee is truly caring, as his service takes him into local villages and into the lives and hearts of the people. We had a meeting with Mother Jagatarini to discuss Narayan Maharaja. She said we helped her, but we're not sure if we really made a difference in the way she sees ISKCON. The evening aarti was ecstatic, with Gauravani Prabhu and Radhanath Swami Maharaja leading an ecstatic kirtan, while Jananivas and Pankajanghri Prabhus danced sweetly. Srila Prabhupada, we need to become more serious in our service to you and find ways to preach more effectively and regularly. Please, Srila Prabhupada, grant us your mercy in the form of your guidance. Hare Krsna.

January 3 Sridham Mayapur-Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath

Radhanath Swami and I arrived back in Chowpatty this evening. We visited Sri Panihati Dham and participated in the Cira Dadhi Utsava with about 350 devotees, seeing the place where Lord Nityananda performed this pastime under a banyan tree near the banks of the Ganga. Let us not waste time but utilize it for preaching, hearing, and chanting. Srila Prabhupada, we really need to hold tight to your lotus feet. You are our only hope. Hare Krsna.

January 4 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath

Today has been a day to catch up on our japa; we completed 29 rounds. It was also a day to settle in at Sri Sri Radha Gopinath. After almost 2 months of traveling with varying schedules, diets, climates, and associations, I look forward to some regulation. Whatever we receive will be temporary, as travel will again be necessary in order to preach. Tomorrow is the Bombay Ratha Yatra, as Lord Jagannath makes His transcendental appearance. Hare Krsna.

January 5 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath-Juhu Temple

The Juhu Ratha Yatra was performed with expenses amounting to 17 lakhs of rupees and 20 tons of flowers. We danced in front of Lord Baladeva's cart and, at the end, received the sweet mercy of Lord Jagannath. All glories to the Lord of the Universe, at whose feet we aspire to place our heads. Hare Krsna.

January 6 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath

Srila Prabhupada was especially merciful today as we were able to complete various services, including extensive and interesting reading, such as Sri Krsna Samhita. As we continue in devotional service, we must remain alert to remove anarthas and always remain meek and humble. The path of spiritual life is compared to the edge of a razor—a little inattention can easily lead one to fall away. We should be especially attentive to keeping our relationships with other Vaisnavas according to their respected positions. Today being Ekadasi, we ate only some fruit and nuts. We should reduce our eating and honour prasadam according to how active we are. Indeed, it is a real challenge, and being in the association of Sri Sri Radha Gopinath devotees is a real test of humility and surrender. By the Lord's mercy through the Vaisnavas, there is a

good chance for success. We pray to Lord Jagannath and Lord Nršingadeva to help us become fully engaged in Their service. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

January 7 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath

Today, my health is on the wane; tomorrow I will receive some hospital treatment. It is important to remember to always take shelter in the Lord and His Holy Name. Hare Krsna.

January 8 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath-Bhaktivedanta Hospital

Today I have no energy. The doctors advise rest, but there is always a concern about falling into Maya due to inactivity. Anyway, for the next 2 weeks or so, it is important to focus on health to serve nicely and enthusiastically in the future. Lord Nršingadeva, please protect us from Maya. Hare Krsna.

January 9 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath-BVH

There is a gradual realization of how much rest and rejuvenation is needed. Today, there is a slight improvement, but weakness still persists. It is essential to cultivate patience and exclusive dependence on the will of the Lord. This opportunity is hoped to be used for increasing japa, provided there is the physical stamina. Regardless of how we perceive the present situation, we can only pray for Your mercy, dear Lord. With the support of the devotees, such opportunities are seen as a chance to increase our devotional service.

Hare Krsna.

January 10 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath-BVH

Gradually, health is returning by Lord Krsna's guidance; a qualitative leap has been achieved. It is important to use our intelligence to do the right thing. While others may offer help and advice, it is essential to depend on Lord Krsna before taking action in any situation. Maya is very strong. Bharata Maharaja fell down due to his misplaced soft-heartedness. We shouldn't allow our intelligence to be overshadowed by others' advice or good intentions. In all cases, Lord Krsna advises us to depend on Him. Today we got the special darshan of Lord Jagannath and, by His mercy, we gave a Srimad Bhagavatam class at Mira Road. The



questions were good as we discussed adverse fruitive activities related to family life. Tomorrow we hope for better health; gradually, the rest and medication are gradually making a difference. However, we must never depend on anything other than Lord Kṛṣṇa and His mercy. Īśvaraḥ paramaḥ kṛṣṇaḥ. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 11 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath-BVH

Health seems to be improving as I am getting regular rest and light, healthy prasadam. Tomorrow, some tests are scheduled. Today, Kṛpamoya, Kṛṣṇa Bhava, and Ekalavya Prabhus visited. They were exhausted, having not rested for over a day and a half, so we suggested they get some immediate rest. Tomorrow, we are scheduled to give a Srimad Bhagavatam class at Radha Giridhari Mandir. We are feeling Lord Kṛṣṇa's mercy strongly, but our concern is not to become lazy or overconfident. We need to hold tightly to the mercy of Srila Prabhupada and pray to regain our enthusiasm and immerse ourselves in devotional service. Patience is a symptom of surrender and a necessary virtue for self-realization. Sri Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu, Sri Nityānanda Rāma Kī-jai. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 12 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath-BVH

Today was a day for medical check-ups, as we do whatever is necessary to assist in our service. Let us pray to regain our enthusiasm for devotional activities, especially chanting and associating with devotees. Please, Lord, grant us the understanding, intelligence, and intense desire to free ourselves from any tendencies toward Vaisnava aparādha. We must be very, very careful not to commit offenses against any Vaisnava, no matter how insignificant they may seem. Tomorrow we return to

Radha Gopinath Mandir—a change that is wanted and needed. We very much want to offer a prayer for the health, protection, and preservation of Radhanath Maharaja during his visit to the Kumbha Mela. Hare Krsna.

January 13 Bombay-Bhaktivedanta Hospital/Radha Gopinath Mandir

Today I completed my specialist exams and tests. By the Lord's mercy, my overall health is better than I anticipated, except for a protein deficiency, which explains why I am always tired after traveling. The solution is to gradually increase protein intake. Anyway, whether we have good health or not, we can die at any time. The material energy is such that we find ourselves in a precarious situation in this material world. Our only shelter is the lotus feet of the Lord—bhavāmbudhir vatsa-padaṁ. Tomorrow we're scheduled to address the entire Radha-Gopinath congregation, which includes over 1,000 devotees and guests. Our fervent prayer is for Lord Krsna's mercy so we can speak something relevant to inspire them toward Lord Krsna and devotional service. O Lord, we seek Your mercy; please protect us, Srila Prabhupada, from our own reckless minds. Hare Krsna.

January 14 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath Mandir

I'm starting to feel stronger and my appetite is returning, but I need to be careful not to overdo it. Sex agitation is enhanced by too much food, so when feeling weak, it's important for any increase to be very gradual. Today, we spoke at the Sunday feast about the pastimes of Gopal Bhatta Goswami, whose appearance day it was. We spoke for an hour, but devotees often expect longer lectures on Sundays. We regret not properly glorifying Ramchandra Kaviraj and humbly offer our apologies at the feet of this great soul, especially at the feet of Sri Narottama Das Thakur, who is closely connected with him. We also offer our obeisances at the lotus feet of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and beg for His mercy and forgiveness. Due to immaturity and pride, we commit offenses. Today is also Makara Sankranti, the day Lord Caitanya accepted sannyasa, and the day Bhismadeva departed this material world for Vaikuntha. Although we may feel lowly, we have great hope of achieving the Lord's lotus feet, solely due to the mercy of A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada, the savior of the world. May he bless us with his service. Hare Krsna.

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January 15 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath Mandir

We are finding great happiness in reading the Caitanya Caritamṛta. Today, we realized that this temple atmosphere is very pure, and to stay here, one must be absorbed in service nicely. Hare Krsna.

January 16 Bombay/Bhaktivedanta Hospital

Today began with a massage and a restricted diet. Energy seems to be gradually returning and we hope we can maintain this regime without deviations. Lord Caitanya's mercy is given to us fallen souls through the mercy of Sri Nityananda Prabhu, who loves to serve Lord Caitanya by distributing love of God. As strength begins to return, the tendency to resume regular service often arises. It's important to resist this temptation and focus on what's necessary for recovery, or the benefits of rest may be lost. Your mercy, O Lord, is our strength. Hare Krsna.

January 17 Bombay/Bhaktivedanta Hospital

Sri Nrsimha Jai Nrsimha Jai Jai Sri Nrsimha. The Lord of Vaikuntha Dham, in His half-man, half-lion form, gives great solace and hope for the devotees struggling to advance in Kali-Yuga. May we always remember His lotus feet. It is the second day of massage, and it seems to be helping, although I have contracted a chest cold, making it hard to balance out my progress. Material world means being in an unnatural position and accepting suffering due to having a material body. May we remain fixed in our service to the Lord and rise above our bodily conditions. Real suffering is not the pains of this body; real suffering is forgetting Lord Krsna and the goal of life. Let us practice more seriously to always remember Lord Krsna—this is the platform of success. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

January 18 Bombay/Bhaktivedanta Hospital

My energy levels are increasing proportionally, but the chest cold remains, making everything difficult. Anyway, our own bodies are the source of all our sufferings and bondage. All glories to the Holy Names, and all glories to Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityananda. Tomorrow, we are scheduled to give the Srimad Bhagavatam class at Sri Sri Radha Giridhari Temple. We hope to serve the Lord and His devotees by speaking words that uplift them in Krsna consciousness. Hare Krsna.

January 18 Bombay/Bhaktivedanta Hospital

Tomorrow, we return to Sri Sri Radha Gopinath temple as my hospital treatment concludes. The austerity of staying in a room can create restlessness for association and other devotional activities. Today I ate only fruit, so my cold seems to have subsided to a large degree. Being in India is difficult, especially without regular preaching engagements. I don't regret staying here for my treatment, but I must now move on. The pushpa abhishek ceremony will be performed for the pleasure of Sri Sri Radha Gopinath, with many wonderful devotees in attendance. We hope to appreciate and remember the lessons learned during our stay here and carry them forward. Life is a learning experience that helps deepen our attachment and dedication to serving the Lord and His devotees. We must always adhere to the principle of remembering Lord Krsna—this is our success. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

January 20 Bombay-Bhaktivedanta Hospital/Radha Gopinath Mandir

We are happy to return to Sri Sri Radha Gopinath Mandir. Hospitals can be depressing, though Bhaktivedanta Hospital is unique as it combines both temple and hospital. We celebrated the bathing of Their Lordships in flowers, a sweet and ecstatic experience, especially with the presence of Yamuna Devi and Visakha Devi Dasi. Mother Yamuna sang the "Govinda Prayers" as Their Lordships were bathed in an abundance of flowers, while Sikshastakam Prabhu led a powerful kirtan, enveloping us all in the ecstasy of Sri Sri Radha Gopinath's mercy. May we always appreciate the association of devotees by learning to serve more deeply. Hare Krsna.

January 21 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath Mandir

Gradually, my health is improving along with my ability to take shelter in Lord Krsna. As we grow stronger, we become more of a target for Maya and we can fall if we're not careful. Spiritual life is indeed like a razor's edge. Despite the special mercy of Sri Sri Radha Gopinath and Their devotees, one can easily slip if not careful to avoid any form of Vaisnava aparadha. To whom much is given, much is expected. We sincerely pray to Srila Prabhupada to engage us in his service and to Lord Nrsingadeva to protect us from all forms of illusion. May we always remember Lord Krsna and never forget Him. Hare Krsna.

January 22 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath Mandir

Maya, as Srila Prabhupada said, "is not taken very seriously by you Westerner disciples." We must remember that in Kali Yuga, Maya is omnipresent and very dangerous. One can easily falter. Our only hope is to never forget the lotus feet of the Lord and to engage fully in devotional service. Today, the devotees danced enthusiastically, which is somewhat unusual for Guru Puja. The kirtan lasted until 8:30 p.m., uplifting and enlightening everyone. Govinda Prabhu danced, imitating sahajiyas and various other groups. Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityananda are bestowing Their mercy by infusing us to enthusiastically chant and dance in Sankirtan. It is the power of the whole movement. Tomorrow we are scheduled to give the Srimad Bhagavatam class. We prepared tonight, but in every situation, our success lies in depending on Lord Krsna and His representative. We hope to serve the devotees by speaking in a way that captures their attention. "Always depend on Me," Lord Krsna says. Hare Krsna.

January 23 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath Mandir

We had lunch at Lalita Piramal with Radhanath Swami, Acyuta Priya Prabhu, Trai Das Prabhu and his wife Krsnaloka, along with Yamuna, Malati, and Visakha Matajis. It was an honor to be among such great souls enjoying prasadam. Radhanath Maharaja brought along his Caitanya Bhagavat, reminding us of the value of carrying reading material to utilize time for reading whenever possible. Today, we gave class, and by Srila Prabhupada's mercy, the devotees appreciated it. This proves that whenever we sincerely pray for Srila Prabhupada's

—especially for speaking, where we may feel inadequate—somehow, through his mercy, it becomes acceptable. We recognize our fallen state, often self-centered and acting only in our own interest, yet we deeply believe in the mercy of Srila Prabhupada. Therefore, we can continue, hoping to develop genuine devotional qualifications one day. We also learned today that Srila Prabhupada visited the Pirmal residence in 1965 and again in 1971 with his disciples. Hare Krsna.

January 24 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath Mandir

Early tomorrow, we leave by train for the Pune Yatra, which will be 3 intense days of chanting, dancing, and philosophy. Yamuna Devi, Malati, and Vishaka Matajis will share their memories of the early days with Srila Prabhupada. Today we gave the Wednesday night public class at the temple. By Srila Prabhupada's mercy, we were able to speak without losing our words and concluded by emphasizing the importance of chanting and sankirtan. We must also commit to more regular study, as the effects of Kali-yuga slowdown and affect our memory. Therefore, regular reading of Srila Prabhupada's books is essential to staying fresh in Krsna consciousness. We hope to maintain our health during the yatra and ensure we eat properly, as a nutritious and simple diet is essential for staying engaged. Let us pray to Lord Nrsingadeva for His special mercy and protection, for His lotus feet are completely satisfying. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

January 25 Pune Yatra

The program ended at 1:00 a.m. The kirtan was ecstatic, and the senior ladies spoke very feelingly. All this is due to the devotion of HH Radhanath Swami, a great paramahansa Vaisnava. He is bringing together the devotees under Lord Caitanya and is doing what is most needed today in ISKCON: creating a feeling of real unity and appreciation among the devotees. Without a doubt, Srila Prabhupada is very pleased. Hare Krsna.

January 26 Pune Yatra

Today, the chanting and dancing intensified. We visited the Laxmi Narayana temple and chanted through the streets of Pune, ending up at a program in honor of the Republic. The organizers gave us the stage, and the kirtan became the main program. The organizers were garlanded

and charmed by the devotees, and we continued for a full hour of kirtan on stage. Lord Caitanya's movement is increasing nicely due to the determination and pure devotion of Radhanath Swami. Hare Krsna.

January 27 Pune Yatra

If we can remember the definition of humility explained by Radhanath Swami in today's questions and answers session, then we will be in a good position to overcome the deep-rooted false pride that is often hard to perceive in its length, breadth, and effects. Maharaja spoke for over 3 hours on Lord Caitanya accepting sannyasa. Lord Caitanya at the house of Vidya Vacaspati is synonymous with the gopis meeting Lord Krsna on the field of Kuruksetra and Vijaya being touched by Lord Caitanya's hand—both these were heard for the first time. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

January 28 Pune Yatra

Devotees said this was the best yatra yet. We were able to increase my hankering to hear about Srila Prabhupada because the senior ladies spoke very nicely about him. Our appreciation of the senior ladies increased as we were able to hear how nicely, philosophically, and devotionally they narrated Srila Prabhupada's pastimes. Hare Krsna.

January 29 Pune Yatra

We had a 4 hours of Q&A session at Sri Sri Radha Kunjavihari Mandir. We chanted 27 rounds, and had an evening program to welcome 8 sets of Deities into grhastha homes. It was a full day of Krsna conscious activities. May every day be filled with activities devoted to the service of Sri Sri Gaura Nitai and Lord Jagannath. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

January 30 Pune-Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath Mandir

Jai Sri Krsna Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Today a letter came from my mother. She is truly a recipient of Lord Krsna's special mercy. We hope someday she will be able to surrender more and regularly chant Hare Krsna. I am tired; it's time to rest. Hare Krsna.

January 31 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath Mandir

Today was full of immense spiritual variety. The nectar flowed from Ravindra Swarupa Prabhu, who made many interesting philosophical

points. He glorified the chanting of the Holy Name and shared various realizations of his Kartik vrata. He wanted to do more and wanted every member of the GBC to take up the same vow. He glorified the Siksastaka prayers, stating that everything is encapsulated in these 8 prayers by Lord Caitanya. He spoke with great depth and realization. He compared himself to an athlete who wants to achieve more and more with respect to japa. He quoted Sri Krsnadas Kaviraj by saying, "Jarasandha studied the Vedas, yet he was a demon; therefore, anyone who attempts to worship Krsna without accepting Sri Krsna Caitanya Mahaprabhu can be compared in that same way." His entire class was very much in glorification of the culture of Srimad Bhagavatam and the means to realize Srimad Bhagavatam. Later, Trai Das Prabhu and his good wife, Mother Krsnaloka, treated the devotees to a traditional Italian dinner, bringing happiness to everyone. In the evening, we spoke on the glories of the Holy Name and the pernicious effects of Kali-Yuga from the first Canto of Srimad Bhagavatam during the Wednesday night program, before joining the devotees for prasadam at Priya's home to celebrate her and her husband's 19th wedding anniversary. Radhanath Maharaja was leading a kirtan when we arrived. Yamuna Devi finished the kirtan, and everyone was feeling great happiness in the association of devotees. Now, as it's nearly 1:00 a.m., we prepare for Advaita Acarya's appearance day tomorrow. As I write this account, I have just absorbed a talk by Radhanath Swami from 2 years ago on this day. By the Lord's grace, especially in His form as Sri Sri Radha Gopinath, the mercy is ever-flowing. We offer our humble obeisances to Radhanath Maharaja, who is so kindly bringing Srila Prabhupada's teachings and mercy to the world. His mood is so sweet and so full of joy. All glories to His lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

February 1 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath Temple

Today we heard a 3-hour narration of Sri Advaita Acarya's pastimes on His appearance day. It is easy to get caught up in identifying with our ethnic background. There seems to be a lot of talk about Italian food. Anyway, as devotees, we appreciate variety, but real appreciation is on the transcendental platform, free from all bodily designations. The day concluded with the annual celebration honoring the devotees of the orphanage. This year's program appeared to bring out the qualities of the devotees skills and a deep appreciation for their service. Also, the

alumni group seemed more favorable than last year. Radha Gopinath Prabhu is moving ahead, backed by a team of enthusiastic devotees and others. Tomorrow, we travel to Vrndavan, which provides the chance to increase our reading, which has dropped considerably since the Pune Yatra. Many critical decisions regarding our travels lie ahead. We humbly pray for the guidance and intelligence to organize the next 3 weeks efficiently. Everything we do is by the grace and mercy of Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

February 3 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath/Sri Vrndavan Dham

Yesterday, due to train travel, I wasn't able to write, although the thought crossed my mind. Today, we arrived in Srimati Radharani's home, Sri Vrndavan Dham. We met Sri Galim Prabhu, Dayasara Prabhu, and Bhuvanevasa Prabhu. We pray to serve nicely here and avoid offenses. In this Kali Yuga, one can easily find themselves in situations of gossip or criticism. We should always offer respect to all, whether outwardly or in our minds, and chant Lord Krsna's names while speaking pleasing words in glorification of the Lord and His devotees. Lord Caitanya bestows His mercy on those who refrain from blaspheming or criticizing others. Vrndavan Dham is a little cold, actually very cold, so adjusting may take time. Anyway, where in this world is there not suffering? Lord Krsna says to tolerate. May Srila Prabhupada give us the intelligence to always remain enthusiastic and fixed in his service. Hare Krsna.

February 5 Sri Vrndavan Dham

I simply forgot to fulfill my writing vow yesterday. Anyway, I pray Srimati Radharani will forgive me and allow me to receive Her sweet mercy, which is all in all, especially in the Holy Land of Sri Vrndavan. Today, we met a wonderful devotee at prasadam, Mukunda Datta Prabhu, who has spent 20 years in the Dham—a spiritual feat, no doubt. Living here requires immense humility; otherwise, it is not possible. We completed 32 rounds today for the second consecutive day, which is surprisingly easy. We all can try; we need only the desire to chant and hear attentively and devotionally. Being in the Dham is purifying. We hope to remain attentive and avoid offenses, though we require special mercy. Someone touched my feet again in the temple, so I might expect some disease. Perhaps he is pure or at least free from sin. Regardless, I've been sick

since we arrived in India, which I attribute it to foot-touching. Anyway, life goes on. We can only pray to always remember Lord Kṛṣṇa. Manañ kṛṣṇe niveśayet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 6 Sri Vrndavan Dham-App. Lord Nityananda

Mahanidhi Swami gave a very sastric class. He described the relationship between Lord Nityananda's mercy and Srimati Radharani's mercy: guru kṛpa and prema kṛpa. Srimati Radharani is the guru of prema. He also discussed the 6 blessings Kṛṣṇadas Kaviraj Goswami received from Lord Nityananda. The devotee's feast is tomorrow; today's lunch was Ekadasi. We gave a Bhagavad Gita class on 14.6 in Prabhupada's study room. Although apprehensive, we have been asked to give the Srimad Bhagavatam class tomorrow. Anyway, what hope do we have? We may know very little and are plagued with many inabilities. Our only hope is the lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada, who can enlighten us to speak effectively. May we seek his shelter. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 7 Sri Vrndavan Dham

Today, we spoke on Srimad Bhagavatam 10.16.18. The entire purport was a commentary by Srila Sanatana Goswami on how Lord Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet are preserved everywhere in Vrndavan by all the residents. It was a difficult topic, and so we prayed to Srila Prabhupada. By his special grace and mercy, the devotees seemed to appreciate the class. Later, the temple president, Maha Man Prabhu, thanked us. Of course, all credit goes to Srila Prabhupada; we prayed very seriously for his help. This lesson in dependence on Srila Prabhupada will help us to realize more of this principle and to strive to act accordingly, while always aiming for humility. We learned that we must preach more and more in order to get Srila Prabhupada's blessings. Actually, that is the main duty of a sannyasi: Preach! Preach! Preach! Tomorrow we depart for Bombay. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Sri Sri Radha Syamasundara, Sri Kṛṣṇa Balaram, Lord Caitanya, and Lord Nityananda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 8 Sri Vrndavan Dham-Bombay

Today marks Narottama Das Thakura's appearance day. All glories to his lotus feet, for he pleased Lord Caitanya in many ways, especially through his love and expertise for kirtan. Later today, we leave for Bombay by train. We humbly pray for the shelter of the Lord's protective mercy, as

being surrounded by karmis in a packed train is difficult. Nevertheless, our only shelter is the Holy Name. Hare Krsna.

February 9 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath Mandir

Our trip to Vrndavan was full of lessons and realizations. Chanting 32 rounds for approximately 4 days really helped us increase our attraction for chanting. Vrndavan Dham is indeed special, as are all its inhabitants. On a negative note, we learned not to visit again during the cold season; the chill was physically debilitating and increased my weakness. We hope to remember to visit from March to November. Also, the prasadam at the temple is not suitable for our health, so we must always avoid that allurements. Next time, we will plan trips to various holy sites to receive the mercy of the Holy Dham. Ultimately, the real Vrndavan means to be fully engaged in service for the pleasure of Lord Krsna and Srila Prabhupada, and that can be manifest anywhere. Mahanidhi Swami's lecture on Lord Nityananda's appearance day was filled with many interesting points. Another Western mentality we noted is ungratefulness, which is ingrained in society and education. Westerners are generally puffed up with me-ism. We will be at Chowpatty for 2 days and then have a chance to serve the Lord and His devotees as we embark on a week-long preaching tour south of Bombay. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

February 10 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath Mandir

Today, I read the simple philosophy of the Bhagavad Gita. It was so pleasing and uplifting. Srila Prabhupada's expert explanations with clear examples satisfy us in Krsna consciousness and inspire us to preach. Tomorrow, we leave for a week-long trip to Pune, Satara, and Kohlapur. We eagerly look forward to take up the mood of preaching and to be well-prepared. We should be very careful to chant nicely and always remain dependent on Lord Krsna and His mercy. Hare Krsna.

February 11 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath Mandir-Pune

By the inconceivable mercy of Srila Prabhupada, we received the special mercy of being able to speak on the glories and activities of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakur. Tomorrow is his divine appearance day. This is the third time such a benediction has been bestowed upon us. We hope to please Srila Prabhupada, as speaking about such a saintly

soul is only possible through unlimited volumes of mercy. This opportunity has deepened our desire to study his life and teachings. We are grateful for this service and will aim to highlight the key points in a shorter time frame tomorrow. We also feel a renewed determination to preach and to avoid wasting time, focusing our attention on service. Hare Krsna.

February 12 Pune-App. Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati

According to the lunar calendar, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Maharaja appeared on this day 127 years ago. By his mercy, along with the mercy of Srila Prabhupada and the Lord, we were given a special opportunity to speak on his glories and activities. This experience has deepened our desire to learn more about him, his life, and teachings. We pray that as time progresses, we can act on this desire and continue this service. His mercy inspires us to preach as he did—without compromise and effectively. For some, bold preaching may seem pretentious, but we can see it as a means to become more serious in our own sadhana. All glories to Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakur, and all glories to Srila Prabhupada. Their mercy is our only hope for success. Hare Krsna.

February 13 Satara

We arrived in Satara by train from Pune at 9:30 a.m. The day was relatively smooth, though we struggled to maintain enthusiasm. After reading and resting, we spoke to about 170 people during the evening program. The people here seem simple and seemed genuinely interested in Krsna consciousness, asking many questions during the lecture. Although we are surrounded by people, there is a natural tendency to feel reserved. As preachers and a representative of Srila Prabhupada, it is important to take an interest in assisting and serving each person in Krsna consciousness. We aspire to break out of our shells, yet there is also a tendency to prefer solitude. Nevertheless, we must strive to be Krsna conscious whether alone or in the company of others. Saci Suta Prabhu is very enthusiastic about helping others but requires better organization and support. Gradually, things are happening, but a little too slowly. Anyway, we hope our last day can be of some meaningful assistance. May Srila Prabhupada purify our selfish interests and fix us in service. Hare Krsna.

Around 125 people attended to the evening program. We discussed the living entity's separation from Lord Krsna and the futility of engaging in sense gratification. By Srila Prabhupada's mercy, the people enjoyed the program, and asked many good questions. Satara has potential for growth, but it is moving too slowly. An increase in programs is needed. Tomorrow, we will head to Kohlapur, the home of the famous Mahalaxmi temple. We hope to maintain our enthusiasm and focus on preaching while enlivening others. Today, we briefly visited the Natharaja temple, where we received the merciful darshan of Lord Siva, which brought great happiness to receive His blessings and mercy. A true devotee of the Lord will seek out mercy from all those who are able to give, and Lord Siva is all-auspicious and extremely compassionate to the conditioned souls. We can pray for a drop of compassion to extend to others. Srila Prabhupada is most compassionate, and a compassionate mood is essential for effective and enthusiastic preaching. Without compassion, we are all show without substance. Hare Krsna.

February 14 Satara

We arrived in Kohlapur by train at 2:15 p.m. The evening program attracted over 200 devotees and guests, who engaged with nice questions, showing eagerness for Krsna consciousness, much like dry grass igniting quickly near fire. Lord Krsna is giving us a nice opportunity to preach. However, while we may be enthusiastic, we sometimes feel a cautiousness in our devotional activities that can dampen our spontaneity. Anyway, perhaps it is better to be overly cautious than too spontaneous. Our only hope is to always remember the Lord with love and to give all credit to His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. Tomorrow promises to be a full day. Hare Krsna.

February 15 Satara-Kohlapur

We concluded our stay in Kohlapur with a program at the local Radha Krsna Mandir. The program was well attended, and guests asked nice questions about interfaith, the importance of Guru, chanting, and Buddhism. The preaching here was well received, leading to a feeling of regret for not staying longer. We are feeling the mercy of Srila Prabhupada. The essence of sannyasa ashram is to preach; all other services are secondary. There is an ongoing need for preachers, as many

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February 17 Pune

Today was filled with preaching: a 2-hour brahmacari class in the morning and another 2-hour program with youth in the evening. By Srila Prabhupada's mercy, we are increasingly able to serve. But we must be conscious to always keep quality as the focus. Quality means trying to humbly present this message according to the previous acaryas with

conviction and realization. We must grow in such a way that our words are reflective of our experience and realizations. While parrot-like repetition may occur, deeper understanding is essential. Tomorrow—or rather today, as it is now past midnight—is Ekadasi, and we will be traveling early to Bombay by train. In 5 days, we leave India for Germany and then London. We pray to remain enthusiastic despite all obstacles. Maya is very strong, and we often find ourselves lacking senior association; therefore, we pray to Srila Prabhupada and Lord Nrsingadeva to clear the path in order to serve nicely and steadily. As always, today's class in Pune was uplifting. Radhe Shyam Prabhu is a competent and dedicated leader and preacher, resulting in many people accepting Krsna consciousness. Hare Krsna.

February 18 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath Mandir

The mercy continues to flow. Unexpectedly, we found ourselves giving the Sunday Feast lecture, glorifying the activities and pastimes of Sri Isvara Puri. Though fatigued and unprepared, by Srila Prabhupada's grace, the lecture seemed enjoyable for the devotees. Any opportunity to preach and please the devotees is always sought after. However, we acknowledge that Maya is very strong, and when one takes up preaching, her attacks are more frequent and very subtle. Anyway, proportionately, Lord Krsna's mercy and protection is also increased, provided we take shelter. Tomorrow, we plan to visit Juhu temple and Sri Sri Radha Rasavihariji, Sri Sri Sita Ram, Laksman, and Hanuman. Soon, our time in India will conclude, leading to an adjustment period as we travel west. Anyway, if we can absorb ourselves in preaching, then we will be satisfied in all environments. All glories to the Kali Yuga avatara, Sri Krsna Caitanya Mahaprabhu. All glories to the disseminator of His mercy, Sri Nityananda Ram. Hare Krsna.

February 19 Bombay/Sri Radha Gopinath-Juhu/Sri Radha Rasavihari

After spending 2 months in India, primarily in Bombay, we finally visited Juhu temple—Sri Sri Radha Rasavihariji. Today was a day of rest, with minimal service aside from chanting and cleaning. Tomorrow, we are scheduled to give a Srimad Bhagavatam class. While we are unsure of what response to expect, in all cases, Lord Krsna says, "depend on Me." Each class is like a new challenge, and there's always some feelings of

nervousness. I guess feeling incompetent helps us take shelter in the Lord and His pure devotees. Here at Juhu, we met Amiya Vilas Swami, Rasaraja Prabhu, and Grantha Raja Prabhu. The verse for tomorrow's class is interesting: *Srimad Bhagavatam* 1.11.35, discussing Lord Krsna in Dwaraka. We pray to somehow please the devotees by presenting an interesting class. Srila Prabhupada, please help us. Hare Krsna.

February 20 Bombay/Sri Radha Rasavihari/Sri Radha Gopinath

Our short stay at Juhu was fulfilling. Although the devotees may not work as closely together as they do in Chowpatty, just being at Srila Prabhupada's grand offering to the Lord and accepting everything as it is brought happiness and enlivenment. The merciful Sri Sri Radha Rasavihari are most beautiful. Srimati Radharani is extremely pleasing to behold, and Lord Krsna is so adorable. Literally millions of pilgrims have received Their darshan. We led the Gaura Arati, although it was difficult as the devotees playing around us seemed constantly distracted. Anyway, it was nice to sing, and we felt purified afterward. We met Amiya Vilas Swami, my old friend, and we spent some sweet moments talking about Krsna consciousness and preaching. Braja Hari Prabhu took nice care of us, and we wished to reciprocate his kindness. The class on *Srimad Bhagavatam* was well-received, despite some jumbled thoughts; nonetheless, we spoke with conviction. Hare Krsna.

February 21 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath Mandir

Radhanath Maharaja arrived late last night and left for his trip to Belgaum this evening. We went for lunch at Madan Mohan Restaurant with a Varsana Vasi who stayed the night in our room, along with Radha Kanti and his wife, Kaisori. They are very special personalities and friends of Maharaja. Maharaja was merciful, and we spent the entire afternoon together until he left. He was very jolly as he was opening his back mail—some letters were 4 months old. He suggested I spend more time in Spain, as there is less preaching happening there. This was a main topic of discussion at the meeting. He also mentioned that there's no need to go to Russia, which was a little relief. Our focus will primarily be on the USA, Spain, and nearby Europe. Upon returning, we plan to create a schedule that includes more frequent visits to Spain. Tomorrow is Siva Ratri and our last day in India. After that, we will head to Germany,

London, and then the USA for more tough preaching. Ultimately, everything is in Lord Krsna's hands. If we can start making devotees, our enthusiasm will grow; but regardless, we preach to please the Lord and His pure devotee. Radhanath Swami is considering taking time for health rejuvenation before coming to the States, and we pray for favorable outcomes. He is invaluable to Srila Prabhupada's movement, and we pray to Lord Krsna to keep him with good health. All glories to Radhanath Maharaja's service. Hare Krsna.

February 22 Radha Gopinath Mandir-Maha Siva Ratri

Soon, we will depart for Europe for a new chapter. Having spent 2 months in India under the care of Sri Sri Radha Gopinath and Their wonderful devotees, headed by HH Radhanath Swami, we celebrated a joyous festival honoring Lord Siva and bid farewell to all the devotees. We will undoubtedly miss their association, but we must accept that as we continue to serve Srila Prabhupada's mission, we will come and go as per His order. All glories to the devotees of Sri Sri Radha Gopinath, and all glories to Sri Sri Radha Gopinathji. May we always carry the memories of our time here and remember the quality of devotion. Hare Krsna.

February 24 Germany/Goloka Dham

I neglected to write yesterday. After leaving India and arriving in London, we immediately arranged to fly to Germany. We arrived last evening and spoke briefly to a small but attentive group of devotees. This temple is a grhastha community, with families living nearby, creating an ideal environment for spiritual life, free from outside disturbances. Today, we gave a Srimad Bhagavatam class, followed by a small session in the afternoon addressing practical problems, and an evening Bhagavad Gita class that was well attended. 4 sankirtan devotees joined us, and the evening arati was very enthusiastic. Although this area has been affected by the fall of Harikesa Prabhu, we sense a desire among the devotees to return to real service and surrender. Perhaps we are overestimating, but the basics—chanting 16 rounds and maintaining proper Vaisnava relationships—are essential. The fall of big leaders significantly impacts many lives. We don't know what we can do, but we are here to preach and pray to Srila Prabhupada for his guidance. We have a responsibility to Srila Prabhupada and others to try to help devotees in times of crisis. Through preaching, we can personally benefit and imbibe

these qualities more deeply. Without practicing the qualities of the mode of goodness, remaining fixed in Krsna consciousness becomes impossible. Please, Srila Prabhupada, grant us your mercy so we can serve you in a way that strengthens your movement and inspires others. Hare Krsna.

February 25 Germany/Goloka Dham

Today was a full day. We gave a class on Vaisnava etiquette that was well-received, although attendance could have been greater. Many of those who attended asked nice questions. We then drove to the Heidelberg temple, a preaching center, for the Sunday program. A grhastha couple, Vipula Prabhu and his wife, Shyamasundari, seem to be having nice success. During kirtan, both devotees and guests danced enthusiastically. We felt the strong mercy of Sri Sri Gaura Nitai and were blessed by Lord Jagannath's presence. We feel enlivened to see Lord Jagannath and His Brother Baladeva and Sister Subhadra. Germany seems to be recovering after the Harikesa collapse. When influential leaders fall, it usually causes devotees to leave or retreat into their private lives. Anyway, the 2-year aftermath is again showing good signs. This proves Lord Caitanya's movement will go on despite all difficulties. We pray with folded hands for the spiritual strength to persevere. Tomorrow is our last full day here, and on Tuesday, we will travel to London for 3 days. Maya is relentless in trying to trip us up, but our only hope is to remain fixed at the Lord's lotus feet and develop humility. Sri Krsna, save us; your mercy is all we are made of. Hare Krsna.

February 26 Germany/Goloka Dham

Tomorrow, we leave for London. Our visit here has been nice, though the prasadam was austere, and we struggled to rest properly. Regardless, the preaching was satisfying, and the devotees we met were very friendly. Akrura, my godbrother initiated in 1970 by Srila Prabhupada, is sweet and simple, and I enjoy his association. Romapada, my personal assistant, is respectful, enthusiastic, and efficient. The ladies are caring, and while some devotees do not attend regularly or chant enough, the overall atmosphere remains positive. Despite the difficulties, things could have been much worse. Although many left after the fall of a significant leader, the community is still progressing. The responsibility of leadership is great and requires total commitment and concern for

others. For my part, I will remain in the background, although I am seen as a senior person, at least by ashram standards. Anyway, our sole desire is to serve Srila Prabhupada by serving his mission through our time with the devotees. Our prayer should focus on remaining fixed in our service and having the intelligence and ability to continue despite Maya's attacks. We look to London, though Germany has been nice. Yet, we feel a little apprehensive here, as our service required us to be in close contact with many women, which can be a mental and spiritual strain. Anyway, we continually pray for Your mercy and protection, O Lord. Without it, we are lost. Srila Prabhupada Ki-Jai. Hare Krsna.

February 27 Germany/Goloka Dham-London/ Bhaktivedanta Manor

We arrived at the manor, under the shelter of Sri Sri Radha Gokulananda. Today, we took Their merciful darshan and felt very happy. They are supremely beautiful and powerfully present in Their Deity form. Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur explains in his book Dasa-Mula-Tattva that it is essential for one's guru to reveal his swarupa siddhi as one enters the mood of developing his rasa with the Lord. Emotional outbursts from contact with the Lord's eternal associates are not the ultimate goal; guidance from the guru is necessary. Thus, in the physical absence of Srila Prabhupada, our means for guidance is our absorption in devotional service, accompanied by sincere prayer for his continued direction on the path of rasa. Some devotees seek a rasa guru, but we can find that in Srila Prabhupada, as long as we remain sincerely absorbed in devotional service and consistently seek his help. Although an unsteady mind may hinder our ability to pray sincerely to Prabhupada, we hope to overcome this through regular prayer. "He reasons ill who says that Vaisnava dies when thou art living still in sound." Traveling and preaching define our lives, but we also desire to establish steady regulation in sadhana and service. Perhaps this is just a dream. Regardless, we must wholeheartedly seek the shelter of the Lord and follow the instructions of His devotees. While we are here in London, let us execute our Krsna consciousness with a mood of maximizing the benefits from each moment. Be here now. The present moment is the most important time. Hare Krsna.

February 28 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor

Today, we have a Srimad Bhagavatam class, a brahmacari class, and an evening satsanga. The Lord is very merciful, allowing us to serve. If we can only appreciate that what we need, want, and pray for is happening—the opportunity to preach. Tomorrow will be another full day as we go to Soho for a Srimad Bhagavatam class. We should concentrate more on remembering Lord Krsna than worrying about being unregulated. Let our regulation be our minds absorbed in Lord Krsna and His Name. Srila Prabhupada, your mercy is all we are made of. Please keep us engaged in preaching your message with enthusiasm. Hare Krsna.

March 1 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor

The trip is completed; tomorrow is our flight to Chicago. We pray with all our hearts that we do not become lazy or engaged in useless activity. We want to stay in the fire of Krsna consciousness. The Chicago temple presents an opportunity to engage in many activities beyond direct preaching. Nonetheless, our tendency to move around will continue. The Soho Street temple seems to be doing well, with books going out and many people coming for prasadam and darshan. Sri Sri Radha-Londoniswara blessed us with Their merciful darshan, as did Lord Jagannath, Subhadra Devi, Sri Baladeva, and of course, Sri Sri Nitai Gauranga and Sri Giri Govardhana. Srila Prabhupada was always pleased to see devotees sacrificing their comforts to rescue conditioned souls. Please, O Lord, give us the strength and determination to push on with enthusiasm in all circumstances. Hare Krsna.

March 2 London-Chicago

Lord Krsna is allowing the material energy to have a greater effect on us. He is always merciful to His devotees, which encourages us to take greater shelter, although at times our minds can be very stubborn. Again, we felt our japa increase due to many external difficulties. We arrived in Chicago after 2.5 months in India, with stops in London and Germany. We hope to understand which direction Lord Krsna wants us to go—the choices are many, and the need is everywhere. Without careful consideration, we know we will easily be pulled back into habits that cause procrastination. Now is the time to increase our prayer to Srila Prabhupada. We desperately need His divine intervention to stay on

track. A devotee wants to serve in the best possible way. Saturn-Venus indicates an increase in responsibility in my charts. This week is going to be a little hectic. Politics are all around, and so is preaching—we have to be determined. All glories to Sri Sri Kisor-Kisor, whose shelter we have again regained. Hare Krsna.

March 3 Chicago

Our first full day after returning from India has begun. Although we accomplished much, just catching up may take weeks. We are behind on everything. Still, we are determined to do our best to be Krsna conscious here in Chicago. It is a real challenge. Hare Krsna.

March 4 Chicago

Today, we had the Sunday Feast program. We gave the lecture, and the attention received was good. W spoke on the importance of becoming Krsna conscious. A lady from Baltimore asked, "Who is Caitanya Mahaprabhu, and what is His mission?" On another note, gradually, we are catching up with what is backlogged. We spoke with Bhakti Tirtha Swami and Giriraja Swami on the phone, and their rare association was very uplifting. Soon, we will travel to New Vrindavan for Gaura Purnima. Our only hope is the association of devotees and Lord Krsna's mercy. Hare Krsna.

March 5 Chicago

Today is our third full day here. We spent much time in our room doing menial services, and our minds get a little restless, as we are still accustomed to travel. Regulation eludes us, as it is now midnight, and Mangala arati is in 4 hours. We anticipate our next trip on Wednesday. Having been unregulated for months, we find regulation practically impossible. However, the thought came that if we just try to surrender the best we can, whenever we can, that is the regulation of accepting Lord Krsna's order as the prime focus. Tomorrow, we are scheduled to give a Srimad Bhagavatam class on the disappearance of Srila Madhavendra Puri. Hare Krsna.

March 6 Chicago

Plans are beginning to take shape: a preaching tour for over a month. We feel separation from the books. We need to increase our study and

reading, or else our eating will increase, and our ability to preach will be reduced. Tomorrow is our last day here for a while. All glories to preaching and traveling—the opportunities are unlimited. Srila Prabhupada's mercy is great. Preaching is the essence and the way to bring others into Krsna consciousness. Hare Krsna.

March 7 Chicago

Due to late packing, we decided to wait until tomorrow for our departure to New Vrindavan. We believe it was Lord Krsna's opinion; therefore, unless we are completely in darkness, we feel we made the proper decision. We will see. Anyway, we feel a sense of separation from reading, and our chanting is not good. This is a sign of Maya. All else may appear well and right, but without proper and sufficient hearing and chanting, we cannot understand how Maya is attacking. Our prayer is that this will change. Travel is upcoming—this time by car, with us driving. Let's see how we handle this austerity. We must be carefully aware of the pitfalls of falling into the mode of passion and be always conscious of Lord Krsna, with careful thought in all endeavors. Haste makes waste, as we have well experienced. Dear Lord, please save us from forgetting You and allow us a chance to serve You with humility and enthusiasm. Most of all, increase our opportunity and desire to preach. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Sri Krsna Caitanya Mahaprabhu—His mercy is unbelievably unlimited. Hare Krsna.

March 8 Chicago-New Vrindavan



After a journey of 9.5 hours, including an hour stop, we left the Chicago Temple and arrived at New Vrindavan. It has been 3.5 months since our last visit. The place seems very quiet, with not many devotees. Our darshan with Radha Vrindavan slightly transported our minds back to our early days in Krsna consciousness. We strongly felt the special mercy of both Srimati Radharani and Sri Vrindavan Candra. Over the years, we seem to have lost our connection, but today, we felt a strong renewal developing. Without Their mercy, how can one go on? Tomorrow is Gaura Purnima. Our prayer should be to become das das anudas and to perform some meaningful service. We want to satisfy the Lord by serving His devotees, not by focusing solely on our own spiritual feelings. Hare Krsna.

March 9 New Vrindavan-Gaura Purnima

What mercy, what knowledge, what happiness—impossible to fully understand or appreciate. Sri Gauranga is our very life. For one seriously seeking spiritual life, there is no other hope than Sri Gauranga Mahaprabhu. Varsana Swami gave the Srimad Bhagavatam class, glorifying the mercy and position of Sri Gauranga. We listened with full, rapt attention as maharaja very expertly and devotionally glorified Sri Krsna Caitanya Mahaprabhu and spoke at length on the glories and activities of Lord Advaita Acarya. HH Bhakti Tirtha Swami's presence, along with his powerful dancing and preaching, was the highlight of the evening program. His sweet association was very enlivening. We can simply pray with folded hands and a strong desire to become fixed in devotional service to Lord Nityananda and Lord Caitanya, humbly at Their lotus feet. Humility, pridelessness, and tolerance are the ornaments of one engaged in devotional service. The demon of pride and intolerance constantly plagues our consciousness. Lord Caitanya chases away these anarthas with the strong stick of service to the Vaisnavas and the chanting of His Holy Names. All glories to Sri Krsna Caitanya Mahaprabhu on His most auspicious appearance day. Srila Prabhupada distributes that mercy through the process of devotional service, beginning with Harinam Sankirtan. Hare Krsna.

March 10 New Vrindavan

We visited Varsana Swami, a great Vaisnava. His Deities, Sri Sri Radha Syamasundara, are very enchanting. We feel consistently tired and

weak, still not adapted to the climate of the West. However, Lord Krsna says, "Just depend on Me." Tomorrow afternoon, we leave for Columbus and begin a week-long preaching tour. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. May he inspire within us great enthusiasm and patience. Hare Krsna.

March 11 New Vrindavan-Columbus

Today was interesting. Bhakti Tirtha Swami led an amazing chanting and dancing performance for Mangala Arati. Afterward, we traveled to Columbus for a program in honor of Lord Caitanya. May His lotus feet remain constantly in our minds. The preaching continues with 6 programs over the next 7 days, which involves significant car travel. This is both an austerity and a relief; while it can be exhausting, it also offers a chance to be free from attachments. If Srila Prabhupada bestows his special mercy upon us, then, and only then, will this upcoming week of preaching be a success. We humbly beg for his guidance. Maya is strong, and we are unsure what association and sadhana will be available. This week will be challenging both spiritually and materially. We can only pray for guidance and the strength to persevere. Hare Krsna.



March 12 Columbus-Louisville

We arrived at the Holiday Inn after traveling from Chicago with 3 others. We spoke at the local Hindu temple, but I made the mistake of inviting questions. A staunch impersonalist argued his misunderstanding as truth. We must be careful not to engage in polemics, as it pollutes the atmosphere. Tomorrow evening's program is at the preaching center; afterward, we'll return to Columbus. We are always seeking the mercy of Srila Prabhupada, as he is our only hope and light in this dark age of misconceptions, illusions, and deceit. Hare Krsna.

March 13 Louisville

Jamie and Angie, a nice couple, oversee the Louisville center. We spent the day with Visvambar Prema Bhakti and Piyusa, which was a pleasant experience. We appreciate the association and hope it will happen again. Now we find ourselves on our own once more, and we have mixed feelings. Traveling and preaching without association can be tiring. Nevertheless, the test is to always remember Lord Krsna and His service. Fortunately, tomorrow we will have time to read and study. Let's see how the day unfolds. We are determined to stay in the fire of preaching; it is the main service of one in the renounced order. Maya is strong, and there are both advantages and disadvantages to traveling alone. We are concerned not to become too drawn into the association of women. Columbus is a test in that regard. Srila Prabhupada, please give us the shade of your lotus feet, and we pray to Lord Nrsingadeva to remove all obstacles. Hare Krsna.

March 14 Cincinnati-Columbus

Today we had a program at Naveen's apartment. It was small, with only 4 or 5 devotees attending outside the temple. Size is not as important as our desire to preach. We must never be discouraged by results. Our service to Srila Prabhupada is to preach whenever possible. Results are in the Lord's hands. We can always remain enthusiastic by adopting an attitude of service and surrender in all circumstances. We ate rice, probably for the first time in a month. The results were not good; later, we felt tired and developed a headache. Our constant obstacle is lunch prasadam; what and how much we eat greatly affects our service performance. That's our challenge, and it is difficult, especially due to constant travel. We will be in Columbus for 2 days, and we aim to avoid

unnecessary association with the ladies here. They are Vaisnavis and deserve respect and service, yet being in the sannyasa ashram requires strictness in that association and an understanding of limitations. Our only intelligence in these matters comes from Lord Krsna's mercy, which we can call for His protection feelingly. Hare Krsna.

March 15 Columbus

To be a devotee means being attached to loving and serving Lord Krsna. Through self-observation, we realize that we can sometimes be more show than genuine. We must always think about how to act and speak. Therefore, we should try to become more absorbed in service. Being a genuine devotee is an elevated state of consciousness that comes from sincerely following the process. We learned a lot on our recent trip to India; we recognized aspects of ourselves that we thought were acceptable, but through the association of Radhanath Swami and his team of devotees, we understood that we need to work on specific areas, especially controlling our speech and behavior. Much of our unacceptable behavior stemmed from either wrong association or lack of association. Now we realize that no matter what, we must act and speak in the most perfect way acceptable to Krsna consciousness. This process is not mechanical; it is always dependent on the Lord's mercy, and we must try to receive His mercy more and more. Tomorrow, there will be no evening program. Dear Lord, how should we conduct our day for Your pleasure? We are Your servants; please guide us. Hare Krsna.

March 16 Columbus

We are starting to feel Maya's influence. We look forward to tomorrow's program in Cleveland. The association of devotees is our life and strength to carry on. O Lord Caitanya, allow us to always take shelter in You. We know that other than Lord Nityananda, who is Your very Self again manifested, there is no one so merciful and ready to give shelter. Therefore, we run to You for shelter from Maya. Save us. Hare Krsna.

March 17 Cleveland

We had a nice turnout today, and Candrasekhara Swami was here. Lord Caitanya is very merciful. Although we have little or no realization, He still gives us the words to speak. Tomorrow, we will visit Prema Bhakti's home and then go to the Chicago temple. We are trying to remember to

always be humble and appreciative of others. Pride is also known as madness. ne is mad if he thinks he is great. We are anu (small). Lord Krsna is great, and His pure devotees are manifestations of His mercy. If we accept this mercy with grateful hearts and observe how little we are actually reciprocating, it will help us remember how truly insignificant we are. We visited Krsna Jaikisoon today; he is suffering from severe back problems. We felt sorry for his suffering, but we also realized that at any time, one can be overwhelmed by the material energy. This world is dangerous, and our existence in this body is always threatened. Our only hope is the mercy and protection of the Lord, and our only prayer is to never forget Him. We should pray, "O Lord, I simply plead my case. Help me to always remember You and serve others by giving them the understanding of the importance and need to serve and love You."

Hare Krsna.

March 18 Cleveland-Prema Bhakti's-Niles-Michigan-Chicago

We are back after a 1,750-mile trip. All glories to Srila Prabhupada; by his mercy, we are allowed the opportunity to serve. Hare Krsna.

March 19 Chicago

When chanting japa, our minds sometimes wander to how we will carry out our service. But through Lord Krsna's Holy Name, everything is accomplished. By concentrating on Lord Krsna, He does everything. Therefore, the best way to plan our service is to absorb ourselves in Lord Krsna's Holy Name. Lord Krsna is the only doer, and everything is easily understood and accomplished through the Holy Name. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

March 20 Chicago

Since our return to the States after 2.5 months in India and Europe, our service here in Chicago, as well as in traveling and preaching, has increased. We are happy about this, as we feel more solid in our devotional service than we have in some time. Still, Maya is always ready and waiting, working to push us out. It is a razor's edge, and our only hope is to humbly take shelter in Lord Krsna and His devotional service, starting with carefully chanting japa. Tomorrow marks the beginning of a historical event as we will be traveling to Minneapolis with Romapada Swami and 3 devotees. We humbly pray for the intelligence to know how

to act and react properly. Everything is up to Lord Krsna; we can only try. Hare Krsna.

March 21 Chicago-Minneapolis

There is nothing in all the universes that compare to the congregational glorification of Lord Krsna in His Holy Names. Sri Krsna Sankirtan Ki-Jai. Today is the disappearance day of Govinda Gosh, an intimate associate of Lord Caitanya. We visited his birthplace during our Mayapur yatra in December, located in Agradvipa, the home of Sri Sri Radha Gopinath. 5 of us left Chicago for a car journey to Minneapolis. Romapada Swami spoke nicely on the philosophical precepts of Lord Caitanya's teachings from Bhaktivinoda's work, "Life and Precepts of Sri Caitanya." We will be here until the 26th, engaging in high school, college, and home programs. This will undoubtedly test our humility, tolerance, and patience, while also providing a grand opportunity to preach Krsna consciousness. Without remaining in the fire, making tangible spiritual progress will be impossible. Hare Krsna.



March 22 Minneapolis

18 students attended a high school assignment. The questions were nice, and the teacher was very kind and favorable. We felt enlivened to preach, reminiscent of our own high school and college preaching days. This is an area worth cultivating, as Srila Prabhupada emphasized focusing on the youth, who are the best candidates for Krsna consciousness. In the evening, around 18-20 young Indians joined us for the first of a 4-day session on karma, reincarnation, and death. While a few asked good questions, the overall audience was polite and respectful but seemed somewhat disinterested. Tomorrow will be a real test of endurance with 4 college classes and an evening seminar. Srila Prabhupada is keeping us in the fire, and we love it. We hope to offer some service that will significantly impact at least one person's journey toward Lord Krsna. We aim to save others from suffering and illusion. All glories to the mercy of Lord Caitanya. We pray for the enthusiasm to serve His lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

March 23 Minneapolis



Today we gave 4 high school classes and one evening sanga. It was an intense day of preaching Krsna consciousness. We felt enlivened and would consider it a special day filled with special mercy. Hare Krsna.

March 24 Minneapolis

Preaching. Preaching. Preaching. We are beginning to gain momentum, and by Srila Prabhupada's grace, we hope to penetrate the hearts of others with the message of Krsna consciousness. Hare Krsna.

March 25 Minneapolis

We feel enlivened by the many opportunities to preach, though we feel a bit unbalanced, as we hardly opened a book in the last 3 days. Tomorrow marks our last day of events before heading back to Chicago on Tuesday. So far, it appears to be a grand success, due to the mercy of Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

March 26 Minneapolis

Tomorrow, we will leave for Chicago. We look forward to a scheduled morning program. Hare Krsna.

March 27 Minneapolis-Chicago

Interestingly, although we have been fully engaged in preaching these last several days, I find myself with little to write about. My realizations and inspirations have been overshadowed by tiredness. Today, upon returning to Chicago and simply getting the darshan of Sri Sri Kisor Kisori, our consciousness has transformed. Sri Kisor's beauty is unmatched and unlimited. We plan to read the entire Ramayana—400 pages—before Monday, giving us 5 days. We feel determined. Still, many other services will consume our time. Krsna consciousness is as unlimited as Lord Krsna; only we are limited and subject to laziness and procrastination. Dear Sri Krsna, please grant us the desire, power, and ability to begin and complete our offering to Srila Prabhupada for his Vyasa Puja celebration. We seek the strength and mercy of the Lord. Hare Krsna.

March 28 Chicago

There are 5 days until the appearance of Lord Sri Ram. We have started reading the Ramayana in honor of this auspicious occasion. Each word is filled with power, auspiciousness, truth, and profound meaning. Despite our ineptness in other duties, we are excited about this journey into Lord

Ram's pastimes. Various pressing services require our attention, yet we feel that following the path of Ram lila with great enthusiasm is our foremost service. Perhaps this seems selfish, but what can we do if we are not fully in control of our choices? How can we not focus on Ram lila, when His mercy has always been such a significant part of our lives? However, we must honestly admit that we have given ourselves fully to Lord Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. To love both equally and simultaneously is to transcend the narrowness of the material mind. Jai Sri Ram. All glories to Laksmana. May Mother Sita bestow Her blessing upon us and may Hanuman's pastimes always remain dear to our hearts. Hare Krsna.

March 29 Chicago

Violence is so embedded in our society at every level. Although we know that the living being acts naturally when adhering to acts of piety, violence is all-pervasive in today's world. People are lost to themselves, to others, and, of course, to their eternal Lord. Lord Caitanya has brought the medicine, and it is incumbent that we distribute it everywhere. This Harinam Sankirtan movement is the only hope in this increasingly dark age of Kali-Yuga. There is no other way. Hare Krsna.

March 30 Chicago

Sri Ram Jai Ram Jai Jai Ram. The emotions and grief that followed the banishment of Lord Ram, Lakshmana, and Mother Sita, as well as the death of King Dasaratha, are unimaginable to the ordinary person. Each encounter with this lila resonates more deeply in our minds. One may feel that, although they are engaged in Your service, O Lord, they still do not feel very devotionally minded. Perhaps this is due to committing some offense or indulging in unnecessary sense gratification. However, we must have faith that by sincerely trying our utmost to serve properly, we can find true satisfaction. O Lord, please absorb us more in Your wonderful pastimes and allow us to always see. Hare Krsna.

March 31 Chicago

Kirtan is our life. We always feel great joy in enthusiastically chanting the Lord's Name and dancing in happiness. Sri Krsna Caitanya has given us such a wonderful process. Tomorrow, we will speak at least twice on Sri Ram's appearance. We pray to impart what little we know in glorification of the Lord for the joy and edification of others. Hare Krsna.

April 1 Chicago

All glories to Sri Sri Sita, Ram, Laksman, and Hanuman. Tomorrow is Ramnavami. Today, being a Sunday, we were fortunate to hold a public ceremony in honor of this holy day. We spoke on 3 different occasions, and by the special mercy of Ram, we felt very enlivened. Tomorrow, we embark on a trip to Champaign Urbana for 3 days and then to the St. Louis temple for 6 days of preaching. While it may seem daunting to pick up and travel again, we must do our duty or at least strive to serve the mission of the Lord. By Srila Prabhupada's special mercy and supreme grace, our lives have transformed into something inconceivably wonderful. Our only concern is how best to reciprocate. Hare Krsna.

April 2 Chicago-Champaign/Urbana-Ramnavami

Everything about Sri Ram is auspicious, and He exhibits His mercy for His devotees simply through hearing and recounting His transcendental lila. We are fortunate to have been given the privilege to speak His glories throughout the week, despite our disqualification. 4 of us left the temple for a 3-day preaching program at the University of Illinois at Champaign Urbana. Romapada Maharaja and I both presented to a group of about 20 people on the philosophy of transmigration of the soul and karma. The group was very interested and asked insightful questions. We especially appreciated Romapada Maharaja's presentation on the intricacies of karma. One should never assume they know everything; there is always something to learn if we remain eager and open-minded. Today was an adventure, and all success is undoubtedly due to the occasion of Ramnavami. Tomorrow, we must make a concerted effort to stay ahead of Maya's attacks. We must never become complacent or proud, but rather stay close to the Holy Name and always remain humble. Hare Krsna.

April 3 Champaign/Urbana

Over 30 students attended today, and the topic was "The Pleasure Principle." There was lively discussion, and full prasadam was served afterward. Everyone present was Indian except for a man from Brisbane, Australia, and his girlfriend from Colombia, South America. Tomorrow, we need to emphasize the importance of chanting and how to practice; otherwise, our talks will be incomplete. We pointed in the right direction but did not provide them with the means to get there. Every situation

has its ups and downs, but for a devotee, what may seem like a downside is an opportunity for improvement, learning, and introspection. Being with Romapada Swami encourages us to be more thoughtful and self-disciplined, which is beneficial, though we worry it may lead us to remain silent when we should speak. This is a sign of weakness, just as speaking when we should be silent is also a weakness. Tomorrow, being Ekadasi, will serve as an impetus for austerity. The most important thing is to always try to remember Lord Krsna, allowing our love to grow and guiding us toward proper action. Tonight, by the Lord's mercy, we realized the importance of sharing this message with others and the necessity of doing whatever it takes to carry it out. We also recognized that we are far from that goal and somewhat attached to our comfort zones. I We are trying to take the right route, without just stumbling and getting up. We want to maintain our pace without moving too slowly. Remembering Lord Krsna plays an essential role—all knowledge resides there. We pray from the core of our hearts to please Srila Prabhupada with this service. All glories to his lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

April 4 Campaign/Urbana-Ekadasi

The lectures are complete, and many books were sold thanks to Anil Prabhu's sacrifice. Numerous contacts were made, and a significant amount of prasadam was distributed. The preaching was successful, led by Romapada Swami. While we feel somewhat enlivened, we still need to discover our individual mood of preaching. We have much to learn and feel a bit disappointed with our presentations. While we can appreciate and learn from others, we must express ourselves according to our own character and avoid artificial imitation. We can learn and absorb but must never imitate. Each person is unique. Tomorrow, we will leave for St. Louis for an evening program followed by 4 days of events out of the temple. In all situations, Lord Krsna reminds us, "Just depend on Me." This is a lesson we need to learn more deeply—being conscious and cautious. Maya is strong, and without being fully absorbed in Krsna consciousness, it is easy for her to intrude. Hare Krsna.

April 5 Campaign/Urbana-Du Quoin, IL

Maya got in and wreaked havoc. How multifaceted she is in her attacks! A little inattention can lead to serious falldown. The spring season adds to the difficulty. We ought to be more austere as a way of reciprocation. We

ought to be more austere as a way of reciprocation. We held a program at Kirtananda Swami's disciple's home and motel, Mother Krsna Keli and her family. We spoke about the glories of Lord Ramchandra. Tomorrow we arrive at the St. Louis temple. We're not sure what to expect, but it seems we are busy with numerous preaching programs. We look forward to a time when we can simply read and chant more. Strengthening our Krsna consciousness is essential. Hare Krsna.

April 6 St. Louis

Upon our departure from Krsna Keli's home, each family member made a donation, including her 2 daughters, mother, and father. Srila Prabhupada is pleased when we reciprocate properly with the people we meet. We must not only aim to give them Krsna consciousness but also act in a manner befitting a Vaisnava, as that is the best way to represent Srila Prabhupada. Today, we spoke at a high school to a small class. The teacher was very nice, and both he and his colleague listened to and appreciated the talk. He invited us to speak to his Monday evening class, indicating his satisfaction. By Lord Krsna's and Srila Prabhupada's mercy, we are still going, although we feel a little less enthusiastic due to not hearing and chanting sufficiently. However, now that we can have morning programs again, we feel a renewed sense of enthusiasm. Krsna consciousness is powerful and supremely joyful when executed with a sufficient amount of qualitative hearing and chanting. All glories to the Holy Name. Hare Krsna.

April 7 St. Louis-Balaram Rasa Lila, Disa. Vamsianandan, Syamananda

Today marked the anniversary celebration of Lord Balaram's Rasa lila and the disappearance of Vamsianandan and Syamananda, yet we neglected to honor it. Usually, we are aware of the different holy days, but today, while glorifying Sri Krsna Balaram in Their Deity form, we felt an immediate attraction for the Lord upon saying the Holy Name of Lord Balaram. By His mercy, we were able to preach to a few ladies at the Wild Oats Market. We sold some books and reached a soul or 2 with this important message. Srila Prabhupada always stressed the importance of preaching, regardless of the outcome. Quoting Srila Bhaktisiddhanta, "If no one comes, preach to the 4 walls." Many heard the Holy Name and chanted, and a couple of people took books. A success. However, we

recognize the need to be stricter in sense control, especially of the tongue. Without control of the tongue, all the other senses become aroused. Our hope is always to depend on Lord Krsna and act to the best possible way. His mercy is always available. Today was also the first time in a while that we led Mangala Arati. We should do that more often. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

April 8 St. Louis

The day began a bit turbulent. A confrontation with Surapal Prabhu led us to believe we are more of a burden than a welcome. We concluded that perhaps by decreasing preaching, we could leave tomorrow, a day ahead of schedule. We spoke with Bhakta Bill, a middle-aged religious scholar on Christianity. We discussed various topics regarding Christ and Lord Krsna. The evening program had fairly good attendance for St. Louis, and we were happy to resolve any differences with Surapal Prabhu. Even if one is 100% correct, becoming angry with another devotee contaminates everything. Anger is the younger brother of desire. We believe Lord Krsna was pleased that we apologized, although we feel somewhat justified. One must always be humble and tolerant. Tomorrow, we head back to Chicago and will have the association of Indradyumna Swami for 3 days. We pray to become servants and help make his stay in Chicago both pleasant and productive. Srila Prabhupada Ki-Jai. Hare Krsna.

April 9 St. Louis-Chicago

We arrived at 3:30 p.m. from St. Louis and were able to meet Indradyumna Swami, along with Sri Prahlad, Dauji Krsna Dasi, and Sri Prahlada's wife from Poland. Maharaja has a special way with little children; Ramesh's 2 kids were very attracted to the chanting and to maharaja. We wish for them to feel comfortable and happy during their stay in Chicago, so please, dear Lord, bless us with the enthusiasm and intelligence to serve them adequately. Hare Krsna.

April 10 Chicago

Sri Prahlada gave a very nice Srimad Bhagavatam class. Indradyumna Swami's mercy is enlivening the Chicago congregation. A college class of about 16 students came from Lincoln, IL. The professor had hosted the

devotees at his school. They stayed for 5.5 hours, engaging in kirtans, asking questions, and receiving prasadam. Daivi Sakti's daughter, Dauji Krsna Dasi, is traveling with the group. She is a qualified dancer in the Orissi style. The professor and many students danced during Sundara Arati, creating a very successful evening. Chicago has a lot to offer; the potential for development is immense. Please, dear Lord of all, bless us with Your mercy so we may remain properly engaged in Your service and in the service of Your devotees. Hare Krsna.

April 11 Chicago

Today, we went to UIC and gave a presentation on karma and reincarnation. 5 devotees and 3 guests attended, leading to a lively discussion. Afterward, 2 of the guests joined us for the home program, where they heard Indradyumna Swami speak, witnessed a beautiful bona fide Orissian dance, and received Krsna prasadam. We desperately need to create and plan our schedule. The European trip is on the horizon, and careful planning must be enacted. Over the last 2 weeks, due to other engagements and travel, our reading has fallen off. We can always tell how our enthusiasm is affected by how much we are able to read and assimilate. While these 2 weeks have provided much preaching and wonderful association, it's time to get back to the books. We recognize the importance of practicing humility, as we've noticed a tendency to slip. One must cultivate humility, which doesn't come easily for a conditioned soul. We want to end by offering our humble obeisances to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, at whose lotus feet we always aspire to remain. Hare Krsna.

April 12 Chicago

As Indradyumna Maharaja and his party departed, it left us in a state of void, returning us to our usual routine. Yet for us, this was an opportunity to catch up on smaller services, which are essential. Having made our plans for travel to India, it was a joy to feel a sense of accomplishment. Of course, this is only the preliminary phase. Tomorrow, we will have a temple meeting and individual discussions. Slowly, we are getting caught up. We feel the need to sleep less and serve more; let us see how much we can do without becoming callous and indifferent to others and to the unexpected. Our prayer is to continue to focus on preaching and helping others as best as possible. Ultimately,

only God can truly help another, so as much as we are His instruments, that is our measure of success. Srila Prabhupada, please help us to remember Lord Krsna more and more in all our endeavors. Hare Krsna.

April 13 Chicago

Sri Ram Jai Ram Jai Jai Ram. Sri Sri Sita-Ram-Laksman and Hanuman Ki-Jai. Although Ramnavami passed 11 days ago, our desire to read the Ramayana keeps us in that mood, and we are satisfied. All glories to the Lord, whose numerous incarnations are all wonderful and spectacular. Today, we were able to take a step forward in initiating essential dialogue on how to improve temple management. We felt unusually hopeful after the meeting, but we will have to see where things go from here. The current temple atmosphere feels quite lifeless; it certainly needs a boost. We wish we could be more effective in uplifting the devotees, but without proper management, it is practically impossible. Anyway, the presence of Kalki Prabhu and his family is moving things in the right direction. Hare Krsna.

April 14 Chicago

Half a dozen or more attendees participated in the retreat lectures today. A lively discussion ensued as they asked various questions about the topics presented. The attendees are genuinely interested; otherwise, attending and paying for the program is not typical. Tomorrow, we will continue with the second session, and we look forward to presenting our topic on "The Spiritual Master." Being in Chicago is somewhat of an austerity for us since we have been traveling regularly for the last 5 months. However, we feel, or at least sense, that Lord Krsna wants us to take a break from traveling for at least a week or 2. Of course, this time will allow us to catch up on reading and other services, helping us gain a sense of regulation, which will be beneficial when we begin traveling again. In the evenings, the Ramayana occupies our interest as the pastimes reach their climax. All victory, all glory to Sri Sri Sita, Ram, Laksman, and Hanuman; perhaps they will bless us with a tiny drop of Their unlimited good qualities. Sri Ram Jai Ram Jai Jai Ram. Hare Krsna.

April 15 Chicago

Today was an average day. It is difficult to write when I'm very tired. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

April 16 Chicago

Today, the devotees became involved, and a considerable cleaning effort began. By evening, a significant quantity of excess items were removed for storage, marking only the tip of the iceberg in terms of what needs to be done. Although we were caught in Maya throughout the afternoon, the effort was worth it. As evening set in, we immersed ourselves in the near-final episode of the Ramayana. The battle scene is beyond belief and imagination. But we know that when the Lord is present, as stated by Sanjaya in the concluding verse of the Bhagavad Gita, "There is always extraordinary power and victory." While in Chicago, we see a variety of services available and recognize that we should be preaching more. After traveling regularly for nearly 5 months, it is time to stay in Chicago for a while and cultivate eagerness to resume preaching and traveling. Additionally, spending more time in Chicago will help connect us more with the project and allow us to reciprocate with Sunil Madhava Prabhu. We can hope to always remember to keep Lord Krsna in our hearts in whatever service we are doing. Preaching is the essence, utility is the principle, books are the basis, and purity is the force. Jai Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

April 17 Chicago

The etiquette of a Vaisnava is his ornament. For the sake of both ourselves and others, we must behave properly according to time, place, and circumstance. Currently, Srimad Bhagavatam classes are discussing the life and activities of Lord Parasurama, focusing on the topic of Vaisnava aparadha. A devotee is always vigilant to avoid this most severe offense. Any advancement we make can be halted and even obliterated by Vaisnava aparadha. Although we feel uncertain, we recognize that we may have entered this area in our interactions with a very senior Vaisnava. Due to a personality clash, our exchanges have not been smooth. Regardless, we must always maintain a mood of offering respect to others without expecting any in return. By acting in this way, our devotional service can progress significantly. However, we must also be cautious that while honoring and respecting others, we do not blindly accept everything as being Krsna conscious. Discrimination is essential. Srila Prabhupada, we pray for Your guidance in all circumstances and strive to remember that those on the path do not place trust in their minds. Our trust lies in Lord Krsna and His instructions. Hare Krsna.

April 18 Chicago

Lord Krsna's mercy is unlimited as He continues to guide us in our service to Him. It is amazing that despite our shortcomings, we remain enthusiastic and hopeful to please the Lord. Kalki Prabhu emphasized in class that the true motivation for our devotional activities is to please the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Tomorrow is Ekadasi, and we will aim to chant 32 rounds while minimizing our eating and sleeping. We must keep our minds focused on Lord Krsna's Holy Name, and our hearts should strive to please Him. By Your mercy, O Lord, may we increase our enthusiasm to serve in ways that are pleasing and guide others in their Krsna consciousness. Hare Krsna.

April 19 Chicago-Ekadasi

Today was a day of increased devotion. We chanted 33 rounds and ate one fruit meal. No doubt it was a pleasant experience to chant the Holy Names with pleasure once again. Fasting on Ekadasi is purifying, and we should strive to do it regularly. We hope to find acceptable regulations and avoid slipping back into a mood of enjoyment. We are powerless to do anything, but we have faith in the Lord and His mercy. Today, we also completed the reading of the Ramayana, which took 3.5 weeks. We found great happiness and knowledge, and we pray our devotion to each of the transcendental Personalities will deepen. Sri Ram Jai Ram Jai Jai Ram. All glories to His lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

April 20 Chicago

A sense of seriousness has begun to emerge, and we feel it coming from Lord Krsna. When it comes to presenting Krsna consciousness, we must be very careful to convey the subject matter in the best possible manner, as it can significantly transform someone's life toward Lord Krsna. The Naperville Bhakta Vrksa has been regularly neglected, which hinders the growth of its members. Tomorrow, before the program, we want to prepare a themed talk. As we strive to perfect our service, the beauty and depth of Krsna consciousness become increasingly revealed. Tomorrow will be busy and diverse. All glories to Srila Prabhupada; may he protect us from Maya's attractions. Hare Krsna.

April 21 Chicago

It feels as though we just returned from the Holy Land, and we are

already planning our next trip. Each year has brought new services that have radically changed our schedules. Mother Dana Keli and Prthu Sravana Prabhu bring a wonderful mood to the Chicago temple, and we wish they could spend more time here. Anyway, we express no such desire only because they are serving Srila Prabhupada nicely by preaching and distributing books. It is late, and we need to get some quality rest. Srila Prabhupada, you are our only hope. All glories to your lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

April 22 Chicago

There is no doubt we need to read more. Reading helps us in our service as preachers and keeps our minds focused on Lord Krsna and the philosophy. We take this opportunity to pray to Srila Prabhupada to bestow his special mercy upon Mother Prema during her difficult health crisis. Dear Srila Prabhupada, as the most dear representative of the Supreme Lord, may you grant Mother Prema the spiritual strength she needs to deepen her devotion to Lord Krsna and realize her complete dependence on Him. Tomorrow is the appearance day of Sri Gadadhara Pandit, providing an opportunity to glorify Him by speaking of His pastimes and activities. Hare Krsna.

April 23 Chicago- App. Sri Gadadhara Pandit

All glories to Srila Gadadhara Pandit, who is none other than Sri Radha, who came again to be with Lord Krsna in Gaura lila. The pastimes of Lord Caitanya are truly inconceivable, except to those few great souls who have received His mercy through pure love and surrender. Today was difficult yet purifying. We feel blessed by the Lord's mercy, but we also recognize the deep level of contamination that exists within us. While we try to reduce our sleep, going too far too fast can lead to artificiality, forcing us to spring back. We will be traveling soon, presenting a wonderful opportunity to serve Srila Prabhupada's mission. Hare Krsna.

April 24 Chicago

We have spent 2 solid weeks in Chicago, the longest stretch since last October. We are finding sufficient engagement, although we could and should be preaching more. Having exhausted our desire to travel, this reprieve will only increase our enthusiasm for traveling and preaching. On Friday, we will head to the Detroit temple and then on to Cleveland.

Everything will shift with Radhanath Swami's arrival. We genuinely look forward to his association but are also concerned about how best we can serve during his stay. Lacking a clear plan, we must pray to You, dear Lord Krsna, to guide us toward meaningful service and away from the pitfalls of inactivity or inane activity. We must be cautious of sex desire, spacing out, and being prone to speculate on how to enjoy Krsna consciousness. While we may occasionally feel okay, it remains true that lust, anger, envy, pride, and inactivity linger within us. Our only hope is Lord Krsna's causeless mercy and kindness. Srila Prabhupada, grant us the resolve to fully take shelter of your lotus feet and to fight hard to stay out of Maya. Hare Krsna.

April 25 Chicago

The first exhibition of Lord Jagannath's mercy was our trip to Puri for the Ratha Yatra. His mercy has now descended upon America, specifically Chicago, with the arrival of HH Radhanath Swami, who traveled from India via London. We will wait at least 3 days for him to rest before reaching out. Our prayer should be to avoid causing any undue disturbances. We sense that Saturday will be an appropriate time to make contact. In the meantime, we need to find better balance in our bodily needs, so we will try to rest early this evening. We are feeling weak but not tired. Anyway, as Lord Krsna states, "In all circumstances, just depend on Me." Hare Krsna.

April 26 Chicago

Last night, we enjoyed a full night's rest—probably the first in weeks. Consequently, we attended the entire morning program and completed our rounds with better concentration. By Lord Krsna's mercy, we were able to complete a few essential services. Maintaining good sadhana with the right attitude of devotion is essential. Tomorrow, we will head toward Detroit and then on to Cleveland for Sunday. It's a short trip, but a necessary one. We feel a bit tight after staying in Chicago for 2.5 weeks. However, wherever we are, there will always be some form of austerity. That is life, that is devotional service, and it serves our purification and advancement in Krsna consciousness. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

April 27 Chicago-Detroit

Bhakta Haroun enjoys drawing, and we were impressed to learn that

Lord Jagannath is his subject. The more we appreciate the good qualities of others, the more we become Krsna conscious. Lord Krsna embodies those qualities. It was a 5-hour drive from Chicago, and by Lord Krsna's mercy, I was able to push through and do the program at Mr. Tilak's house. It was a nice group. We spoke about the importance of chanting, Vaisnava seva, as well as the pastime of Lord Parasurama, the Supreme Personality of Godhead. While some say He is a Saktyavesa Avatar, He is indeed the category of Visnu Tattva. The more we recite a pastime, the deeper we delve into its details and meaning. We met a very nice family from Punjab—2 sons, Rajeev and Anu, who are both good musicians. It feels good to travel after a 2.5 week stay in Chicago—the longest since October. Ultimately, a devotee's desire is to please the Lord and preach Krsna consciousness. Everything is Lord Krsna's mercy flowing through Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

April 28 Detroit

We held 3 preaching events today, receiving a wonderful response—the enthusiasm to hear and learn was excellent. Tomorrow, we will conclude the remaining 3 principles of successful Bhakti before heading to Cleveland. Purusa Sukta Prabhu has established effective preaching here. Our rounds have not been consistent or well-grouped. Anyway, one has to do the needful. Hare Krsna.

April 29 Detroit-Cleveland

Today was intense; we didn't even have time to finish our japa, completing only 8 rounds. Nevertheless, the day was enlivening. We also spoke with Radhanath Swami on the phone. Srila Prabhupada Ki-Jai. Hare Krsna.

April 30 Cleveland-Chicago

One must learn to chant in the mood of trying to give up offenses. Just as smoke indicates fire, the meager results from our chanting and hearing stem from material attachments and offenses. Whether one resides in the temple or not, one must follow the rules and regulations to be Krsna conscious. Anartha nivritti is the stage where most devotees get stuck and end up leaving. We must be diligent in making progress. We aim to emphasize chanting japa more and lessen focus on the morning program. Is that a sign of Maya? Cleveland is still not progressing much.

This weekend was spiritually uplifting, although physically and mentally exhausting. Detroit is progressing well, largely due to one person's effort. Perhaps we can spend more time there. Currently, we are not feeling very enlivened about being in Chicago. The morning functions are quite spiritually dead, although the Deity worship is excellent, or at least it appears to be. Tomorrow is the appearance day of Jahnava Mata and Sita Devi, the consort of Sri Ramchandra. Srila Prabhupada Ki-Jai. May he bestow his mercy on everyone and engage us in enthusiastic devotional service. Hare Krsna.

May 1 Chicago

After a weekend filled with various programs and travel, we found ourselves behind 18 rounds of japa—something we cannot recall ever experiencing before. Today, we completed our backlog and vow, providing an opportunity to become absorbed in chanting. Determination is essential to remain Krsna conscious despite any obstacles. Currently, we are struggling to read and study verses sufficiently. However, tomorrow we will focus on reading and writing letters. Everything is possible by the mercy of Lord Krsna and Srila Prabhupada. Our phone went out again, but thanks to Vivek's kindness, we have access to his cell phone. Now, we must take rest; it is after 11:00 p.m., and we want to attend Mangala Arati. There is so much to do and little time to do it. Nevertheless, having service is a blessing; we must always appreciate the opportunity to serve the Lord and His mission. Srila Prabhupada Ki-Jai. Gaura Premanand. Hari Hari Bol. Hare Krsna.

May 1 Chicago

Maya showed her face today, setting us up to become a little proud, and then—boom—lusty desires set in. Much of this stems from our lack of reading and studying Srila Prabhupada's books and not maintaining association with devotees in a mood of humility and service. Chicago is a great test for us, and we need to become more conscious of Lord Krsna in every moment while practicing humility and tolerance. Instead of blaming externals for being less than ideal, we should seek shelter in Lord Krsna's Holy Name and learn to tolerate while looking for Him in everything. For now, it is what it is, and we need to distinguish our priorities. The morning program is not enlivening, and we are unsure how to make a difference without being offensive or foolish. Our only

hope is to seek shelter at Your lotus feet, Sri Krsna, in humble prayer; this will also aid our overall development in Krsna consciousness. Soon, HH Radhanath Maharaja will appear; we hope to be in proper consciousness. Srila Prabhupada, Your mercy is our only hope. Hare Krsna.

May 3 Chicago -Ekadasi

We began last Ekadasi by taking fruit once a day, helping us see how little food we need. If only we could use this as an opportunity to decrease our food intake. Srila Prabhupada mentioned in a lecture that eventually, it should be nil—no eating, sleeping, sex, or defense. The soul has no need for these, but of course, we cannot just jump to the perfectional stage. However, we often use that reasoning as an excuse and end up eating more than necessary. If we can cultivate real humility, it will be possible to give up these things. Humility makes all things possible and attracts Lord Krsna's mercy. Hare Krsna.

May 4 Chicago-App. Rukmini Devi

HH Radhanath Swami's mercy touched the Chicago devotees and congregation. Maharaja gave an informal talk and a wonderful class, emphasizing how a good person can become bad by association, using Kaikeyi in the Ramyana as an example. We were fortunate to speak on the appearance of Rukmini Devi during the Srimad Bhagavatam class—how Lord Krsna kidnapped her, and then they were married. To top off tonight's program, Radhanath Maharaja sang perhaps our favorite melody, filled with such a devotional mood. Its sweetness in expressing love for Lord Krsna is beyond comparison. Hare Krsna.

May 5 Chicago Disapp. Jayananda Brahmacari



HH Radhanath Swami graced Chicago with his presence and shared sweet memories of Jayananda Prabhu. The message was profound—the essence of Krsna consciousness: serve the Vaisnavas, and through service to Lord Krsna, you truly serve all living entities. In an amazing class, Maharaja, through the opening narrations of King Yayati's story, highlighted the main theme of a Vaisnava's life: selfless service. As we listened, we realized how far we are from the ideal Vaisnava attitude, and what is worse, our desire to attain such behavior is nil, or at least very weak. However, the Lord always gives us opportunities for improvement, and we should try to imbibe these qualities. Perhaps our conditioning can be altered, at least to a small degree. One should not become so wrapped up in service that we forget why and who we serve. Devotion is what pleases Lord Krsna. All glories to Jayananda Prabhu. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Lord Jagannath's Ratha Yatra. Hare Krsna.

May 6 Chicago-App. Lord Nrshingadeva

Sri Nrshinga Jai Nrshinga Jai Jai Sri Nrshingadeva. Today was a nice festival. The Lord is extremely kind to His devotees. All glories and credit go to Lord Nrshingadeva. We are His servants, trying to become obedient. Hare Krsna.

May 7 Chicago-App. Madhavendra Puri, Srinivasa Acarya, Disapp. Radha Ramna, Tirobhava of Paramesvara

Maya attacks a little harder after some success. The glorious occasion and celebration of Lord Nrshingadeva brought Lord Krsna's mercy in a very powerful way. The following day, Maya wanted to take her share, and unexpectedly we felt more lusty than usual. Nevertheless, Lord Krsna protects His devotees, even us. Today, we found renewed interest in Lord Ram's lila. We desire to dive deeper into the pastimes, but time does not permit. Today is also a very holy day—the Avirbhava of Madhavendra Puri, Srinivasa Acarya, and the Deity of Sri Sri Radha Ramna, along with the Tirobhava of Paramesvara. The real tests are just beginning as we make our way to New Vrndavan. We recall last May in New Vrndavan when Maya attacked us hard. This time of year is always a difficult period, and the struggle is more prominent. As long as we can see Lord Krsna in everything, the struggle will bring advancement. We must always depend on the Lord's mercy in all our efforts. Dear Lord, we

need Your mercy. We are truly helpless; please help us always to remember You. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

May 8 Chicago-Cincinnati

We are on the road for 2 weeks, with very little time left in the US before the India-European tour. We must depend on Lord Krsna more. Dear Lord, how should we think of You? Please help us to increase our service to Your devotees. Tomorrow, we have a preaching engagement at the University of Dayton. It has been at least 7 years since we were last there. One who tries to enjoy the fruits becomes entangled. Your service is our nourishment and happiness. Srila Prabhupada, please help us to think of You more. Hare Krsna.

May 9 Cincinnati-Columbus

Lord Krsna's mercy comes in various ways, even when things go completely opposite of what was planned. Because He is all good, it is good. Jai Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

May 10 Columbus-New Vrndavan

We arrived at New Vrndavan and were greeted by Varsana Swami, who immediately asked if we could give class. We agreed and joined the Harinam Sankirtan in Wheeling with 35 devotees. We humbly pray for the continual mercy of the Supreme Personality of Godhead in His most wonderful and amazing form as Lord Nrshingadeva. He has been especially kind to us, and we pray to serve Him more. Nrshingadeva Bhagavan Ki-Jai. Spending 2 weeks out of the month in New Vrndavan is very difficult for us. We will see how these weeks unfold; we should see this as an opportunity for service and purification. Hare Krsna.

May 11 New Vrndavan-Old Vrndavan Farm

Today, HH Radhanath Swami shared pastimes of the early days, gave a tour to devotees, and we ended the day with a beautiful bhajan to Sri Sri Radha Vrndavan Natha. O dear Srimati Radharani, please allow us to serve Your Lord Krsna in Vrndavan. This is our heart's desire. Although we may be unqualified and have no hope of becoming qualified, we pray to You, the most exalted of the residents of Vrndavan, for Your causeless mercy. O Radhe, we all know You are very kind and able to control

Lord Krsna by Your love, therefore, we worship Your sweet lotus feet. Radhe! Srila Prabhupada Ki-Jai. Hare Krsna.

May 12 New Vrndavan

The reminiscing continues, as today we heard about Bahulavan Farm in the early days. HH Radhanath Maharaja is truly bestowing his mercy upon everyone. Hare Krsna.

May 13 New Vrndavan



Radhanath Swami gave a class on death. He also glorified Srila Prabhupada, his palace, and the devotees who made it happen. Today, the darshan was wonderful. Maharaja never ceases to satisfy the devotees. May we always remain grateful. Hare Krsna.

May 14 New Vrndavan

Time marches on. Lord Krsna tells us that He is Time, the force that takes everything away. We caught up on our japa today—29 rounds, plus 1 extra. However, numerical strength is not everything; quality is essential. Tomorrow, we hope to continue our japa practice and begin learning verses. It's difficult to turn inward when we have focused so much on the external. We must rest early, by 10:00 p.m. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. May we, by his mercy, become expert judges of time and circumstance. Hare Krsna.

May 15 New Vrndavan

Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Vrndavan Candra steal our minds and hearts as They appear so lovingly for the pleasure of Their devotees, performing Their transcendental lilas. Sri Nrshingadeva Bhagavan bestows His mercy upon all of us, showing loving affection for His pure devotee, Sri Prahlada. When the demigods complained to the Lord about Hiranyakasipu, He responded but waited to appear only when His pure devotee was harassed. All glories to the Lord, who loves His devotee beyond anyone's understanding. Please engage us in the service of Your

devotees and increase our attachment to hearing and chanting Your Holy Name and transcendental pastimes. If You see fit, destroy our ignorance caused by attachment to sense gratification. All glories to Srila Prabhupada; may we remember him more and more. Hare Krsna.

May 16 New Vrndavan

What have we learned today? What experiences have we gained? We have received the special mercy and devotion of our dear senior godbrother, HH Radhanath Swami. We feel like our simple selves again and hope to carry this with us when we leave New Vrndavan. 'Sādhusaṅga', 'sādhusaṅga', sarva-śāstre kaya lava-mātra sādhu-saṅge sarva-siddhi haya. Such experiences are rare and valuable, a gift of the combined mercy of Lord Krsna and Srila Prabhupada. Please, dear Lord, allow us to take these precious experiences and share what we have gained with others. Help us open our stone-cold hearts and share a bit of Your love and merciful kindness. To give, give, give is the goal of life when that giving is Lord Krsna and devotion to Him. Hare Krsna.

May 17 New Vrndavan



Bhakti Charu Swami blessed us with his special association. Bhakti Marg Swami is here, and the weekend is unfolding. We may wonder how these meetings will truly impact the growth of our society, but the association is great, and so is the prasadam. Coming together in the proper spirit is what is required—discovering how to serve Lord Krsna and the Vaisnavas with humility and cooperation. "You will show your love for me by how much you cooperate together to push on this movement." Srila Prabhupada, your words guide the success of ISKCON. Hare Krsna.

May 18 New Vrndavan

Peter Burwash presented an insightful talk, offering useful tips on organizing and carrying out devotional service. He covered preaching, personal relationships, service attitude, and more. Lord Kṛṣṇa is the object of our service and love, and functioning with that focus—not considering personal benefit—is the true attitude of a Vaisnava. We have much to learn, and today we realized that Srīla Prabhupāda is always with us; serving him should be our aim in all words, actions, and everything else. All glories to Srīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 19 New Vrndavan

All glories to Srī Kṛṣṇa Sankīrtan, our very life and soul. All glories to those devotees who are cent per cent engaged in spreading the glories of His Holy Names and are undyingly committed to uplifting the fallen conditioned souls. All glories to Srīla Prabhupāda, inspiring his disciples to sacrifice everything for the pleasure of Srī Srī Rādhā Vrndavan Candra. All glories to those devotees whose service and glories are hardly chanted or recognized, yet whose hearts are attached to Lord Kṛṣṇa and serving others. All glories to Lord Nityānanda, who spreads the glories of Lord Caitanya and provides shelter for all conditioned souls at His lotus feet. All glories to Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu, who appeared only 515 years ago and is the Avatāri, the source of all other incarnations, embodying Srimatī Rādhārāṇī's mood for Himself. All glories to that great dancer. All glories to Kṛṣṇa prasādam, which keeps ISKCON moving forward at a steady pace. All glories to the Holy Name, our main source of happiness, peace, and means unto Itself. May we always take shelter in Him. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 20 New Vrndavan

We witnessed an excellent drama, "Kuntī and Karna," performed by Bhakti Mārg Swāmī. Maya is indeed tricky, and the mind can be a rascal. She seeks to create a fault-finding mentality, but we should remain determined not to speak ill of others. Still, she looks for ways to infiltrate. Srīla Prabhupāda, we constantly pray to draw closer to you in thought, word, and action. Only by your mercy can we find our way in Lord Kṛṣṇa's service. Maya is strong, while we are weak. Lord Kṛṣṇa is our strength, and Srīla Prabhupāda is our path to Him. Yasya prasādā bhagavat-prasādo. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 21 New Vrndavan

Srila Prabhupada, your mercy is our only hope for remaining fully engaged in devotional service. Let us not waste a moment of this precious time, as life passes and much service remains undone. While we may decrease our preaching during our stay in New Vrndavan, being here offers us a chance to strengthen our resolve and serve with greater dedication upon our return to the front lines. Our European tour may either be a farce or a tremendous opportunity to truly please Srila Prabhupada. Although I am in the Sannyasa ashram, I lack many qualifications. We must always be vigilant in our service and increase our desire to help as many souls as possible receive Lord Krsna's and Srila Prabhupada's mercy. Hare Krsna.

May 22 New Vrndavan

Tomorrow, we will leave New Vrndavan. Our stay this time has been quite good, even though we hardly gave any classes. The kirtans and association were very nice. All glories to Sri Sri Radha Vrndavan Candra. May Their lotus feet remain forever in our hearts and minds. Hare Krsna.

May 23 New Vrndavan-Columbus

"Man proposes, God disposes." The ultimate cause of all causes is Lord Krsna. Although we wanted to visit Bhakti Tirtha Swami, someone decided against it. Was it Lord Krsna or Maya? With deep contemplation and discussion, we might find a reason, but how can we ever know if it's correct? Ultimately, it was not the Lord's desire. The Lord knows what is best for His devotees and is constantly present for His pure devotees. HH Radhanath Swami, Malati Prabhu, and I were together. Many lessons can be learned, but the ultimate lesson is to always remember Lord Krsna and never forget Him. That is the success of life. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

May 24 Columbus

Today we learned the story of Bimala Devi of Jagannath Puri, which we had eagerly anticipated. We also read about the births of Sugriva and Bali. Tomorrow, we head back to Chicago after more than 2 weeks in New Vrndavan. All glories to HH Radhanath Swami, who continually shows kindness to all living entities. Today, we took extra rest, extra prasadam, and filled our day with the association of devotees.

May 25 Columbus-Chicago

We returned to Chicago. One may not have much credit or have served with proper understanding. Yet, we must have full faith in Your Holy Name to deliver us from the illusory energy. Hare Krsna.

May 26 Chicago

By the causeless mercy of Gaura Nitai, They appear in someone's home, accepting the role of family members, though in truth, They are no one's relatives, friends, or family. How can we explain or understand the mercy of Gaura Nitai? We cannot; we must simply accept it, feel grateful, and feel fully blessed. No other incarnation of the Supreme compares to Gaura Hari. What more can be said? Only a grateful heart can experience Their loving mercy and strive to serve Them in every possible way. Today, the Ksattar family truly became a family. A home with the personal presence of the Supreme Lord is indeed a home—and a happy one. All glories to Sri Sri Gaura Nitai, and all glories to Srila Prabhupada, for it is by his mercy that all of this takes place. Hare Krsna.

May 27 Chicago

Mother Prematarangi and Saci Kumara Prabhu were initiated today. Mother Prema and Suresh have taken a significant and necessary step in life. It brings great joy to witness a soul embark on the path of devotional service. Srila Prabhupada is guiding us all back to the spiritual world. We are often so attached to this germ-infested cesspool filled with stool and other abominable substances. Our aspiration is to reach the sweet and safe lotus feet of Lord Krsna, as they grace the land of Vrndavan. The association of great souls is our only hope for success. Srila Prabhupada, no one will ever fully understand what you have given to this world; it remains hidden in the hearts of self-realized souls. Hare Krsna.

May 28 Chicago-Cleveland

Today was Jagannivasa's housewarming program. The kirtan was the highlight, with devotees dancing with great enthusiasm. Lord Caitanya's mercy is strong. Only 2 weeks remain until the trip to India. HH Radhanath Swami will visit Chicago tomorrow. Time marches on, and while all things must end, devotional service is always just beginning. Srila Prabhupada's mercy is awe-inspiring. Devotees live to die, and in

dying, they truly begin to live; karmis live to die, and in dying, they suffer. Material life is hell, while Krsna consciousness—our true nature—is indescribably beautiful. Jagannivasa Prabhu and Mother Mandira's home is special, as Sri Krsna Caitanya Mahaprabhu and Lord Nityananda Ram are the heads of the household. All glories to all the Vaisnava devotees of Lord Caitanya. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, by whose grace Lord Krsna is bestowing His mercy upon us. Hare Krsna.

May 29 Cleveland-Chicago

In Bhagavad Gita 6.26, Lord Krsna says, "Whenever the mind wanders due to its flickering and unsteady nature, one should certainly withdraw it and bring it under the control of the self." The only real problem, according to the Bhagavad Gita, is the uncontrolled mind. We must execute Krsna consciousness in such a way that our minds remain controlled. Even a small deviation can cause havoc. This simple philosophy is the foundation for successfully practicing Krsna consciousness. Srila Prabhupada Ki-Jai.

Hare Krsna.

May 30 Chicago

HH Radhanath Swami was especially kind to the devotees, and everyone was happy. All glories to Lord Nityananda, whose mercy is immeasurable. All glories to the King of dancers, Gaura Hari, who is Srimati Radharani herself, dancing to please Lord Krsna. Hare Krsna.

May 31 Chicago-Detroit

Lord Krsna's mercy comes in different forms. Soon we may have to leave this body, and that too is Lord Krsna's mercy. We can only try our best to execute Krsna consciousness, always endeavoring to become free from sense gratification and false ego. It can be difficult to remain steady when one is constantly on the move. Nevertheless, we must always remember Lord Krsna and never forget Him. That is our success—not whether we feel good or not. Srila Prabhupada Ki-Jai. Hare Krsna.

June 1 Detroit-Nirjal Ekadasi

Last year, we observed Nirjal Ekadasi with HH Radhanath Swami at Samik Rsi Prabhu's home. The year before, we were at the Bhattacharya's home in Pennsylvania. This year, we gave a lecture-discussion at the

temple. Mother Cintamani was present, along with 8 or 9 other devotees. In the evening, we went to a program, but the host wasn't home. This allowed us to preach to 3 other devotees in the car on the way back. While we didn't increase our chanting much, we read considerably more, which is where our focus needed to be. Lately, our reading had fallen off drastically; it felt like reuniting with an old friend. The Chicago Temple must improve. If Kalki Prabhu is not given the support and encouragement he needs, our hopes of escaping the spiritual vacuum are bleak. Sunil Madhava Prabhu is a wonderful devotee, but he lacks the capacity to fully take on the responsibility. He did what he could with sincerity, but now it's time to move forward. Our staying away might help bring about the needed change. We pray for the special mercy of Sri Sri Kisor Kisor; may They bless us with success. Sri Sri Radha Kunjavihari of Detroit are very enchanting and attractive. Srila Prabhupada has truly accomplished something extraordinary by establishing Radha Krsna worship worldwide. All glories to his lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

June 2 Detroit

In the aftermath of Nirjal Ekadasi, we remember feeling tired and weak for the first time. Perhaps we expended too much energy yesterday, or it's just the aftereffects of travel. Regardless, we see it as a necessary austerity to help reduce eating. The Detroit Temple has many young, sincere devotees. With a little guidance and planning, they could significantly contribute to preaching. We spoke about Vaisnava relations and the importance of community. A Krsna conscious community is sorely needed everywhere in ISKCON; it's our weak spot. Community is the foundation for successfully executing devotional service. Srila Prabhupada Ki-Jai. Hare Krsna.

June 3 Detroit

We gave the Sunday feast talk on Bhagavad Gita 13.22. No questions were asked. We spoke but didn't take the time to carefully plan our words. Still, it was an opportunity to grow, especially when placed in a challenging situation. Pressure is good; it brings out our Krsna consciousness. Tomorrow, we travel to Baltimore to see Radha Govinda Maharaja. On Tuesday, we'll be in Gita Nagari. We really need to work on ourselves, particularly with our words and actions. We learn more by listening. Hare Krsna.

June 4 Detroit-Baltimore-Harrisburg-Airborne



We spent the entire day traveling—karmis, airports, lines, hassles, and missed contacts. Fortunately, we had the darshan of Sri Sri Gaura Nitai in Baltimore—such lovely and magnetic Deities. Our friendship with Jaya Govinda Prabhu

was renewed. Yasomatinandana Prabhu was at the Detroit temple when we left, and we also met Jai Keshava Prabhu in Baltimore and Prasant. The associations were numerous, mingling with both karmis and devotees. We pray to become more regulated. Srila Prabhupada, please bestow your sweet, causeless mercy on Preksya and Prasant's little boy, Abhay, whom they named after you. He has genetic defects and is severely physically impaired. Please make him your devotee and give him a chance to serve Lord Krsna. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for everything. Your mercy and love are all we could ever dream of and aspire for. Hare Krsna.

June 5 Harrisburg-Gita Nagari

We arrived back home at Gita Nagari. This is an ideal place to execute Krsna consciousness. Sri Sri Radha Damodara are more attractive than one can imagine. Lord Damodara appears especially charming in His mood as a mischievous cowherd boy. The devotees here are so kind and loving. We should pray to properly reciprocate with the service and affection we receive from them. Although this will be a short visit—3.5 days—we want to serve as much as possible. Beyond that, we hope to spend quality time in association and proper reciprocation. Baladeva Vidyabhusana Prabhu was here. Though brief, our time together was very sweet. We can recharge ourselves by appreciating the devotees. We have been lacking in this area and need to refocus our attention on them. Gita Nagari is such a wonderful place; we hope to spend most of Kartik here. Our concern is our ingrained puffed-up attitude. By the grace of Srila Prabhupada, we can develop real humility and pridelessness.

Everything is possible with Srila Prabhupada's mercy. Hare Krsna.

June 6 Gita Nagari

This morning, we gave a Srimad Bhagavatam class on sex life and the grhastha ashram. In the evening, we visited Mother Yasoda's home, where we discussed Caitanya lila and the lives of Rupa and Sanatana Goswamis. Gita Nagari is ideal—the simple rural atmosphere is a creation of the Lord, free from the interference of modernization. We would really like to spend more time here. Although we are currently in and out, Kartik will allow for quality time. It is nice to find regular reading and preaching. We are starting to feel more fired up again, at least to a small degree. Srila Prabhupada Ki-Jai. Hare Krsna.

June 7 Gita Nagari

Today's class led to a good discussion. The devotees here are always asking questions, and for a preacher, questions are usually the best part. It is an honor and a great source of happiness to impart relevant transcendental knowledge that may bring about a change in someone's life. This evening's talk at Eka Vira's house focused on Jiva Goswami and concluded with a group of 5 devotees discussing the pastimes of Srinivasacarya, Narottam Das Thakur, Ramchandra Kaviraj, and Jayadev Goswami. The devotees here are very sweet, simple, and humble. Our stay here feels rewarding, providing an ideal environment to read, study, and write. It is with reluctance that we prepare to leave tomorrow. We will take this experience to heart and grow in our devotion to Lord Krsna. Hare Krsna.

June 8 Gita Nagari

After spending the entire day at the farm, we are staying overnight in Harrisburg at Prasant's home. Tomorrow, we will leave early for the New York Ratha Yatra. Our Ratha Yatra consciousness feels less intense than in previous years, likely due to the upcoming departure for India on Tuesday. Regardless of the situation, we will try to chant and dance with enthusiasm and eagerly associate with the devotees. This year, unlike previous years, we will return the same evening to prepare for our flight to Chicago. Ratha Yatra is one of ISKCON's most powerful preaching events. We pray earnestly to Lord Nrshingadeva to protect us from all opposing forces and open the door for others to benefit. Srila

Prabhupada, please bestow your Ratha Yatra mercy upon us so that we may serve the Lord and His mission. Hare Krsna.

June 9 Gita Nagari

Ratha Yatra is a call for the Lord to return to Vrndavan, or for the Lord to come into one's heart, known as Gupta Vrndavan. Srila Prabhupada wanted that Lord Jagannath, Subhadra Devi, and Lord Balaram bless the people of New York City by appearing down 5th Avenue. Although we missed Srila Bhakti Tirtha Swami, especially his enthusiastic dancing, the parade was still delightful. HH Radhanath Swami's presence inspired us as he led in front of Lord Balaram's cart. We always take pleasure in meeting and talking with devotees and guests; it's a wonderful opportunity to associate and preach Krsna consciousness. In the future, we hope to spend more time preaching in New York, as it is always a festival for preachers. Tonight, we are staying at Jai Gaurasundara's home in Baltimore, and tomorrow we fly to Chicago. Soon, we will be in India, but we remain committed to "Be Here Now." Whatever Lord Krsna arranges for our service, we accept it as the best opportunity to serve and spread Krsna consciousness. Srila Prabhupada, you are so wonderful. Hare Krsna.

June 10 New York-Chicago

Our ISKCON society will be more effective in spreading Lord Caitanya's movement when devotees and leaders cultivate a platform where serving Lord Krsna means serving each other with cooperation and love. If we don't genuinely develop real Vaisnava relationships, our movement will continue to stagnate and even deteriorate. Communication is essential for cooperation, and we must put Lord Krsna's interests before our own. If we act from a place of humility and do our best, Lord Krsna will arrange everything necessary. However, if egoism drives our action, His mercy is blocked, and we receive another type of mercy—neglect. We feel that the Chicago temple is undergoing important transitions, and we hope for improvement. Yet, even the best managerial schemes will fail unless devotees learn to respect and listen to one another. What is right and what is wrong is not what pleases Lord Krsna and Guru. Sri Sri Kisor Kisor are so attractive. This trip to India will be filled with feelings of separation from Their Lordships. Perhaps we will eventually find happiness being here most of the time, but we

must surrender and try to serve Srila Prabhupada in the best way possible. We can only pray to understand Srila Prabhupada's desires. Srila Prabhupada, you are our guide and savior. Hare Krsna.

June 11 Chicago

Only by receiving the mercy of Lord Balaram/Nityananda can one receive the mercy of Sri Sri Radha Krsna. Srila Prabhupada writes in Srimad Bhagavatam 7.15.45 that while Lord Krsna provides us the sword to fight, Lord Balaram gives us the strength to hold and use it. Spiritual life is like a razor's edge—one must be very careful not to be inattentive, or we risk being cut. Avoiding fault-finding and arguments among devotees is crucial; these have no place in Krsna consciousness. Disagreements may occur, but they can be resolved by keeping Lord Krsna at the center. Today, we gave a Srimad Bhagavatam class on the importance of hearing and learning to listen carefully to others. While we may be eager to speak, we should be just as eager—or even more eager—to listen. Good listening skills are essential for effective speaking. One advantage, among many, of sannyasa life is one can pick up and go. Whenever relationships become strained or mundane, this facility must be employed to avoid falling down. Srila Prabhupada, please guide us. We need your mercy and the mercy of your devotees. May we always be aware of your desire for us at every moment. Hare Krsna.

June 12 Chicago-India

Today has been intense as we pack and prepare for a 2.5-month journey across India and Europe. Lord Krsna is allowing us to serve Srila Prabhupada through traveling and preaching. Although it is very difficult, we find the greatest satisfaction in traveling. The Chicago Temple is nice. Sri Sri Kisor Kisor, Gaura Nitai, and Lord Jagannath are all showering Their mercy upon us. However, we recognize the need to step away from Chicago regularly until the internal management structure becomes more organized and capable of facilitating preaching. The question remains: can the devotees work together cooperatively in a spirit of service and devotion for Lord Krsna and each other? While we may struggle in this area, we understand that without this mood, nothing wonderful can manifest. This preaching trip provides an opportunity for structure to develop, which we see as Lord

Krsna's arrangement. Cooperation means putting Lord Krsna's interests first, but it must be done with intelligence, care, and concern for one another. We must put an end to fighting, criticizing, fault-finding, and insensitivity. A Vaisnava embodies humility, tolerance, and patience. We hope to cultivate these qualities to improve our temple environment. Currently, our focus is directed elsewhere. After India, we anticipate serious challenges and obstacles that will test our resolve. Our only hope lies in Srila Prabhupada's mercy and his guidance on how to proceed effectively. Hare Krsna.

June 13 India, Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath

We spent 10.5 hours traveling. Arriving in this Holy Land invites us to elevate our consciousness. It's raining in Bombay—our first time in India during the rainy season. There's something unique about this 3-week trip, and it's by Lord Jagannath's mercy that we come to His Puri Yatra. May we develop the proper attitude of service. Srila Prabhupada, we always depend on your mercy. The flight was smooth and free from unwanted contact, a great blessing. Lord Krsna always cares for His devotees. If one desires to enjoy sense gratification, the Lord, through Maya, helps us experience it—but often in a painful and purifying way. We humbly take shelter in Lord Nityananda Ram, praying to always remember Him. Hare Krsna.

June 14 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath

We arrived at 3:45 a.m. and, without resting, joined the morning program. When the devotees asked us to give class, we agreed, but later, during our japa, we felt extremely tired and somewhat regretted the decision. A few brahmacharis later mentioned they enjoyed the class, but from our perspective, it was challenging to maintain a steady theme. Currently, we are grappling with irregularity and the practice of humility. We hope, by Srila Prabhupada's mercy, to organize ourselves more effectively. We feel good being here and look forward to serving and associating with the devotees. Sri Sri Radha Gopinath appear especially attractive and loving today. India always deepens our spiritual practices, and we aspire to imbibe principles applicable to our active preaching. All glories to the devotees of Radha Gopinath Mandir, and all glories to Sri Sri Radha Gopinath, lovingly cared for by Their pure devotee servant, Sri Radhanath Maharaja. Hare Krsna.

June 15 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath

Gradually, by Srila Prabhupada's mercy, we are becoming more regulated. The trip from Chicago to Bombay left us more unregulated than anticipated, and attending the morning program added extra strain. Yet, sometimes personal comforts must be sacrificed to serve others. Though the sacrifice wasn't significant, it pleased the devotees. HH Radhanath Swami will arrive soon; it is now midnight. Tomorrow, by Srila Prabhupada's mercy, we will have his special association, though we suspect he will need extra rest after being in London. Gradually, our interest in reading is returning. Reading is essential for preaching and for sannyasis, as the different lilas and philosophy are our true happiness. Transcendental knowledge dispels Maya, inspires the mind, and purifies the heart. Naturally, humility develops in relation to our service. We need more preaching service before the Puri Yatra; otherwise, it will be difficult to maintain and increase our good qualities. Srila Prabhupada, we pray to serve more and more for the pleasure of Lord Krsna. Sri Sri Radha Gopinath are extremely attractive and merciful. All glories to Sri Gopi-jana-Vallabha. All glories to Sri Madan Mohan Mohini. Hare Krsna.

June 16 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath-Disapp. Srivas Pandit

HH Radhanath Maharaja returned to Chowpatty, Bombay. Today, being Saturday, we enjoyed bhajans from 5-7 p.m., which Maharaja led into an ecstatic kirtan ending with Sayana Arati. On the 18th, we will leave for Puri by train. Lord Jagannath bestows His mercy upon all who see His Ratha and chant His Name. Lord Gaura is Lord Krsna, who is Lord Jagannath, says Vasudeva Ghosh, as he glorifies the Son of Jagannath Misra and Saci Mata. Lord Nityananda's mercy is as great as He is. Who can estimate such kindness? We often feel useless, struggling with lust, greed, and anger. What hope is there for such souls? Yet, Lord Nityananda distributes the mercy of Lord Gaura to everyone. All glories to that transcendental madman intoxicated with love of God. We can pray for the mercy of Lord Krsna's Name and for the association of devotees. May they be kind to us and tolerate our lazy tendencies. Srila Prabhupada, may you bestow your mercy on all those who have requested our prayers. Our prayer is for their deliverance. May Lord

Nityananda Ram grant His attractive mercy to Tarun Krsna Prabhu, allowing him to re-enter the association of devotees. All glories to Srivas Pandit, whose disappearance day is today. Hare Krsna.

June 17 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath

HH Radhanath Swami dedicated himself fully for the devotees. Last night's bhajans, today's Srimad Bhagavatam class, the Sunday Feast, and an evening program at Radha Giridhari's in Mira Road have kept us engaged. We are concerned he might exhaust himself before the Puri Yatra. Even we are feeling the strain; ecstatic dancing can be draining, especially with an imbalanced schedule. Besides these concerns, today was filled with stories about Srivas Pandit's pastimes and the Puri Ratha Yatra. Tomorrow, we board the train to Puri for a 35-hour journey. We pray for Srila Prabhupada's mercy to get through these days in good health and to start our European tour with a vigorous preaching spirit. We should aspire to increase our service and assist more in Srila Prabhupada's movement, bringing others to the lotus feet of Lord Nityananda and Lord Caitanya. This is our focus in Krsna consciousness. Srila Prabhupada, please help us help others become Krsna conscious. Your mercy is fully required. Hare Krsna.

June 18 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath-Bhuvaneswar

We boarded the train at 3:05 a.m. on our way to Jagannath Puri for the annual Ratha Yatra. By the mercy of Sri Sri Gaura Nitai, a lively kirtan broke out at the Pune stop. The purifying effects of Nam Sankirtan greatly alleviated the discomforts of the train ride. Association is crucial. We either seek association that enlivens and engages us in the Lord's service or we associate with Lord Krsna and Srila Prabhupada through reading Srimad Bhagavatam and other transcendental literatures, as well as through chanting japa. Other associations should be minimized as much as possible. In preaching, we offer our association to others but should avoid taking theirs. There's no fault in being firm about this; a fine line exists between tolerance and accepting association that may harm our Krsna consciousness. Fine discrimination is needed, but most importantly, we must never forget Lord Krsna. This journey is long, and we must remain diligent and seek devotee association. Tomorrow will be another full day on the train. We will look for brahmachari association and turn this austerity into a spiritual experience. Srila Prabhupada, your mercy is always required. All glories to Lord Nityananda, that

amazing personality. All glories to Lord Gauranga, the King of dancers. Hare Krsna.

June 19 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath-Bhuvaneswar

We are still traveling to Bhuvaneswar by train, stopping at various places for prasadam and kirtan—Hyderabad, Vijayawada, and Visakhapatnam. The devotees are engaging in enthusiastic kirtan, transforming the austerity of train travel into Lord Caitanya's mercy as the Yuga Dharma travels to inspire and enlighten conditioned souls in devotional service. Many devotees are chanting extra rounds, while others are reading and studying. Occasionally, bhajans are sung, and the relationships among the devotees are wonderfully Krsna conscious. Books and prasadam are being distributed to the train passengers, and many receiving this special mercy are embracing Lord Caitanya's movement. We are grateful for the personal care provided by a young man named Mayora, the cousin of Saci Kumar. He is extremely simple, very submissive, and wants to assist. I always have mixed feelings when accepting personal service. In the U.S., such assistance is limited and usually relates to active service. However, here in India, personal maintenance can be difficult; some small assistance appears to be necessary due to the material inconveniences inherent in India. We should always be careful to not commit offenses or minimize the devotees. This is very essential. We are only servants and our roles, whether spiritual or material, are not our real identity. Tomorrow morning, we will arrive in Bhuvaneswara. All glories to Lord Jagannath, Lord Baladeva, and Subhadra Devi. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

June 21 Jagannath Puri



We arrived yesterday, and I neglected to write. Being in Puri is an

incredible experience. The people here are transcendently kind and interesting. Our hotel, Jaga Balai, is just a minute's walk from Jagannath Mandir, with a nice view of the temple spire. Each night, we offer our obeisances to the Chakra before resting. HH Radhanath Maharaja arrived late this afternoon, and the program at Jagannath Vallabha Garden attracted over 1,000 devotees. Tomorrow is Gundica Marjanam, with a stop at Siddha Bakula. Hare Krsna.

June 22 Jagannath Puri

Tomorrow, Lord Jagannath, Subhadra Devi, and Lord Baladeva will make Their appearance for Ratha Yatra. Today, HH Radhanath Swami spoke for 4 hours about the lila surrounding the appearance of Lord Jagannath and Lord Caitanya at Ratha Yatra. We chanted 25 rounds, yet we still feel under the influence of Maya. Srila Prabhupada, please protect us from Maya's influence. It is almost 11 p.m., yet we're wide awake after sleeping in the afternoon. We need rest for tomorrow's special program. Lord Narasinghadeva, please remove all obstacles, purify us of anarthas, and enthusiastically enliven us to serve the Lord at Ratha Yatra. Hare Krsna.

June 23 Jagannath Puri Ratha Yatra

By Srila Prabhupada's mercy, after many thousands of lifetimes, we are able to be in Puri Dham, standing in front of the Lord's Ratha carts. It is truly wonderful and incredible. We will write a separate account of the day's events. Jai Lord Jagannath, Subhadra Devi, and Lord Baladeva. The Ratha Yatra will continue tomorrow, as Lord Jagannath did not reach Gundica temple today, although Lord Baladeva and Subhadra Devi did. Hare Krsna.

June 24 Jagannath Puri-Ratha Yatra

Today was an interesting and eventful day, with bathing in the ocean and chanting Harinam in the streets of Puri. As usual, the mind finds silly reasons to complain and creates hell where there is only heaven. That is the nature of the mind. Therefore, the sastra warns: never trust or listen to your mind. The path of spiritual life is difficult, and Maya is present both within and without. We will only succeed by developing an attitude of humble service. How can we serve, O Lord? Please show us. Your mercy is our only hope. Srila Prabhupada, your special son, HH

Radhanath Maharaja, is serving you so nicely. Let us cooperate completely and work together. Hare Krsna.

June 25 Jagannath Puri

Lord Jagannath, Subhadra Devi, and Lord Baladeva have entered Gundica, Sri Vrndavan, completing Their Ratha Yatra. A more detailed account will follow. In summary—unbelievable. Today, by Lord Krsna's mercy, we had the opportunity to lead kirtan for 10 minutes. Thank You, O Lord; we love leading kirtan. It's amazing, no doubt, seeing the events of this yatra and the profound impact the devotees have had on Puri and its residents. It is amazing to witness the events of this yatra and the profound impact the devotees have had on Puri and its residents. HH Radhanath Maharaja's preaching is invaluable in bringing Krsna consciousness back to India and making Srila Prabhupada's movement recognized as both acceptable and reputable among important material and spiritual agencies. Tomorrow, late in the morning, we will board a bus for Bhuvaneswara and then take a 2 p.m. train to Bombay. We feel a sense of dread thinking about the 40-hour train ride. Nonetheless, by Your mercy, O Lord, we hope to reach Bombay in one piece. And by Srila Prabhupada's mercy, we can increase our devotion to You, O Lord. Sri Nityananda Ram Ki-Jai. Gauranga Mahaprabhu Ki-Jai. Jai Lord Jagannath. Hare Krsna.

June 26 Jagannath Puri-Bombay

Today, we left the Holy Dham. Our realizations are meager due to absorption in bodily consciousness. However, we understand that Lord Jagannath in Puri is the original Lord Jagannath, and His mercy is extraordinary. Tomorrow, we hope to absorb ourselves in hearing and chanting, making good use of our travel time. It is easy to space out and waste time when there is no active service. Any attempt to serve must be made with determination and the blessings of Srila Prabhupada. He is very kind to allow us to visit Jagannath Puri during Ratha Yatra. The association of Radha Gopinath brahmacaris is enlivening and sweet to the heart. We hope to avoid becoming self-centered and proud. Dear Lord Jagannath, Subhadra Maharani, and Lord Baladeva, thank You for allowing us to visit Your home for the Ratha Yatra ceremony. Hare Krsna.

June 27 Jagannath Puri-Bombay

Today, we continued our journey to Bombay via train. Devotees shared

their Ratha Yatra experiences and realizations, highlighting the kindness and mercy of the devotees. We feel our appreciation and proper reciprocation are lacking. While we try to improve, we must also remember to practice tolerance. India teaches tolerance beyond tolerance. Always remember Lord Krsna, who exemplifies perfection in tolerance and elevation to transcendence. Tomorrow, we will catch up and clean up. Hopefully, we will be able to speak with HH Radhanath Maharaja if his health has improved. Our constant prayer is for Lord Krsna's mercy, in the form of good health, to come his way. Srila Prabhupada, your mercy is our only treasure. Hare Krsna.

June 28 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath

We arrived at 4:00 a.m. and attended the full morning program. We gave Srimad Bhagavatam class, speaking on the importance of attentive chanting and avoiding offenses. HH Radhanath Swami is very sick, and it saddens us to see his condition. Traveling can be very difficult, especially with the changes one must undergo. We want to offer something out of concern for his improved health. By Lord Krsna's grace and Srila Prabhupada's mercy, our health hasn't noticeably been affected. There are 4 more days remaining, and we should be very careful with our diet, rest, and maintaining Krsna consciousness. The Deities look extraordinarily beautiful, beyond any description. It is an experience. Naturally, we are receiving only a small drop of His opulences, which are as unlimited as Lord Krsna Himself. Hare Krsna.

June 29 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath

HH Radhanath Swami's health is surely improving, which brings us happiness. Perhaps the prayers of the devotees are helping. We continue to pray for his full recovery. By Lord Krsna's and Srila Prabhupada's arrangement, we have enough service in the form of various writings. I never considered myself a writer, but as sannyasis, writing is essential. Srila Prabhupada states that writing improves our preaching. Writing requires careful word choice, which, in turn, aids our speaking and engages our intelligence fully. By Srila Prabhupada's mercy, we are allowed to serve in some way. Soon, we will be more fully engaged in preaching. We need to build our spiritual strength through hearing and chanting the glories of the Lord and His devotees. Sri Sri Radha Gopinath are very charming and exquisitely attractive. Gaura Nitai appear as 2

transcendental young boys, around 12 years old. Hare Krsna.

June 30 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath

Today was quite disheartening as HH Radhanath Swami was taken to the hospital, possibly due to malaria or typhoid fever. We are learning to earnestly pray at the lotus feet of Srimati Radharani, who is incredibly kind and merciful. We are uncertain if we will be able to see Maharaja before leaving India, but we pray for his swift recovery. We are facing a bit of a dilemma about how to arrange our schedules. Dear Srila Prabhupada, please guide us with your expert wisdom. Sri Sri Radha Gopinath are exquisitely beautiful and truly attract all living beings. Lord Krsna is the all-attractive. With travel approaching and preaching intensifying, we must be cautious about our health to avoid illness or exhaustion. London can be tough. Hare Krsna.

July 1 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath

We had the opportunity to give a Srimad Bhagavatam class and Sunday lecture, which allowed us to preach and serve the devotees. Srila Prabhupada is very merciful. HH Radhanath Swami's health has considerably improved, which is very good news. We are pushing ourselves a little more, feeling somewhat tired but happy to serve. However, we must be cautious, as even slight exhaustion can lead to illness. The devotees are kind and eager to serve. Today's Sunday program was well attended, full of enthusiasm. Tomorrow marks our last full day before heading to Europe, where we will face more difficult tests. We should remain determined not to be lazy or waste time. With the mercy of the Vaisnavas, we hope to offer some small service. Please, Srila Prabhupada, allow us to dedicate everything to You. You are the recipient of all our services. Hare Krsna.

July 2 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath

In 4 hours, we will be leaving India. Our hearts are sad, as the atmosphere here at Sri Sri Radha Gopinath temple is filled with care, love, and concern amongst the devotees. It is truly a special place. No doubt it is coming by the purity and sacrifice of HH Radhanath Maharaja. Many devotees came to see us before we departed, which was a heartwarming surprise. We wish to reciprocate their affection genuinely. No doubt we will try to carry the mercy of Sri Sri Radha

Gopinath with us and try to share it with others. Srila Prabhupada's mercy is our only strength. Hare Krsna.

July 3 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor

We arrived in London, and the atmosphere feels different. We need to readjust significantly after our time in Puri and Chowpatty. Only by the mercy of Srila Prabhupada is anything possible. Prayer and endeavor—this is the formula for all action. Please, Srila Prabhupada, guide us in how best to serve and stay free from politics, prajalpa, and time-wasting distractions. The test has begun. Are we ready? No questions—we must be. Sri Sri Radha Gokulananda, along with Sita, Ram, Laksman, and Hanuman, look very beautiful and charming. Vaisnava relationships are essential for properly executing Krsna consciousness. HH Radhanath Maharaja's preaching is the basis for changing the direction in a more devotional way to establish a solid base for Krsna consciousness. The foundation lies in chanting Hare Krsna and nurturing loving Vaisnava relationships. All other systems of improvement must include these, along with strong sadhana. Hare Krsna.

July 4 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor

Lord Krsna is so kind to allow us to serve His devotees, even when we may feel unqualified. We visited Sanjaya's home, as his mother left her body on June 29, and yesterday was the funeral. Tonight, Madhav Prabhu led a sweet kirtan, accompanied by Gopal expertly playing the drums. Many family members attended, and we spoke from the heart on this occasion, appreciating their participation in the kirtan. Today was intense, filled with Mangala Aratik, class, darshan, and an evening talk. It is only by Srila Prabhupada's mercy that we can continue. Hare Krsna.

July 5 London/Soho Street

Today, we have 3 classes: Srimad Bhagavatam, a lunch talk, and an evening Bhagavad-Gita class, along with 2 hours of Harinam followed by discussions with devotees. These past 2 days have been packed with continuous preaching and activity. Simultaneously, we are feeling the pressure of Maya; she does not let go easily. Perhaps it is due to our lingering desire for enjoyment. Regardless, we should place our heads at the lotus feet of the Supreme Lord and dedicate our lives to preaching

Krsna consciousness. This commitment should never waver as we pray for Srila Prabhupada's mercy. Although it may seem one has an attraction to Maya, we must never submit as long as Srila Prabhupada continues to bestow His mercy and protection. London is quite degraded—women are dressed very scantily and seductively. It is pure lust everywhere. It's not a place for one who seriously desires to cross over the ocean of nescience. Lord Caitanya has instructed us to help the conditioned souls, so only on His order and the pure desire of Srila Prabhupada and the previous acaryas do we find ourselves in the midst of Maya's kingdom, trying to save a few souls. Tomorrow, I have been asked to present Krsna consciousness to a large audience—up to 900 people may attend. Dear Srila Prabhupada, please grant us the power, determination, knowledge, and devotion to serve you in a way that awakens a desire for devotional service in others. After leaving the protection of Sri Sri Radha Gopinath, we've been thrown into frontline preaching once again. It is time to fight harder. Sri Balaram, You are the strength of the devotee. Please grant us the spiritual strength necessary to serve You. Hare Krsna.

July 6 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor-Camden Hall

In 1971, Srila Prabhupada gave a lecture at Camden Hall in London. Tonight, the devotees organized a cultural program wherein over 600 people came to experience Krsna consciousness. Many of the guests were people from ordinary lives, most probably searching for something genuine. We spoke about "real pleasure" versus the false pleasures of this material world. The kirtan was tremendous, with nearly everyone in the audience joining in. Tomorrow, we will head to Spain for 2 weeks, where we will need to apply our energy and preach vigorously. No doubt it will be a challenge. London was nice, though we must admit we were not ready. However, Lord Krsna, through Maya, has put us in our place. We can only pray for renewed enthusiasm as we move forward. Srila Prabhupada, by your mercy, please grant us the fighting spirit to spread this Hare Krsna movement. Help us to renew that "dhira," determined enthusiasm, that was so much part of the early pioneer days. Hare Krsna.

July 7 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor-Spain/Madrid

The Caitanya Caritamrta class in the manor focussed on the Lord's

attempt to travel to Vrndavan. Vipra Mukhya Maharaja and Mahavisnu Swami were present, and Vipramukhya Swami openly expressed his kindness towards us, which practically melted our minds and hearts. Travel was relatively easy, and our arrival in Spain went smoothly. We were greeted at the airport by Mother Mahalaxmi, Mother Audrey, and a devotee named Nrshinga Sila. Later that evening, we held a program in a park, attracting about 25 guests and devotees. The park was one of the most beautiful we have ever visited, with flowing water, a variety of trees, rolling hills, shade, and lush grass. The sun is visible until 10 p.m. here. By Lord Krsna's mercy and Srila Prabhupada's grace, we aspire to develop a strong desire to serve the devotees. Please, O Lord, please strengthen this desire and allow it to be successful according to Your desire. Srila Prabhupada, the strength of your movement lies in the hearts of your unalloyed devotees. Allow us to join their ranks. Hare Krsna.

July 8 Spain/Madrid

Today, we went on Harinam. The streets were very busy with Sunday shoppers, and numerous street vendors were selling a variety of goods. We gave the morning and evening classes, making it a full day of preaching and sankirtan. The evening program was particularly enlightening, with over 32 people asking very good questions. Yadunandana Prabhu also preaches in Belgium and is the main force behind preaching efforts here in Spain. Recently, we have been inspired to preach and hold kirtans. It is Srila Prabhupada's desire to spread Lord Caitanya's movement to every town and village globally. We need to enthusiastically revive that preaching spirit and deepen our surrender. We can pray to persevere despite all obstacles. Srila Prabhupada, your mercy is our enthusiasm. Hare Krsna.

July 9 Spain/Madrid-New Vraja Mandala

Lately, I haven't had many realisations, yet preaching continues. We gave the Srimad Bhagavatam and Bhagavad Gita classes, engaged in conversations with devotees, and allocated sufficient time for reading. Still, our minds seem devoid of realizations. Spain can be a bit difficult, especially when learning to speak line by line for translations. We strive to do what is required to serve the devotees. At the farm, we received the same room we had when we first arrived in October 1999. It is quite nice,

and thankfully, the flies are gone—so far. During tonight's Bhagavad Gita class, we shared pastimes of Gaura lila, which was very enlivening. The devotees also seemed to enjoy it. We are certain it was Gaura Nitai's merciful Deity form that inspired us to speak about Them. Our concern now is to serve the devotees in the best way possible. We hope our visit can make a difference in uplifting the enthusiasm for service and surrender. Only by the mercy of Srila Prabhupada can we achieve anything. Hare Krsna.

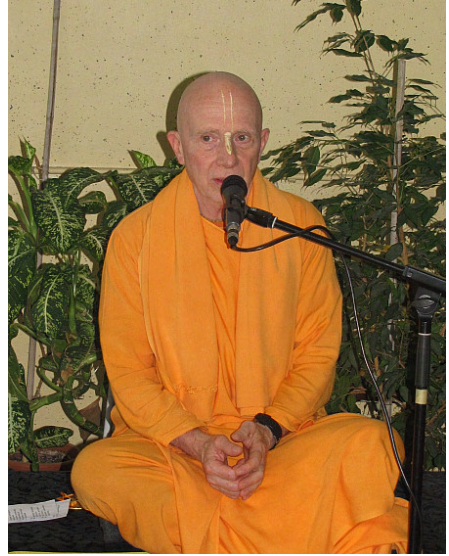
July 10 Spain/New Vraja Mandala

Mother Aditi from Alachua is visiting to help establish a child protection team. She is a very pleasant and gracious. Maya is very subtle and patient, waiting for the appropriate time to attack. Dear Lord, without Your protection, we often find ourselves in her association. Today, we did something we haven't done in a long time: we shaved our own heads. It was a bit challenging considering our hair was long for a razor. Our service schedule is filled with writing tasks, aiding us in our preaching. As Srila Prabhupada mentioned, "When one writes, he is forced to carefully choose words to make the ideas most understandable." This helps us preach more effectively. How austere should we be in eating? Too much austerity can create distance between us and the other devotees, making it harder to preach through association. The atmosphere here is quite peaceful, pure, and healthy. Today, we felt a little rejuvenation physically. This place would be perfect for HH Radhanath Swami for rest and recuperation. Srila Prabhupada looks very satisfied sitting on his vyasasana. We can pray to please him by pleasing the devotees, which may not be so easy. Hare Krsna.

July 11 Spain/New Vraja Mandala

I gave talks in the morning, afternoon, and evening on Vaisnava relationships, systems, principles, philosophy, and practical concerns. We are trying to give the devotees as much as possible, hoping something will develop from that. Generally, there is a shortage of devotees for puja and basic temple needs. To accomplish anything here, more people need to be involved. While individuals are present, they often remain distant from each other. When leaders break faith or fall down, the devastation can be long-lasting. It is very difficult to revive the devotees, but some effort needs to be made. Our eating has become quite

simple, and we hope it doesn't lead to laziness. The peaceful, serene atmosphere can sometimes make one a little laid-back. Anyway, with renewed enthusiasm and a vow to increase each day, we rest, looking forward to another day of service. This should be our mindset: never become complacent, lazy, or self-assured. We should always chase after Lord Kṛṣṇa in a mood of service and surrender. It is only by your mercy, Srila Prabhupada, that anything will be successful. Hare Kṛṣṇa.



July 12 Spain/New Vraja Mandala

This morning, upon awakening, we felt acutely disoriented and anxious, so we repeatedly called out Lord Gaurāṅga's Name—"Gaurāṅga, Gaurāṅga, Gaurāṅga." This evening, after a full day of service and nice exchanges with the devotees, we completed reading a section of a book on the life of Advaita Acārya. Once again, we find ourselves calling out, "Gaurāṅga, Gaurāṅga, Gaurāṅga," filled with happiness and joy. In all situations and moods, simply calling out, "Gaurāṅga," can make our lives perfect. Srila Prabhupada, we pray for your service as we continue to preach the message of Lord Gaurāṅga. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 13 Spain/New Vraja Mandala-Malaga

Today, we took a train to Malaga. The ride was pleasant, unusually comfortable, and fast. We focused again on Vaisnava relationships, a very essential topic. The devotees seem eager to hear and ask important questions, indicating a clear need for this discussion. Relationships are the basis of Kṛṣṇa consciousness, and their quality strengthens our devotional life. As we receive the mercy and favor of the Vaisnavas, we gain the Lord's mercy. Srila Prabhupada, although we may lack devotional sentiment and feel like stones at times, inconceivably, we continue on. With 2 full days in Malaga ahead, we need to jump immediately into sadhana and service—there's no time to be slow. We

seek your mercy and protection from Maya. Hare Krsna.

July 14 Spain/Malaga-Disapp. Lokanath Das Goswami

Today marks the disappearance day of Lokanath Das Goswami. The focus was on Vaisnava seva and etiquette, and the devotees were interested, asking many questions. The weather exceeded 100°F, but fortunately, the houses are built well, so the heat isn't too oppressive. Tomorrow is the Sunday program, and Malaga is testing our tolerance. Personally, we feel a need for more kirtan rasa; without it, life is not happy. A grhastha couple and another person, followers of Gour Govinda Swami, are visiting from a nearby community. Srila Prabhupada, please give us the enthusiasm to continue despite all difficulties. Hare Krsna.

July 15 Spain/Malaga

Sri Sri Gaura Nitai of Malaga are very merciful, allowing us to speak this evening on our favorite subject—Lord Krsna's Holy Name. The response seemed good, but developing a solid community spirit will require dedicated and determined effort over time. Maya and the demons are strong, creating a situation where it's difficult for devotees to cooperate and work together in a spirit of devotion. We continually emphasize the importance of community and better Vaisnava relationships. We hope something will develop. Tomorrow, we return to the farm for a week of evening talks, again on Vaisnava relationships. We need to refresh our enthusiasm and try to present it in an interesting manner. The frogs of Malaga croak in the evening, reminding us of the Bhagavatam explanation—that the snake of death can find the croaking frog due to its preoccupation with its own croaking. Srila Prabhupada, your mercy is our only qualification. All glories unto you. Hare Krsna.

July 16 Spain/Malaga-New Vraja Mandala

The Holy Name of Krsna is our only hope for success, happiness, and shelter. Please, Lord, allow us to dive deeper into the chanting of Your Holy Names. “Hare” means the one who removes all inauspiciousness from our hearts, and “Hare” also refers to the one who captivates the heart of Lord Krsna, Sri Radha. Tomorrow is Ekadasi, and we plan to chant extra rounds (32). We would like to explore the glories of the Holy Name more deeply. Everything is based on chanting. The trip from Malaga to the Farm was ideal; missing the train turned out to be

advantageous for our service. Man proposes, God disposes. Srila Prabhupada, please don't give up on us; we still want to serve, even if we may not be very intelligent. We need to be more careful and cautious in our devotional service. Hare Krsna.

July 17 Spain/New Vraja Mandala-Ekadasa

Today we chanted 36 rounds. It is a wonderful day when Ekadasa is used to increase hearing and chanting. We want to begin regularly learning verses, with tomorrow marking the first day of a regulated program. Sri Sri Gaura Nitai are extraordinarily beautiful. Srila Prabhupada, your mercy is our life and soul. Hare Krsna.

July 18 Spain/New Vraja Mandala

If we can learn to see all our hardships as the Lord's mercy and purification, then we can, with real conviction, preach this point to others. Otherwise, our words can feel hollow. We should try to remember Lord Krsna in all situations as we move from place to place, preaching His glories. We recognize our lack of humility, evident in our activities. Yet, we should endeavor to be instruments for service among Vaisnavas, continually trying to act without false ego and developing a genuine mood of service to others. As our time in Spain nears its end, we look forward to moving on, yet we know we must live in the present. Lord Krsna is only served and realized in the present. We can pray for the strength needed to carry on. Sri Krsna, Your mercy is our strength. Srila Prabhupada Ki-Jai. Hare Krsna.

July 19 Spain/New Vraja Mandala

It is our last full day here, filled with classes and seminars over the past 2 weeks. There have been many discussions and information shared on Vaisnava seva. It is up to the devotees to take action. We have tried to serve, and it seemed well received. Tomorrow, we will return to London, and we feel the need to recharge our spiritual energy. Hopefully, London will be enlivening. Srila Prabhupada, please help us become more enthusiastic and efficient in our service. Hare Krsna.

July 20 Spain/New Vraja Mandala-London/Bhaktivedanta Manor

The association of senior Vaisnavas is the association of Lord Krsna.

Thank you, Bhakti Charu Swami, for your loving kindness and encouragement. We need each other; that is our strength in the fight against Maya. We should always chase after Lord Krsna and never adopt the mindset of "I have Lord Krsna," which reflects the mood of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. We may not realize that we have anything to offer, but the Lord wants to satisfy His devotees and gives us opportunities for service. That is our good fortune. May HH Radhanath Swami regain his health, dear Srila Prabhupada. The devotees feel happy when he is with us. Hare Krsna.

July 21 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor

HH Radhanath Swami's association in London is very sweet. He gave a Srimad Bhagavatam class, followed by lunch with Visvambara Prabhu and a visit to Sruti Dharma's home, ending with a 2-hour Harinam through the streets of London. Lord Nityananda and Lord Caitanya are very merciful as They chant and dance to awaken the sleeping conditioned souls. May Lord Caitanya and His Supremely merciful Avadhuta Brother, known as Nitai, always reside in our hearts and minds. No other Lords are as merciful and loving as They. May we always be engaged in Their service with love and sacrifice. Srila Prabhupada is the mercy incarnation of Sri Nityananda Ram. All glories to His Divine lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

July 22 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor

Rivers turn into oceans when great personalities glorify the Supreme Lord of all Lords, who delights in seeing His devotees happily engaged at His lotus feet. HH Radhanath Swami and HH Bhakti Charu Swami joined together to break open Lord Caitanya's storehouse of love of God. The evening kirtan was truly amazing. May we always remember and aspire to be part of such kirtans. Srila Prabhupada, please give us the strength to push on. Hare Krsna.

July 23 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor

One cannot imagine the value of devotee association. Many essential aspects of Krsna consciousness can happen in that environment. Lord Krsna and devotional service are understood through association with devotees. Therefore, our primary focus should be on increasing and developing relationships. Tomorrow, we will be in Denmark; it will be our first visit there. The temple president just recently left his position

under pressure, and it has been a divided yatra for some time. By Your mercy only, Srila Prabhupada, we will be successful in initiating improved Vaisnava relationships. Hare Krsna.

July 24 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor-Denmark/Copenhagen

The Scandinavian countries are known for moral degradation. It is a characteristic of Kali-Yuga for people to become intoxicated and seek sensual pleasures. We live in a time where people are no better than animals. In Srimad Bhagavatam 2.3.18, Srila Prabhupada states, "An animal can easily harm another animal but rarely do good." We clearly see the need to remain aware of Maya. Her facade here is thick, and one can easily let down their guard. Dear Lord, we are only Your insignificant servant of Your servants, incapable and unqualified to act on Your behalf. Yet, we have received Your order; therefore, please keep us conscious of our service to You and our dependence upon You. Srila Prabhupada Ki jai

July 25 Denmark/Copenhagen

Sri Sri Gaura Nitai of Denmark are very sweet in Their dancing pose, with compassionate smiles—so lovely. HH Radhanath Swami has touched the hearts of the devotees here as well. We are staying at Marton's apartment; he is a very nice devotee aspiring for Maharaja. Denmark is quite degraded and, from a material point of view, a rather boring place. Spiritually, even if development is slow, something is happening here. Our room is spacious, featuring a sofa, a huge desk, a veranda, books, and a nice wall picture—very impressive and quiet as well. By Your mercy, Srila Prabhupada, may we be able to enliven the devotees. Tomorrow, we will speak on The Holy Name and Vaisnava Seva. We pray for strength and strict sense control. Our minds have been battling the modes ever since we arrived. The energy here is a little difficult to deal with. All success depends on You. May we always remember You, dear Sri Krsna. Hare Krsna.

July 26 Denmark/Copenhagen

Sri Sri Gaura Nitai are so sweet, merciful, and inspiring. As we danced and chanted, the Lord showered His mercy on everyone. We gave a 3-hour talk on Vaisnava relationships and the Holy Name. Tomorrow evening, we will leave here by boat to sail to Poland. Krsna consciousness is never routine or unexciting. In fact, even if we don't

look for it, adventure will come our way. Anyway, we need to strengthen our Krsna consciousness for the Polish preaching programs. Undoubtedly, it will be an austerity, both materially and spiritually, and we must always remember our position as servants of the Vaisnavas. Lord Krsna is very pleased when we serve His devotees. Isana Gaura Prabhu has been exceptionally kind and caring, and his warm welcome has deepened our appreciation for being here. Dear Lord Sri Krsna Caitanya, may our last day here be our best day for serving the devotees. Srila Prabhupada, we repeatedly pray for Your guidance and blessings. Despite all the personal attention we may receive, may we remain humble and devoid of pride. All glories to the devotees of Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityananda. Hare Krsna.

July 27 Denmark/Copenhagen-Poland

After a wonderful day filled with preaching, classes, and devotee association, we left Denmark. We are currently on a ferry traveling from Copenhagen to Swinoujscie, Poland, expected to arrive around 8 a.m. From there, we will travel to Indradyumna Maharaja's site and the Polish Yatra for a week of preaching and Harinam. The Denmark devotees were extremely nice, especially Isana Gaura Prabhu. His fiancée is also kind, a being from the heavenly realm. We appreciate all the devotees. Lilanatha Prabhu and his wife, Krsna Karuna, along with Caitanya Candra, were just initiated by Radhanath Swami in London. Mother Kunja Kumari is very devotional and an excellent cook. We feel truly blessed by their affection. Although Denmark has its challenges, the devotees are very sweet and responsive. Perhaps, dear Lord, by Your mercy, we can visit again soon. Sri Sri Gaura Nitai are always lovingly bestowing Their special darshan on everyone. Their very unique pose of compassion and ecstatic dancing attracts the hearts of all, including the writer of this diary, who has a heart like solid rock with a lead covering. Tomorrow marks a new era as Poland becomes our place of service. By Your mercy, Srila Prabhupada, we can gain the intelligence and desire to become humble servants of the Vaisnavas. Your mercy is our enthusiasm. All glories to Sri Sri Kisor Kisor, on whose behalf we are traveling. Hare Krsna.

July 28 Poland/Malechowo

We arrived at the base today, a day of travel and rest. By Lord Krsna's

mercy, we had the opportunity to address the devotees. Their eager response felt like Lord Caitanya's mercy, warmly welcoming us among them. We should pray to offer meaningful service with humility and enthusiasm. We may not know what lies ahead, but we pray for the ability to adjust to the mood of the times. Srila Prabhupada, you are most kind. Please help us become ideal examples of disciples. We need to focus on our behavior, striking a balance between seriousness and friendliness, which will be a challenge. Whatever is required to serve the devotees and others, we pray to receive through Your mercy. Hare Krsna

July 29 Poland/Leba-Festival of India

Srila Prabhupada wanted our preachers to find ways to share the message of Krsna consciousness with the people. This program has proven to be highly effective, spreading the diverse package of Lord Chaitanya's mercy. If a similar program were presented in the US, it could undoubtedly inspire a spiritual revival and draw many devotees back to the fold. It would cost lots of money and require organization, but the idea is being considered. Our prayer is that those who attended tonight-whether they came, listened, or participate-will continue seeking the association of devotees and engaging in devotional service. This reflects the beauty and power of Srila Prabhupada's gift-the movement of Sri Krsna Caitanya Mahaprabhu and Sri Nityananda Ram. Chanting, dancing, and feasting-Sri Harinam Sankirtan Ki Jai. Hare Krsna.

July 30 Poland/Leba-Festival of India



We appreciate the devotees and the glories of bringing people together to understand and participate in Lord Caitanya's movement of Harinam

Sankirtan. We are grateful for the tremendous effort of the Russian and Polish devotees, along with others, who collaborated to bring this Festival of India to the people of Poland. Sri Prahlada is highly qualified and deeply devoted to chanting, dancing, and enlivening others. Today marked the final program of the summer tour, with everyone now preparing for the 3-day Woodstock Festival. Although one may be very fallen, they may still consider themselves advanced. How is it possible to have such insane conceptions of oneself? The false ego is very prominent yet difficult to detect. Our only hope is to associate with advanced devotees and seriously try to serve them. Srila Prabhupada, you are aware of our shortcomings, yet you kindly engage us in preaching Krsna consciousness. This alone reflects your inconceivable kindness upon us. As we improve ourselves, we also uplift others. That is where our concentration becomes most effective. Hare Krsna.

July 31 Poland/Malechowo-Disapp. Rupa Goswami, Gauri Das Pandit, Summer Base Festival Tour

The Srimad Bhagavatam class had dual translators in Polish and Russian. Mangala Aratika kirtan was very lively. We experienced a sense of unity reminiscent of the early days in New Vrndavan, where devotees were focused on surrender and enthusiastic service. It was refreshing to hear everyone, men and women alike, enthusiastically sing the Guruvastakam prayers. It shows how unity, coupled with surrender and dedication to the spiritual master's instructions, produces such joy and powerful kirtans. Despite feeling tired, we could still sense the flavors of devotional energy throughout the day. Interacting with various devotees was both interesting and sweet. Soon, we hope to naturally love and serve devotees, not out of some intellectual correctness or spiritual duty, but from a genuine heart wanting to give. Tomorrow, we will travel to Zary, the site of the Woodstock festival. Srila Rupa Goswami Ki-Jai, Samaveta-bhakta-vrnda Ki-Jai. Hare Krsna.

August 1 Poland-Malechowo-Zary

The journey extended from 6 hours to 10, but devotees remarked it wasn't as bad as traveling in India—which is true! Tolerance is an essential quality for effective chanting, and through association, we can cultivate this quality. Of course, as devotees, we want to go beyond that and have meaningful friendship, but this may not always be possible on a

short-term basis. Anyway, we learn a lot from trying to accept everything as the mercy of Lord Krsna. Krsna consciousness becomes much easier to execute when we deeply develop the mood of tolerance. I We contemplate a trek into Germany for preaching, which, while enjoyable, may also prove to be an austerity. However, if we see it as a challenge and an opportunity to spread Krsna consciousness, it presents itself in a different perspective. Today, we refreshed our memory of verses, and we are committed to making that a daily practice. In such circumstances, we pray to Srila Prabhupada for strength to dedicate at least 30 minutes daily to studying verses. Anything is possible through Srila Prabhupada's mercy. Hare Krsna.

August 2 Poland/Zary-Germany/Heidelberg

It was nice to meet Indradyumna Swami again. We had lunch together and met our godsister, Visesa, from France, who is a friend of Mother Malati. Now I am in Heidelberg. Tomorrow is Balaram's appearance day. We can regain our lost Krsna consciousness tomorrow by glorifying the original spiritual master, Lord Balaram. Now we are in Heidelberg, preparing to celebrate Balaram's appearance day. We can regain our lost Krsna consciousness by glorifying the original spiritual master, Lord Balaram. Our happiness lies in honoring Him, regardless of what we get or don't get. We discovered my name contains the word "Ram." In all my 28 years, it has never been noticed—amazing. This reflects either our dullness or the strength of the Lord's covering potencies. Srila Prabhupada is the representative of Lord Balaram, and by remembering Lord Balaram, we can also remember Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

August 3 Germany/Heidelberg-App. Balaram

Lord Balaram is very merciful; it is only by His mercy, coming through Srila Prabhupada, that we can speak about Him. Today, we recognized the necessity of preparing for a lecture. An article in the Congregational Preaching Journal #9 discussed the common weaknesses of Sunday Feast lectures, which resonates especially with Chicago. It is a privilege to be allowed to represent Srila Prabhupada by giving a talk on Krsna consciousness. For those who are serious, they would want that talk to be both enlivening and philosophically correct. Lord Balaram is the original spiritual master and the aspect of the Godhead that serves Himself in various ways. Everything manifested is an expansion or

energy of Lord Balaram. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, the representative of Lord Nityananda Balaram, who is spreading this message in every town and village. Hare Krsna.

August 4 Germany/Heidelberg-Goloka Dham

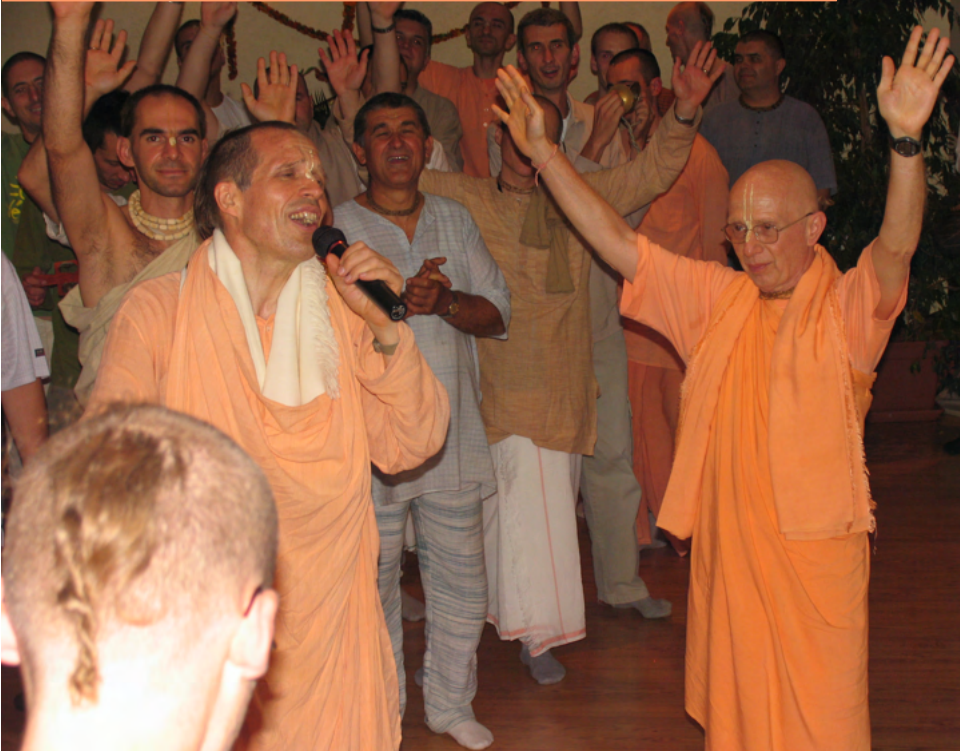
Harinam Sankirtan Ki-Jai! The streets are filled with people from various countries: 150,000 students and tens of thousands of U.S. Army families. It's a vibrant, diverse atmosphere. Our harinam was well received. Notably, many devotees, especially women, express a keen interest in practical ways to enhance their Krsna consciousness. Currently, we've been reflecting how effective preaching involves presenting philosophy in a relatable manner, often incorporating humorous stories. During our travels, we sometimes drove at high speeds, reaching up to 100 mph, to get to Goloka Dham. While such speeds might be dangerous in the United States, they seem relatively safe here, as many people do it. Tomorrow, we are scheduled to give a class at Goloka Dham, with Sacinandana Swami present. This will be a true test of our humility, knowledge, and dependence on Lord Krsna and Srila Prabhupada's mercy. We recognize our lack of qualification and understand the importance of taking shelter at the Lord's lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

August 5 Germany/Goloka Dham

Today, we had breakfast with Sacinandana Swami, discussing the difficulties of travel. He is a very advanced devotee, continuously traveling, preaching, and enlivening others. His humility is very deep, and he is both very thoughtful and intelligent. We plan to have lunch together tomorrow, and then I will travel to Berlin before heading to the Polish Woodstock. Traveling is beginning to take its toll; physical tiredness is becoming more evident, and the irregularities it creates are constant. This is our offering to Srila Prabhupada and our service to the devotees. While our lives belong to Lord Krsna, it is essential that we try our best to keep good health, recognising that we can only do so much. Long life is not the ultimate goal; our goal is to serve Lord Krsna as much as possible and become Krsna conscious. We must be more careful and conscious of how best to perform this service. Therefore, we need to allow for rest days, which will increase our service in the long run: rest, reading, and some solitude. All glories to Sri Sri Madan Mohan and

Srimati Radharani, whose sweetness overpowers all our difficulties and destroys them. Just as meditation on Krsna's lotus feet removes mountains of dirt from the mind, Srimati Radharani's blessed hand relieves our fatigue and warms our hearts in devotion to Her. Srila Prabhupada Ki-Jai. Hare Krsna.

August 6 Germany/Goloka Dham



Today, we had the opportunity and joy of reuniting with Cakravarti Prabhu and Mother Dina Sarana after 9 years. Together with Sacinandana Maharaja, we enjoyed a pizza dinner at Gaura Bhavani's place. Cakravarti led a delightful kirtan on the harmonium, reminding us of his unique kirtans from the past. Mother Dina Sarana was very kind and appeared genuinely happy. We felt particularly fortunate to be with Sacinandana Swami, who is such a wonderful Vaisnava and highly qualified to preach Krsna consciousness. I will try to recall the entire Germany tour in my preaching notes. We intend to document the entire Germany tour in our preaching notes. However, we feel a bit sad about the current state of Goloka Dham. It has become more of a grhastha

enclave, with limited participation in service and sadhana. While much effort is devoted to serving Sri Sri Radha Madan Mohan, the responsibility for service often falls on a small group of serious devotees. Today's Srimad Bhagavatam verse emphasized the importance of meditating on the lotus feet of the Lord, stating that even mountains of material contamination can be removed through this meditation. The Holy Name is the essence of our advancement, and the Lord is extremely kind and merciful. Simply by gazing at His lotus feet, one is instantly purified. Therefore, our prayer is to seek out His lotus feet more and more. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for allowing us to serve you. Although we may be an ocean of faults and material desires, you have picked us up. Hare Krsna.

August 7 Germany/Goloka Dham-Berlin-Poland/Zary

Sacinandana Swami and the devotees of Goloka Dham reached out to us, encouraging our return to Germany. Maharaja's kindness, humility, and deep devotion were truly attractive, and we felt extremely happy and blessed by his association. A lovely group of devotees welcomed us in Berlin at Satananda Prabhu and Mother Ananga Manjari's home. The love and kindness of the devotees serve as medicine for all ailments as we struggle to execute our devotional service to Lord Krsna. With the Lord's lotus feet and the power of His Holy Name, all our anxieties are dispelled. I seriously can't think of anything to say that has any depth of meaning. Only that we are desperately praying for the strength to continue and the desire to prioritize the service of the devotees. Without pretension or desire for praise, serving Lord Krsna by serving His devotees brings us true happiness. Sri Nrshinga Jai Nrshinga Jai Jai Sri Nrshinga. Srila Prabhupada Ki-Jai. Hare Krsna.

August 8 Poland/Zary

We rejoined the "Festival of India" and began to cultivate a desire to increase our enthusiasm and service. This is the mercy of Lord Krsna and the result of associating with fired-up devotees. We can only pray to you, Srila Prabhupada, to help us be examples for others by inspiring them toward Lord Krsna and devotional service, especially as we are the first to give a talk on Krsna consciousness. We acknowledge that we are not humble; in fact, we often find ourselves quite puffed up and proud of what we think we know. This is why pride is often seen as

mada—madness. We pray to Srila Prabhupada to be freed from this mad illusion and to return to the shelter of Lord Krsna's lotus feet. May that be our meditation. We also wish to offer a prayer for Dharatma Prabhu to join us soon; his presence would greatly enliven us. All glories to Sri Sri Radha Vrndavan Candra. Hare Krsna.

August 9 Poland/Zary-Woodstock Festival

Woodstock began today, attracting many people who danced, chanted, took prasadam, and learned about various cultural and philosophical aspects of Krsna consciousness. Indradyumna Swami is empowered to spread Krsna consciousness through music and cultural presentations, which surely pleases Srila Prabhupada. The preaching is remarkable. If asked what we learned today, it would be a greater appreciation for the natural spirituality of the Polish people. Their simplicity is the foundation needed for spiritual life. Srila Prabhupada, please engage us in your service. Hare Krsna.



August 10
Poland/
Zary-
Woodstock
Festival

Preaching is the essence, books the basis, and utility is the principle as the devotees transform the hearts of thousands at the Woodstock Festival. Today, perhaps due to the divine presence of Srila Jayapataka Swami, the preaching was quite successful. This is undoubtedly one of the most effective programs for reaching conditioned souls. With chanting, dancing, prasadam, and cultural conquest, Lord Caitanya's movement, led by Lord Nityananda, is highly attractive to the conditioned souls of Kali-yuga. By your mercy, Srila Prabhupada, the devotees are inspired to persevere despite all obstacles. All glories to you. Hare Krsna.

August 11 Poland/ Zary-Woodstock Festival



The Lord is more intelligent than anyone, and He knows exactly how to do things. The demons have created rock music into a means of exploitation and degradation. By using this medium and changing the focus, a spiritual revolution has developed—Hare Krsna Rock 'n' Roll. The mouse creates the hole, the snake escapes, and then eats the mouse. We can utilize any medium to promote Krsna consciousness because Lord Krsna's name is absolute and independent of material circumstances. Lord Caitanya's movement is alive and well, capturing the hearts and minds of the youth of Poland, spreading this captivating force everywhere. Today while chanting japa, I had a realization—not a very pleasant one, but one that is scripturally correct. Whenever there is an offense to an advanced Vaisnava, the effect can wreak havoc for a long time. The person who attacked Jayapataka Swami back in 1979 was a crazy individual who was living and serving at the Vrajamandala Farm in Spain. Although authorities knew he was violent and crazy, proper action was not taken to remove him from the association of devotees. No further explanation is necessary. Today is Janmastami (it's after midnight), and we will be traveling to Warsaw for Srila Prabhupada's appearance day. We pray for the association of some of our godbrothers for the occasion. Srila Prabhupada, we have no good qualities; we are filled with qualities of passion and ignorance, yet you have allowed us to become your devotees. This is Srimati Radharani's mercy upon us. May we take proper shelter at Her lotus feet. Jai Sri Radhe. Hare Krsna.

August 12 Poland/Zary-Warsaw-Janmastami

We gave the Janmastami talk at the Warsaw temple, and the new temple is nice. Many Indians attended, and it feels good to be here, even though we are completely unregulated and exhausted. We hope to regain our sanity, perhaps in our next life. Anyway, by traveling and preaching, we try to please Srila Prabhupada. We owe our very lives to him. Hare Krsna.

August 13 Poland/Warsaw-App. Srila Prabhupada

Today's occasion was a wonderful opportunity to speak about Srila Prabhupada. More than any other katha, when we glorify Srila Prabhupada, we feel the mercy of Lord Krsna. Lord Krsna loves His pure devotee more than anyone can ever imagine, making the glorification of Srila Prabhupada a means of pleasing Him. As we remember Srila Prabhupada, we also reflect on his instructions, which are essential for our spiritual growth. How can we make some spiritual advancement? By constantly remembering Srila Prabhupada's instructions and activities, we will find clarity in our service. That is what we should want. Today is also a day for self-criticism, self-reflection, and renewal. We must use this time to move forward and avoid becoming routine or mechanical, always trying to cultivate humility. Yesterday evening's disturbance was due to pride and not properly taking shelter of the Holy Name. We can never be too careful in guarding against Maya, who is always looking for an opportunity to get in. Pride is also called madness. We can never be too careful in guarding against Maya, who seeks opportunities to enter. Pride, indeed, is madness. We are small and depending on Lord Krsna affirms our position. Srila Prabhupada, on this day of your Vyasa Puja, we want to make a greater effort and work harder to spread Krsna consciousness. We must not be lazy and should consciously take shelter in you at every second. This is only possible by Your mercy. Dear Srila Prabhupada, please appear in our hearts and lead us to pure devotional service. It doesn't matter what it takes. You are our only hope. Hare Krsna.

August 14 Poland/Warsaw-Berlin-London/ Bhaktivedanta Manor

Satananda Prabhu and Mother Ananga Manjari kindly arranged a small gathering and have been especially kind to us. The kindness of devotees keeps us inspired in our service; without it, how could we continue?

Lord Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu declared, “Whoever you meet, tell them about Lord Krsna,” emphasizing the importance of chanting His Holy Name. If we can inspire even one person to chant, it is a great service. Therefore, O Lord, please awaken us to preach the glories of chanting Your Names. Mother Malati, Bhakti Tirtha Maharaja, and Amiya Vilasa Swami are currently at the manor. It is a chance to associate with devoted souls committed to preaching Krsna consciousness. We must carefully control our minds and senses and remain enthusiastic in our service. O Lord, please engage us in Your service despite this unscheduled visit to London. We hope to perform meaningful service. Srila Prabhupada, we may feel useless, but by your kindness, you allow us to act on your behalf. It is a great privilege. Thank You. Hare Krsna.

August 15 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor-Ekadasi

Each day in devotional service holds special significance as Lord Krsna and His devotees actively engage in spreading Krsna consciousness. Mother Malati amazed everyone with pictures from the Janmastami festival in Hungary, showing Srimati Radharani holding a pot of butter on her head with Her left hand, while Her right hand, normally at Her side, was raised to hold the butter pot. Don't ask us to explain it. We have full faith that the Deities are non-different. Anyway, we hope to obtain the pictures. Today is Ekadasi, a day of limited activity for us. We hope to increase our enthusiasm and look forward to the morning program. Bhakti Tirtha Swami is scheduled to give the Srimad Bhagavatam class, and we hope to receive his association. On another level, we are still striving to become more renounced in eating and speaking. We want to fine-tune our activities while maintaining proper relationships with others. The mind is quite strong, and many times it does not act in a Krsna conscious way. We need to seriously chant and hear sincerely for extended periods, as well as read and study. Sometimes, withdrawing is necessary to emerge with renewed strength. Please, Srila Prabhupada, don't allow us to waste time while also reciprocating properly with others. Hare Krsna.

August 16 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor

The time just after Srila Prabhupada's appearance day is very special and spiritually potent. During this period, we can read about his glories and qualities as described by advanced souls, deepening our love for

him. The Vyasa Puja homages serve as great medicine for our restless minds and impure hearts. They share knowledge and insights needed to get closer to Lord Krsna and Srila Prabhupada. Each evening, we should immerse ourselves in these priceless bits of nectar, as what we find within them is beyond measure. Coming closer to Srila Prabhupada means coming closer to Lord Krsna. At this moment, we feel a bit off-center, but we are determined to improve. In such times, we need potent words to inspire us into clear action. We may feel spiritually lazy, which can be seen as neither good nor bad, but it doesn't satisfy the heart when we cannot truly offer our heartfelt energy in serving. Srila Prabhupada, please make us aware of our need to take shelter in you at every moment. Help us avoid wasting time and engaging in unnecessary activities. Renew our enthusiasm for service and surrender. We beg for your special mercy. Hare Krsna.

August 17 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor

The association of great souls is essential to our lives in Krsna consciousness. Bhakti Charu Swami and Bhakti Tirtha Swami spoke nicely in glorification of the 600 devotees who worked tirelessly to serve during this year's Janmastami celebration. There's no doubt that temples around the world can learn from these devotees about how to organize and operate such programs. We should encourage our temple leaders to come here next year and see for themselves. Gradually, we are trying to regain our regulation and health, but this evening, we fell short. Nonetheless, life continues—or rather, irregularity continues. Srila Prabhupada, we need to become more determined. We pray for your special mercy and the desire to continue in our service without falldown. Hare Krsna.

August 18 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor

The Holy Name of Lord Krsna is powerful, sweet, and wonderful. No one can really understand; it is Lord Krsna Himself. This morning, we discussed the Holy Name in class, and this evening, we engaged in preaching by doing kirtan at a local Rock 'n' Roll festival. As devotees, our lives revolve around the Holy Name; we know nothing else and desire nothing else than to chant the Holy Name and place our minds at the lotus feet of the Holy Name. We are extremely fortunate, and now we must think about how to make others fortunate. The second Christian

commandment is to love thy neighbor, which means giving them Krsna consciousness by attracting them to chant the Holy Name of Lord Krsna—the Hare Krsna Mahamantra. Lord Krsna fulfilled our desire by allowing us to associate with Srila Bhakti Tirtha Swami. Although it was over an hour, it still felt too short, but we are thankful. He is such a surrendered soul at the lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada, helping many conditioned souls become Krsna conscious. May he preach with renewed strength and great success. All glories to his lotus feet. Srila Prabhupada Ki-Jai. Hare Krsna.

August 19 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor-Soho Street

The opportunities for preaching here in London are numerous. Today's Sunday program included a 2-hour Q&A session. We must always remember to pray to Srila Prabhupada for guidance, as he is always trying to save His devotees from Maya's mistakes and illusions. In just 28 hours, we will be back in Chicago, and we hope to be ready. Hare Krsna.

August 20 London/Soho Street-Bhaktivedanta Manor

70 days have passed since we left America, and tomorrow we return to Chicago to begin another chapter. What should we focus on? Preaching is our life, but there is so much else, such as reading, studying, associating, and writing. Let's see how determined we are to use our time properly. We also see some need for change, but most importantly, we must not waste time and should serve in a way that pleases Srila Prabhupada and the Vaisnavas. Sannyasa is a life of travel and preaching. We should keep ourselves in the fire of spreading Krsna consciousness and be careful not to get involved with prajalpa. Srimati Radharani's appearance day is soon. May our minds and hearts become fully absorbed in Her. Hare Krsna.

August 21 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor-Chicago

It was very enlivening to meet with both Jayadvaita Swami and Bhakti Purusottama Maharaja before embarking on our flight to Chicago. Each of their brief associations was uplifting. We are back; what we will do is known only to Srila Prabhupada. We pray not to get involved in controversy. Our determination is to avoid listening to devotees criticizing and finding faults with each other. Cooperation is key to receiving Lord Krsna's mercy and blessings. If we don't learn to

cooperate, our movement will never expand properly. Let us become inspirations for improvement and Krsna consciousness. Our real focus is to preach Krsna consciousness and inspire the devotees, for which we must continually seek the guidance of Srila Prabhupada. Srila Prabhupada, your mercy is our sustenance. Hare Krsna.

August 22 Chicago

It was interesting that after recently diving deeper into the subject of the mind, our first Srimad Bhagavatam class was all about the mind. We were surprised to see how much we remembered after reading Dr. Frawley. We were also blessed with the opportunity to speak on the glories of Sita Devi, the wife of Advaita Acarya, and, by the mercy of Srila Prabhupada, we were able to accomplish a good bit of catching up. Still, much is left, especially writing letters, but it is coming along. We feel a little narrowed in our consciousness; perhaps it is due to our shortsightedness about getting things done rather than being in Krsna consciousness. Srila Prabhupada, help us avoid being insensitive by only observing from afar without ever being approached. Hare Krsna.

August 23 Chicago

We are struggling with the mind and body. We have been given a body with low intelligence and a passionate nature, easily subjected to anger and lamentation. How will we ever be Krsna conscious or able to offer something significant to Srila Prabhupada? Hare Krsna.

August 24 Chicago

There are so many topics I could write about; for instance, today we held a meeting concerning current managerial problems. But why discuss these things? The life and soul of the living entity is Lord Krsna. Anything connected with Lord Krsna is pleasant and uplifting to the soul. Tomorrow is Srimati Radharani's appearance day, and we will likely be asked to speak. What can we say? How is it possible to glorify the source of all love, the Supreme internal shakti, Bhakti Devi? We also want to say something to help others become inspired. We feel unqualified and spiritually lazy. O Lord, only Your inconceivable mercy can make our words presentable and acceptable. This tiny bird, with broken wings, will try to fly into the unlimited sky. Please grant us support through the favorable breezes of Your mercy. O Devi, You are everything, and we are

unqualified servants of Your servant's servants. Therefore, we end this petition by praying wholeheartedly to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. Please grant us your blessings that we may serve the lotus feet of all the devotees by properly glorifying Srimati Radharani and absorb ourselves entirely in Her service throughout the day and for as long as this body lasts. I received Her mercy as you accepted me as your servant on this day 28 years ago. This is Her great kindness coming through you. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada. Please accept our most humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
Hare Krsna.

August 25 Chicago

Last year at this time, we celebrated Srimati Radharani's appearance day in Barcelona, Spain. At that time, we made a vow, which is a recommendation given by Srila Prabhupada. We vowed to write something every day. Consequently, this daily journal appeared, and we will continue in the same way. On this holy day, we want to make another vow—one that will help us in our service or increase it. So far, we haven't been able to do that. We must honestly defer this act until tomorrow, begging at the lotus feet of Bhakti Devi, Srimati Radharani. We swear we will make one. Today, we were blessed with the association of Giriraj Swami, who gave a very important talk on the importance and position of Srimati Radharani, as well as the quality of serving Srila Prabhupada by remaining strict and uncompromising. Both Yasomatinandana Prabhu and we spoke during the Srimad Bhagavatam class, focusing exclusively on this topic. By Sri Radha's mercy, the class was great. We must continue our efforts and also try to cultivate humility. It is now time to rest. Jai Srila Prabhupada. Maha Mahotsava Avirbhava Srimati Radharani Ki-Jai. Hare Krsna.

August 26 Chicago

Jai Sri Radhe Syam. Hare Krsna.

August 28 Chicago

I forgot to make an entry last night. Lately, we have been experiencing great tiredness right after the evening arati. We feel the need to rest during the day, but we generally forget or are too busy to find the time. No doubt our bodies are less energetic, and it is always difficult to

maintain our energy here. Tomorrow is Vamana Ekadasi, a day to remember the Lord in His most wonderful form, Vamana Trivikram Upendra. In this pastime, we find great happiness and much philosophical meaning. Hare Krsna.

August 29 Chicago

Giriraj Maharaja gave the Srimad Bhagavatam class and encouraged Yasomatinandana Prabhu to speak about Srila Prabhupada. Many interesting and important points came to light, particularly Srila Prabhupada's statements on the position of certain Mayavadi impersonalists. Tomorrow, we will be with Radhanath Swami in Columbus for Mother Malati's birthday. We hope we are in the proper Krsna consciousness. By the mercy and grace of Srila Prabhupada, we are somehow going on in our service. All glories to his lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

August 30 Chicago-Columbus

Today is Mother Malati's birthday. She is such a Vaisnavi—a wonderful example of Krsna conscious dedication and total surrender to the mission of Lord Caitanya. Her fearlessness and clear understanding exemplify how one free from the bodily conception of life acts. In some small way, we were able to honor this dear daughter of Srila Prabhupada. She is one of the great examples of the love and dedication Srila Prabhupada inspired in his followers. This is one of the many outstanding qualities, perhaps the most outstanding, of Srila Prabhupada. We enthusiastically pray for the shelter of his lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

August 31 Columbus-New Vrndavan-App. Bhaktivinoda Thakur

By the mercy of the Lord, we were fortunate to receive His blessings through Radhanath Swami's association. We had 2 hours of Bhaktivinoda Thakur's songs and a 2-hour talk and bhajan session in the evening in Columbus. This was a very appropriate way to honor this great Paramhansa Vaisnava. Lord Krsna increased my service by revealing a further responsibility: I am being asked to take on disciples. My only qualification is to try my best to carry out the instructions of Srila Prabhupada and to be a living example of those instructions. I have

no qualifications outside His mercy. Presently, we are experiencing a reading void. For over a week, we have hardly engaged in any serious reading. One should do the needful, as to read means to preach. Hare Krsna.

September 1 New Vrndavan-Disapp. Srila Haridas Thakur



Namacarya Srila Haridas Thakur Ki-Jai. Today, with great difficulty, we were able to halt our infatuation with sense gratification to a small degree. The conditioned mind can be very obstinate, always hankering for some form of sense gratification, whether subtle or gross. At times, it becomes necessary to withdraw the mind from external forms of service and focus more internally. If we don't make our mind our friend, then life becomes very disturbed—hellish, even. Satisfaction, serenity, simplicity, and

gravity are the austerities of the mind, and we must practice these qualities regularly to keep control of our restless minds. Never trust the mind. It can turn hell into heaven and heaven into hell. No matter how advanced one may be, the mind has this tendency to act independently. To reject things unfavorable for devotional service and accept what is favorable is essential for spiritual progress. In our attempt to become tolerant, we must distinguish what is favorable and unfavorable. The distinction is important. Therefore, we end this writing with the hope that we can become more attached to the instruction of Srila Prabhupada and his mercy. Hare Krsna.

September 2 New Vrndavan-Visvarupa Mahotsava

HH Radhanath Swami enlightened and enlivened the guests and pilgrims through his inspiring words and by leading kirtan. The Holy Name of Lord Krsna is our very life and soul. Hare Krsna.

September 3 New Vrndavan

We reflect on the balance between the inner and outer, or the emphasis on personal development and external action. Both are different yet

similarly related aspects of the life of the spirit. How does one find a balance? Probably there is no perfect formula, only the satisfaction that comes with each. The quality of external activity is very much dependent on and interrelated with inner development. Ideally, spiritual life is a balance, but on the higher platform, both occur simultaneously. Sri Nandanandana Prabhu's Srimad Bhagavatam presentation was very interesting, especially the discussion on the 5 levels of consciousness—a good topic for preaching. Where is Western society? Somewhere between pranamoya and manamoya, hardly touching vijñanamoya, and completely devoid of Anandamoya. Perhaps we can cultivate a seminar on these principles; it would be very interesting. We must think of more and more ways to preach and spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness, but where do we want to concentrate? It's unlimited. The only hope is to find direction at the lotus feet of Srīla Prabhupāda and become clear on where and how to act. We pray fervently for that desire. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 4 New Vrindavan

Some days we struggle with the mind and senses. Please, Srīla Prabhupāda, give us the knowledge to understand how to act in our service and give us the strength and determination to carry it out. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 5 New Vrindavan

HH Radhanath Swami's kindness and willingness to please the devotees is unbelievably wonderful. He is such a selfless person, dedicated only to serving Lord Kṛṣṇa and pleasing the devotees. Today, by Srīla Prabhupāda's mercy, we were able to control our minds and senses more strictly. Of course, it is just the beginning. One needs to focus on becoming more introspective, reflective, and selfless. Looking back, we may recognize how puffed-up and self-motivated we were. We should try to understand more deeply the mood of a surrendered soul—to do the needful and not be attached to the results. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 6 New Vrindavan-Columbus

Almost a year ago, I began this vow of writing each day. Today, I attended the marriage of Shyam Gopal Prabhu and Mother Rasa Vilasini in Columbus. My talk was simple and to the point: Lord Kṛṣṇa is first; He is

always first. We can function successfully only by practicing that precept in every aspect of devotional service, as it is our main concern. How can we satisfy Lord Kṛṣṇa and His representative? Our individuality rests on Lord Kṛṣṇa's exclusivity. O Lord, give us this incentive for motivation, for it is the most pleasing one. All glories to Srīla Prabhupada; he is the only solid shelter in all of creation. *Mataḥ parataram nānyat*. Our personal struggles are reaching various degrees of success and realization. Again, we need to become stricter and more austere, dedicating ourselves to preaching. Preaching is the essence. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 7 New Vrindavan-Columbus

I spoke at the pre-wedding of Shyam Gopal Prabhu and Mother Rasa Vilasini in Columbus the evening before. Lord Kṛṣṇa must be the center of all our relationships, as Kṛṣṇa consciousness is the solution to all problems. Of course, when all is said on the topic of marriage, one may conclude that it is unnecessary. *Kṛṣṇa mātā, kṛṣṇa pitā, kṛṣṇa dhana-prān*—that is all one needs, Lord Kṛṣṇa! If one feels unable to get Lord Kṛṣṇa, why accept any substitute? Ravinda Svarupa Prabhu spoke in Radhadesh and mentioned that “when one actually comes in contact with Kṛṣṇa in His Holy Name, feelings overwhelm the devotee. He then cries whilst feeling, ‘Why have I wasted my life in anything else? Why, O Lord, was I foolish enough to accept anything else?’” As Bilvamangala Thakur prays, “With You, O Kṛṣṇa, what is the use of others, and without You, Kṛṣṇa, what is the use of others?” There is no substitute—only Lord Kṛṣṇa or death. Without You, dear Lord, it is worse than death. Lord Nityananda says, “*Bolo ‘kṛṣṇa,’ bhajo kṛṣṇa, koro kṛṣṇa-śikṣā*.” O Lord, please help us always to remember You. If our preaching causes us to forget You, then we would rather not preach. Therefore, let our preaching service be an offering at Your lotus feet that deepens our love and attention for You. Srīla Prabhupada, please bestow Your mercy upon our forgetful minds. Somehow, we must “always think of Kṛṣṇa.” Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 8 New Vrindavan

HH Radhanath Maharaja was scheduled to give the Srimad Bhagavatam class, but by Lord Kṛṣṇa's arrangement, we found ourselves in the seat instead. Maharaja needed additional rest, so by Lord Kṛṣṇa's arrangement, we stepped in to give our only class here since arriving 9

days ago. We must always act for the pleasure of the devotees and Lord Krsna, and we had no choice but to give the class. We pray that the devotees weren't too disappointed, though even in the best presentations, Maharaja's realizations and abilities to please the devotees shine through. Due to our somewhat passionate and spaced-out mentality, we often need to make more of a greater effort to apply our mind, intelligence, and attention to whatever we are doing or saying. If we act without proper thought and contemplation, we tend to see things imperfectly. Every action should be done as an offering to Lord Krsna for His pleasure and the pleasure of others. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

September 9 New Vrindavan-Cleveland

Today is the anniversary of Srila Prabhupada's arrival in America. Srila Prabhupada: By Lord Krsna's and your mercy, I was given the opportunity to talk about your arrival and share other stories with a small group of devotees. We felt grateful to speak about Srila Prabhupada and to hear the appreciation from others. Unfortunately, the day started with many difficulties: we overslept, missed Mangala arati, overate at breakfast, and committed various offenses, particularly to Lord Jagannath, Subhadra Devi, and Lord Balaram. We humbly and sincerely apologize for those offenses and are willing to accept Your mercy, O Lord, in the form of punishment. Spiritual life is like a razor's edge, where a little inattentiveness can cause havoc. Please, Lord Krsna and Srila Prabhupada, help us to rid ourselves of those anarthas that are holding us back in our spiritual life. Jai Sri Nrshinga Bhagavan! Hare Krsna.

September 10 Cleveland-Chicago

As we end this day, we humbly and fervently offer our heartfelt prayers to You, O Acyuta, who is fully aware of all things—past, present, and future. We beg You to guide the Chicago Temple in the right direction. We often struggle with weak faith, accustomed to fault-finding and noticing little tangible change. O Srila Prabhupada, you are most merciful; please bestow Your full mercy upon us. Hare Krsna.

September 11 Chicago-Black Tuesday

It seems that the destined karma of the USA is starting to manifest. 2

planes crashed into the New York Trade Center, another into the Pentagon, and a fourth crashed in a remote area near Pittsburgh—a highly coordinated, professional precision attack. From a spiritual point of view, we understand that material energy works precisely under the laws of cause and effect. As a nation, the US lives on violence—in their homes, entertainment, laws, and especially in their minds. It is not surprising that these events occurred, as karma eventually manifests. Every day, countless animals and unborn babies are killed with little remorse or protest. They fail to see the connection: if you kill, you must be killed. Fortunately, devotees of the Lord are knowledgeable and understand that, despite everything, this material world is dangerous: *padam padam yad vipadām*. Simultaneously, we feel pain for those who suffer, recognizing that without Kṛṣṇa consciousness, they live precarious lives. Therefore, take shelter in Lord Kṛṣṇa's Holy Name and be happy. Srila Prabhupada, you are the answer; why don't they see it? Please grant us the determination to preach vigorously. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 12 Chicago

We must remember not to eat hot, spicy food. When we forget—whether due to social pressure, improved health, or just lust—we inevitably get a reaction. We should learn from experience. Bhakti Charu Swami's association is very uplifting, and we want to appreciate it more. He is a great soul, fully dedicated to Srila Prabhupada's lotus feet. The US is still absorbed in the events of yesterday. Their lives feel both boring and frustrating, and this provides them with a change. We find that speaking about Lord Kṛṣṇa and Kṛṣṇa consciousness is our life's purpose, so it should be our priority with conviction. Preaching Kṛṣṇa consciousness is wonderful, enlivening, and absolutely necessary. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 13 Chicago-Ekadasi

For those seriously pursuing self-improvement and spiritual advancement, each moment offers immense opportunities. To draw closer to truth and master its practice, we must strictly adhere to the instructions of Srila Prabhupada and the principles of Vaisnava etiquette, which enable us to experience Lord Kṛṣṇa's mercy. Today, being Ekadasi, we ate only fresh and dried fruit and were able to chant 32 rounds fairly easily. We recall days when chanting 16 rounds felt more challenging than today's 32. Yet through our austerities, we must

remain humble and carefully control our minds and senses. Most importantly, everything must be offered to please the Supreme Lord, Lord Krsna. We recognize the need to refocus our energy and time on preaching and studying. We hope this shift will please Srila Prabhupada and serve as a more effective way to reach others with Lord Caitanya's message. Hare Krsna.

September 14 Chicago

Humility attracts the Lord's mercy. Through humility, we can honestly assess our positions in spiritual activity and remain determined to advance. The association of Bhakti Charu Maharaja has been instructive in helping us understand our fallen state. Tomorrow, we will head to Detroit for a preaching weekend. We must emerge from our shells and into the fire of preaching, equipped with qualifications that please the Lord and His devotees. We humbly pray for the mercy of Lord Krsna and Srila Prabhupada to guide us. This weekend, we plan to put "our everything" into it. Hare Krsna.

September 15 Chicago-Detroit

Today, we flew to Detroit. The airport security was very tight; I had to show my ID and ticket at 5 points before boarding the plane. America feels tense. When karma comes, chaos ensues. Srila Prabhupada's predictions are coming true. Soon, thousands will be dying in the streets daily. The American people are humbled, confused, frightened, and angry. Tomorrow, we will address these issues during the Sunday lecture. Nostradamus predicted it, "Fire in the city of York; the twin brothers will fall," alongside the rise of a third Anti-Christ. The collective karma is being faced, painting a grim picture. If you kill, you must be killed. Cows and unborn babies are allowed to be killed, yet they fail to see the connection. Intoxication, illicit sex, and gambling dominate this age of sin and vice. Violence is entertainment. Sex is entertainment. Can one honestly believe there will be no reaction? All fools and rascals are passing as leaders, but Krsna consciousness is the only solution. Please, Srila Prabhupada, push us on; our tendency leans toward laziness and complacency. We need to get fired up. Preach, preach, preach. Write; don't be shy. Do the needful. All glories to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami. Hare Krsna.

September 16 Detroit

The seminar on Vaisnava relationships seemed to go well—nothing outstanding, but there were many positive responses. We need to become more attuned to the devotees and find ways to serve them better. What we hanker most is time for reading, which is necessary for preachers to stay adept in speaking. Hearing, chanting, and remembering are crucial. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, who rescued us from the hell of material existence.

Hare Krsna.

September 17 Detroit

Sri Nandanandana Prabhu and I had lunch together, discussing the recent attack on the World Trade Center. Mother Cintamani shared her experiences from her early days in Krsna consciousness in New Vrndavan with Srila Prabhupada. O Lord, grant us the strength to carry on. Srila Prabhupada, we plead for the ability to understand things better. We wish to serve You every moment. Hare Krsna.

September 18 Detroit

A college class visited the temple to participate in chanting Hare Krsna. About 30 students and an elderly professor from a World Religion class attended. She had been here once before, and her students enjoyed the chanting. This time, we discussed ISKCON, the importance of chanting, and had the class repeat the mantra. There was a brief kirtan, followed by cookies and sweets. The professor shared that this was the first time she felt happy since the bombing of the World Trade Center. She opened her heart, saying she had prayed to God not to take away her joyful spirit, but it had vanished—until today, when it returned, if only briefly. Krsna consciousness is powerful, and the time is ripe. There are undoubtedly millions more open to God's mercy due to recent events. Please, Sri Krsna, help us overcome our laziness and do something meaningful. Kapiladeva, who lives in Detroit, was initiated by Srila Prabhupada in February 1975. He was at New Vrndavan in June 1973 when the motorcycle gang attacked. Bhakta Karl, a nice man, has a simple, kind nature and speaks accordingly. Srila Prabhupada has touched so many souls deeply, even if only briefly; their lives were blessed, and their memories are deeply impressed by their experiences. Srila Prabhupada,

how great are you? We may never fully comprehend your greatness, but we are happily learning more as time goes on. Hare Krsna.

September 19 Detroit-Chicago

We are back in Chicago and need to find a way to stay nicely engaged while balancing our time. Usually, we succumb to hermitism and room phobia. Perhaps we can be more utilitarian and instrumental in preaching. This will be a test. We have plenty to do and need to preach in other places while staying somewhat connected to the Chicago devotees and temple activities. When uncertain about how to proceed in service, we must desperately look to Srila Prabhupada for guidance. He is our shelter, our life and soul, and the refuge that brings us closer to Lord Krsna. Hare Krsna.

September 20 Chicago

The President of the US addressed Congress and the nation this evening, stating that we are at war. As Srila Prabhupada told us, soon there will be a major war in which thousands will die daily. World War III will be unlike any previous war. As the karmic toll increases, it must be accounted for. Institutionalized violence has once again led us into a karmic payoff. Of course, as devotees, Lord Krsna will give us all protection. We are not as concerned about our lives as we are about how to effectively preach and reach out to others. As an institution, are we prepared to provide the needed shelter? Therefore, O Lord Acyuta, please prepare us to be useful instruments for Your mercy. Now more than ever, we must take shelter in the Holy Name and unite as devotees to serve the mission of Lord Caitanya. As Srila Prabhupada stated, "preaching will be very good after the war" and likely during it. All glories to Srila Prabhupada for the priceless gift of knowledge of Lord Krsna. Hare Krsna.

September 21 Chicago

A prayer vigil was held in front of the Muslim Community Center, and about a dozen devotees attended. We chanted, spoke to a group of people, and visited the mosque. We met a Muslim brother originally from Sudan who knew his religious practice well and answered our questions. We always learn something new when visiting other traditions. We must be open and willing to learn. God is great,

unlimitedly great, and associating with other traditions helps us appreciate our own tradition as well as others. So much is going on; we live in interesting times—a great opportunity for preaching. The world is on the brink of major war once again. Will they ever learn? Probably not; that's why there is a material world for those who refuse to change. Modern philosophy is actually foolosophy—the same rhetoric and the same scenario. After it's all over and the death toll is staggering, they lament, but by then it is too late. The laws of nature must act, and as long as there is sin and divergence, there will be a reaction. Mother Kali stands ready with a sword in hand to deliver the results of one's activities. Please, Srila Prabhupada, give us the strength and the wisdom to act on Your behalf. Hare Krsna.

September 22 Chicago

It was a full day program at the park, starting with istagosthi in the early morning and continuing at Sridhama's house in the evening. What did we realize today? We recognized the importance of associating with devotees. We've just emerged from our pattern of hibernation, and tomorrow is Sunday—another opportunity for preaching. While we may not be entirely certain of our path, we must be determined to keep pushing forward, always filled with great yearning, seeking the direction and protection of Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

September 23 Chicago

Lord Krsna's mercy is inconceivably flowing like an endless river rushing to the ocean. We desire to dive deeply into that river and bathe in its ever-fresh waters. Our material desires and tendency for a comfortable life don't allow us to fully take advantage of that merciful nectar. Perhaps we need to experience frustration with our desires repeatedly to learn that there is no alternative but to give them up. We must toss them aside with the power of knowledge based on experience. O Lord, Your Holy Name is our reason for living; it is our very life itself. Please increase our attraction for Your Names and enthuse both our hearts and minds to engage in more hearing and chanting. All glories to Your Holy Name. We humbly pray for a speck of dust at the feet of Your Name. All glories to those whose every word, action, and thought is performed as an offering to You. Srila Prabhupada, please don't give up on us. There is hope, but only because of Your mercy. All glories to Your lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

September 24 Chicago



On Radhastami, we promised Srimati Radharani that we would make a vow, yet we haven't done it—mostly due to forgetfulness, likely stemming from a lack of desire. Although vows are not mandatory, a promise to Srimati Radharani is important and should never be taken lightly. We cannot think of a suitable vow at the moment. Therefore, we beg Her forgiveness for our irresponsible nature and pray for inspiration. Today, we accomplished much in the way of service, but we don't seem to be very

Krsna conscious. It's not the quantity of our service that matters; rather, it's the quality of our devotional consciousness that is most desirable. Srila Satsvarupa's prayers calling out to Srila Prabhupada are a stream of nectar in glorification of him. It is getting late, and we better retire to rise on time. Sri Krsna, Your mercy is our only hope. Hare Krsna.

September 25 Chicago

At the Interfaith Prayer Vigil at Loyola University, we found it interesting to see how people come together during a crisis. But unless we change our lives, real peace will never manifest. While talk and heartfelt concern are the natural expressions of living beings, unless we change our ways of living, there will be no peace. Therefore, varnasrama dharma is essential for providing a successful social order and a way to advance toward spirituality. True peace is rooted in God consciousness; any so-called peace that exists without God and without following His direction is impossible. Srila Prabhupada is the beacon of light in this dark age of quarrel and hypocrisy. Sri Krsna Caitanya is the Lord who came with the medicine we need in this age. Chant the Holy Names of the Lord and be happy. Hare Krsna.

September 26 Chicago

Dear Sri Krsna, please save us. We are not inclined to spend our time

discussing managerial strategies. I took Sannyasa to become preachers of Krsna consciousness. We will do what is required but not at the expense of our main service—preaching and preparing for preaching. Life is short, and conditioned souls are suffering. Let us provide in a way that maximizes benefit, making it a suitable offering to Srila Prabhupada. Time is ticking away, and one who neglects that factor is a great fool. When one remembers Lord Krsna, time is ineffectual. So, let's do the needful, chant Hare Krsna, and help others. There is no time for posturing, politicking, and positioning. Now is the time for preaching, praying, and pushing on Krsna consciousness. Srila Prabhupada, please hear our plea. Help us to remain in the dust of Your lotus feet and in the fire of sankirtan. Hare Krsna.

September 27 Chicago

Today was diverse. We spoke on the phone with Radhanath Swami and personally met with Bhakti Purusottama Swami. The morning program and prasadam were low energy. There was a Polish ladies' program in the evening. We can see Lord Krsna's hand in all of it; the day's activities unfolded in ways we could not have anticipated. O Lord, we need Your mercy and the mercy of Srila Prabhupada. We humbly pray to receive the enthusiasm needed to keep pushing in devotional service. Everything is meant for Lord Krsna's pleasure, not our own! Hare Krsna.

September 28 Chicago

Srila Prabhupada, after reading a few offerings from this year's Vyasa Puja book, we can't help but feel a lack of devotion and appreciation for you. Perhaps it's because, to be strong in vani, there needs to be some Vapu. We remember when I cooked pera for you, and you ate 3 in a row. The devotees told us this was highly unusual and should be seen as a great blessing upon us. Maybe this is why I'm still pushing on in this movement. However, this lack of feeling and love for you is uncomfortable. We're losing faith that we ever truly appreciated you and what you gave us. Our hearts are dry and hard, prone to laziness, sleep, and criticism. We've almost given up hope that we will ever change. I am already 54 years old and need to develop real Vaisnava qualities. It's more difficult at this age. Āmāra jīvana, sadā pāpe rata. Hare Krsna.

September 29 Chicago

It was amazing how I prayed that no one in Chicago would find out it was

my birthday, and my desire was fulfilled. While the ego seeks recognition and gratification, we only want to serve. A devotee desires to honor others rather than seek honor for themselves. We sincerely thank HH Bhakti Purusottama Swami for his 2 powerful classes—clear, humorous, and very scriptural. It felt like bathing in the nectar of Srila Prabhupada's books. We also want to thank Vivek Prabhu (Balaram) for his wonderful, humble, and sweet association as he rendered much-needed service. Overall, we could see Your loving hand in all of today's activities and interactions. What is so significant about the day our karma fructified, and we appeared in this world with material desires? The true value of this life lies in the fact that my real birthday was on Radhastami in 1973—the day Srila A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami accepted me as his servant. That is my birthday. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Srimati Radharani, who is love personified and mercifully distributes Lord Krsna's love to all. This life is now successful. We pray to purify ourselves fully and reach the platform of pure devotional service, where there will be no more birthdays. Hare Krsna.

September 30 Chicago



Today was a wonderful day! HH Radhanath Maharaja's mercy graced Chicago, and there is so much to share, but it's late, and we must rise early. We can't remember the last time devotees danced so joyfully during the Sunday feast. Srila Prabhupada gives his mercy in various ways, and the association of HH Radhanath Swami is immensely beneficial for spiritual growth. All glories to Sri Sri Kisor Kisor and Their devotees. Hare Krsna.

October 1 Chicago

It's been a long streak in Chicago, and today HH Radhanath Swami came to enliven everyone. His personal touch is endearing to all hearts. Today, we confirmed our promise to Srimati Radharani that every Ekadasi, we will chant 32 rounds until the next Radhastami, after which we will decide whether to continue. It will be difficult, especially while traveling, but any chance to increase hearing and chanting should bring great happiness. HH Radhanath Maharaja emphasized 3 essential qualities for sincere devotees: humility, selfless service, and eagerness to hear and chant the glories of the Lord. Therefore, every sincere devotee should focus on these qualities. Tomorrow, we will travel to St. Louis with Mahamuni Prabhu. We don't often have much association with godbrothers; it's always a test. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

October 2 Chicago-St. Louis

Mahamuni Prabhu and I drove to St. Louis, where he has been chosen to take over as temple president. People often get attached to positions and control, forgetting their natural role as the servant of the servant. The guru instructs the disciple in the path of devotional service, and the foundation of that teaching is understanding that we are always servants. *Ekale īśvara kṛṣṇa, āra saba bhr̥tya*—Lord Krsna is the only master. We are struggling to find a way back into the fire of preaching. Chicago feels like an all-consuming management trap again, and it's getting worse. We need to find a way out before it slowly destroys our preaching and Krsna consciousness. We should get back on the road, and we know it will happen soon. It seems that our service is to travel regularly. We tend to fall into ruts when we stay too long in one place. While we don't mind traveling regularly, it is difficult in America because there's little support for preaching. Sannyasa means depending solely on Lord Krsna and Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Please keep us in the fire of devotional service. Hare Krsna.

October 3 St. Louis

The morning and evening classes, along with CSC H.S. David Aughton's class and the association of Candrasekhara Prabhu, made for a full and fulfilling day. This is Lord Krsna's mercy. O Lord, please allow us to be

fully engaged in spreading Krsna consciousness, the mercy of all mercies. Lord Krsna has given us a boost. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada. To serve enthusiastically is what we strive for, as enthusiasm helps us overcome all anarthas and material desires, bringing satisfaction to the mind and heart. Yet Maya is always lurking around the corner. We need to be strict in our eating and in our use of time. Tomorrow, we head to Chicago with a man who is staying at the temple here. One must do their best in all circumstances and leave the rest to Lord Krsna. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

October 4 St. Louis-Chicago

By Srimati Radharani's special kindness and pleasing mercy, opportunities for preaching are increasing. We need to maintain a strong sense of determination and careful awareness of how we use our time. This will be essential in developing and sustaining a desire to preach more vigorously. Time is short; life could end at any moment, especially in Kali-Yuga. The terrorist, Maya, is attacking our desire to serve and surrender. Dear Srila Prabhupada, please help us to preach more and more with a cool, clear, and determined outlook. Your mercy is our very life. Hare Krsna.

October 5 Chicago

It has been nearly a month since the terrorist attack on the World Trade Centers and the Pentagon, and the impact is still very much on people's minds. This evening, we received a report from an Indian lady who expressed concern that a baby born out of fear may have birth defects. Of course, everything that happens naturally is related to some unseen karma. Hearing how fear has gripped people's minds and hearts reflects the extreme lack of spiritual knowledge. Now is certainly a good time to preach. Perhaps we will encounter similar concerns and questions at tomorrow night's program. It is an opportunity to swiftly bring people to Krsna consciousness, which is our objective and goal. Please, Sri Krsna, help us to always take shelter at Your lotus feet and remember You by chanting Your Names. Jai Lord Jagannatha, Jai Lord Baladeva, Jai Subhadra Maharani. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, by whose mercy we have been saved from the ultimate fear. Hare Krsna.

October 6 Chicago

The program at Mitlesh Sharma's was our first in approximately 3 years,

and the prasadam was exceptional. We need to work on our afternoon prasadam intake, particularly regarding chapatis; 2 are sufficient—not more. We have been spending a lot of time in Chicago, and soon that will end with a 1-month travel program to Cleveland, Philadelphia, New Jersey, the Pennsylvania area, and Gita Nagari Farm. We need to study and read more; we love to read because it inspires our desire to serve and fills us with happiness. At times, we could read all day, but we also need to apply ourselves seriously to chanting more attentively. We could be stricter in controlling our minds. One must never allow the mind to dictate; it must be forced, tricked, coerced—whatever it takes to ensure it hears carefully and regularly. Srila Prabhupada, please help! Hare Krsna.

October 7 Chicago

We must keep pushing forward. It requires both determination and proper effort. One thing that would help is to rest earlier. It is not always possible, but doing so can remove many difficulties. Today was interesting, but the most important aspect is that Lord Krsna is providing regular opportunities for preaching. Srila Prabhupada is the one who can and will give the proper blessings. We don't have that power; our power comes through him and is meant only for Lord Krsna's service. Hare Krsna.

October 8 Chicago

Tonight, and especially last night, we felt a strong appreciation and devotional love for HH Radhanath Swami. Mother Uma's feelings upon meeting Maharaja deeply penetrated our minds and hearts. Maharaja's sacrifice for spreading Krsna consciousness to conditioned souls is glorious. Our feelings of lacking service to others were also aroused. Sometimes we feel like we are doing our best, while at other times we know we should and can be doing much more. Perhaps we are stuck in a rut and need a jolt, or maybe we are practicing a kind of self-centered spirituality. We need to regularly critique our activities and motivations to see how to put others in the center. Sometimes we feel limited being here in Chicago, but at other times, we feel we must be here, and this is the best way to serve Srila Prabhupada. Perhaps it's about learning how to be here and be more effective. Our only hope for improvement is Srila Prabhupada's guidance. Therefore, we plead to take shelter at his lotus

feet and follow his command. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
Hare Krsna.

October 9 Chicago

By Mahaprabhu's mercy, we were able to sit and read many pages of Caitanya Bhagavat commentary by Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati. The pastimes of Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityananda are the very life of a devotee. Although we felt tired, by Their grace, we floated in the nectar of Their lilas. We love to read; it strongly focuses us on devotional service and gives us a taste of Krsna consciousness. Lately, we have been feeling selfish about wanting to read because it takes us away from active service. Balance must be maintained. We should pray that our desire and ability to read increases, and that we use this enthusiasm to enhance our service to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

October 10 Chicago

Our minds often tell us what we are supposed to do, and mostly it aligns with Krsna consciousness, but not always. During those other times, we need to be vigilant and not be controlled by it. Generally, we may feel lazy unless we experience strong spiritual inspiration. However, we must guard against a routine mentality where the mode of ignorance disguises itself as the mode of goodness. Tomorrow, we have a talk at UIC—our first attempt to present the topic, "The Mind," in a public forum. We are seeking the guidance and mercy of Srila Prabhupada and the previous acaryas. Today was productive—much more was accomplished than we expected. We were able to organize more effectively, and we need more days like this, with added remembrance of Lord Krsna to put everything in proper perspective. Hare Krsna.

October 11 Chicago

Today, we presented "Vedic Psychology and the Nature of the Mind" at UIC. Besides the devotees, 5 students attended. It felt a bit awkward, but we tried to present it in a Krsna conscious way. The subject can be interesting, but it must conclude with a discussion on absorbing the mind in devotional service, especially through chanting. Tomorrow, we head off to Detroit for a weekend seminar on the Holy Name. This is a crucial and necessary subject. Each time we talk about Lord Krsna's Holy Name, we always benefit, although it's far beyond our ability and

understanding. By Srila Prabhupada's mercy, anything is possible. Hare Krsna.

October 12 Chicago-Detroit

We gave the seminar on the Holy Name. It's the only topic we are scheduled to teach. What can we learn by teaching or hearing from others? Every situation has both positive and negative aspects. We should see the positive and appreciate it while acknowledging the negative to either avoid, help, correct, or reflect on ourselves. We should never be disturbed by external deficiencies—the entire material world is one big deficiency. There is a standard given by Srila Prabhupada, and many fall short—but what can we do? Stay positive and humbly approach all situations. With that attitude, the best response will be possible. The Taliban has successfully instilled great fear in the minds of Americans, and the local response only intensifies it. Living in fear is worse than death—it's as if one is already dead. Bin Laden succeeded, and America's security response played right into his hands. The country is expert at fighting and starting wars in other parts of the world, but when something happens at home, paranoia spreads. Many Americans are misled about life and its purpose, living in a fantasy world created by TV and fictitious characters. Overindulgence in sense enjoyment has dulled their brains and weakened their hearts. It is a nation of spoiled children. The karmic bubble is bursting, and the results of past actions are beginning to manifest. Only Lord Krsna knows where this will lead. As devotees, what can we do? Preach, preach, preach. We can take shelter in spiritual life, chant the Holy Names, and be happy. Srila Prabhupada came to deliver this message at a time when the world desperately needed it. He said this movement will save the world in its darkest hour. Our service is clear: preach, preach, preach. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

October 13 Detroit-Ekadasi

While completing our final round of chanting, we recalled our vow to chant a specific number of rounds on Ekadasi. Later that evening, we reflected: did we make this vow to please Srimati Radharani or to please ourselves? There is always benefit in increased chanting, no matter the reason, but ideally, we should pray that Srimati Radharani is pleased with us and grants us the enthusiasm to chant more and more. We were

greatly benefited by listening to Memories Tape #31. The devotees, led by Guru Kripa and Nanda Kisor, went deep into their memories of Srila Prabhupada. As Nanda Kisor pointed out, Srila Prabhupada was the greatest person ever to walk the face of this earth. When we honestly think about it, anyone who is without envy must certainly agree. It may take a lifetime to fully appreciate that statement, but the time spent learning it is time very well spent. Another deep appreciation has been added to our hearts. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. He is saving the entire world. Hare Krsna.

October 14 Detroit

A brief sickness reminded us again how to better arrange our diet. We hope to obtain what we need to maintain our strength and health. Is a Vaisnava compassionate? By definition, compassion is part of a Vaisnava's duty—he offers help to suffering souls. That's why Krsna consciousness must be spread; it is the only remedy in this difficult age. Tomorrow, we return to Chicago. We don't like staying in one place for too long. For now, it seems more conducive to our service to keep moving and maintain our enthusiasm. The glories of Srila Prabhupada are unending, and we want to hear more to come closer to Him. We may feel like hard-hearted devotees—not by nature, but to protect ourselves from being victimized by Maya. We hope to soon overcome this and spread Krsna consciousness more readily. Srila Prabhupada Ki-jai. Hare Krsna.

October 15 Detroit-Chicago

Lord Krsna is always arranging for us to surrender to Him at every moment. Our airport karma continues—we are always picked up late. We try to use every bit of time for Lord Krsna's service because time is very valuable and there is so much service to perform. Lately, we've found more time to read, which has been enriching, as our knowledge in devotional service increases. If we could remember even a fraction of what we've studied over the years, it would be more than enough to preach in any situation. Still, we yearn for more. Today, our godbrother, Sri Nandanandana Prabhu, emphasized the importance of sustaining our service in Krsna consciousness and that reading is an essential activity. Tomorrow is a full day of preaching, and we look forward to the opportunity to share Krsna consciousness with conditioned souls.

Vaisnava compassion is expressed through a strong desire to give this message to as many people as possible. We can pray to increase our desire to share this message. By Your mercy, Srila Prabhupada, anything is possible. Hare Krsna.

October 16 Chicago

Today, many high school students attended—6 classes, over 100 students in total. Overall, everyone seemed pleased and favorable. A lot of free literature was distributed, along with maha sweets. We would love to engage in this kind of preaching every day. Making travel arrangements can be difficult at times, and we're trying to understand how Lord Krsna wants us to handle these situations. One of our devotee's mothers warned today about the challenges of traveling eastward. We feel no fear, only caution. By Your mercy, Srila Prabhupada, everything is working properly. Hare Krsna.

October 17 Chicago

Though we theoretically know and preach about how strong Maya is, it's only when we face a real test from Maya that we realize how helpless we can be. In these moments, we must cry out for Lord Krsna's mercy. Sri Krsna, please help us! We are lost and cannot do anything without Your mercy. We cannot control our anger, focus on Your Holy Name, or even rest when we are tired. An individual can get so puffed up that they need to be reminded of their true position. Some may justify it by saying they are serving, but whether we serve or not, we must always remain transcendental in all situations. We can only humbly offer a little service and pray for Lord Krsna's blessings and guidance. We should only want to preach, and we can pray that one day we can be more enthusiastic, determined, proficient, and devoted. In everything, we depend on Your mercy, Sri Krsna, which comes through His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada. Please give us the intelligence to execute our service in a way that pleases You and attracts others to Your lotus feet. All glories to His lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

October 18 Chicago

When we honestly examine ourselves, we don't see many devotional qualities. After all these years, we have little to show. It often feels like we are moving in reverse. Yet, we can hold onto the hope that one day we

will be fully engaged in service for the pleasure of Srila Prabhupada. Right now, it may seem that we do a little for Lord Krsna and a lot for ourselves. One benefit of traveling is that it encourages us to be more assertive and to seek refuge in Lord Krsna. Facing Maya's challenges directly drives us to earnestly seek the shelter of Lord Krsna and Srila Prabhupada. Krsna consciousness remains fresh as we strive to increase our service. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

October 19 Chicago

He who is Gaura is He who is Krsna, is He who is Jagannath. Vasudeva Ghosh sings the glories of Lord Caitanya and Lord Jagannath. It is such a beautiful prayer; it describes the absolute sweetness of the Absolute Truth as He appears in His different forms, all being non-different from His original Self. Lord Caitanya is the complete manifestation of the Supreme nature of the Absolute Truth, bringing with Him all His parts, plenary parts, associates, and weapons. We can desire to simply lose ourselves in Gaura Nitai lila. All glories to Their Divine lotus feet. Srila Prabhupada Ki-Jai. Hare Krsna.

October 20 Chicago-Cleveland

Srimad Bhagavatam 10.2.32 has a very interesting verse and purport. Every category of person, whether material or spiritual, will fall down. Why? Because they are selfish or motivated by personal desires. Srimad Bhagavatam 10.2.32 has a very interesting verse and purport. Every category of person, whether material or spiritual, will fall down. Why? Because they are selfish or motivated by personal desires. Only the devotee can become selfless, as they engage in activities solely for Lord Krsna's interest. Today, we had a nice turnout at Syam Kapila's home in Cleveland, with many new and infrequent faces attending. The Holy Name is the most glorious topic for those who have a small understanding of its glory and power. When a lady asked, "Where do you get your knowledge?" we pointed to Srila Prabhupada's picture and said, "A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. We are all his menial servants." Hare Krsna.

October 21 Cleveland

It was an interesting weekend of preaching and meeting devotees. The association and assistance of both Vivek Prabhu and Hari Das Prabhu

made the whole program successful. The association of devotees and their devotional input is the treasure of our lives and the easy path to Krsna consciousness. We are about to embark on an extended trip, mostly traveling alone. We pray for strength, determination, and tolerance to make it a suitable offering to Srila Prabhupada. His mercy and grace are the essence of all our endeavors in Krsna consciousness. The blind see, the lame walk, and the dumb become orators. All glories to that great acarya of ISKCON, His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. We pray to always be situated at his lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

October 22 Chicago-Philadelphia

We arrived late the previous evening; what started as 7:30 p.m. turned into midnight. Travel karma can sometimes be unfavorable, and we need to make better arrangements, especially when flying. We must always be cautious that Maya may try to trip us up. Staying one step ahead of her requires careful planning of our service and continual dependence on Lord Krsna. It is nice to be at the South St. restaurant and preaching center. Dear Srila Prabhupada, please help us serve effectively with devotion and determination. The world is facing difficult times, affecting devotees as well, yet it is a good opportunity for increased preaching. Hare Krsna.

October 23 Philadelphia

Today, there was a nice crowd, and a newcomer seems genuinely interested. People are distressed and full of anxiety. Normal life no longer feels normal—stress in the morning, throughout the day, and bewilderment in the evening. Life is meant for knowing Lord Krsna and loving Him. This birth is special; we have met Srila Prabhupada, who saved us and gave us real life. The Holy Name, the greatest philosophy, Lord Krsna in the Person of His Deity, and the best food—it is a divine gift. Nothing we do can repay it. Perhaps the way to repay is by sharing it with others. This wealth must be distributed as our way of saying, “Thank you, Srila Prabhupada.” Yet, we often feel weak, incompetent, and incapable, making it challenging to do things properly. Our personality can interfere with the process, but we should keep trying because this wealth must spread. Doing good for others is the purpose of human life. Krsna consciousness is the only true good; it will save everyone and bring real, eternal happiness. At 54 years old, we may feel

set in our ways, but we pray to be used for your mission, Srila Prabhupada. It is glorious. It is real life. Lord Krsna is our only reality. Hare Krsna.

October 24 Philadelphia-Stroudsburg/Nandulal-Savitri's Home

Maya is strong and presents herself in many forms. When she disguises herself as the facilities one receives in devotional service, she can be hard to detect. We must always remember Lord Krsna in all circumstances and pray for His guidance and protection. The Visnu Purana states that the greatest loss, the greatest illusion, and the greatest anomaly is to forget the Supreme Personality of Godhead, even for a moment. Srila Prabhupada, please pick us up again and arm us with the necessary tools to fight against Maya and her forces. Humility and dependence on Lord Krsna are our means of success. Hare Krsna.

October 25 Stroudsburg/Nandulal-Savitri's

My sadhana is scanty—my rounds, some reading, and mostly associating with family members. When Maya leaves us alone, we may mistakenly think we are doing well. This misconception leads to complacency and seeing the purification process as mechanical. Padam padam yad vipadam—at every step, there is danger. We must never become lazy or complacent; such attitudes become the death of the soul. Maya doesn't have to do anything but make you think everything is alright and that you are doing fine. Eternal vigilance is the price of Krsna consciousness. Tomorrow, we visit Ma's house, but fortunately only for a few hours. The weather is likely to get colder, so we should avoid increasing our food intake without corresponding activity. Instead, we must fulfill our family obligations and try to remember Lord Krsna, possible only with a prayer to Srila Prabhupada for his help. Hare Krsna.

October 26 Stroudsburg/Nandulal-Savitri/Ma/Samik Rsi-Ram Vijayotsav

By Lord Ram's mercy, I was able to speak a little on the importance of today's celebration. Sunday at the temple will be an opportunity for further talks. My mother seemed happy I came. She is getting old and even talks about making arrangements for her departure. By Srila Prabhupada's kindness and mercy, she has developed some positive

attraction for Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Today, upon seeing my Deities of Lord Jagannath, she really had faith that He was the Supreme Lord, even pleading with Him to remove evil people from the world or at least stop them from their evil deeds. We were pleasantly surprised to witness her faith. It's saddening to see the hardships people endure; although it's part of material existence, it affects everyone. Yes, *duḥkhālayam aśāśvatam*—this world is temporary and miserable, destructive to good people and their good sentiments. Only the Holy Name and the Vaisnavas compassionately spread mercy. There is no other hope. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 27 Samik Rsi's and Subal's

Though we chanted our Ekadasi vow of 32 rounds of japa, our reflective experience was one of hardly hearing any rounds. We felt tired and unfocused, allowing our minds to wander. When we chant a “good round,” we realize how present we can be. About 10 people attended at Subal's. Our presentation of Ram lila didn't feel satisfying; we could have done much better. Tomorrow, Lord Kṛṣṇa, or rather Lord Ram, will allow us to speak again. We humbly pray for a better presentation. Quality is paramount in Kṛṣṇa consciousness; quantity is secondary. Sometimes we equate quantity with success, but the sastra teaches that one moment of pure association or chanting purely satisfies our hearts and minds. Srila Prabhupada, please increase our enthusiasm for service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.



October 28 Subal's-Towaco Temple

Today, for the first time, we did a Sunday feast program at Towaco. There was a good crowd, and they liked kirtan, which is a good sign. We spoke about Sri Ram Vijayotsav, and the altar looked gorgeous. We met Bhakta Jai, a nice devotee. It seems that eating cooked food may not be the best for us; each time it brings us more into the bodily platform. Lord Krsna is helping us move away from it. We find more energy from fruits, juices, salads, and lighter foods. Although I like standard fare, we must learn that it's not what's best for our devotional service. Light, light, light—keeping it light as much as possible. Srila Prabhupada, your mercy is all we really have. When we fully understand this, our lives in devotional service will yield real fruit. All glories unto you. Hare Krsna.

October 29 Towaco Temple-Samik Rsi's

We know within our hearts and have experienced at times that the greatest service and satisfaction come from serving others in a way that increases their Krsna consciousness. Sometimes, this service feels routine; at other times, it requires great austerity. Regardless, it must be done. The challenge is how to perform it effectively without overextending ourselves while remaining steadily engaged. This is a matter of prayer and sincerity. HH Satsvarupa Goswami's latest book, Vaisnava Compassion, addresses many points, explaining in depth how to understand and practice this compassion. Yet, we can always aspire to do more and remain open to how the Lord guides us. We pray to be enthusiastic yet humble servants in the hands of Srila Prabhupada. He is the sum total of Lord Krsna's mercy and compassion. May we always take shelter in his instructions, acknowledging that our success in any endeavor comes from him alone. All glories to his lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

October 30 Towaco Temple-Samik Rsi's

I really don't have anything significant to write today, nor am I particularly inspired to write. Yet, we fulfill this duty as a means to reflect on the day's lessons. In this, we can only do our best and recognize our helplessness, prone to Maya and sense gratification. Our slips in service shouldn't deter us, even if we sometimes question our spiritual progress. We should not be discouraged, but we must remain concerned. Yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādo yasyāprasādān na gatiḥ kuto 'pi. Hare Krsna.

October 31 Samik Rsi's-South St./Philadelphia

We met the son of Arjit Prabhu, named Sukadeva—a nice boy, very simple, humble, and naturally attracted to Lord Krsna. Kartik has begun, and tomorrow we head to Gita Nagari for 2.5 weeks. We need to become determined and celebrate this most holy month in a fitting way. Today marks the auspicious beginning, and by Lord Damodara's mercy, we spoke about His pastimes. We should delve deeper into the meaning of this lila and the significance of this month. By Srila Prabhupada's mercy, anything is achievable. Hare Krsna.

November 1 Philadelphia/South St.-Gita Nagari



We have arrived at the Gita Nagari farm community. We want these 2.5 weeks to deepen our spiritual strength and knowledge. Yet, we feel another energy pushing us to preach and interact with others. Let's see what we can

offer to Lord Krsna while also deepening our quality of hearing and chanting, as both are non-different. By the mercy of Sri Sri Radha Damodara and Their associates, we take Their shelter. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

November 2 Gita Nagari

We began our vrata of chanting 32 rounds a day. With all the wonderful association, it might be challenging to complete it daily, but with Sri Sri Radha Damodara's mercy and intelligence, anything is possible. Srila Prabhupada Ki-Jai. Hare Krsna.

November 3 Gita Nagari

Dear Sri Krsna, whatever we have belongs to You. Whatever others possess is given by You to them. Why should we envy others or feel superior? Finding fault in others is simply Maya. Please help us realize the truth of existence and how Your mercy is distributed. We are often proud and puffed up; therefore, we become mad or insane. This armored vehicle of the false ego is useless. Let us become Your humble devotees—why should we desire anything else? Please allow us to serve Your devotees and never feel any need, subtle or gross. Our only need is to depend on You, not as our order-supplier but as our order-giver and Supreme Friend. One may tire of the false ego, but we need Your help and the association of Your devotees to serve You. Srila Prabhupada, please save us from lust, envy, and pride—they attack us, and we welcome them as friends. With Your mercy, what use are others, and without it, what

value are our feeble attempts? Please help us to humbly take shelter in You. Hare Krsna.

November 4 Gita Nagari

We desperately need to work on ourselves. We can be lazy, critical in mind, proud, and waste time—we don't serve anyone properly. *Āmāra jīvana, sadā pāpe rata, nāhiko punyera leṣa*. Still, we always hold hope, but we must carefully observe our weaknesses and focus on eradicating them. If we don't, they may turn into anarthas and could even lead to offenses. Spiritual life is a moment-to-moment cultivation of devotion and the qualities intrinsic to our relationship with Lord Krsna. Some of us waste a lot of time, and this must stop. We need to think before speaking, foresee the results, and seek Lord Krsna's approval. We will be at Gita Nagari for 2 weeks. It could be very productive or turn out to be meager, or even regressive. It's up to us to determine what we want to accomplish. Lord Krsna is in control, no doubt, and we humbly pray for the guidance of Srila Prabhupada and Sri Sri Radha Damodara. All glories to Their lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

November 5 Gita Nagari

Our Kartik vrata is to chant 32 rounds daily. We are beginning to find an increased desire to chant. It's becoming less of a vrata and more of a path to Krsna consciousness. Of course, we still need to work on other areas, but as we increase our chanting, we can feel clarity of thought manifest, revealing what else we need to improve. To our surprise, we are quite fallen, although we hadn't seen it before. All glories to the Holy Names—may They bestow Their mercy on us and increase our desire to chant more and more. Our to-do list is also growing and will likely continue. After tomorrow, we will aim to tighten our schedule or at least try to increase our service without decreasing our chanting. Our only regret is wishing we could stay longer, but we know it's not Srila Prabhupada's desire, so we let it go. Now is the chance to absorb our consciousness more and more. Dear Sri Krsna, please protect us from laziness, wasting time, frivolous talk, and other distractions. As the world becomes more embroiled in conflict and war, Krsna consciousness becomes even more vital as the only way to uplift others. Srila Prabhupada Ki-Jai. Hare Krsna.

November 6 Gita Nagari

After 6 months and numerous emails, we finally presented a talk at Pennsylvania State College on "Transmigration of the Soul, Reincarnation, and Karma" and met Aravind Mohanram. About 10 devotees and approximately 25 students and others attended. It seemed to go well, and many questions were asked. If we could engage in more college preaching, we would feel completely enlivened. Anyway, Lord Krsna and Srila Prabhupada's mercy flowed readily; so much mercy comes from just a little effort to preach and spread Krsna consciousness. In this fallen age, Sri Krsna Caitanya's mercy is very strong. All glories to His lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

November 7 Gita Nagari

Suddha Jiva Prabhu, a disciple of Srila Prabhupada and former resident of Gita Nagari in the late '70s, who ran a preaching center in Knoxville, Tennessee, now resides in Sandy Ridge, North Carolina. He is a nice devotee visiting for a few days. Lord Krsna is arranging for devotees who have been on the sidelines to re-enter the spirit of devotional service and preaching. The world is on the verge of a major war, as Srila Prabhupada predicted. As a society of devotees, we need to become more united and focused on reaching out to conditioned souls. Places like New Vrndavan, Gita Nagari, and other rural Krsna conscious communities will play vital roles in propagating Lord Caitanya's movement as society begins to break down, and the need for God and an alternative lifestyle becomes increasingly pressing. Our vrata of 32 rounds daily is challenging for various reasons, one being that our diet changes drastically from day to day, and the prasadam is usually quite opulent. Simple prasadam is rare but necessary to make it easier to control our minds and senses. Still, we should always be satisfied with whatever is offered. Life becomes simple and natural when we focus all our energy on service and depend on Lord Krsna for everything else. By Srila Prabhupada's mercy, everything is perfect. His pleasure is our happiness and focus in life. Hare Krsna.

November 8 Gita Nagari

The Kartik month is very auspicious and extremely holy. Although our vrata of 32 rounds has been somewhat difficult, we feel that our overall vrata is insufficient. We want to do more. Not knowing what will be

beneficial, we can pray to Lord Damodara and His pure representative, Srila Prabhupada, for direction. We will extend our japa vrata beyond our stay at Gita Nagari—32 rounds every day and one extra day to compensate for missing the beginning. On Ekadasi, we will observe something additional. We truly want to fulfill our necessary services, which will require careful effort, so caution is needed with such vratas. Anyway, we are here to please the Lord and His devotees, the residents of Gita Nagari Dham. Sri Krsna, please increase our enthusiasm for chanting and hearing Your magnificent pastimes and those of Your pure devotees. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

November 9 Gita Nagari

It is another day as we struggle with the mind and senses. Gita Nagari is in the mode of goodness, while we find ourselves in the mode of passion, at best. It is another day of chanting 32 rounds. We are determined to fulfill the vrata, but what does Lord Krsna really want from us? Is this pleasing Him? We feel it is, but we must not become slack in other areas, like our relationships with devotees and our desire to preach. This has been a real test, and it continues. Each day, we struggle to serve the Lord and His devotees. When we examine ourselves, we see self-centeredness and selfishness. We hope to improve, but at 54, when habits are deeply formed, it feels almost impossible. Still, we must have faith that if we keep trying our best, that is all we can do. Everything is undoubtedly Your mercy, O Lord. Srila Prabhupada is Your supreme mercy upon the world and our lives. We take shelter and beg for service. Hare Krsna.

November 10 Gita Nagari

When one is engaged in devotional service, by Lord Krsna's mercy, they are eventually lifted from the suffering of material life. In this age, people in general suffer greatly, facing anxiety, fear, pain, and uncertainty. Especially after September 11, these challenges have intensified tremendously, and now the American economy is struggling. America's karma is beginning to manifest, and Krsna consciousness remains the only solution to all problems. However, many people are attached to material life and accept their problems as something they won't or can't change. It's sad. By Your mercy, Lord Caitanya, You have given us the solution, Sri Krsna Sankirtan, which is the light in this dark age. Tomorrow is Ekadasi, a chance to reduce eating, and we can see it as an

opportunity to improve the quality of our japa. As Queen Kunti prays, everyone becomes beautiful in Your presence. As we chant the Holy Name, our lives become beautiful. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

November 11 Gita Nagari-Ekadasi

Today marks the 1-year anniversary of the opening of Sri Sri Radha Damodara's new temple. The Deities look beautiful. We appreciate our stay here during this month of Kartik, though the morning program in the temple is unusually long—5.5 hours. We value the 2-hour japa period because it helps us focus deeply on the Holy Name and make good progress with our vow of chanting 32 rounds daily. However, functions are often less attended, as the devotees have much service to do on the farm and in caring for Sri Sri Radha Damodara. Reading HH Satsvarupa Maharaja's recent book on compassion has highlighted many interesting points, especially regarding how we can improve our personal interactions. Individuality should be allowed to grow while imbibing the standards given by Srila Prabhupada. If, as an institution, we crush individuality in the name of surrendering to a higher principle, we destroy the self-motivation needed to grow properly into that standard. Srila Prabhupada's guidance is essential to provide a daily challenge while allowing natural devotion to be expressed. The holistic approach teaches us to offer everything as a sacrifice in devotional service. *Mānasa, deho, geha, jo kichu mora arpila tuwā pade, nanda-kīśor!* Teaching and living this means making Krsna consciousness understandable in a broader sense. This is accomplished by emphasizing the basics: hearing, chanting, and regularly associating with devotees in a cooperative spirit. Ultimately, we must learn to give ourselves to the process and not try to make the process serve our desires. Srila Prabhupada's formula is dynamic, but some things are standard. As we develop sincerity to follow the mercy of always doing what is best, then everything becomes available. Even rigidly following the temple schedule has little value without the spirit of surrender and devotion. Please, Srila Prabhupada, give us the intelligence to be examples of Krsna consciousness for others. Hare Krsna.

November 12 Gita Nagari

America's karma, or rather vikarma, is beginning to manifest. A plane

dropped an engine upon takeoff and crashed into houses in Rockaway, New York, killing passengers onboard. As long as the government sanctions the institutionalized slaughter of animals, a terrible karmic debt will accumulate, which will burst according to nature's arrangement. People are in darkness about the laws of karma. This little travel journal could expand beyond reflections to include notes on various topics. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

November 13 Gita Nagari

Today, we tried to present the 26 qualities of a devotee to a public audience at Pennsylvania State. The response seemed satisfactory, but we realize it can be improved. These transcendental qualities are interesting, and each could be expanded upon, showing how complementary they are. Only 5 days remain at Gita Nagari, and we are just now settling into some kind of routine. Chanting 32 rounds doesn't feel as difficult as last week, and we now really look forward to it. Lord Krsna's Name is all-attractive. We can chant the Holy Names while meditating on the Siksastaka Prayers—they are identical. Lord Caitanya has revealed the unfolding of the Holy Name in these 8 prayers. Each prayer is very deep and rich in meaning. They are directly connected with the Holy Names. Since Kirtanananda Swami has occasionally been in jail over the years, we thought of writing him. With just 5 days left at Gita Nagari, we have decided to do it before we leave. Will it happen? We hope so, but we won't force it. Our consciousness must be ready. We want to express the right things in the right way. If Srila Prabhupada bestows his mercy, it will happen; otherwise, it won't. We depend on him. Hare Krsna.

November 14 Gita Nagari

Time moves on, just as a herdsman moves sheep along without them realizing. In the same way, eternal time brings everyone closer to death. A great saint from the Ramanuja Sampradaya once said, "Forget 2 things, remember 2 things. Forget the wrongs others have done to you (practice forgiveness and humility). Forget the good things you've done for others (let go of pride and arrogance)." Always remember Lord Krsna's Holy Name and that death is always ready to strike. Living each moment as if it's our last helps us focus on what truly matters. We should not be lazy or complacent—push ourselves. That is Krsna consciousness. But

always remember that Lord Krsna is in control. Depend on Him in all circumstances. Dear Lord, grant us the right mindset to serve You and Your pure devotee, His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada. Without enthusiastic service, Krsna consciousness becomes dull. Enthusiasm is the life of devotion. Hare Krsna.

November 15 Gita Nagari-Govardhana Puja

The celebration is today, though we will observe it on the 17th. We spoke on this pastime, and about a dozen devotees attended. We are blessed with this opportunity, yet our restless minds are never satisfied. We always expect many devotees to come and participate in the morning and evening programs, but services keep them busy, and some just don't come. Lord Krsna revealed to us during our lecture that pride leads to expecting others to act according to our desires. We often fail to see the bigger picture of Gita Nagari and assume things should cater to our pleasure. Lord Krsna is central and always will be. If there is a lack, it is in our perception and our lack of Krsna consciousness. Therefore, we should improve ourselves, and then we will see how everything improves through that endeavor. In all situations, we should remember Lord Krsna and remain humble. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Sri Giriraj Maharaja Ki-Jai. All glories to this Transcendental Mountain, who, along with the Yamuna River, is keeping the contamination of Kali Yuga at bay. All glories to Srila Prabhupada for giving us, along with so many other wonderful transcendental activities, the worship of Govardhana Hill. Hare Krsna.

November 16 Gita Nagari

A group of 7 visitors from India came to our cabin today. They were nice and submissive, asking thoughtful questions, especially the ladies. We spent time with Baladeva Prabhu. We want to offer a formal prayer to you, Srila Prabhupada. He is fearlessly moving forward, leaving behind his life as a grhastha. Now, without a wife, he continues his journey toward renunciation and reunion with his Guru Maharaja. Old times are being revived, and a new chapter is unfolding. However, the transition is slow, and Maya always tries to hold one back. Srila Prabhupada, your mercy is essential for success or failure. We also pray to be good friends and help in any way possible. It is a great privilege. May we rise to the standard of true helpfulness. All glories to the Vaisnavas who have

wholeheartedly embraced your mercy and gained the faith to accept you fully. Hare Krsna.

November 17 Gita Nagari



We met a nice man named Henry from Washington, D.C. We exchanged friendly words, and later, he made a generous donation. It's fascinating how a simple act of kindness can endear someone to us; this is so important. Bhakti Tirtha Swami enlivened everyone with his enthusiastic chanting and dancing, drawing others in. His class on Govardhana was insightful, emphasizing the importance of living

and acting based on truth—not merely as a means but as an end. Lord Krsna stopped His father and the cowherd community from worshipping Indra, establishing the super-excellent position of devotional service to Himself. Tomorrow, we honor Srila Prabhupada on the most sacred and auspicious occasion of his disappearance.

Hare Krsna.

November 19 Gita Nagari-Chicago

Yesterday was Srila Prabhupada's disappearance day. We wrote a personal confession and glorification, but forgot to include a diary entry. Nevertheless, the day was very special. Anything centered on Srila Prabhupada is always special. If we can remember him always, our lives will be perfect. It's late, and we are tired. Sri Krsna, although we have taken up the Kartik vow of chanting 32 rounds daily, we are concerned that we may rush through due to time constraints. Please allow us to approach Your blessed Name with full attention, humility, and devotion. Hare Krsna.

November 20 Chicago

Tomorrow, we will be on the road again: Cleveland, Columbus, and back after 4 days. We realize we can only do what You allow us to do. We are helpless and always dependent on the mercy and facilities given by Srila

Prabhupada. The illusion of the conditioned soul lies in the desire to be the author of his own destiny in the form of happiness. In both material and spiritual life, one is always dependent, helpless, and prone to error. But Lord Krsna is merciful and provides many chances to recognize our position of dependence. Therefore, we should pray to always act in a way that serves Lord Krsna and enhances the mission of Krsna consciousness. We strive to remain open-minded, aware of our dependence every moment. Today, we accomplished many of the things we wanted to do; this is only the mercy of Lord Krsna coming through Srila Prabhupada. As the morning sun shines on Lord Nityananda, we understand that the sun's light comes from Him and is reflected back as a service to Him. All glories to the special lotus feet of Sri Nityananda Ram. All glories to His mercy upon the world. Gauranga Mahaprabhu Ki-Jai. Hare Krsna.

November 21 Chicago-Cleveland

Krsna consciousness is all-attractive. By the mercy of Lord Nityananda, coming through Srila Prabhupada, many conditioned souls are being drawn to this philosophy. The lifestyle is generally not as appealing as it was in the 70's. Times have changed, and our movement has also transformed. Please, Srila Prabhupada, grant us the enthusiasm to push on with renewed vigor. Your mercy is all we are made of. Hare Krsna.

November 22 Cleveland-Columbus

On this Thanksgiving Day, we offer our wholehearted appreciation for the mercy of the Lord as received through His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada. We live only to be worthy recipients of that mercy. All glories to His lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

November 23 Columbus

It is hard to feel inspired to write when it is past midnight. Nonetheless, this has been an interesting day. It concluded with a program at Gaura Nitai Prabhu's apartment, followed by pizza. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. We should strive to be more of a writer; we have a few ideas. As we continue to push on, Maya never lets up. In fact, she seems to be getting stronger. Hare Krsna.

November 24 Columbus-Chicago

Travel remains a severe austerity as it saps our mental and physical energy. Yet Srila Prabhupada was over 70 and continued despite all difficulties and inconveniences. We may be very small, and our preaching might seem quite insignificant, but we are trying according to how Lord Krsna is leading us. We never claim any greatness, nor do we seek anything other than to see how others benefit. It is a great honor to serve in this way. We can only hope to continue and become more efficient, effective, and influential. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, our only inspiration. Hare Krsna.

November 25 Chicago

The false ego is the topic of Bhakti Tirtha Maharaja's Beggar III. We read the first reflection, which discusses how taking credit for our abilities, achievements, and knowledge are all products of the false ego. Not only should we not take credit, but we must also be alert to give credit where it is due. If our efforts to spread Krsna consciousness appear successful, it is solely due to Lord Krsna's mercy through Srila Prabhupada. Actually, our half-hearted, mistake-filled efforts are made acceptable by Srila Prabhupada. He is so eager to give Krsna consciousness to others that he will use us to help fulfill his mission. We are only products of his mercy. We met many new people tonight at the Sunday program, but we see that success with them will come by encouraging them to be Krsna conscious and live properly outside the temple. It may seem practically impossible to make new devotees, but at least we can encourage them where they are. Tomorrow, we will honor the disappearance day of Srila Gaura Kisore Babaji Maharaja. All glories unto his lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

November 26 Chicago-Disapp. Gaura Kisore Babaji

Srila Gaura Kisore Das Babaji Maharaja Ki-Jai. Today was diverse, as we began with a glorification of Babaji Maharaja and then had the good fortune to present Krsna consciousness at Lake College, a junior college. Professor Kamdara, a witty Gujarati, is very appreciative of ISKCON devotees and has requested us to return for an earlier morning class in 2 weeks. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Please grant us clarity of vision and purity of intent to push on despite all obstacles. Hare Krsna.

November 27 Chicago

We were able to perform many services today. By Srila Prabhupada's mercy, the day was full but not frantic. Hare Krsna.

November 28 Chicago

How can one objectively judge the quality of the day's activities? Is it based on how much service has been accomplished, how the service was performed, or the mood in which it was carried out? Or is it about how interactions with others helped bring them closer to Lord Krsna, or simply to remember Him more? Perhaps it is about how enthusiastic one feels at the end of the day, allowing one to retire eager for the next day. Maybe it is all of the above. But what is certain is that we should live each moment as if it were our last. Then we will be in a position to do what is most pleasing to Lord Krsna. We can conclude the day by offering all of our activities at the lotus feet of His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada. His pleasure must be the goal of all our actions. Hare Krsna.

November 29 Chicago

Maya seems to be intensifying the pressure. Sri Krsna, help us! Srila Prabhupada, save us. All glories to all the Vaisnava devotees of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Hare Krsna.

November 30 Chicago

Today marks the end of Kartik, also known as the month of Damodara. It has been a memorable month centered around increased japa and daily prayers to the Lord. All glories to Sri Damodara, the life of Srimati Radharani, and the bliss of Mother Yasoda. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, who reveals it all as it unfolds. Hare Krsna.

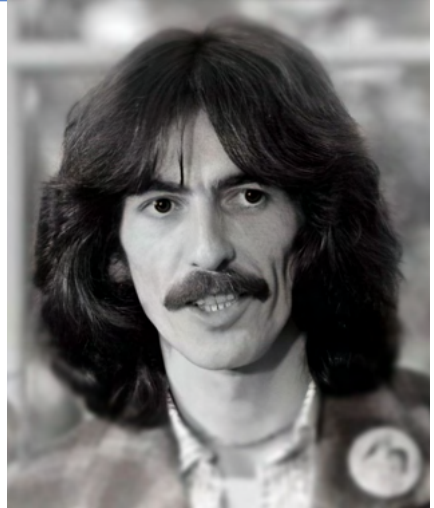
December 1 Chicago

The inner life of a preacher must develop sufficiently to be effective. Through prayer directed toward fulfilling our desire to serve by preaching, we can bridge the relationship between our inner and outer lives. We can only offer what we have developed, so we must continuously cultivate our relationship with Lord Krsna through prayer; otherwise, we risk becoming mechanical or dogmatic. Our conflict lies in balancing our time with interactions with others. Our nature often prefers a life of seclusion, yet we feel compelled to delve deeper into Srila

Prabhupada's books to offer something substantial. We conclude that this balance can only be achieved by praying to Lord Krsna in each moment for guidance on how best to serve. Krsna consciousness is about continuous striving for improvement, both internally and externally. In all circumstances, it is the mercy of Srila Prabhupada that makes the difference, and we seek to please him. Unable to accomplish anything, we can only pray, try our best, and be sincere. Hare Krsna.

December 2 Chicago

Today, we were inspired and given the opportunity to speak about George Harrison. During tonight's Sunday feast, we tried our best to remember the contributions and glories of this special son of Hari. To our surprise, the Indian congregation really enjoyed the lecture. For us, it was a special chance to share the relationship between Srila Prabhupada and George. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and heartfelt appreciation for George. May Lord Sri



Krsna be merciful and bestow His special blessings upon him. All glories to the person who brought Krsna consciousness to the world. Srila Prabhupada Ki-Jai. Hare Krsna.

December 3 Chicago-St. Louis

About 30 students came from Greenville College for our presentation on Krsna consciousness. Their questions were thoughtful, and they received Krsna prasadam. We should feel a strong desire to improve our preaching so we can effect positive change both individually and collectively. We wish our temples could meet the standards that Prabhupada expected. Please, Srila Prabhupada, grant us your mercy in the form of the intelligence to think, speak, and act only on your behalf. We need protection from the restless mind, along with stronger determination. Hare Krsna.

December 5 St. Louis

Yesterday, I forgot to write in my diary. Fortunately, I recorded my thoughts in another way, so I fulfilled my vow to write each day.
Hare Krsna.

December 6 St. Louis

Mother Krsna Keli and her nice family seemed to appreciate our lecture. Still, we can see that our presentations are not smooth and are somewhat spaced out. We need to be more thoughtful and choose our words and phrases more carefully. Without contact with the Supersoul, the lecture lacks potency. Preaching is an art, and like anything we do in devotional service, it must be performed with Bhakti. We like it here in St. Louis, but we are eager to return to Chicago, as we know Srila Prabhupada wants us to spend more time there. The temple is suffering and very neglected. We may not know what we can do, but we should at least be present. Hare Krsna.

December 7 St. Louis

We are feeling low in our devotional enthusiasm. We keep going because we know that is the way to act. We lack the ability to integrate self-improvement into our lives. Srila Visvanath Cakravarti Thakur explains that the inability to improve one's devotional service is an anartha and must be addressed. However, we are unsure where to begin. We can only pray. Perhaps we look too much outward rather than inward. Inward focus strengthens outward expression. We have been so irregular lately that we barely see any improvement. Our continued irregularity may be the problem preventing inner development. There will be an opportunity for regulation, yet Chicago presents many challenges. Anyway, we should strive to become more humble, concerned for others, and regulated in our services. It is only by your mercy, Srila Prabhupada, that we can progress in Krsna consciousness. We pray for that.
Hare Krsna.

December 8 St. Louis

A little determination goes a long way. We should strive to be like that all the time. Yet, we really don't fully understand the art of it. One thing is certain: our minds continually divert our souls toward things or

attitudes that are material or useless for Krsna consciousness. The best lesson we can learn repeatedly is that we are very small and constantly need to depend on Lord Krsna. Feeling proud or important is contrary to our position and blocks our ability to receive Lord Krsna's mercy. Mahamuni Prabhu shared the pastime of Govardhana Hill and how He came to Vrndavan, presenting many wonderful points that made hearing the pastime very relishable. We are always surrounded by great devotees; perhaps someday we will truly appreciate how Srila Prabhupada takes care of us through our godbrothers. Srila Prabhupada's mercy is a constant flow of nectar, but to taste it, one must genuinely become his humble servant. Hare Krsna.

December 9 St. Louis-Chicago

Sri Sri Gaura Nitai are always more merciful than we can possibly imagine. The false ego's job is to make us feel important—a tiny insect causing trouble for others while pretending to be great or to do something great. The false ego is very strong yet simultaneously so subtle. Therefore, we should always remember how useless and insignificant we truly are. As explained by a senior devotee, "the false ego is compared to a big, rusty, noise-making tank that consumes a lot of gas, moves slowly, and is in constant need of repair." Getting rid of the false ego is similar. We must have the mercy of Lord Krsna flowing through the parampara system; otherwise, the big tank continues to weigh us down. Dear Sri Krsna, if You so desire, help us clean Your temple. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

December 10 Chicago

The year will close soon. Time flies, especially when one is engaged in the Lord's devotional service. Soon, unbeknownst to every mortal, this life will be finished. Perhaps, if Lord Krsna sees fit, another life will follow. To re-enter the womb again is a most unpleasant thought, and one would want to do anything to avoid that. Material desires are not easy to give up, especially the subtle ones, like envy. However, Lord Caitanya has given us hope, and we should pray to take birth as His devotee—not just any birth, but one where the soul automatically dedicates their life to His service. Still, let us strive for perfection and freedom from all material desires. If the Lord desires another birth for us, so be it, because He is all-good, and there is no reason to doubt what

He ordains for us. Sri Krsna, we only want to be Your loving servants, wherever we may end up or whatever form we may take. That is real freedom and happiness. Srila Prabhupada saved us and has given us our eternal position as Your loving servants. Hare Krsna.

December 11 Chicago

We need to sharpen our spiritual intelligence through greater association with Srila Prabhupada's books and lectures. Today, we have a profuse outflow of Vaisnava literature by Gurus and others on a wide variety of topics, all very interesting and bona fide. However, this abundance can sometimes divert us from from Srila Prabhupada's books. We're maintaining a regular daily reading of Srimad Bhagavatam, but still, it only slightly awakens our interest. We seek more of Srila Prabhupada's mercy, as this may reflect a deficiency in our Krsna consciousness. While we appreciate and review what our society produces, there simply isn't enough time for thorough reading and studying. Therefore, we offer a prayer to Srila Prabhupada to help us increase our service, both quantitatively and qualitatively, with a renewed desire to preach Lord Caitanya's philosophy worldwide. Our primary influence has always been Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

December 12 Chicago

Today, we visited Professor Kamdar's Philosophy of Religion class. We engaged the students in various discussions on topics such as ghosts, science, Darwin, reincarnation, and the fundamental philosophy regarding the existence of God. These preaching opportunities are special blessings. Speaking about the philosophy of Krsna consciousness is both enlivening and purifying. May Lord Krsna grant us more of these engagements. Srila Prabhupada's words and books are gradually reaching more and more people, and we pray that we can focus more on the essence. Hare Krsna.

December 13 Chicago

Our attempts to develop service here in Chicago always seem challenging. Nevertheless, we are confident that Srila Prabhupada wants us to devote more time to service here, and that is what we are doing. However, we must strive to be effective in our efforts. Chicago has consistently posed challenges, and at times, the devotees lose their

enthusiasm, which makes it harder for everyone. Our helpless condition urges us to cry for the mercy of Lord Krsna and Srimati Radharani so that we can remain determined and motivated to stay. Today, we accomplished more service but noticed an increase in our prasadam intake. Perhaps that was necessary, and we feel certain of it. Regardless, we can pray to reduce our eating and sleeping while enhancing our desire to serve and inspire other devotees. Your mercy is the stick of our support. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

December 14 Chicago

Lord Krsna! Help! Srila Prabhupada! Please grant us the mercy necessary to properly follow the path of progressive devotion. Please cure our ignorance and offensive mentality. We pray for all of this, along with the mercy of Lord Krsna's Holy Name and the association of His devotees. Hare Krsna.

December 15 Chicago

Today, we found ourselves reflecting on George Harrison, his life, and his passing from this world. We considered how much he contributed to spreading Krsna consciousness, both during his life and now as the world continues to learn about him after his departure. We recognize that we have not done anything significant to advance this movement, and this realization leaves us feeling somewhat unfulfilled. While we are happy in Krsna consciousness, we know we are meant to do much more. Where do we begin? We are unsure, but we know we must pray for guidance, direction, and especially determination—to break out of the rut of uselessness. Our unhealthy patterns trap us in lethargy, and as we grow older, change becomes more difficult. We seek stability in our devotional service, but that stability lies in our steady desire to serve. We must take necessary risks in spreading Krsna consciousness. Dear Sri Krsna, Srimati Radharani, Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu, most merciful Lord Nityananda, and kind Srila Prabhupada, we offer this desire at Your lotus feet. Please help us see clearly what we must do to serve You and bring more conditioned souls to Krsna consciousness. Your mercy is all we have. Hare Krsna.

December 16 Chicago

We want to honor that person who appears once in our many

lives—Srla Prabhupada Ki-Jai. We feel tired; it is time to rest.
Hare Krsna.

December 17 Chicago

Today was different, with plenty of time for reading. We had khichari for breakfast, which is unusual for us. What we find missing is the association of devotees, especially advanced devotees. Our concern should focus on how we can serve better and with more enthusiasm. This week, we will concentrate more on internal improvements. Why? We are not certain, but we feel the need to be more focused in our service and sadhana. Lord Jagannath, Lord Baladeva, Subhadra Devi—They are the perfection of all vision, and Their beauty is unsurpassable. Lord Jagannath's eyes are so attractive, Lord Baladeva's complexion is exquisite, and Subhadra Devi's shyness and petite beauty are unique. All glories to the Transcendental Trio. All glories to Srla Prabhupada, who brought Them to us through his pure devotion. Hare Krsna.

December 18 Chicago

It's another day in Chicago, at Sri Sri Kisor Kisor Mandir, and we conclude our day with this writing vow. Guess what? We don't know what to write. Should we simply note our inability to write or do anything? We wish to preach more, but we strongly feel we must stay here in Chicago for the next month and a half. We will preach as opportunities arise, knowing that this pleases Lord Krsna and Srla Prabhupada. Still, we have a personal desire to be alone, to read, listen to tapes, and follow a strict, regulated program. We must remember that inner strength comes from a regulated sadhana, which supports our traveling and preaching. Ultimately, we are travelers. Being a traveler inspires us, fosters detachment, encourages friendliness toward non-devotees, and increases our fighting spirit. While staying in one place with limited interaction has its drawbacks, it also offers benefits. We need this time to strengthen our resolve, and ISKCON Chicago needs devotees. We can only hope that Srla Prabhupada is pleased because without that, everything is useless. All glories to his lotus feet.
Hare Krsna.

December 19 Chicago

Lord Krsna's mercy is always available to devotees and is understood in

different ways. Today, everything went smoothly, and Lord Krsna's sweet, loving hand, offered with His gentle smile, was evident. We feel love for Lord Krsna when He relates to us in this way, which represents the ultimate relationship. Lord Krsna purifies us so that we can enter into that eternal relationship with Him. My dear sweet Lord, everything You do is always in the best interest of everyone. To be God is no small task, and Your only desire is for our love, which is what we strive for. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, who makes that pure love available to the whole world. Hare Krsna.

December 20 Chicago

Dear Srila Prabhupada, please accept our most humble obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet. For over a month, we have been aware of the upcoming deadline for our Vyasa Puja offering. We prefer to keep our offerings private. Yet, we keep postponing this important service for 2 reasons. First, we feel we are not good writers and struggle to express our feelings in words. Second, we lack the real love and dedication for you that we desire. Our hearts are filled with personal interests, and our lives reflect a showy devotion. One offering we want to make is to see your Chicago Project regain the enthusiasm and surrender it once had. We pray for your mercy and guidance to restore Sri Sri Kisor Kisor's temple to a thriving Krsna conscious enclave. This is not a criticism of the devotees here but rather a hope for improvement, so others will be attracted to join and make spiritual progress. Please give us the determination to fulfill your desire for the expansion of Krsna consciousness in Chicago. We pray that our prayers are pleasing to you. Hare Krsna.

December 21 Chicago

Another day passes, and by Lord Krsna's and Srila Prabhupada's mercy, many important services were completed. Still, we haven't sat down to write our Vyasa Puja offering for Srila Prabhupada. Srila Prabhupada, who is full of mercy and compassion, is an unfathomable ocean of meritorious deeds and good qualities, yet we struggle to express this in writing. This saddens us, but we won't give up. We pray, dear Lord, please grant us the desire and enthusiasm to properly glorify His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada. Let us take this as a challenge and an opportunity for growth. Hare Krsna.

December 22 Chicago

It was somewhat of a difficult day as our consciousness was not focused on Lord Krsna. Bad attitudes crept in, leading to pessimism and self-righteousness. It is important to try to see the positive in all situations, appreciate the devotees, and overlook faults. However, when we notice many shortcomings, it is Krsna conscious to desire change for the better. We can only do what Lord Krsna wants, but we must be aware of His desires and how to respond. Today, after many years of procrastination, we finally wrote a letter to Kirtanananda Swami. We pray it opens up positive communication. Everything is in Srila Prabhupada's hands, guided by his mercy. Tomorrow, we celebrate Gita Jayanti. Let us focus on that and preach the message of the Gita. Hare Krsna.

December 23 Chicago

What did we learn today, or rather rediscover? Firstly, the positive effect of a short nap and the importance of being eager to preach in any circumstance. Secondly, how Lord Krsna resides in everyone's heart, which is why we offer respects to everyone. The beauty of George Harrison's song, "My Sweet Lord," resonated with us, among many other things too numerous to list here. Tomorrow, we will be on the road to New Vrndavan, and we haven't been there since before September 11. Perhaps this time we will have a better appreciation. What we really want to express here is this: Srila Prabhupada, please awaken our desire to seriously write you an offering on your upcoming appearance day. This is a service we want to accomplish. All glories to those devotees who know the real truth of life and are constantly living it. Sri Sri Kisor Kisor Ki-Jai. Srila Prabhupada Ki-Jai. Hare Krsna.

December 24 Chicago-New Vrndavan

2 days before the terrorist attack on New York and D.C., we left New Vrndavan. Today marked our first return since then. We felt so happy and satisfied to see the Deities and meet the devotees; it truly felt like coming home. Dear Srila Prabhupada, please grant us the privilege to serve the Vaisnavas in a spirit of selflessness and humility over the next 2 days. Hare Krsna.

December 25 New Vrndavan-Christmas

The Srimad Bhagavatam class provided an opportunity to speak about

the glories of Lord Jesus Christ, and we shared more in the evening. It was an eventful day filled with wonderful association and loving prasadam from Mother Radha Sundari and Mother Malati Devi. After discussing Lord Christ and His compassion for the people of the world, we felt a renewed sense of enthusiasm and determination to push on in our service with more effort and surrender. Being in Chicago tends to make us distant from people and preaching, leading to a creeping laziness that has built up over the years, to the point where we hardly notice the decrease in enthusiasm. New Vrndavan has provided a much-needed boost, and in such situations, we can pray to maintain and increase our service and mood of giving. This can only happen through the mercy of Srila Prabhupada and by reducing eating, sleeping, and wasting time. Hare Krsna.

December 26 New Vrndavan-Ekadasi

It's Ekadasi today, and we completed 32 rounds. When our minds are uncooperative, we should take shelter in Lord Krsna's Holy Names. Hare Krsna.

December 27 New Vrndavan

Once again, we struggled to have a completely smooth Krsna conscious visit to the Dham. We know this is something we need to work on. In the past, we sought to stay away, but that is not the solution. For now, unless absolutely necessary, we should not follow any specific pattern when visiting New Vrndavan. All we can say is that we recognize our shortcomings and seek to correct our ways. For now, we will continue traveling and split our time between here and Chicago, maintaining a 50/50 balance. Maya is strong, as we know, but we need to preach effectively, giving time and attention to the devotees. We should strive to become more fired up and eager to read, especially Srila Prabhupada's books. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. May we always remember his instructions. Hare Krsna.

December 28 Columbus-Chicago

Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu gave us the Sri Siksastaka prayers, where the process of pure devotional service and chanting the Holy Name is beautifully condensed into these 8 verses. The Lord is so kind to explain the process of purification succinctly. One must carefully chant Hare

Krsna and become a humble servant of the Vaisnavas. Everything is there in the chanting. Hare Krsna.

December 29 Chicago

When I am tired and ready to rest, I often write these final words without much thought. Still, they are important in fulfilling my service to Srila Prabhupada's instruction to write daily. However, I am not always able to come up with something profound. This evening, we rediscovered the profound messages contained in Srila Prabhupada's purports in Srimad Bhagavatam. We are making an effort to dedicate our reading time to Srila Prabhupada's direct words. It's not always easy, as many books are being released—some by present acaryas, others on the works of previous acaryas, and some as commentaries on major texts. The real issue is time management. But today, when the body becomes ill, all other activities cease. We must always remember to dedicate quality time to reading, writing, and learning, even amid various services with devotees and non-devotees. Regulation seems to help solve this problem, but travel and unexpected events often disrupt it. Our inclination may be to cut out some of the morning program, but this creates an issue of setting an example for others. We seek the guidance of higher authorities. Let us pray that our eagerness to learn from Srila Prabhupada's books continues to grow. Hare Krsna.

December 30 Chicago

Kaunteya Prabhu gave both morning and evening classes, along with a 3-hour seminar. The guests seemed to truly appreciate, enjoy, and learn from his Sunday feast lecture. While discussing Srila Prabhupada's explanation of non-violence, he astonished everyone when he read Srila Prabhupada's words that unless one takes an active part in relieving the suffering of others, they are considered violent. Non-activity implicates one in contributing to the suffering of others. This perspective is a significant leap beyond what most people consider non-violence. Another interesting point was that when Kamsa met the eighth child of Devaki, Durga Devi, he began to show her respect. Although he knew the eighth child would be Lord Visnu, he felt only fear, not respect. Thus, Kamsa was a shakta, or a worshiper of the material energy of the Lord. Srila Prabhupada continually unveils new and deeper meanings related to Lord Krsna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead. All glories to his lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

December 31 Chicago

We had a New Year's Eve program at Nachiketa and Hema's house. We spoke for almost 6 hours. It was a wonderful way to welcome the New Year, along with chanting and hearing the glories of the Lord with people who are genuinely eager to listen. *satām prasaṅgān mama vīrya-saṁvido bhavanti hṛt-karṇa-rasāyanāḥ kathāḥ*. All glories to the person who made all this possible, His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada. May we always remember him with appreciation and gratitude. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

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January 1 Chicago



We should embrace the opportunities to read, study, preach, be humble, and make the most of our time. Our priorities will manifest as long as they align with the principles of devotional service. What will this year bring politically, economically, internationally, and spiritually? The world increasingly bears the consequences of sinful life, with war escalating and the potential for major conflict looming. Yet, regardless of the circumstances, we remain dedicated to serving the lotus feet of the Lord and uplifting others to the platform of devotional service. The world is temporary, and soon we will depart, so why worry about whether that moment comes sooner or later? Our primary concern should be to engage fully in Sri Harinam and spread the teachings of Lord Caitanya. Thus, we must strictly adhere to the instructions of Srila Prabhupada and preach, preach, preach! Hare Krsna..

January 2 Chicago-Disapp. Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati

Our irregular eating, sleeping, and activities are starting to become a cause for concern. While we usually accept this due to our travels, it

becomes challenging to perform our service when it spirals out of control. Often, we know what we should do but struggle to act. We must genuinely understand Lord Kṛṣṇa's desires and act accordingly. Let us pray for the ability to execute our service in a more devotional and efficient manner, always remembering Śrī Śrī Gaura Nītai and Their boundless mercy upon the fallen souls. All glories to those who have grasped even a fraction of the glories of Śrīla Prabhupada. Today, we honored Śrīla Prabhupada by celebrating the disappearance of Śrīla Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvatī Thakur. May we always be eager to hear and speak of his glories. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 3 Chicago

We should cultivate a desire to read and study, as this strengthens our Kṛṣṇa consciousness and enhances our preaching. Sometimes we allow ourselves to adopt a dull mentality. While conversing with my mother, I felt an urge to end the discussion after a brief exchange. However, I realized the importance of continuing the conversation as an act of service. When engaging with others, we must give ourselves fully to the situation, free from personal desires or gains. We pray for improvements in management here, though we're uncertain about the specifics. We fear the risk of Vaiṣṇava aparādha, which can lead to unfavorable outcomes. We must be thoughtful and choose our words carefully to avoid negative consequences. Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityānanda are merciful and attractive, and Śrīla Prabhupada is making Them available to all, so he is by far the most merciful. All glories to his lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 4 Chicago

We wish to dedicate the next month and a half to reading and studying more. However, our preaching responsibilities and the need to meet people often pull us in different directions. If we can carve out time to study, especially the Śrīmad Bhagavatam and other scriptures focusing on the essence of Kṛṣṇa consciousness, it will be fruitful. Travel and irregularities disrupt our reading and writing, so we must commit to diving deeper during this time. This endeavor requires our full attention. By Śrīla Prabhupada's mercy, anything is possible. I really like this pen [a gift from Eka Vira Prabhu]; it makes writing more satisfying. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 5 Chicago

All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to those who know the Truth about Lord Caitanya. Hare Krsna.

January 6 Chicago

All glories to Lord Krsna's Holy Name. These Names are the only remedy for this fallen, degraded, and hellish age of Kali Yuga. Everything we aspire for spiritually is available through Lord Krsna's Holy Name. Although the mind demands many things, by developing a taste for chanting Hare Krsna, all our service aspirations will be fulfilled. Lord Krsna's Name is Lord Krsna Himself. There are no hard and fast rules—just chant, chant, chant, and pray to Srila Prabhupada for guidance. We should also pray to Lord Nrshingadeva to remove our material attachments and grant us protection. Hare Krsna.

January 7 Chicago

Eager to rise early, we also long for rest, yet we must dedicate time to writing. Today, we accomplished a few tasks, which is always satisfying. However, Lord Krsna cannot be attained through quantity but rather through the quality of our devotion. These aspects are somehow interconnected. We aim to focus more on reading and preaching, starting tomorrow. By the mercy of Srila Prabhupada, even a dumb man can act on his behalf. That is his mercy. Hare Krsna.

January 8 Chicago

Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakur teaches us how to handle the mind: with unwavering determination, we should discipline it morning and evening. Today, we faced the mind's stubbornness, refusing to cooperate. This rascal possesses such power! We must never trust the mind, as it will lead us away from Lord Krsna and into Maya. The soul becomes helplessly victimized. With all the power of prayer, we submit our pleas at Your lotus feet, dear Lord. Please grant us the unrelenting determination to enthusiastically and attentively chant our vow of 32 rounds tomorrow. Only by Your mercy, through Srila Prabhupada, is it possible. We take shelter of his lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

January 9 Chicago-Ekadasī

Lord Krsna's mercy was present today, allowing us to easily complete 32

rounds and observe a full fast. The desire for food arises from our bodily conception of life. While Lord Krsna's mercy often manifests as transcendental food, it also appears in other forms. Sometimes we must cease depending on one form to fully experience another. In performing austerities, we must consider their effects on our humility, freedom from criticism, and kindness toward others. Srila Prabhupada, please keep us close to your lotus feet. That is our primary concern and desire. Hare Krsna.

January 10 Chicago

If we reflect on today's most outstanding experience, it would be the sweet, loving feelings Lord Caitanya has for His devotees. We have a picture on our wall depicting Sanatana Goswami being lovingly embraced by Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu. One finds complete peace, happiness, and love simply by taking darshan of that scene. O Mahaprabhu, perhaps in some future lifetime, we will receive Your similar mercy. For now, we can only deeply long for that special mercy. Srila Prabhupada's mercy is unlimited. All glories to His lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

January 11 Chicago

These extended stays in Chicago provide opportunities to deepen our desire to return to the fire of traveling and preaching. We feel that once this manifests again, our focus should be on how to inspire, enthuse, convince, and encourage others to take up the service of preaching. ISKCON's life is preaching. Prabhupada emphasized this: Preaching is the essence. How can we inspire others to take that step forward? We must have a practical plan. Without preaching, we are lifeless. This is Lord Caitanya's movement, meaning everyone must rise from a third-class position to at least a second-class one—actively engaging in direct or indirect preaching. Tomorrow, we will visit a grhastha couple who are using their home to invite guests for preaching. On Sunday, we will visit Cleveland, where a promising group is forming that wants to take action. They need direction, encouragement, and a positive program. Srila Prabhupada, please help us maintain the sustained enthusiasm to remain fired up. "Preach, preach, preach." We recall your words when we asked how best to serve you. Let us approach each day, each moment, with renewed enthusiasm and do what is necessary to become your

effective preachers. All glories to those who have brought Lord Caitanya's mercy to the fallen conditioned souls. Let us be among them. We need your mercy. Hare Krsna.

January 12 Chicago-Niles, Michigan

It has been at least 2 years since we last visited Prema Bhakti's home. When we are hungry, prasadam tastes even better. We reflected on the fourth verse of the Guruvastakam Prayers. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

January 13 Niles, Michigan-Cleveland, Ohio

We should cultivate a strong desire to immerse ourselves in preaching more and more. We should study scripture and practice reciting slokas. Free from the unnecessary headaches of temple life, we embrace the austerities that allow us to preach more effectively. By Srila Prabhupada's mercy, anything is possible. We must wholeheartedly immerse ourselves in showing mercy to the conditioned souls. This should be our service goal; otherwise, why live as preachers if we have little or no concern for the welfare of others? All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

January 15 Chicago

Due to all-night travel from Cleveland to Chicago, we couldn't write yesterday. It was Makara Sankranti, the day Gaudiya Vaisnavas commemorate Lord Gauranga Mahaprabhu accepting sannyasa, an act of immense compassion by the Supreme Lord towards the fallen conditioned souls. Tonight, we visited Michael's home again and brought the Holy Name into the lives of some sincere chanters. As always, all credit goes to Srila Prabhupada. Like last week, a young lady came close and spoke with sincere appreciation as we were leaving. She was acting naturally; there's no blame on her part. However, as Srila Prabhupada said, "Preaching means taking a risk to uplift the conditioned souls." One never knows what to expect. Our only shelter is to hold onto Lord Krsna's lotus feet with intensity. Sri Krsna, please save us from Maya. We are weak and need Your shelter, and that of Srila Prabhupada. Please protect us and allow us to preach on His behalf. Hare Krsna.

January 16 -Disapp. Jiva Goswami, Jagadisa Pandit

So much is happening. What role are we to play in facilitating improvements? Management is being reorganized and upgraded. There is a concerned response from Romapada Swami, making an effort to fill the gap left by the absence of a temple president. A temple president must be on top of everything and has knowledge of how Srila Prabhupada wants it to be done. This program seeks to bring devotees closer together, which is always necessary: leadership, cooperation, and sacrifice. We feel a growing need to preach more and more. Our duty and responsibility as sannyasis and disciples of Srila Prabhupada is to preach. While we are not managers, during this month, we can inspire devotees to become more serious and committed to sadhana and cooperation with others. Our hearts long to be absorbed in preaching to the fallen conditioned souls, perhaps because we are one of them. We must strive to become Krsna conscious and, by Srila Prabhupada's mercy, uplift others. As he said, "You will make advancement in Krsna consciousness in proportion to how much you accept responsibility." We are compelled by Lord Krsna to adhere strictly to Srila Prabhupada's desire to be surrendered instruments in preaching. The concern is how to do it effectively. Today is the disappearance day of Srila Jiva Goswami and Jagadisa Pandit. Romapada Swami's reading from "Gopal Campu" was indescribable; it was pure transcendental nectar flowing from Srila Jiva Goswami's heart, taking us straight into Krsna lila. Let us close by offering our humble obeisances at his loving lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada for making this knowledge accessible. Hare Krsna.

January 17 Chicago

In all orders of spiritual life, austerity is recommended to stay fixed in one's devotional service. Today, due to severe afflictions of material energy, we faced constant challenges that caused some falldown. Nonetheless, we hope our efforts to rid ourselves of sense gratification were somewhat effective. The Holy Name is Lord Krsna, and when chanted with attention and devotion, the results are noticeable. This is only the second time in our devotional lives that we have completed 64 rounds in one day. Yet, we still feel Maya's pressure, a clear indication of how fallen we are. We aim to rid ourselves of bad habits, especially in controlling the mind and tongue. We must be strict in this regard, or we may find ourselves outside devotional service. As Srila Prabhupada says,

"Spiritual life is a razor's edge." May we hold tightly to his instructions. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 18 Chicago

The communication seminar begins. Anuttama Prabhu is an excellent speaker—he makes the sessions interesting and knows how to hold the audience's attention. The atmosphere has become more spiritually charged. Devotees are happy, learning, associating, and sharing prasadam together—Kṛṣṇa consciousness has manifested. After the weekend, we hope to maintain this spirit. It's a collective effort; that's how Lord Kṛṣṇa arranges things to happen. Today, we spoke in the Srimad Bhagavatam class about the effects of both subtle and gross association. The verse describes how Kamsa was heavily influenced by his associations. Devotees must clearly understand and avoid the negative effects of association. All glories to the association of Vaisnavas, especially the great Vaisnava, Srila Prabhupada. All glories to his lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 19 Chicago

Lord Kṛṣṇa is our very life. Kṛṣṇa-prāṇa-dhana. All glories to the Supreme Lord who has come in this age of Kali as the most lovable object in existence, Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. He has sent His mercy through His spiritual brother, Sri Nityananda, who has successfully inundated the entire cosmos with His mercy of Kṛṣṇa prema. We take exclusive shelter of Sri Caitanya and Sri Nityananda, for we know no one else. All of this has been made possible by His most merciful devotee, Srila Prabhupada, who embodies Lord Nityananda's



mercy, coupled with extraordinary kindness and knowledge. Srila Prabhupada, we know only these words. Hare Krsna.

January 20 Chicago

We are tired, but we know it's only due to having a material body. We wanted to take this opportunity to make a vow, starting tomorrow, to revive our study and recitation of slokas. Please give us determination, Srila Prabhupada, to carry it out. Hare Krsna.

January 21 Chicago

Tomorrow, we leave for St. Louis for a week. It's necessary to take a break and go out preaching—that's the essence of sannyasa. Staying here in Chicago serves a purpose, but the real duty of a sannyasi is to travel and preach. The more we can do that, the more we fulfill our service obligation to Srila Prabhupada. Our biggest challenge in staying in Chicago has been resting too late, which affects our sadhana and service. When we arrive in St. Louis, we will try to establish an earlier rising schedule. If we can do that, we'll accomplish much more with greater efficiency. As they say, man proposes, God disposes. All we can do is try and pray. That is our limit. All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

January 22 Chicago-St. Louis

It feels like meeting an old friend again—someone we love dearly and miss greatly. Such is the feeling of being with devotees who are eager and enjoy chanting the Holy Names with enthusiasm. We should remain in the mood of devotional service, focused on giving, not receiving. Dear Lord, please help us understand how we can best serve now that we're in St. Louis for a week. We should aspire to develop the qualities that are conducive to serving in a way that pleases and uplifts others. All glories to the lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

January 23 St. Louis

We felt Lord Caitanya's mercy in a different way today, as He showed His sweetness simply by being remembered, which brings great joy and knowledge within us. Occasionally, we become a little Krsna conscious, and we appreciate those moments because they propel us forward in our devotional service. One day, we can hope to be firmly fixed in our

determination, and then our service to Srila Prabhupada will truly begin. For now, we can only pray that the anarthas that have arisen through our devotional service may be recognized and eliminated. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Tomorrow is the Ekadasi vrata, wherein we will chant 32 rounds and eat only very simple fruit and perhaps some milk. It is a day of increased devotion. O Mother of Devotion, when You appear, we are always so glad to be with You once again. Hare Krsna.

January 24 St. Louis, Ekadasi

As usual on Ekadasi, we chanted 32 rounds, but we must honestly admit that the quality wasn't up to our usual standard. This was partially due to tiredness. We rose at 2 a.m. and were extremely fatigued but still determined. Maya is strong, and we see that we must work diligently to stay fixed in service and sadhana. St. Louis can be a real test, as we tend to become lazy and dependent. We contemplate what it would be like to be absorbed in reading and chanting, but with so much austerity, it becomes challenging. Someday, we will set aside time solely for reading and studying, which we look forward to. Everything is by the mercy of Srila Prabhupada. Ultimately, we are small and always dependent on Lord Krsna's mercy. Hare Krsna.

January 25 St. Louis

We shared the story and analogy of the 6 anarthas and their corresponding demons, as well as the 3 births of Jaya and Vijaya. The devotees appreciated the class. Stories with meaningful messages capture everyone's attention. We need to emphasize pastimes again. Reaching a state of absorption in lila is glorious. Ultimately, we should not seek praise or popularity; our goal is to please and serve the devotees while glorifying Lord Krsna and His pastimes. Srila Prabhupada, when will we begin to realize that Your mercy is all-encompassing? Hare Krsna.

January 26 St. Louis

It's late; our schedule has readjusted again, but why mention it? Service is our priority. We preached about Lord Sri Krsna Caitanya Mahaprabhu, which felt like reuniting with an old best friend. We know that immersing ourselves in Caitanya lila can resolve all our problems and fulfill our desires. Then, the results of our actions will be perfect. Why

don't we do it? It's hard to say—perhaps a mental aberration. As the acaryas pray, "When will that day be mine? When my offenses cease and the taste for the Name increases. When, O when will that day be mine?" Tonight, we had a meaningful exchange with Vrsabhanu Prabhu, Loka Sara Prabhu, and Bhakta Clay. Relationships with devotees are always our foremost concern. Tomorrow is our last full day in St. Louis. We look forward to returning but also have mixed feelings. Regardless, duty comes first, and we can pray it will always take precedence over personal desires. Therefore, Srila Prabhupada, we take shelter at Your lotus feet and eagerly await Your every command. Hare Krsna.

January 27 St. Louis

We came across Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura's commentary on Bhagavad Gita 2.41. This had a powerful effect on Srila Prabhupada, wherein he writes that this is the essence of Krsna consciousness activity: to be 100% fixed on the orders of the spiritual master with unflinching determination to carry them out. All success is guaranteed solely on this principle. An example is Dronacarya who taught archery to Yudhisthira, Bhima, and Arjuna. Actually, due to the degraded fallen age of Kali Yuga, nothing less than this principle are the means to success. Therefore, Srila Prabhupada, let us constantly carry out Your words with rapt attention and an unbreakable desire, as they are our all in all. Grant us the enlightened intelligence to know how to apply them in every situation. Your mercy is all that we are made of. With humble prayers and eagerness for service, we return to Chicago tomorrow. Hare Krsna.

January 28 St. Louis-Chicago

What is our role in Chicago? How much do we want to commit to the problem-solving process? We seek direction and signs on how to serve You, Srila Prabhupada. For a sannyasi, the world is wide open, but we ponder how best to assist in spreading Krsna consciousness. That is our dilemma. Hare Krsna.

January 29 Chicago

There was a lot of mercy today. We increased our service in several areas. We must read more, as soon that time may be unavailable. It's late due to the program at Bhakta Michael's place in De Kalb, where there was a gathering with a nice group of devotees. We hope the programs continue once we leave for India. It's heartening to see young westerners embrace

Krsna consciousness; it was truly ecstatic. All glories to Lord Krsna's Holy Name, and all glories to Sri Sri Gaura Nitai, the givers of the Holy Name, and all glories to Srila Prabhupada, our guide in chanting the Holy Name. Hare Krsna.

January 30 Chicago

Out of regulation, lunch was much too late. Therefore, to get back on track, we must skip Mangal arotika tomorrow. We dislike doing this, but if we try to wake up on time, we may be too tired to focus on chanting japa. We will strive to restore a full morning routine by Friday. However, tomorrow evening's program might disrupt this. In Chicago Temple, the spiritual energy is low, so we must compensate in other ways. This means being a bit independent and praying to Lord Krsna and Srila Prabhupada for the necessary enthusiasm to stay engaged in devotional service. Today was somewhat productive, though we have had many more productive days. But how do we truly judge the quality of our devotional life? Perhaps this verse from Srimad Bhagavatam (3.25.25), "satām prasaṅgān mama vīrya-saṁvidah," answers all questions regarding our real success in Krsna consciousness. Hare Krsna.

January 31 Chicago

Bhakta Vrksa meets every Thursday at Amar Upadhaya's home, led by Gaura Shakti Prabhu. It's a nice group of people. Right now, it's a struggle—January brings a slump—energy in the temple is low, devotees are fewer, and kirtans are not well attended. February is a month of departures; last year, we returned at that time. We prefer the latter program. In Mayapur, we are more fully engaged with devotee association, reading, kirtans, and renewed enthusiasm. Srila Prabhupada wanted Gaura Purnima to be a yearly program for the society. We must inspire each other. The Dham is special; Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityananda are so kind, compassionate, and forgiving. Please, Lord Nitai, don't abandon us. We need You very much; You are more important than our own lives. All glories to Your childhood pastimes in Ekacakra Dhama. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

February 1 Chicago

With resolute determination and the mercy of Srila Prabhupada, we completed our Vyasa Puja offering to him, except for some final

polishings. This alone made the day's service feel successful. But what is true success? It is often said, "Real success means to perform activities that please the Supreme Personality of Godhead." We may try to please Lord Kṛṣṇa in many ways, but at times, we may inadvertently engage in pleasing ourselves instead. Just trying to love Lord Kṛṣṇa brings real satisfaction. He is the most lovable person, and to feel loving reciprocation with Him is so satisfying. That is all we truly require. But how do we demonstrate our love? The instructions of Śrīla Prabhupāda come to mind. As we prepare for an extended preaching tour, we feel the need to become very serious, putting our heart and soul into service. We need to recognize the needs and desires of the devotees and others, helping everyone we meet take a step forward in their Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Therefore, we must be very serious. That is our understanding of how to show love to Lord Kṛṣṇa: through service to His devotees and teaching others about Kṛṣṇa consciousness. We must be prepared for complete surrender and sacrifice. As we hear Śrīla Prabhupāda's words, we gain strength to push on with determination. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 2 Chicago

We have been reading a biography of Śrīla Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvatī Thakur, and once again, we are reminded of the importance of dedicating all our time and energy to the service of Śrīla Prabhupāda and Lord Gaurāṅga, as well as the futility of material life. We see how little we serve Lord Caitanya's mission. We must regularly hear about the need to serve and surrender more, particularly to the instructions of Śrīla Prabhupāda and the chanting of the Holy Names. Maya, in the form of forgetfulness, breeds laziness toward our duties to Śrīla Prabhupāda and Lord Kṛṣṇa, keeping us in illusion and wasting time on non-devotional thoughts and activities. We feel very fallen, extremely lazy, and perpetually dissatisfied due to material contact. Our only hope is the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda, our source of inspiration and success in serving the lotus feet of Śrī Śrī Kisor Kisorī. All glories to Their lotus feet—they are so sweet and merciful. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 3 Chicago

Dinanāth Prabhu visited today, and we spoke briefly. It is nice to meet devotees who were with Śrīla Prabhupāda in the early years. We are

tying up loose ends and preparing for travel to Europe and India. A break from Chicago will be good for us. Unless something solid is put in place to manage the temple's internal affairs, the number of devotees may decline, and enthusiasm could continue to wane. However, Lord Krsna and Kisor Kisor undoubtedly have a plan. We are unsure if it aligns with Romapada Swami's, but for the sake of cooperation, we are following his direction. We need to sharpen our preaching efforts and study the books more. Let's see how Lord Krsna guides us. Our only hope is to pray to Srila Prabhupada for guidance. Aside from that, we feel happy and satisfied in hearing and chanting the glories of the Lord. Hare Krsna.

February 4 Chicago

Dinanath Prabhu visited today, spent time with certain devotees, and we heard stories about Srila Prabhupada. Vaisnava sanga is very spiritually nourishing. All glories to those devotees who helped Srila Prabhupada establish ISKCON. Even with the right intentions, if the activity is not right, the results can be undesirable. Spiritual life is like a razor's edge; we must be extremely cautious in all words and actions. A small slip can lead to deviations. We must always remember Lord Krsna through His Holy Name and give respect to others. If we truly seek the mercy of the Holy Name, this respect is essential. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, for he has created a spiritual family filled with wonderful Vaisnavas. Let us keep this family united by practicing humility and service with appreciation. All glories to his lotus feet. Srila Prabhupada Ki-Jai! Hare Krsna.

February 5 Chicago

One of the tricks of the illusory energy is compromise. Many people wish to believe they can have a successful material life while being Krsna conscious. This is generally the majority view. We need constant reminders of the suffering and futility of material life. This material world is not a pleasant place, nor can we ever make it one—that is the absolute principle of material nature. A human being's responsibility is to work for the welfare of others, and their real welfare is to become Krsna conscious. Only then can one achieve true peace and happiness. Srila Prabhupada, we wish to hold tightly to your lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

February 6 Chicago

There are 6 days remaining before our departure for London and then

India. We are trying to complete certain services and duties. Each day, many tasks are completed, but new services also arise. Will we be able to fulfill our responsibilities satisfactorily before leaving? We must focus our minds on the tasks at hand and never consider them impossible. Drdha vrata means firm determination to achieve our goals. A dilemma has arisen: we wanted to visit the Menin family before leaving and planned to go Friday evening, but we cannot find someone to drive us. If we must go alone, we will, but the intensity of this service may be exhausting, forcing us to act in the mode of passion, which can be harmful. Our only hope is to sincerely pray for proper guidance and that someone will agree to drive. Let's see what Lord Krsna arranges. As Lord Krsna says, "In all situations, just depend on Me." Dear Srila Prabhupada, grant us the intelligence to depend on Lord Krsna. Hare Krsna.

February 7 Chicago, Ekadasi

An elderly American attended our lecture at UIC on "Bhagavad-gita—Its Metaphysics." He expressed interest and said he would like our contact information to learn more. Preaching in America is often challenging, as many are overly absorbed in materialism, especially in the pursuit of money. If, by Srila Prabhupada's mercy, we can genuinely attract even one soul, it is a joyous achievement. Starting tomorrow, our activities will intensify as preaching programs increase, and our departure for India via London approaches. Today is Ekadasi, and unlike previous ones, we chanted 32 rounds with less struggle. While we might speculate on the reasons, it seems we are developing a stronger taste for japa. We hope to continue increasing that taste. The Holy Name is glorious and most important. Hearing and chanting more is our true happiness and goal. Srila Prabhupada's mercy and kindness are available to us every moment. Someday, we hope to develop genuine appreciation. Hare Krsna.

February 8 Chicago

Things are moving along; although it shouldn't be overly concerning, we are thinking about how to complete our duties before departing on Tuesday. Regardless, as Lord Krsna says, "In all situations, just depend on Me." This requires focused, concentrated effort alongside additional austerities. Therefore, dear Lord, we pray for the intelligence needed to do what is necessary. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

February 9 Chicago

We had a very auspicious program today where we installed and bathed Sri Sri Gaura Nitai at Hari Das and Vivek's apartment. The Lord accepts the service of His devotees in such wonderful and amazing ways. The Lord appears in this age in 2 forms: His Name and His Deity—Arca-vigraha. Both are Lord Krsna. The Yuga Dharma is chanting, and Lord Krsna purifies us and enhances our chanting by being visible in His Deity form. His kindness cannot be measured, especially given our "lota-like" heads. The countdown begins with 3 days left in the U.S., after which we will embark on journeys where our service will take on a different focus, centered on preaching. Are we ready? Not really! But we must be, as we will be in the association of great souls. We feel so unqualified and unable to change; our case is in the emergency file of Sri Nityananda. He can help us. We must have faith, for there is nothing else to rely on. Srila Prabhupada, please make us worthy candidates for your and Lord Krsna's mercy. All glories to the Holy Name. Hare Krsna.

February 10 Chicago

Hare Krsna! Gauranga Mahaprabhu Ki-Jai. Hare Krsna.

February 11 Chicago

Tomorrow, we leave for India with a stop in London for 5 days. It will be nice to see all the devotees in London again. Tomorrow, we will try to attend the entire morning program, and tonight, we are praying for proper rest to be fully prepared for departure. In all cases, we must depend on Lord Krsna. Sridama Prabhu mentioned this evening how Indian people in America often have to give up their natural humility and adopt the aggressive mindset typical in the workplace. This is the price one must pay for material success. By Srila Prabhupada's mercy, he is capturing a few of them with the rope of Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityananda's mercy. The world is blessed by Their appearance. Hare Krsna.

February 12 Chicago-London

Our primary concern is how to remain focused on preaching and assisting others in Krsna consciousness. A devotee must be free from personal motivations. Although we feel that traveling will be a welcome

change, the underlying reason in all circumstances is to serve the mission of Lord Caitanya and Srila Prabhupada. One can easily be diverted by self-interest, which contradicts pure devotional service. Most importantly, we must not waste time and remain fully engaged in service at all times. Krsna consciousness and Lord Krsna transcend anything material, even airport metal detectors. If they used Krsna detectors, their machines would have real purpose. A Krsna detector means seeing Lord Krsna in the heart of everyone and everything, as all exists within Him. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, who has so kindly given us the Mahamantra, the ultimate Krsna detector. Hare Krsna.

February 13 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor

Today we arrived to see Sri Sri Radha Gokulananda and Sri Sri Sita Ram, Sri Laksman, and Sri Hanuman. All glories to the wonderful Deities of Bhaktivedanta Manor. Apart from Their Lordships' magnificence, the devotees engaged with many questions in the Gita class this evening. It was uplifting to see such good attendance—at least 20 men and 8 women. In another room, over 16 devotees were also engaged in a Gita discussion. Please, Srila Prabhupada, grant us the intelligence to serve you effectively. Vaisnava seva is the essence of devotional life. How we relate to others reflects our relationship with Lord Krsna. However, old habits may reappear, and the illusory energy can create disharmony. Therefore, let us be conscious and cautious in every word, thought, and deed. We should never act impulsively or whimsically but with sensitivity to each situation. We should review the "Communication Seminar" material to ensure our thoughts and words remain Krsna conscious. Lord Krsna says, "In all situations, depend on Me." Srila Prabhupada, help us always depend on you and Lord Krsna exclusively. Hare Krsna.

February 14 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor

We were fortunate to receive the auspicious association of Srila Jayapataka Swami. He presented a series of computerized slides on various preaching projects worldwide. The preaching is flourishing with great enthusiasm. Devotees around the world are taking advantage of Lord Caitanya's movement by gathering at various festivals to hear, chant, dance, and take prasadam. May we also develop a strong desire to become selfless servants of Srila Prabhupada and dedicate more of

ourselves to spreading the glories of the Holy Name. Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare/Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Please keep us engaged in the fire of preaching Kṛṣṇa consciousness. What can we do for you? Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 15 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor

We gave a class at Soho Temple followed by a Q&A session, lunch at Bimala-Kṛṣṇa's place, and then a brahmacari class in the evening. It will be a full day. We feel exhausted—though the soul feels alive, our bodies are weary. Therefore, as I write this entry, my chief thought is the need to rest as soon as possible. Tomorrow promises another full day of preaching. We can pray to Srila Prabhupada to protect us from the illusory energy and help us find some quality reading time. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 16 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor

Sri Harinam Sankirtan Ki-Jai! Lord Caitanya's special mercy shines in this dark age of Kali, where sinful life prevails. People are lost to themselves and to God. The one light in this dark world is Lord Kṛṣṇa's Holy Name. As Srila Prabhupada stated, "This movement will save the world in its darkest moment." All glories to Sri Kṛṣṇa Sankirtan. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Kṛṣṇa.



It was a great honor and pleasure to have the association of both HH Tamal Kṛṣṇa Goswami and Kṛṣṇa Ksetra Prabhu. They both spoke very nicely, and Tamal Kṛṣṇa Goswami spoke powerfully about Srila Prabhupada and Visvanath Cakravarti Thakur's commentary on Bhagavad-gita 2.41. It was deep and filled with devotion for Srila Prabhupada. All glories to those Vaisnavas who are very dear to Srila Prabhupada. We pray for their association. Tomorrow, we embark on our journey to India as we try to serve Srila Prabhupada's mission.

February 19 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath

As you can see, I missed yesterday's entry. There is no excuse, although I was traveling and had prepared to write ahead of time. Still, I forgot. Today marks Advaita Acarya's appearance day. HH Radhanath Swami delivered an amazing 3-hour class, and we can still recall many details of the pastimes shared. We recognize the need to immerse ourselves back into Caitanya lila; it is truly glorious to hear these inspiring pastimes. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. By your mercy, Srila Prabhupada, anyone can achieve greatness in any category. Our prayer is simply to be your sincere servants and to preach. Hare Krsna.

February 20 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath

We visited Malati Devi at the hospital. She appears to be steadily improving from TB and other illnesses—hepatitis C and AIDS. However, she could go at any moment, as it is difficult to comprehend Lord Krsna's plans for His special devotees, who have surrendered everything to Srila Prabhupada and Lord Caitanya's mission. Lord Krsna may be waiting for the right time to bring her back. We pray for her recovery so she can continue to bless the devotees with her valuable association, especially for the young women in the movement who need role models. As usual, our reading time has been minimal, and our japa has been unsteady due to travel and surrendering to the immediate. I'll practice remembering Lord Krsna more and more as it becomes a matter of survival. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

February 21 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath-Pune Yatra

Vakreswara Pandit Prabhu enlivened all the devotees at Pune Yatra with his stylistic chanting and dancing in glorification of Their Lordships Sri Sri Gaura Nitai, Sri Sri Radha Krsna, and the transcendental Trio from Puri Dham. Pune Yatra brings devotees together in chanting and dancing in love of God. Our humble but eager prayer is to serve the Vaisnavas in some way. Dear Lord, we know we shouldn't trouble You with small matters, but please help us find sufficient time for quality japa. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, who has created a house in which the whole world can live. May we become a worthy instruments in the mission. Hare Krsna.

February 22 Pune Yatra



Lord Caitanya's movement is in good hands as HH Radhanath Swami follows Srila Prabhupada with his entire being. All glories to his lotus feet. May Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityananda continually shower Their blessings on all his endeavors. All glories to Sri Krsna Sankirtan. Hare Krsna.

February 23 Pune Yatra

Adjusting to life in India has proven more challenging than anticipated. The key is to eat very little and light meals. Today, we were blessed by the presence of Srila Bhakti Charu Swami. All glories to those devotees who have completely captured Lord Krsna's heart; they are very rare. Srila Prabhupada Ki-Jai! Hare Krsna.

February 24 Pune Yatra-Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath

HH Radhanath Swami's class on humility was incredible, filled with meaning, examples, and realizations. For us, it was undoubtedly the highlight of the yatra. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. A pure devotee is always beyond our understanding. HH Radhanath Maharaja continually amazes us with his devotion. Hare Krsna.

February 25 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath, App. Lord Nityananda

Sri Nityananda Ram has appeared, making everything very auspicious. This evening, Sri Sri Radha Gopinath's altar was especially beautiful. Sri Sri Radha Gopinath and the Asta Sakhis looked radiant. HH Radhanath

Swami gave a detailed account of the pastime of Jagai and Madhai, sharing an intricate description we had never heard before. Srila Prabhupada has created a beautiful family, and our duty is to serve the father and each other by reflecting his desires. We should all strive to be good mirrors. Srila Bhakti Tirtha Swami is undergoing surgery today in Washington, D.C. We offer heartfelt prayers for his protection and speedy recovery, as he is very dear to Lord Krsna and Srila Prabhupada. May Lord Nityananda's special mercy be upon him. Hare Krsna.

February 26 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath

Our bodies are starting to show signs of wear, yet we must continue our service to Srila Prabhupada. HH Niranjana Swami is experiencing serious health issues, similar to those of HH Radhanath Swami. As our movement grows, we also grow older. Srila Prabhupada began ISKCON at age 70, and while we cannot imitate his activities precisely, each of us must determine what is needed to continue our service. Tomorrow, my own health situation will be revealed. I feel fine—nothing obvious—but there is always a sense of uncertainty. As Srila Prabhupada taught, we all must leave this world at some point. A sober person is not disturbed by these changes. We feel the urge to dive deeper into the books and hope to find time for it. To preach effectively, one must read regularly. All glories to Srila Bhaktivedanta Purports—the churning of the nectar of Krsna consciousness. Hare Krsna.

February 27 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath

The doctors indicate my health is generally good, allowing me to engage more fully in serving the preaching mission of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Tonight, we felt inspired to commit seriously to sharing the philosophy of Krsna consciousness. It was like reconnecting with an old friend. The intense desire to serve through preaching is a special gift from the Lord, but if we become proud, it may slip away. Dear Lord Krsna, please help us become more serious in spreading Your message. Your mercy is all we have. Srila Prabhupada, all credit belongs to you, as it is only by your desire and mercy that we can continue. Hare Krsna.

February 28 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath

The Lord is Supreme in all categories of existence. He is the Supreme

Controller. Our planned trip to Ahmedabad has been postponed until after Mayapur, which brings us happiness. This means we will be in Mayapur for Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati's appearance day. Man proposes, God disposes. We are puppets in His hands. All glories to Srila Prabhupada—we are fully dependent on him. Our taste for reading has also been reawakened. Let's hope we can do what is necessary. Hare Krsna.

March 1 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath

The devotees here are rare, fully surrendered, extremely humble, and exhibit an extraordinary service attitude. We will leave for Sridham Mayapur in the morning. Finding the company of so many humble Vaisnavas is indeed a rarity, reflecting the quality of devotion shown by HH Radhanath Swami. Any sane person must be amazed by the expansion of Srila Prabhupada's glories and ISKCON. We conclude with a prayer, sincerely hoping to use our time in Sridham Mayapur productively—to serve the devotees, preach, and stay enthusiastically engaged in hearing and chanting the glories of Sri Sri Gaura Nitai and Sri Sri Radha Madhava. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

March 2 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath-Sridham Mayapur

By the mercy of Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityananda, we entered the holy dham, Sridham Mayapur. Many wonderful devotees are present. Our focus is on quality, not quantity, as there is so much to do and so many devotees to associate with. Dear Sri Sri Radha Madhava, please be merciful to us, fallen souls, and allow us to serve Your devotees and absorb ourselves in Your sweet darshan. You are so wonderful. Please free us from the desire for sense gratification and firmly situate us at Your lotus feet. We are very much afraid of material energy. Srila Prabhupada Ki-Jai! Hare Krsna.

March 3 Sridham Mayapur, App. Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati, Disapp. Gaur Govinda Maharaja

Accepting the objects of the senses with detachment may still lead to falldown or offense. We must be very strict in utilizing our senses in the service of the Lord; otherwise, havoc can ensue on our path. Today marks the appearance day of His Divine Grace Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Maharaja. By his desire and blessing, Lord Caitanya's



movement is spreading to every town and village. Our prayer is to be more effective instruments in spreading Lord Caitanya's movement and to be more thoughtful in using speech for the Lord's service. Words should be carefully chosen and humbly presented in all situations. Gaur Govinda Maharaja disappeared on this day in Sri Dham Mayapur in 1996, absorbed in the

pastimes of Lord Jagannath. All glories to his lotus feet; may he bestow his merciful glance upon us. Being here in Mayapur is a true test and challenge for our spiritual lives. We hope to pass this test. What does it mean to pass? It could mean being humble servants to all others. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Thank you, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Maharaja, for your kind blessings upon us. May we hold your memory deep within our hearts. Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare/Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Hare Hare. Gaura Bhakta Vrnda Ki-jai. Hare Krsna.

March 4 Sridham Mayapur

We must serve the Supreme Personality of Godhead at every moment, in one way or another. Service to Lord Krsna is our natural constitutional position at all times, in all places, and under all circumstances. Anything outside this is Maya, or illusion. We received the mercy of HH Tamal Krsna Goswami, and the day became very auspicious. The blessings of great souls are our main sustenance. As we chant the Holy Name, the blessings of these rare souls allow the Lord's Holy Name to take hold within our minds and hearts. We can never fully comprehend the extent of auspiciousness available through Vaisnava association. All glories to that great personality, His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. May we offer our unlimited obeisances at his lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

March 5 Sridham Mayapur

Srimati Radharani's mercy is pouring down on our lives abundantly. Because of Her grace, we are receiving the mercy of Lord Madhava. All glories to Her holy feet, the resting place of all love. Tomorrow, we will give the Srimad Bhagavatam class to the Bengalis. Our prayer is to

inspire the devotees in their service to Lord Krsna and Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. By his mercy, we continue day by day. Hare Krsna.

March 6 Sridham Mayapur

Among the 20 items of knowledge listed by Lord Krsna in Bhagavad Gita chapter 13, the first is humility. At times, we may realize we are only practicing humility outwardly but not genuinely being humble. We must cultivate transcendental qualities, with true humility being foremost. Humility means not desiring recognition or honor from others. In our case, it is often the opposite, reminding us that we have a long way to go before truly understanding Krsna consciousness. By constantly praying for Srila Prabhupada's mercy, we have a chance to improve. Otherwise, we succumb to the mind's demands. Dear Lord, please help us improve and increase our desire to serve. Hare Krsna.

March 7 Sridham Mayapur

What did we learn today? We should not try to be something we are not. We should remember Lord Krsna always, at every moment, and do our best to serve accordingly. We must chant more and more. Mayapur Dham provides the atmosphere and time for this. Let us absorb ourselves in the Holy Name. We should avoid eating at night as much as possible. *Ātmavan manyate jagat*: a materialistic person sees all others as themselves. Devotees are individuals, each serving Lord Krsna accordingly. We should respect everyone, associate with those similar in nature, and always maintain a mood of service. Let us eat as simply as possible, avoiding imbalances in amount and variety. We should include chanting the Siksastaka prayers before or at the beginning of morning japa, praying to Srila Prabhupada with humility and a desire for service. Hare Krsna.

March 8 Sridham Mayapur

When speaking on Krsna conscious philosophy in public, it is important to back up our statements with quotes from sastra. Srila Prabhupada often cited examples of both Lord Krsna and Lord Caitanya quoting sastra for effectiveness, even though whatever They spoke was already sastra. Isana Gaur's manuscript is opening a new way to address the issue of inattention during japa. We received it in unedited form, and it is

very well done and interesting. So far, we haven't attended any seminars, which was one reason for coming to Mayapur Dham. However, the evening kirtans have captured our attention and participation. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, whose devotees continue to produce more books on Krsna consciousness and related subjects. Hare Krsna.

March 9 Sridham Mayapur

Dear Lord Caitanya and Sri Nityananda Ram, all glories unto You. By Your combined mercy, the earth is jubilant, and the entire world is blessed. Being at Your lotus feet in Your Holy Abode brings us great joy and happiness at times. Yet, at other times, we feel we are not fully taking advantage of the mercy available. Please accept this humble but sincere prayer: help us overcome our defects, offenses, speculations, and selfishness, so we may fully embrace the mercy available and share it with others. Part of the problem is our irregularity in eating and sleeping. Nevertheless, by Your mercy, this will fade like clouds blown away by the wind. In the remaining week here, may our desire to serve increase, and may we carry this experience into our active preaching field. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, who has performed wonders by spreading Your mercy to every town and village. Hare Krsna.

March 10 Sridham Mayapur

This morning's Srimad Bhagavatam class by HH Radhanath Swami felt like the nails of Lord Nrshingadeva, ripping away material desires. Or perhaps it resembled Lord Visnu's Sudarshan Cakra, devastating the universe, or the arrow given by Agastya Muni to Lord Ramchandra, which caused the universe to tremble as He fixed the arrow on His bow. The concentrated nectar pierced deep into our false ego, exposing all our attachments down to subtle desires for sense gratification that may seem like facilities meant for Lord Krsna's service. Na dhanam na janam na sundarim. When we desire only service to please Lord Krsna and nothing else, we attain our constitutional position. As we examine our hearts, we may realize how far we are from this state, and honestly, we may not be moving in that direction. How can we become unalloyed servants? We can only pray to Lord Krsna and Srila Prabhupada for help in reaching that state, for relying on our own strength will never suffice. Sri Krsna, Your mercy and the mercy of Srila Prabhupada are everything. Please accept our most humble obeisances at Your lotus feet. All glories

to those Vaisnavas who have achieved that state of devotion, such as HH Radhanath Swami and others, who wish to see others achieve it. In service to Srila Prabhupada and glorification of his lotus feet, they sacrifice everything. Hare Krsna.

March 11 Sridham Mayapur

Gaur Premanande, Hari Haribol! All glories to Lord Jagannath, Lord Baladeva, and Subhadra Maharani. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. We are grateful for the simple service of giving classes, meeting devotees, and leading kirtan. So many devotees are dancing, and numerous wonderful projects are glorifying the Lord and Srila Prabhupada. Bhakti Marg is a master of choreography, and others are leading the movement with art and preaching programs. We should reflect more on what it means to be followers of Lord Krsna and Srila Prabhupada. Our desire for fame in Krsna consciousness has diminished, but we also wish to explore more ways to preach. We pray, dear Lord Nrshingadeva, please do not let us become lazy or complacent. Fire us up with the enthusiasm to delve deeper into this great science of Krsna consciousness.

Hare Krsna.

March 12 Sridham Mayapur

We are slipping into old eating habits again, and if we continue, it may create spiritual and material problems. Diligence is essential, even when accepting prasadam invitations, or our preaching may be hindered. Srila Prabhupada, please save us. Hare Krsna.

March 13 Sridham Mayapur

It is late, and we feel overwhelmed with tiredness, but what can we say? All glories to Srila Prabhupada. May his fame continue to spread worldwide. Hare Krsna.

March 14 Sridham Mayapur

We have decided to use this year to travel as much as possible. There are many invitations and opportunities to visit, and we feel the need to immerse ourselves in our preaching service, which traveling allows us to do. Chicago is in a state of flux and transition. We hope it moves forward, and while we would like to play a greater role, it seems our presence may not be significant. We may be wrong, but either way, we

must focus on preaching. Chicago can divert our attention and make us a bit lazy. We will see what unfolds. At least we plan to travel steadily until October, hoping this aligns with the desires of the Lord and Srila Prabhupada. If not, we will adjust accordingly. All glories to those who are fully absorbed in Lord Krsna's service. May we soon be one of them. Hare Krsna.

March 15 Sridham Mayapur-Departure of HH Tamal Krsna Goswami



It is practically impossible for me to write what should be said about the events of the day. We visited Ekacakra Dham and received the Supreme mercy of Sri Nityananda Ram. However, this day is overshadowed by a deeply sad event. During announcements by Janmastami Prabhu, we learned of a car accident in Mauritius that claimed the lives of 6 devotees. Little did we know that a similar tragedy occurred this morning near Mayapur Dham, taking the life of a great legend in Krsna consciousness, HH Tamal Krsna Goswami Maharaja.

He was a very dear and confidential devotee of Srila Prabhupada, and his passing leaves a void in the Hare Krsna world. The history of the movement was formulated by one of Srila Prabhupada's most dear and confidential sons, and he probably had more intimate association with Srila Prabhupada than any other of his disciples. He shared a special bond with Srila Prabhupada, traveling with him and being entrusted with significant responsibilities. We had just begun to know him more intimately. He is our elder and beloved godbrother, a virtual legend in Krsna consciousness. We will all miss his special association dearly. With a heavy heart and deep admiration, we offer our most heartfelt obeisances to His Divine Grace Srila Tamal Krsna Goswami. We pray he has reunited with his eternal spiritual master, A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. Thank you, Maharaja, for your association. We held great admiration and respect for your lotus feet. Thank you for

embracing us when you arrived in Mayapur last week; it filled us with joy. You don't know how happy we felt. We will miss you dearly, as will the entire world. All glories to your lotus feet, with love from us. Today also marks the disappearance day of Srila Jagannath Das Babaji Maharaja and Srila Rasikananda Prabhu. May we worship your lotus feet along with these illustrious personalities. Dear Maharaja, we were just together on Vasant Pancami at Bhaktivedanta Manor, and we will always remember your talk on Sri Visvanath Cakravarti Thakur, along with your deep glorification of Srila Prabhupada. We humbly pray you are with Lord Krsna at this moment. All glories to you. Thank you for everything you did for Srila Prabhupada and for spreading Krsna consciousness worldwide. Hare Krsna.

March 16 Sridham Mayapur

Devotees gathered today to honor and remember HH Tamal Krsna Goswami Maharaja. It was a sweet and wonderful gathering. His departure has brought us closer to Lord Krsna. He was a powerful devotee, and his devotion to Srila Prabhupada is beyond words. All glories to his lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

March 17 Sridham Mayapur

The loss to ISKCON and each devotee is immeasurable. HH Tamal Krsna Goswami was a true legend and a devotee among devotees. He left this world on the Divine disappearance day of Srila Sarvabhauma Bhattacharya and Jagannath Das Babaji Maharaja, known as the commander-in-chief of all Vaisnavas. Tamal Krsna Goswami has been recognized by all as "the commander and chief of Srila Prabhupada's followers." As Bhakti Charu Maharaja expressed, "How will we go on?" Yet, somehow Lord Chaitanya will provide us with the strength to continue, though our hearts will never be the same. Dear Maharaja, please accept our most loving obeisances at your lotus feet. We will always deeply miss you. Thank you for your kindness and love. We may never fully understand why, but we can only conclude it was due to your great heart. Tomorrow, all devotees will honor and remember you and Srila Prabhupada. Please, Srila Prabhupada and Sri Krsna, select a qualified devotee to write a book about his life. His memory will always inspire us. Hare Krsna.

March 18 Sridham Mayapur-Calcutta

All our desires were fulfilled as we were fortunate to receive the blessed association of Srila Radhanath Swami Maharaja. Just one moment with a pure devotee of the lord can lead to perfection. Leaving Mayapur was more difficult than we imagined because it is such a special tirtha, the ideal place to practice Krsna consciousness. We hope to return each year for longer stays. Without a doubt, it is a replica of the spiritual world. Today, we met Lokavarnatam Prabhu and honored breakfast prasadam with HH Radhanath Swami. He is using his resources to serve Lord Krsna, which is his saving grace. If we can please the Lord by serving His pure servants, our devotional service is guaranteed. He made a generous donation of \$20,000 to Bhaktivedanta Hospital. We conclude with a desire to delve deeper into the life and passing of HH Tamal Krsna Goswami. May we keep his memory dear to our hearts and let his departure inspire all Vaisnavas in their service and surrender. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

March 19 Calcutta-Delhi-Sri Vrndavan Dham

Traveling has been excruciating, though it could have been worse. The journey by plane, through the airport, and by car made our japa extremely inattentive. Nonetheless, by the mercy of the Vaisnavas, we are now in the association of our dear godsister and vartmapradarsaka guru, Mother Daivi Sakti. We have arrived in the holy land of Lord Krsna, Sri Vrindavan Dham. All glories to this sacred place, governed by the love of Srimati Radharani for Lord Krsna. May our brief stay here draw us closer to Her lotus feet and strengthen our determination in serving Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

March 20 Sri Vrndavan Dham

By the sweet mercy of Srimati Radharani, Sri Vrindavan Dham is merciful to all. There is a certain mood here that reveals the essence of Sri Vrindavan Dham—unalloyed love for Lord Krsna. Those who come to the Dham for enjoyment become bereft on Her mercy and eventually must depart. Srila Prabhupada envisioned Krsna Balaram Temple as a place of service and surrender. We pray to avoid finding fault and to serve all with humility. This is our heartfelt prayer. We hope all visitors to the Dham embody the spirit of devotion that pleases Sri Vrindavaneswari. May all

Her children serve in the spirit of unalloyed love. Srila Prabhupada will be pleased to see that spirit of surrender. All glories to his lotus feet, which reveal the glories of the Dham. Hare Krsna.

March 21 Sri Vrndavan Dham

At Vrnda Kund, a new temple is being built for Srimati Vrnda Devi, and Pavan Sarovara is being cleaned. We need to cleanse our hearts of all material desires by chanting the Hare Krsna Mahamantra with great attention and devotion. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, who brought the Holy Name to the world. Hare Krsna.

March 22 Sri Vrndavan Dham

Today, we were at Govardhana Dham for a day honoring HH Tamal Krsna Goswami. We spoke, though not everything we wanted to express, yet we are grateful that the devotees asked us to share. We wish we could have been more humble, devoted, and intelligent, but by Srila Prabhupada's grace, we shared what was in our hearts. May we always remember him—his example of leadership and strictness, his kindness and compassion, and his powerful preaching of Krsna consciousness. An era has passed, or rather, a legend has left us. HH Tamal Krsna Goswami, a true devotee, leader, and lover of Srila Prabhupada and Lord Krsna, please accept our most humble obeisances at your lotus feet. May we, the devotees in ISKCON, learn from your life and example. Hare Krsna.

March 23 Sri Vrndavan Dham

All glories to the special mercy of Sri Sri Radha Syamasundara. May our polluted minds and contaminated hearts take shelter at Their lotus feet and find great happiness. All glories to Sri Sri Krsna Balaram, whose effulgent forms illuminate our darkened eyes and minds with the mercy of Their pastimes in the groves of Vrndavan. All glories to Sri Sri Nitai Gaura, whose smiling faces and sweet lotus feet bring us great joy, inspiring us to chant and dance in rapt attention, praying for more. All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada, whose transcendental presence inspires us with humility, eagerly awaiting our next opportunity to share his words of surrender and devotion. All glories to all the Vaisnavas, whose association brings great joy, freedom from our overactive minds, and opportunities for service and friendship. All glories to Sri Vrndavan Dham, our inspiration to continue in our service and our home away from home. Hare Krsna.

March 24 Sri Vrndavan-Delhi-Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath

We gave a Srimad Bhagavatam class in the Vrndavan temple today. We felt we spoke a bit too fast at the beginning and middle, but the devotees seemed to appreciate the class. There is a desire to read and study more, but time feels limited. Now we approach the advent of Mahaprabhu's appearance day. All glories, unlimitedly, at His Supreme sweet lotus feet. May we absorb ourselves in His lila. Srila Prabhupada, you are more merciful than we can comprehend. We are not even close to understanding. Hare Krsna.

March 25 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath-Ekadasa

All glories to Ekadasa vrata. Today was filled with 32 rounds, Hari-nam, a serenade kirtan, and the sweet association of Srila Radhanath Swami, which wonderfully flavored the mercy Lord Krsna bestowed upon us. Completing various services added to the blessings of the day, although we didn't attend the morning program due to a late-night arrival. The day ended with the appearance of HH Guna Grahi Swami and a friend. It was nice to see Maharaja again after about 4 years. Tomorrow, we will begin hearing the glories of Sri Krsna Caitanya Mahaprabhu in marathon style, as HH Radhanath Swami will share many hours of katha over 4 consecutive days. All glories to the Vaisnava devotees of the Lord. Jai Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

March 26 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath

We find it challenging to readjust to the changes and travel; it seems difficult to return to a balanced routine. What can we do to make it smoother? Perhaps we should take immediate rest after traveling and allow sufficient time to recuperate. Neglecting these needs in the name of jumping back into service feels self-defeating. Nevertheless, it's an occupational hazard. We pray for guidance in doing the right thing. Srila Prabhupada, we need your mercy. Hare Krsna.

March 27 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath

HH Radhanath Swami delivered 2 very insightful talks on Lord Caitanya's opulence of strength and knowledge. Guna Grahi Swami and his devotees from Argentina are here, and the kirtans are very lively. Tomorrow marks the sacred and most auspicious occasion of the

appearance of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. By His mercy, ISKCON's efforts to spread His glories and the glories of the Holy Name are truly glorious. We pray, a day in advance, that we can fully immerse ourselves in preaching with the grace and mercy of His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

March 28 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath-Gaura Purnima

HH Radhanath Maharaja creates a powerful atmosphere of devotion and service to others. Today's Gaura Purnima festival reflected his mercy. Srila Prabhupada has empowered him to preach effectively where it is most needed—emphasizing the importance of Vaisnava seva. With the Lord's appearance day upon us, we see an opportunity for increased preaching and austerity. We need to become more steadfast in our service and avoid wasting time on unnecessary activities. Tomorrow, we will resume preaching and aim to intensify our efforts. We must make the mission of Srila Prabhupada our life and soul. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

March 29 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath

The 5-day Gaura Purnima festival has concluded. This year, we were fortunate to have the association of Guna Grahi Swami, Kavichandra Maharaja, Rohit Prabhu, and many other godbrothers. Srila Radhanath Swami, as always, delivered remarkable talks on Lord Caitanya, focusing on His 6 opulences. His final lecture was on renunciation, and one key point that stood out was that true renunciation means renouncing the desire to exploit and enjoy the material energy. Envy is the desire to enjoy the property of the Lord independently, and any trace of enjoyment outside devotional service keeps us in competition with Lord Krsna. Dear Lord, our only true desire is to serve and please You and Your devotees. Please help us understand the mood of renunciation that will elevate us in Krsna consciousness. Srila Prabhupada, please assist us in becoming more attached to the welfare of others and less to ourselves. We pray for Your mercy, as it is our only hope in life. Hare Krsna.

March 30 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath-Pune

We began a 2-week travel and preaching tour today. The first program was well attended, with engaging questions and enthusiastic

participation. The students listened intently, a sign that people are hungry for Krsna consciousness. We want to immerse ourselves in this preaching service while being cautious not to neglect our health. It is a general weakness, and we must be careful to maintain steady service. Tonight, we lectured on balancing one's material life with devotional life. We, too, must be mindful of executing our service in a way that maximizes our preaching while caring for this fragile body. Only You, Srila Prabhupada, can grant us the intelligence for a successful endeavor. All glories to Your mercy upon the fallen souls. Hare Krsna.

March 31 Pune

Radhe Syam Prabhu is effectively serving by preaching in colleges, schools, homes, temples, and small apartments, leading the brahmacharis in spreading Lord Caitanya's movement. One dedicated devotee—intelligent and inspired—can accomplish so much in spreading Krsna consciousness. Srila Prabhupada wanted each of his disciples to take responsibility for spreading sankirtan. In our humble attempts to serve Srila Prabhupada's order, we are experiencing some small successes, all due to his mercy. What in this world compares to the opportunity to engage in Lord Caitanya's Sankirtan movement? This is all due to Srila Prabhupada's mercy. Therefore, our only real business is his pleasure. This is what we aspire to. Hare Krsna.

April 1 Pune

It was a full day of preaching. It feels wonderful to be back in preaching mode. We can sense Srila Prabhupada's pleasure through this service. The question remains: can we maintain a steady program without going overboard and developing pride or slipping back into routine? Time will tell. Dear Lord, keep us in the fire, aware of our strengths and weaknesses. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

April 2 Pune-Aurangabad

This is our first visit here, and Rohini Priya Prabhu is doing great preaching work. He could use some assistance, as the field is ripe for development. In general, people everywhere are open to sincere, committed devotees who are willing to make personal sacrifices. The world is very hungry for the real thing, and ISKCON has it—Lord Caitanya's formula. We are trying, in our own humble way, to contribute,

and we have seen some positive reciprocation. However, we need to invest our hearts into preaching more and more. Lord Krsna is providing us with opportunities, and He will give them to anyone who makes even a small effort. Our nature is to be balanced, yet we sometimes find ourselves unbalanced. In this effort to preach, many opportunities arise. How much can we serve? We need more access to the mercy of Srila Prabhupada because it is virtually impossible, and against our nature, to take on such austerity. But we wouldn't have it any other way, so we must try to offer some small service in appreciation of this rare and priceless gift of Krsna consciousness. We beg for Your mercy, dear Srila Prabhupada, as it is our only source of strength. Hare Krsna.

April 3 Aurangabad

Difficulties always arise in executing our Krsna consciousness, especially while traveling and preaching. We should never become lazy or inattentive due to unfamiliar circumstances. We must become more determined; otherwise, Maya will easily fool us. Our determination must drive us to seek Lord Krsna's mercy, guidance, and dependence on Him. The road back home is not easy, but it is guaranteed to those who persevere in all circumstances. Tomorrow, we leave for Nasik, the third stop on this tour. We anticipate that the tests will increase, but we must not waver in our determination to serve the mission of Lord Caitanya and please Srila Prabhupada. He has saved us from the misery of material sense gratification. What sacrifice can we offer? Simply help others in some way. In any case, it is all His mercy. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

April 4 Aurangabad-Nasik

Surrounded by opulence and material comforts, it can sometimes feel overwhelming. To remain unaffected by these things is a challenge in itself. Nonetheless, we must use our intelligence, remain detached, and depend on Lord Krsna's mercy, serving others so they can find happiness and become Krsna conscious. Our position is to give, not take, although we must also accept their service. A devotee finds happiness simply in chanting, taking a little prasadam, and associating with Srimad Bhagavatam. By Lord Krsna's mercy, we were able to read and study on the train, which revived a deeper internal mood—something rare while traveling. Dear Lord, we continually seek Your mercy and strength to continue on. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

April 5 Nasik

Nasik is a very holy place, especially for Ram bhaktas. Despite being influenced by Western culture, the people here remain very pious and devoted to God. It is a great place to preach if one can tolerate the material inconveniences, health risks, and dangers of road travel. Yes, we will definitely return. Despite all the praise and distinction, we feel the protection of Srila Prabhupada's mercy. May he continue to bestow his special mercy and keep us engaged in preaching to the conditioned souls. Hare Krsna.

April 6 Nasik-Bombay-Hyderabad

All glories to Srila Prabhupada. By embracing some austerity through traveling and preaching, especially in India, we gain a tiny realization of the glory of Srila Prabhupada's sacrifice for the conditioned souls. Of course, he endured to preach Krsna consciousness is unimaginable and unheard of. As he once expressed, he longed to return to Vrndavan, as he had done before beginning his mission. We are simply trying to offer some small service to please him. We pray we can remember Lord Krsna through it all. Hare Krsna.

April 7 Hyderabad

Tonight, we were fortunate to receive the Lord's mercy in the form of kirtan. The essence of our spiritual activities is found in Sri Harinam Sankirtan. All glories to the Lord in His most powerful incarnation—His Holy Names—Hare, Krsna, and Ram. We are moving so fast that as we make acquaintances and meet devotees, we leave immediately, perhaps never to see many of these souls again. This is the nature of the world, where relationships are like straws on the ocean, coming together and being pulled apart by waves. Thus, the relationships in this world are all very temporary. Our only real and lasting relationship is with our beloved Lord Krsna. That is the destination we must keep traveling towards, eventually returning back home, back to His lotus feet in transcendental loving service. May this desire be our only desire and the reason for all our activities. As time passes, not waiting for anyone, our life in this body may end today or tomorrow. Only Lord Krsna knows, so let us not waste a moment in activities that divert our attention from the service of His lotus feet—the real eternal occupation. All glories to Srila Prabhupada for giving us the gift of eternal life and love for Bhagavan Sri Krsna. Hare Krsna.

April 8 Hyderabad-Bombay-Jalgaon-Ekadasi

Out of unavoidable necessity, unlike our history of previous Ekadasis, we traveled most of the day—an hour by plane and 7 hours by train. When preaching the message of Lord Caitanya, we may, out of unavoidable necessity, adjust or avoid certain rules and regulations if they hinder the preaching. Preaching is the essence. Still, we must not neglect the given process just because we are preaching. Srila Prabhupada advised, "Don't take advantage." Dear Srila Prabhupada, countless people approach us for blessings, and as per your instruction, we confess our inadequacy. But you, Srila Prabhupada, can save the world and blessing everyone, so please bestow your blessings on those souls who have sought our mercy. Thank you. Hare Krsna.

April 9 Jalgaon

Unlike other days, we are writing in the late afternoon. Tonight at 11:30 p.m., we will board a train destined for Bombay. This marks the 11th day of our preaching tour in Maharashtra. The mercy of the Supreme Lord is very strong, especially in His form as Bhagavan Sri Narasinghadeva. As we prepare to conduct a lecture in honor of the Gaura Purnima Festival, many new attendees will join us. It is our humble yet fervent prayer that, on behalf of His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada, we may attract the minds and hearts of those present, inspiring them to develop a greater interest in Krsna consciousness. One of Maya's great illusions, particularly for those of us engaged in preaching, is the temptation to take credit for our actions. We can only pray that the Lord places the right words in our mouths, allowing us to speak with heartfelt sincerity, pleasing and benefiting all. All glories to His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami; by his mercy, his life's work continues to thrive. Hare Krsna.

April 10 Bombay-Satara

Let us keep moving. After carefully listening to Ravindra Swarupa Prabhu's discussion on Sikshastaka, a recording from a January seminar in the Detroit temple, we feel sufficiently enlivened and eager to delve deeper into the intricacies of chanting the Mahamantra. All glories to the Holy Names of Lord Krsna. Let us go deeper into the meaning of the Holy Name and derive great satisfaction in this process. Tonight, as people offered us respect, memories of Srila Prabhupada came alive. We

reflected on how pleased Srila Prabhupada must be, seeing his movement thrive and people engage enthusiastically in his service. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna..

April 11 Satara

Maya attacks in surprising ways, often causing anxiety due to impatience. We must always do what is necessary without becoming anxious over momentary situations. In executing our service, a balance between serving the needs of the body and mind is essential. Tomorrow, we move on to Kolhapur, the final destination, where we might be influenced by the urge to finish rather than to serve. Let us always remember You, O Lord, for by doing so, we know we cannot think of a more perfect way to execute devotional service. O Sri Krsna, we are so fallen, yet we sometimes consider ourselves important. That is Your kindness. Lord Krsna loves us, and that is all that really matters. We must reciprocate His love by serving His servants. That should be our focus in executing devotional service. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for allowing us to speak a few words in your glorification, although we feel most inadequate. Hare Krsna.

April 12 Satara-Kolhapur



We are at our last stop on the tour. Maya seems to be drawing closer. Lord Krsna says, in all situations, "Just depend on Me." Depending on Lord Krsna requires us to apply our intelligence in executing the process. We should also pray from the depths of our hearts for Lord Nṛsiṁhadeva to protect us—bahir nṛsiṁho hṛdaye nṛsiṁho. Kolhapur is pleasant, with preaching in full swing and people being very receptive. Tomorrow will be the final program. Let us continue with renewed enthusiasm to push on despite distractions caused by our restless minds. Most importantly, any honor and praise coming our way is solely for Srila Prabhupada. We are

fortunate to have this special opportunity to act on his behalf. Therefore, whatever success we achieve is a glorification of him and is due only to his mercy. Hare Krsna.

April 13 Kolhapur

It is late afternoon, and like our departure from Jalgaon, we will be leaving by train this evening, directly after the program. This will be the last program of our 2-week trip. It has been intense, and our minds are feeling restless, perhaps more than usual. Our saving grace has been the mercy of Lord Nršhinggadeva, who goes out of His way to protect us from Maya. The Lord's mercy is great. Tonight, we hope to speak on the importance of devotional service above all other means of spiritual elevation, highlighting the subtleties of Mayavada and impersonalism. Most people, especially in India, can clearly distinguish between personalism and impersonalism. In future travels around Maharashtra, it may be more effective and less tiring to stay in one place longer, although that may mean visiting fewer places. We must sacrifice one for the other. The most important aspect of this trip is that all honor, respect, and service be offered to Srila Prabhupada, as he is conducting all our activities and allowing Lord Krsna's mercy to flow. All glories to his lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

April 14 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath

Being back among the devotees at Sri Sri Radha Gopinath feels purifying. Engaging in the fire of preaching without sufficient sadhana can weaken us as we come into close contact with material energy. Much praise and respect accompany preaching, as devotees are always eager and enthusiastic to honor preachers. One day back, and soon off to London. This trip to India has been better than previous ones for many reasons, mainly because we were able to serve more. Each time we come to India, Lord Krsna reveals how we can serve more and more. With the way the world is progressing and India and Pakistan on the verge of conflict, it is uncertain whether we can stick to our schedule. Regardless, we are feeling more at home here. Perhaps we will soon shift our preaching emphasis to India. Ultimately, Lord Krsna is our guide and master, and what He dictates is our only concern. In all cases, dear Srila Prabhupada, please allow us to remain in the fire of preaching Krsna consciousness, growing increasingly attached to the lotus feet of Sri Sri Gaura Nitai and

Their mission. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Let us renew our dedication to him every day. Hare Krsna.

April 15 Bombay/Sri Sri Radha Gopinath



Sri Sri Gaura Nitai, Sri Sri Gopal Nathaji, and Sri Sri Radha Gopinath are most merciful and most beautiful. This is one of my homes away from home—a place of pure devotion, filled with many humble, surrendered, learned Vaisnavas—a beautiful offering to Srila Prabhupada by His Divine Grace Srila Radhanath Swami Maharaja. All glories to his lotus feet. We always pray for his mercy. Soon the yatra will be to London again. I am praying that I can offer some sincere and enthusiastic service that will be pleasing to the Lord and all the Vaisnavas. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. His mercy is our only strength and hope. Hare Krsna.

April 16 London

Please, dear Sri Sri Radha Gokulananda, engage us in Your service with devotion. Hare Krsna.

April 17 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor-Soho Street Temple

As much as we have prepared for the seminar on the Sikshastakam prayers of Lord Caitanya, we realize that the presentation needs to be delivered in a more thoughtful and careful manner. These prayers reflect Srimati Radharani's ecstasies of love for Lord Krsna, presented by Mahaprabhu in the mood of a pure devotee. In one sense, these prayers are very deep in devotional mellows and can be justified by devotees on

the purified platform of devotional service. Today, we covered the first verse, and the devotees seemed appreciative, but we see the need for improvement. It feels a little difficult to readjust to the West. We feel tired, spaced out, or both. Somehow, we are carrying on. Tonight, we hope to rest. We would like to improve our relationships with the devotees, so we must be in proper consciousness, not fatigued. Despite all external adjustments, Srila Prabhupada's mercy remains our life and soul. All glories to his lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

April 18 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor

Sri Sikshastakam, Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu—all glories to Their lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

April 19 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor

We experienced a recurrence of something distasteful during the final days of the preaching tour in Maharashtra. When we push ourselves beyond what is manageable, especially with constant traveling and preaching, we tend to become spaced out and fail to genuinely appreciate the devotees. This is something we want to avoid at all costs. The object of our service—the devotees—should also be the object of our affection, as their interest and happiness is what we must always seek. Over-endeavoring can lead us to see things in a mundane or ordinary way. When this occurs, we must immediately adjust to rid ourselves of this contamination. We should identify what needs adjustment and be diligent in correcting it. As the Bhagavad Gita explains, one who is temperate in eating, sleeping, working, and recreation can perform yoga. The middle road is the path of progress. Naturally, there will be errors, but we must seek the middle road for balance. May Srila Prabhupada bestow His blessings and mercy on us, as we navigate our fallen state and struggles with pride and egoism. Hare Krsna.

April 20 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor

HH Radhanath Maharaja has arrived, uplifting the devotees to greater heights of devotional happiness. The Supreme Lord's gift to the world is His pure devotees, as they are non-different from Him. He shows His love for us through them. It is truly amazing how our appreciation for Maharaja continues to grow year after year. All glories to his lotus feet!

Such a blessing can never be fully comprehended or appreciated. We only pray to render some insignificant service and perhaps gain more of his association. Srila Prabhupada, no one can replace you in our lives, nor do we need anything else. You have sent HH Radhanath Maharaja to uplift and bless all; for this, we are eternally grateful. Hare Krsna.

April 21 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor-Ramnavami

The Srimad Bhagavatam class and the continuation of Ram lila by HH Radhanath Swami deepened our mood for today's festival. We have a 2-hour talk at Soho and found ourselves pondering what to speak about. We pray that whatever comes out pleases the guests and devotees. We feel great mercy flowing from the merciful, all-attractive Lord. We sense that unless we slow down, read, and write more, we will become less able to focus on chanting. It is already happening. Nevertheless, Srila Prabhupada is especially kind and merciful, allowing us to preach and associate with devotees and others. Tomorrow, we leave for Spain, which will bring a completely different mood; perhaps we can catch up on internal meditation. Our life is for Lord Krsna, and we should want to put our hearts there as well. Hare Krsna.

April 22 London-Spain/New Vraja Mandala

We want this little diary to be an opportunity to reflect on what we learned today. Many thoughts came to mind. This morning, we led Guru Puja kirtan for 45 minutes. Near the end, it became a little difficult, but we realized that serving the devotees through our efforts is what Krsna consciousness means—to please Lord Krsna and His part and parcel servants. We had breakfast with Mahadyuti Prabhu and HH Radhanath Swami at Soho Street temple. The discussion centered around the importance of book distribution. Now that we have arrived in Spain, the pace will slow tremendously. Yet, wherever there are devotees, there will always be opportunities for service and kirtan. We pray to be of some useful service. With the mercy of Srila Prabhupada, anything and everything is possible. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

April 23 Spain/New Vraja Mandala

Being here at this time is just what is needed. After 3 weeks of traveling and regular preaching, it is time to refocus on hearing, chanting, reading, and routine service. There is no pressure here, just classes morning and

evening. There are only a handful of devotees, but since our last visit, the overall atmosphere has improved. Still, we can fall down or lose focus in any condition. Being on the front line of preaching requires constant prayer for the Lord's protection, guidance, and intelligence. If we relax on the front line, we will become lifeless. But, as we move into a more serene and natural routine, we must be vigilant against laziness, excess sleep, fault-finding, and egoistic consciousness. Therefore, our prayer is to remain meek and humble, in a mood of service to others and the mission of preaching Kṛṣṇa consciousness. We pray to Śrīla Prabhupada for the intelligence to perform our service properly and to utilize our time to the utmost. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 24 Spain/New Vraja Mandala

Gopiparanadhana Prabhu's translation with purports of Sanātana Goswami's Brhad-Bhagavatamṛta has completely captured our interest and attention. It excels in style, content, readability, and authenticity. We pray to find time to immerse ourselves in this great work, which is a supplement to Jāmini Rsi's Mahābhārata narration to King Janamejaya, the son of Mahārāja Parikṣit. The text is Mahārāja Parikṣit's narration to his mother, Uttara, on the essence of Śrīmad Bhagavatam. We hope to remember what we read by having opportunities to share such knowledge. In the life of a devotee, we often lack the time to engage in devotional service to our heart's desire. Just as karmīs have no time for devotion, we also find it challenging to perform our devotional activities to our satisfaction. Still, we are satisfied and only desire more and more. As the Goswamis set aside all bodily needs and absorbed themselves 24 hours a day, we must develop the same desire and try to increase our engagement, being careful not to sacrifice quality for quantity while always increasing quantity. By the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupada, all noble spiritual goals are easily achieved. However, we must have a sincere desire free from personal motivations and material comforts. Your mercy, Śrīla Prabhupada, is our only success; therefore, let us constantly seek your mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 25 Spain/New Vraja Mandala

The glories of the intimate devotees of the Lord are unfathomable to ordinary practitioners. As we spoke about the glories of Nāmacārya Śrīla Haridāsa Thākura in class this evening, describing his compassion and

love for the executioners who mercilessly beat him, an emotional response from a listener prompted us to reflect deeply on our words. Sometimes, perhaps always, we speak of great souls without truly understanding them. This response helped us appreciate Haridas Thakur's qualities even more. All glories to the assembled Vaisnavas who exhibit deep love for Lord Krsna in their hearts. Namacarya Srila Haridas Thakur Ki-Jai! When this great soul left his body, Mahaprabhu declared that the world was now bereft of its crest jewel. Lord Caitanya proved to the world that the Supreme Lord is won by the love of these great souls. The pastimes described in Caitanya Caritamrta by Srila Krsna Das Kaviraj Goswami illustrate the heart of Mahaprabhu and the truly glorious qualities of Saint Haridas. As the Namacarya, we pray for the intense desire to chant Lord Krsna's name more and more, with eagerness and devotion. We also pray to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada to allow us to serve the Vaisnavas increasingly. Dear Srila Prabhupada, please help us surrender to our service, not only in body and words but in mind and heart as well. Hare Krsna.

April 26 Spain/Madrid

Preaching, kirtans, Lord Krsna's service, Harinams, and prasadam filled our weekend at the preaching center. Dear Sri Krsna, please grant us the enthusiasm to push forward with renewed energy. At times, a desire for change may arise, trying to dampen our preaching spirit. Still, may we continue to take shelter in and glorify Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

April 27 Spain/Madrid

It was an interesting day. We are trying to appreciate the people we meet beyond merely serving them. People in Spain possess 2 outstanding qualities: they are simple and passionate, and we never know which will manifest at any given time. Tonight's program in the park ended nicely with kirtan and prasadam distribution. Lord Krsna, who resides in the hearts of all living entities, sent a soul in the form of a small dog to receive prasadam. The eagerness this dog displayed transcended the lust for taste, although to the dog, it was something tasty. We felt that living entity receiving the Lord's mercy, and as the scriptures mention, he will soon attain a human birth. Lord Caitanya took 2 dogs back to the spiritual world, and it seemed He was acting upon this dog by bringing him to receive His mercy. All glories to Patita Pavan Avatar Sri Krsna

Caitanya, at whose lotus feet this dog-like servant places his head eternally, barking and wagging his tail happily in finding his eternal master. Please feed us the remnants of your prasadam and the association of Your devotees. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, who has captured this stray dog and is leading him back home. All glories to his lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

April 28 Spain/Madrid

During the Caitanya Caritamrta class, Harinam, and the evening program, we felt Lord Caitanya's mercy flowing like an endless river of sweet nectar. It brings us joy to see the devotees dancing enthusiastically in kirtan and making great efforts to participate. Yadunandana Prabhu is very qualified and eager to preach. Wherever pure surrendered devotees gather, the results manifest in various ways. We have one more day left in Spain, then we will head to Germany, our final stop before returning to America. This trip has been wonderful, especially due to the association of devotees. We should renew our desire to preach; therefore, we need to read and study more, as this aspect of our sadhana may be lacking. Whatever happens, we should keep praying for service and opportunities to preach. Knowing that others are benefiting is our motivation to continue. By Srila Prabhupada's mercy, it is all progressing. All glories to his lotus feet. Sri Sri Gaura Nitai of Madrid emanate especially powerful shakti with Their presence. Hare Krsna.

April 29 Spain/Madrid

Today is our final day. The devotees came from the farm, and the evening program was very inspiring, with nice kirtan and engaging questions and answers. We have now completed our fourth visit to Spain—shorter than the previous one but perhaps more productive from our perspective, as we focused entirely on preaching. We should read more, as this is where we are lacking. Consequently, today, when we did read, it was easier for us to speak clearly. The relationship between reading and speaking is essential. What we especially appreciated today was Ravindra Svarupa's explanation of the Sikshastakam prayers, which awakened our feelings for Lord Krsna. We realized just how selfish we can be in our service, often seeking some form of remuneration, either subtle or gross. We will be in Germany for 6 full days. One can only pray that we will be able to devote ourselves to the devotees and not be

affected by the association of the opposite gender. This is the real test. Perhaps we are taking on more than we can handle. We can only fervently pray, as this is our final stop before Chicago. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. We can appreciate what he is offering us: a chance to act on his behalf. What else can we aspire for than to be known as his servants, fully committed to his desire? Hare Krsna.

April 30 Spain-Germany/Berlin

All glories to the Holy Name! All glories to Lord Krsna, who has appeared in His most precious Name. Our only activity is to fully absorb ourselves in the sound of His Name. Tomorrow, we will speak to many devotees about the glories of Lord Krsna's Holy Name. Although we have spoken before, this time it will be a real test to make the presentation engaging and attract their minds to increase their devotional service. We place our situation at the feet of His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada and pray for His guidance and mercy. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

May 1 Germany/Berlin

Traveling means hardship. Constant adjustment is not always smooth. Again, we spoke the Sikshastakam prayers, and the response was very nice. The Holy Name remains the best of all subjects. We only need to apply these principles in our japa. As unqualified individuals, we can only hope to practice what we are attempting to say. All glories to the mercy of Srila Prabhupada. He is keeping us going despite our unqualified and unwilling nature. With only 5 days left before our return, we pray to become absorbed. Hare Krsna.

May 2 Germany/Berlin-Hannover

Traveling and struggling to maintain Krsna consciousness is an austerity that requires constant attention and adaptability to see Krsna in the hearts of those we encounter. Certain aspects make it easier, while others complicate it. Close association with the opposite gender subtly wears on our consciousness. Our only protection is Krsna's special mercy, felt in our awareness of His constant guidance. Srila Prabhupada is especially kind; we feel closer to him through this preaching service. If we can change even one heart to become a devotee, it is worth all the difficulties. Our legs are wobbling. Please, Srila Prabhupada, grant us the strength and renewed enthusiasm to continue. You are our only real hope. Hare Krsna.

May 3 Germany/Hannover-Abentheuer/Goloka Dham

Today, we drove on the German autobahn—without a speed limit—just to practice driving again and avoid dozing off in the back seat. Travel, travel, travel. Germany is the last stop for preaching after nearly 3 months on the road. It is tough, yet the Lord's mercy is great. Srila Prabhupada said that when there is a need in our devotional service, we can pray to Gaura Nitai and Krsna Balaram; They will take care of us. We especially pray to Lord Balaram for spiritual strength to continue despite all difficulties and obstacles. As we serve the devotees and others by preaching Krsna consciousness, we must have a deep feeling of concern and preach in a mood of service, wanting to help others become more Krsna conscious. The pace increases from here, as do our prayers. Dear Srila Prabhupada, thank you for this service and for granting us the association of so many devotees. Hare Krsna.

May 4 Germany/Goloka Dham-Weisbaden-Heidelberg

We generally learn from our mistakes, though this is not the ideal way. Experience is a teacher, but a fool learns no other way. Through hearing and witnessing past events, we should correct our actions and thoughts accordingly. For a devotee, the Supersoul provides direction. If one hears the Supersoul and fails to follow, then one is lost. If ideas arise from sentiment, ultimately, no one benefits. Therefore, we can pray for both the intelligence and determination to carry out the Lord's advice and guidance. "Fools rush in where angels dare to tread." By the Lord's special mercy, we learned a lesson and were protected from severe falldown. If one remains humble and tries to execute their service, it becomes easier to follow the Lord. Humility is key, and everything stems from that. Please, Srila Prabhupada, grant us the strength and resolve to carry on. All success comes from remembering Your lotus feet with humility. Hare Krsna.

May 5 Germany/Heidelberg

The devotees and guests here are wonderful, and preaching is thriving. This demonstrates what a sincere, serious grhashta couple can achieve. This place exemplifies Srila Prabhupada's vision for a successful grhashta life, particularly in Kali Yuga—becoming preachers and a team to inspire others. The movement could greatly benefit from following

Heidelberg's example. Vipula Prabhu and Mother Syamasundari serve as ideal models for our society. May Srila Prabhupada continue to shower His blessings upon them, allowing them to find complete happiness and satisfaction in their service. All glories to the Vaisnava devotees of the Lord. Hare Krsna.

May 6 Germany/Heidelberg-London/Bhaktivedanta Manor

Although we long to settle into a routine of sadhana and service, there is also a desire to continue traveling and preaching. We may be a bit mad to want to keep traveling, yet we clearly feel that Srila Prabhupada is showering His special mercy upon us. Knowing this pleases Him should be our satisfaction, happiness, and enthusiasm to continue. The mission of Srila Prabhupada is our very source of joy and our only concern in life. We can pray to become Krsna conscious; at times, the waves of material energy toss our minds and bodies, leaving us feeling dull and sleepy. Tomorrow, we embark on the big trip back to Chicago. We pray to navigate it without difficulties concerning our luggage. Dear Lord, You are the Supreme Controller. We surrender to You and beg for the ability to remember You constantly, especially tomorrow. Srila Prabhupada Ki-Jai. Hare Krsna.

May 7 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor-Chicago

We have returned to Chicago—now how shall we execute our devotional service? Is it just one of many places on our list, or is it something different? It feels the same in that devotional service is absolute, yet different because Chicago feels like home in the material world. It is a place for executing our service, where we are seen as residents rather than visitors. In either case, correct vision is essential. Lord Krsna is absolute, and so is His service, but Chicago is special, mainly due to the presence of the devotees and the Lords of Chicago, Sri Sri Kisor Kisor. Srila Prabhupada, wherever we are, please allow us to serve You with devotion and determination, with the desire to please. Hare Krsna.

May 8 Chicago-Mahadvadasi

We celebrated the fasting today for Mahadvadasi, and we chanted 32 rounds, which went fairly well. We are back in the old town again. Will we be able to serve to our full capacity? We don't know, but with the mercy of Srila Prabhupada, we will try hard. Tomorrow, we are off again

to New Vrndavan for the weekend. We are fully dependent on You, dear Lord, but most of all, don't let us forget You—that is the worst thing. All glories to Lord Caitanya's mercy in the form of Sri Nityananda Ram. Hare Krsna.

May 9 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor-Chicago

Oh dear, sweet merciful Lord, how we have missed You. We have been running away from You for so long. When will we realize that all we have to do is stop trying to avoid You? We once considered ourselves advanced, but our only advancement is the causeless mercy You show us. Outside of Your mercy, we are bereft of all good qualities and noble desires. We may be puffed up by false prestige and ego, prone to mistakes, critical of others, and intolerant when things don't go our way. We may expect service rather than give it. We may be lazy, never satisfied, and inflated by false pride. We may lack good qualifications, yet think we are so great. We may worship You only for our benefit, and when You don't fulfill our desires, we may become lazy and lament. We place our case before Your pure devotee, who is Your very self among us. Because he embodies Your mercy, we can have faith that he will do what we need and not just what we want. Hopefully, we will realize that we only need to love You and serve Your dear devotees. Tomorrow, we will have the chance to associate with such great souls. We pray that we are ready and worthy. Hare Krsna.

May 10 Chicago-Mahadvadasi

HH Radhanath Swami's kirtans are above the 3 modes of material nature. May we always be fortunate to participate in this causeless mercy. Dear Srila Prabhupada, please grant us the intelligence to organize our lives. Hare Krsna.

May 11 New Vrndavan

Bharadvaja Prabhu, our dear godbrother and a disciple of Srila Prabhupada, inspired all the devotees with a beautiful kirtan this evening. We also benefited from his association by narrating the pera story and filling in the details. He is a wonderful soul, dear to Srila Prabhupada and all the devotees. We are blessed by his presence once again. The association of advanced Vaisnavas is at the heart of Krsna conscious happiness. May we always recognize the importance of

Vaisnava seva, Vaisnava sanga, and Vaisnava krpa. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, who has created the perfect family; we just need to take part. Hare Krsna.

May 12 New Vrndavan-Chicago

We are back in Chicago and have a backlog of service. Our minds feel a bit anxious about how to accomplish everything in 5 days before the road work resumes. But why should we feel anxious? Lord Krsna is in control. If He approves of our activities, that's perfect, and if He doesn't, that's perfect too. The challenge lies in how we organize our days effectively. Therefore, we look forward to the next day in Chicago as a great opportunity to serve Sri Sri Kisor Kisor and regain the inner mood that has been lost over the past month of traveling and preaching. Dear Srila Prabhupada, we anticipate serving You and pray for Your guidance, intelligence, and, most importantly, clear discrimination in our service. Hare Krsna.

May 13 Chicago

The mercy of Sri Sri Kisore Kisor is unbelievably wonderful. Their love and mercy extend more than we have ever experienced in ISKCON. Lord Krsna is beautiful, available, and very loving. Today we got a good start; let's see how it continues as we race against time to accomplish many services before our departure this weekend. It is most important to always remain humble. A Vaisnava's ornament is their humility and concern for others. Chicago presents a real test, but without being tested, how will we develop the qualities of a Vaisnava? We welcome tests and pray to always remember Srila Prabhupada and his instruction to always remember Lord Krsna. Hare Krsna.

May 14 Chicago

Our arrangements for executing service are subject to approval by Srila Prabhupada. We must be detached from the results, as everything is meant for Lord Krsna—that alone is devotional service. Purified desires lead to activities that are pleasing to the Lord, so our only desire should be to please Lord Krsna and His devotees. O Lord, only by remembering You constantly can we achieve our goal: to love You by serving You and always thinking about You. Madhavendra Puri always traveled alone to avoid idle talk. May we also learn to speak only of You. Hare Krsna.

May 15 Chicago

We seem to have been captured by the mode of passion again, which is a common occurrence. Maya is strong. If we forget Lord Krsna for even one second, we are in illusion and lost during that time. O Lord, we need Your strength, mercy, and intelligence. What chance do we have other than Your causeless mercy? That is our hope and only strength. Dear Srila Prabhupada, grant us the clarity of vision to act in a Krsna conscious way. Hare Krsna.

May 16 Chicago

By the combined mercy of Lord Nityananda and Lord Caitanya, many young high school students received the mercy of chanting the Hare Krsna Mahamantra, planting the seed of spiritual reawakening. Thanks to the mercy of Srila Prabhupada, so many wonderful spiritual events are taking place. Hare Krsna.

May 17 Chicago

My mind is tired and refuses to think of anything worthy to write. But we will pray to Srila Prabhupada with our whole hearts to allow us to engage in traveling and preaching in the most effective way. Changing even one heart toward Lord Krsna is worth millions of dollars and beyond. Let us serve to change many hearts through the sound of the Hare Krsna Mahamantra, prasadam, and meaningful discussions. Hare Krsna.

May 18 Chicago-Niles/Michigan

We will be traveling for a month. For some reason, we are looking forward to this upcoming program. We humbly and eagerly beg for the mercy of Lord Srila Prabhupada to bless us with success in preaching the message of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Hare Krsna.

May 19 Niles-Cleveland

It is late, and time is very valuable. In this endeavor, every minute is consumed by travel and preaching. Let us not forget the nectar available in these excellent books. May we take shelter at the lotus feet of Sri Prahlada Maharaja and become inspired by his example of service and surrender. May Lord Nrshingadeva be kind to us and allow us to be

effective instruments in spreading His glories. May Srila Prabhupada bless our endeavor with success. Hare Krsna.

May 20 Cleveland-Columbus

We feel so tired; it feels like we are dying. But if Lord Krsna is pleased, then perhaps we are willing to become delirious. Dear Srila Prabhupada, you are the great soul among truly great souls. Please purify our desires so we can serve with love and attention. Hare Krsna.

May 21 Columbus

We have been out of regulation for so long that it almost seems normal now. In one sense, it is easier, but we can see our Krsna consciousness suffering to some degree. Therefore, let us be attached to Lord Krsna and always remember Him in a mood of service. In this way, irregularity becomes regulation, and regulation becomes Bhakti. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, who has given us the presence and mercy of Lord Jagannath, Subhadra Devi, and Lord Baladeva. May our minds be fixed at Their lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

May 22 Columbus-Cleveland

Na dhanam na janam na sundarim. Lord Caitanya teaches that those on the path of pure devotional service must reject wealth, followers, and women, as these bind one strongly to a materialistic way of life. A serious practitioner diligently works to remove these attachments. Yet, as one progresses in devotional service, these items may come more readily. We must constantly guard against any of these attachments, as they can spoil devotional service. Therefore, we must carefully practice yukta vairagya and remain aware of how these items can derail our progress. Remember: everything belongs to Lord Krsna. We belong to Him and are His servants. Only by the grace of Srila Prabhupada can we gain the knowledge to avoid Maya. Therefore, we humbly and eagerly take shelter at his lotus feet and pray for his kindness and mercy. Hare Krsna.

May 23 Cleveland-Columbus

HH Radhanath Swami gave a wonderful program featuring bhajans and readings from Tamal Krsna Maharaja's book, *Servant of the Servant*. The “bhojayate caiva” prasadam eating competition fostered loving exchanges among Vaisnavas, reminiscent of the Sri Sri Radha Damodara

traveling bus party days. Chanting the Holy Names and taking Krsna prasadam are essential to spiritual life and devotional happiness. When devotees are in the mood of love and service, these exchanges are filled with great joy. The culmination of all arrangements concludes with chanting, dancing, and feasting in association with devotees who cherish these pastimes as their life and soul. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, who established the Krsna consciousness movement to facilitate the 6 loving exchanges among devotees. May we always seek the shelter of his lotus feet. Samaveda bhakta Vrnda Ki-Jai. Hare Krsna.

May 24 Columbus-New Vrndavan

Taking on the responsibility of assisting others in their Krsna consciousness by accepting the position of an initiating spiritual master brings mixed feelings. We want to adhere strictly to Lord Caitanya's prayer in the Siksastaka, *na dhanam na janam na sundarim*, as this reflects the mood of one in the sannyasa ashram—total renunciation. Yet, the legacy of being a disciple urges us to take on more responsibility to expand the movement and assist others in their Krsna conscious development. Therefore, it is crucial to discern how Srila Prabhupada wants us to serve him. If this added responsibility leads us into Maya, it becomes an emergency to adjust the situation to avoid a falldown. We will wait to see how best to serve Srila Prabhupada and how he wants us to accept responsibility. We can accept more responsibility without necessarily accepting disciples, as that is not for everyone. Here is our humble but fervent prayer. Dear Srila Prabhupada, we will do whatever you want; please guide us so we can understand clearly and do whatever is necessary to maintain our absorption in devotional service. All glories to Guru and Gauranga. Jai Sri Nrshingadeva Bhagavan. Hare Krsna.

May 25 New Vrndavan-Nrshinga Caturdasi

We had wonderful kirtans, katha, and association, as Lord Nrshingadeva's mercy flowed profusely. It was a day to renew our determination to be better instruments in the Lord's plan to spiritualize the universe. HH Radhanath Swami's classes, kirtans, and association truly bring forth the mercy of Lord Nrshingadeva. All glories to Prahlad Maharaja, whose compassion for fallen souls is unparalleled. He is the ideal role model, inspiring us to become more absorbed in the preaching mission. All glories to his lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, who

has distributed Prahlad's mercy everywhere. Hare Krsna.

May 26 New Vrndavan

Each day, we can learn and relearn, constantly trying to improve our spiritual lives. Let us stop repeating the same mistakes. We must always aim to do what is best. Lord Krsna reminds us, "depend on Me." However, to fully depend on Him, we must be fixed, free from desires for fruitive activities, sense gratification, and envy. Dear Srila Prabhupada, if we do not get enough rest, our service becomes difficult. How can real devotion manifest if the body is disturbed by its needs? Please help us understand how to serve correctly. This is the need of the time. Hare Krsna.

May 27 New Vrndavan

By the mercy of the Lord, who appears on His special day, we can make progress. We are striving to enhance our devotional service, especially by purifying our consciousness, which is the foundation for understanding spiritual knowledge and higher truths. When we become materially attached, pure Krsna consciousness becomes covered by Maya, leading us to be controlled by our attachments. How can we understand Truth while being controlled by illusion? This contradiction highlights the necessity of purifying our consciousness. Chanting the Lord's Holy Name without offense, with an attitude of submission and service, is essential. Through this process, we can begin to understand and experience transcendental knowledge as it is. This is made possible by the Lord through His bona fide representative, the guru. By serving and submitting to Srila Prabhupada's lotus feet, this process is accessible to us. Therefore, we pray to always seek Srila Prabhupada's mercy through his direction in our devotional service while consciously chanting the Holy Name and avoiding offenses. This is the process. All glories to His lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

May 28 New Vrndavan

Sri Sri Radha Vrndavan Candra are so beautiful, merciful, kind, and compassionate. Their transcendental forms are etched in our minds, and we feel satisfied knowing this visit has been successful. Srila Prabhupada is so great, kind, and concerned for the struggling conditioned souls that even 2 decades after his departure, the arca

vigraha forms of the Lord continue to shower Their mercy and beautiful darshan. Let us reciprocate by attending the morning program and enthusiastically serve by chanting and dancing for Their pleasure. Every day in Krsna consciousness is special. Hare Krsna.

May 29 New Vrndavan-Gita Nagari

Tonight, we experienced the joy of being back in the heart of preaching at the Penn State University program. There was a nice crowd, and they seemed genuinely interested. Happiness resides within because Lord Krsna is within us. However, we may often find ourselves looking outward, suggesting we are not practicing properly. One should always remember Lord Krsna in all circumstances. How can one endure the fire of preaching without always remembering You, O Lord? Maya is strong and always alert to trip us up. Therefore, constant remembrance of Lord Krsna keeps one fixed up despite her attempts. One must also carefully regulate one's bodily needs, as they can be stumbling blocks unless controlled. The tongue must be either talking about Lord Krsna or chanting His Names. Dear Srila Prabhupada, please grant us the intelligence to avoid Maya, the power to remember Lord Krsna, and the strength and enthusiasm to execute devotional service. This may be a lot to ask, but where else can we find assurance but at your lotus feet? All glories to Srila Prabhupada, who has and continues to save us. Hare Krsna.

May 30 Gita Nagari-Disapp. day Srila Ramnanda Ray

We spoke about a small fraction of Ramnanda Ray's glories during the morning and evening sessions. Just as Visakha Devi is dear to Srimati Radharani and Lord Krsna, Ramnanda Ray is dear to Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu. All glories to their conversations, which encapsulate the essence of all philosophical knowledge. Srila Prabhupada's purports are very profound, as they further illuminate these talks with the light of pure Bhakti. Hare Krsna.

May 31 Gita Nagari

We are regaining our former serious mood, having been away from it for a while. Gita Nagari is helping me become more regulated and introspective. Going internal means to come out with an improved exhibition of service and devotion. We should balance both aspects to



ensure each enhances the other, leading to mutual satisfaction. May we always want to be in the mood of prayer and humility while enthusiastically serving. May we take shelter at the lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada. By his grace, we are developing an attraction for Lord Krsna and His eternal consort, Srimati Radharani. All glories to Her Divine lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

June 1 Gita Nagari

Ekalavya Prabhu's association is uplifting and inspiring. He is a sincere devotee, humble, and musically talented, dedicated to Lord Krsna's service and appreciative of the association of devotees. It is a special gift to have his association on this traveling adventure. I like to be with someone with whom I can reciprocate more as a guide rather than as an assistant. Tomorrow, we will begin our travels in Jersey, practically visiting a different place each day. Preaching is a wonderful, and we must remember to pace ourselves, especially when facing physical challenges that can drain our energy. This is an opportunity to serve without becoming overly exhausted, allowing us to maintain a steady and

regular pace in our efforts. The best pace is always to remember Lord Krsna and never forget Him. This is the challenge; all success comes from our remembrance of Him, despite whatever else may occur. The lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada and His instruction to preach are our desired goals. All glories to His lotus feet. We can never repay the debt. Hare Krsna.

June 2 Gita Nagari/Nandalal and Savriti's-Towaco Temple

All glories to the Vaisnavas and to those who have made Lord Krsna's lotus feet their only goal in life. We are back in the fire of preaching and kirtan, and it feels good. Lord Nityananda and Lord Caitanya have made the path easy, sublime, and ecstatic. We should chant the Holy Names of the Lord with enthusiasm, devotion, and regularity. One day, we hope to reach the point where our lives will be one continuous kirtan. Associating with sincere devotees, discussing the pastimes of the Lord, and loudly chanting Harinam Sankirtan is a great blessing. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, who has given the world this perfect gift. Now it is up to his followers to remind everyone of what is available. Yet, the reality is that many prefer to remain in illusion, ignorance, and the bondage of suffering. What can we do? Just pray and try. Hare Krsna.

June 3 Nandalal and Savriti's

Strength is returning, and prasadam is nourishing. One day, we will accept Srimad Bhagavatam and Caitanya Caritamrta as our only sustenance, and then we will be absorbed in thoughts of Lord Krsna. Tomorrow, we will practice the austerity of limiting eating; we pray we can remember You, O Lord, through all these ordeals. Dear Srila Prabhupada, please save us from becoming sense enjoyers under the guise of accepting others' service. Krsna consciousness is a fine line, and right now, we need to ensure we are on the right side of that line. Hare Krsna.

June 4 Nandalal and Savriti's-Radha Krsna's /Philadelphia

We are traveling around the world, without a home, trying to serve the Lord and His devotees, yet we still carry lusty desires. What can we do? We are at least trying to bring happiness into people's lives, attracting them more to the process of Krsna consciousness. Srila Prabhupada, whatever honor and praise people offer is meant for you. By your mercy,

everything becomes successful, and through your grace, we continue our efforts. We constantly pray for your mercy; that alone will give us the strength and intelligence to persevere. All glories to your lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

June 5 Radha Krsna's/Philadelphia

It is clear that Lord Krsna has brought us to Radha Krsna's house for a reason. Can we be a factor that strengthens his Krsna consciousness? It is in the hands of the Lord, and we will strive to be His good instruments. When we visit these various grihastha homes, we do so as a service to them. Otherwise, we have no business there. With the grace and guidance of Srila Prabhupada, we will progress on the platform of devotional service to Guru and Lord Krsna. Hare Krsna.

June 6 Radha Krsna's/Philadelphia

We learned a lot today as Lord Krsna humbled us, and we deserved even worse. We were puffed up, attracted to Maya, unregulated, and not properly chanting japa, doing sadhana, or reading. We made poor jokes—all ignorant activities. Nonetheless, we sincerely pray for improvement and to stop repeating the same mistakes. Dear Srila Prabhupada, we pray to learn from our errors so that we can serve better. Hare Krsna.

June 7 Radha Krsna's/Philadelphia-Yogesh's , N.J

Lord Krsna says in the Bhagavad Gita, "A man must elevate himself by his mind and not degrade himself. The mind is the friend of the conditioned soul and his enemy as well. For him who has conquered the mind, the mind is the best of friends; but for one who has failed to do so, his mind will remain the greatest enemy." As we become attached to sense gratification, controlling the mind becomes very difficult, even with great effort. Therefore, we must practice detachment from all sense objects, viewing them as opportunities for Lord Krsna's enjoyment. As long as we hold even a small desire for personal sense gratification, we leave the door open for increase and eventual downfall. To preach effectively, we must be extremely humble and free from all personal motivations. At the divine lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada, we pray for both the desire and intelligence to free ourselves from desires for sense gratification and any trace of personal motivation. Dear Srila

Prabhupada, please do not let anything hinder our love for Lord Kṛṣṇa. Our greatest fear is that we will not desire Him above all else. Your mercy is all we are made of. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 8 New York-Ratha Yatra



Kṛṣṇa mātā, Kṛṣṇa pitā, Kṛṣṇa dhana-prān. Lord Jagannath, Subhadra Devi, and Lord Baladeva made Their way down New York's 5th Avenue, giving Their transcendental darshan to many souls eager to receive this great mercy. We feel very happy and satisfied with such mercy. While we strive to elevate and purify our minds, simply participating in this great festival brings us all auspiciousness. All glories to the Lord of the universe—how can we describe such pastimes? They are simply glorious, all due to the mercy of Srila Prabhupada, whose love for the Lord has attracted His personal presence. Srila Prabhupada Ki-Jai. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 9 New York/Brooklyn Temple-Towaco Temple

Sri Sri Radha Govinda are very powerful Deities. Lord Kṛṣṇa is super-extraordinarily transcendental, and Sri Radha is tightly fixed on Lord Kṛṣṇa. They are the first Radha Kṛṣṇa Deities who brought me to devotional service. May They remain deep within our hearts, although They are far beyond our comprehension. The glories of HH Tamal Kṛṣṇa

Goswami Maharaja are endless. He is such a great soul who has graced our movement. May we always remain eager to hear about him and serve him in a way that pleases him. Thank you for so much, Maharaja. We hope to meet again someday. May you always remain by the side of Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

June 10 Towaco Temple-Philadelphia Temple

Today, we chanted 27 rounds; it was a nice experience to fully absorb ourselves in hearing and chanting. We need a day just for reading Srimad Bhagavatam and Caitanya Caritamrta to fill our hearts with happiness. Therefore, we offer this humble prayer—Dear Srila Prabhupada, please allow us the opportunity to hear and chant more of the glories of the Lord. Srila Prabhupada wanted his disciples to be spiritually strong, and this is the means. All glories to the nama, rupa, guna, and lila of Lord Krsna. Hare Krsna.

June 11 Philadelphia Temple-New Vrndavan

All glories to the Vaisnava devotees of the Lord. Here is an opportunity to hear from, associate with, and serve great souls in the holy land of New Vrndavan. After travel, rest is essential. Let's hope we can catch up, as a sleepy start is a deficit. We are getting behind in our rounds, and this is not good. Dear Srila Prabhupada, help! All glories to your lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

June 12 New Vrndavan

Today, HH Bhakti Vidya Purna Maharaja enlightened us with many interesting philosophical points on devotees and inter-devotional relationships, covering the different ashrams and varnas, along with the sensual, emotional, intellectual, and devotional aspects of these relationships, as explained by Vedic Vidhi. It was very interesting and enlightening. As we interact with senior godbrothers, we learn more about Krsna consciousness and how they perceive and present the philosophy. This is all the mercy of Srila Prabhupada, who has created a house where the whole world can reside. We offer a special prayer for HH Radhanath Swami, that he may be free from his physical discomforts. We always feel that the suffering of one dear to us is also our suffering. Therefore, dear Sri Krsna, if You so desire, please relieve Maharaja of his physical disturbances. Hare Krsna.

June 13 New Vrndavan

In the association of great souls, mercy is easily available. However, we must be very careful not to commit offenses, which can turn that treasure into misfortune. Therefore, if we have only one quality, let it be eagerness to hear, serve, and be humble. All glories to Srila Prabhupada's kindness in the association of advanced devotees who are always glorifying the Lord. Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare/Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 14 New Vrndavan

It was nice and very edifying to have the association of advanced Vaisnavas, especially HH Hrdyananda Goswami. We look forward to his association again on July 3rd. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 15 Columbus-Chicago

Help, Sri Kṛṣṇa! Please save us. Chicago can be, and usually is, a difficult place to serve. Only by the grace of Srila Prabhupada can we receive the blessings needed to transcend material contamination. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 16 Chicago

After being away for a month, there are many services to complete in only 4 days. How is it possible? It seems it's not. Perhaps we will have the proper intelligence to discern. Anything is possible by the grace of the Lord and His pure devotee, Srila Prabhupada. Let us take complete shelter of the Holy Name and do what is necessary in a planned way to avoid confusion and wasted time. Most important is to always remember You, dear precious Sri Kṛṣṇa, with heartfelt feelings of love; otherwise, what can we do that truly has meaning? We may be pretenders and self-motivated devotees, but we are running for the shelter of Your lotus feet, hoping to develop a genuine desire to love and serve You free from any personal desires. With Your and Srila Prabhupada's mercy, anything is possible. *Mūkaṁ karoti vācālaṁ, paṅguṁ laṅghayate girim, yat-kṛpā tam ahaṁ vande, paramānanda-mādhavam.* Right now, we are only trying to do the right thing. Please grant us the necessary intelligence. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 17 Chicago

By Lord Krsna's mercy, we were able to accomplish many services. While quantity is nice, quality is better, for then we can truly offer our devotion. Of course, they are not mutually exclusive. The real quality lies in focusing more on hearing and chanting the glories of Lord Krsna. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. May we become Krsna conscious even in Chicago. Hare Krsna.

June 18 Chicago

For the last 4 months, we have been traveling consistently. During this time, it has been rare to find a similar schedule for more than 2 or 3 consecutive days, except perhaps for our 18-day stay in Mayapur Dham. Therefore, it has been exceedingly difficult to maintain vigilant control over our minds and senses amidst so much change and uncertainty. Yet, by the grace of Lord Krsna, coming through as the mercy of Srila Prabhupada, we have managed to maintain our determination, and of course, our faith is as strong as ever. It is only our realization of our body's limitations that has forced us to adjust to a slower pace. Despite all the changes, we always seek some stability and routine to guide us. These few days in Chicago have helped us reflect on our strengths and limitations and the need to regroup our energies and resolve. Ultimately, we can only hope for the Lord's mercy to keep us in the fire of preaching, along with an understanding of our physical and spiritual abilities. All glories to those who have complete faith in Lord Krsna and Srila Prabhupada and who persevere despite all obstacles. Hare Krsna.

June 19 Chicago

Tomorrow is Nirjala Ekadasi. This year, we plan to observe it as a normal Ekadasi. We are feeling quite tired and struggling to stay awake. Nonetheless, we need the mercy of the Vaisnavas, especially Srila Prabhupada. We seek their shelter continuously. Please don't kick us away. Hare Krsna.

June 20 Chicago-Nirjal Ekadasi

Whether fasting, chanting, or preaching, we want to offer everything as a service to the Lord. If we take anything for our personal gain, then we fall short of perfection. As Lord Krsna told Narada Muni, "Those who are not perfect can hardly see Me." Perfection is full Krsna consciousness,

achieved by making Srila Prabhupada's instructions our very life and soul. As we look ahead to tomorrow, we feel a bit overwhelmed. Only by your mercy and guidance, Srila Prabhupada, can we succeed.
Hare Krsna.

June 21 Detroit

We are traveling once again, but this time we aim to be more dedicated to service. One can perform service mechanically, lackadaisically, enthusiastically, or as a matter of life and death. We realize that time is precious, and we must value each moment and do the needful to please Srila Prabhupada and Lord Caitanya. At tonight's program, we met many serious and interesting individuals. We are happy we went; let's hope they become serious in their pursuit of Krsna consciousness.
Hare Krsna.

June 22 Detroit

Today has been a very full day of preaching. Will it happen again tomorrow? We must be prepared for the day-to-day challenges. One day may be successful, but a test will be given each day. Therefore, we should humbly submit our utter inability and lack of qualifications at the lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada, the Founder Acharya of ISKCON. May his mercy continue to push us on and continue to inspire us to meet the standards of service and surrender that would please him. All glories to his lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

June 23 Detroit

Today, we experienced the special mercy of Lord Nršingadeva. While a lion can be fierce, he shows love and kindness to his cubs. Though Lord Nršingadeva's anger can shake the universe, he demonstrates sweet love and protection for his devotees. We had a nice Q&A session upstairs after the Sunday lecture. It was very enlivening to see how eager the devotees were to ask questions and engage. Tomorrow, we will try to stay out of Maya and remain fixed in service. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

June 24 Detroit

We shared lunch at Sri Nandanandana's home, where he showcased beautiful and rare photos of Srila Prabhupada and Sri Sri Kisor Kirsori—a true feast for the eyes and mind. Serving in Detroit has posed

challenges, yet we are trying to maintain a humble and enthusiastic attitude. Feeling tired is often a constant companion. If we recognize the mind's restless and dissatisfied nature and confront it determinedly, we can remain steady in service. Dear Srila Prabhupada, please help us follow your instructions despite the difficulties and the shortage of senior Vaisnava association. We truly appreciate Sri Nandanandana's enlivening presence. We humbly seek your guidance. Hare Krsna.

June 25 Detroit

Spending time with Candrashekhara Prabhu was a pleasure. He likes being with people and is very kind and caring. Traveling is always difficult—there's planning, going, and so on. Sannyasa means to travel. Srila Prabhupada has given us a wonderful life filled with kirtan, philosophical discussions, delicious food, and meeting many wonderful souls, all leading us back to Godhead. All glories to that personality whose position can never be taken. We live only to serve his lotus feet and hear his glories. Hare Krsna.

June 26 Detroit-Cleveland

We must be aware of where Maya might try to strike. Identifying our weak spots allows us to strengthen them. The challenge in Cleveland is to give ourselves to the devotees while remaining unaffected materially. Tomorrow will test us greatly, and we must stay fixed on the Holy Name and do our utmost to spread Krsna consciousness. With Srila Prabhupada's mercy, anything is possible, and we can overcome any challenges of spreading Lord Caitanya's teachings. Let us conclude with a humble yet fervent prayer: Please, dear Sri Krsna, grant us the intelligence to serve You, remember You, and spread Your glories. Hare Krsna.

June 27 Cleveland

Time waits for no one, moving all living beings closer to their end. The world lives in grand illusion; why would anyone wish to make this place permanent? Each moment that passes is lost. For materialists, the rising and setting of the sun takes away their lives, and soon it will all be over—another chapter closed. Therefore, a devotee strives to use each moment for the ultimate goal. We must not waste time; it is like discarding the most valuable commodity. We should always be engaged

in serving Lord Kṛṣṇa in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Tomorrow, the journey to Gita Nagari will take 5.5 hours—an opportunity to immerse ourselves in Kṛṣṇa kīrtan and Kṛṣṇa katha. Traveling, if it has any benefit, allows us to hear the glories of the Lord and the philosophy of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. We look forward to the association of advanced souls and humbly pray to Lord Kṛṣṇa for intelligence and understanding to associate properly with our senior godbrothers, especially HH Radhanath Swami. May Srīla Prabhupada unite us in humble service and friendship. All glories to His Divine Grace Srīla Prabhupada. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 28 Cleveland-Gita Nagari

Sweet devotees, nice association, kīrtan, and prasadam embody Kṛṣṇa consciousness in its essence. We humbly offer our most grateful obeisances to His Divine Grace Srīla Prabhupada, who has united the most unlikely personalities—those who would normally never associate. Now they chant, dance, and glorify the Lord in great happiness, mutual friendship, and love. This unity is yet another of Srīla Prabhupada's inconceivable achievements, and the list goes on and on. May we develop a deeper commitment to his instructions. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 29 Gita Nagari

When the atmosphere is filled with kīrtan, Kṛṣṇa katha, Vaisnava seva, and friendship, Kṛṣṇa consciousness becomes both delightful and natural. HH Bhakti Tirtha Swami is an amazing personality. Empowered by Srīla Prabhupada's shakti and blessings, he teaches through words and example, embodying the essence of an acarya. For the first time in a while, we danced like our old selves, and realized this was a lesson to learn: we should dance, as we do everything else, according to the order of Srīla Prabhupada. That is our aim. All glories to Srīla Prabhupada. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 30 Gita Nagari

Our brain has died; we need a little Gita Nagari milk. Tomorrow, we will be giving a class, but we have no realizations to share. Our only hope is to pray to Srīla Prabhupada for the ability to speak in a way that enlivens the devotees. Dear Srīla Prabhupada, our happiness lies in serving the Vaisnavas. We lack qualifications and abilities, so if You desire, grant us the enthusiasm to preach and inspire others. Your mercy is all we possess. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 1 Gita Nagari



Today has been filled with discussions, kirtans, and the association of HH Bhakti Tirtha Swami and HH Radhanath Swami. Our ISKCON community includes many who, due to their past challenges, come to Krsna consciousness while bringing their issues

along. Without a well-organized social system, we cannot effectively address these problems. The key issue is to care for the devotees. This is where our preaching efforts must focus. By Srila Prabhupada's mercy, anything is possible. A lame man can walk, a blind man can see the stars, and a dumb person can recite beautiful poetry. Hare Krsna.

July 2 Gita Nagari

We feel a sense of separation from reading Srila Prabhupada's books. We pray for small moments to read and catch up on our rounds. If we wish to serve, we must also read and chant sufficiently. By the mercy of Srila Prabhupada, we can fulfill our worthy desires. All glories to Lord Jagannath. Hare Krsna.

July 3 Washington, D.C./IFAST-Richmond, VA

Determination is a fundamental quality of humanity. Therefore, if we want to do something, we must be determined. We want to be Krsna conscious; therefore, we will accept whatever actions or inactions are necessary to reach that goal. Our primary concern is ensuring our intelligence remains clear so that we can consistently act in Krsna consciousness and push on this movement. Maya is strong, and unless we are fully and intensely determined, overcoming daily challenges becomes nearly impossible. Only by your mercy, Srila Prabhupada, is anything possible. Let us not stagnate. May we break free from Maya and fight for Lord Caitanya. Richmond has a preaching center and Mother

Syama dasi is a qualified devotee. May the special blessings of Srila Prabhupada and the predecessor acharyas fall upon their heads.
Hare Krsna.

July 4 Richmond, VA-Washington, D.C./Potomac-Ratha Yatra



It was a great day for preaching Krsna consciousness and receiving insight into the consequences of indulging in unnecessary sense gratification. Dear Srila Prabhupada, thank you for allowing us the privilege of riding with you on Lord Jagannath's Ratha Cart and for the opportunity to see many friends in Krsna consciousness. All glories to those great souls who have surrendered their lives to saving suffering humanity. Hare Krsna.

July 5 Washington, D.C./Potomac

We visited Bhaya Hari Prabhu's home, where Anuttama Prabhu and Mother Rukmini were honored guests. We were particularly happy to see them, though a bit nervous knowing that we would be speaking in front of such great souls. By Lord Krsna's and Srila Prabhupada's mercy, the evening went well, filled with many interesting discussions. Washington, D.C. Potomac continues to feel the impact of the tragic loss

of Damodara Prabhu. We offer our humble prayers to Lord Krsna and Srila Prabhupada, hoping he receives special mercy. We must learn and progress; creating an organized social system is essential. If we fail to learn from our mistakes, we risk repeating them, with each iteration becoming more painful. Hare Krsna.

July 6 Washington, D.C./Potomac

We met Paramahansa Krsna Prabhu from New Vrndavan at Mother Padmamali's and Deva Prastha's home program. It was a very sweet gathering. As we continue to associate with devotees and others, Lord Krsna seems to highlight the importance of Vaisnava seva. Caring for devotees is where steady success and growth begin. Spiritually, we require very little: the Holy Name, Krsna prasadam, and favorable Vaisnava relations. Without these, what is our relationship with Lord Krsna? Everyone seems to agree on this, yet improving our relationships can sometimes lead to inertia, threatening our lifestyle, stability, and perceived personal interests. Everything noble requires sacrifice. Sacrifice makes something sacred. By Srila Prabhupada's grace, the entire world is being blessed, although most remain unaware. May we open our hearts and minds to his teachings. Hare Krsna.

July 7 Washington, D.C./Potomac

We are performing our service without anxiety, yet something feels amiss, prompting thoughts of returning to Chicago. Perhaps we seek more reading time or a space that allows us to avoid close association with the opposite gender. Is it the need for regulation, or could it be separation from Their Lordships Sri Sri Kisor Kisor? Whatever it is, we hope to recognize it. Or could it simply be the austerity of preaching? Perhaps all of the above. Regardless, complete dependence and attachment to chanting Lord Krsna's Holy Name is the focus of our devotional life. May Srila Prabhupada's mercy spread throughout the world and may those who saw or associated with devotees at the July 4th Ratha Yatra be blessed to embrace the process soon. All glories to all great Vaisnavas. Hare Krsna.

July 8 Washington, D.C.-Chicago

In the life of a devotee, everything that occurs is mercy from the Lord. When we are in Maya, we receive a different kind of mercy. That was the reality of today's travel, as the flight was extremely challenging and

humbling. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

July 9 Chicago

We have established a solid schedule of sadhana and service. How can we maintain this without becoming too rigid and tense? The atmosphere here is loose and relaxed, so if we become too absorbed in service, it may appear as anxiety. Anyway, if we keep our focus on service and avoid wasting time, we can tackle the backlog of tasks. The most crucial aspect is to rest early and rise early. Let's aim for no later than 10 p.m. this week. Our goal is love of God, not merely showcasing the quantity of service performed. Love is about quality. All glories to the person who taught us how to love Lord Krsna, Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

July 10 Chicago

When I write this diary very late, I usually just want to jot something down. I would prefer to be more thoughtful in these personal expressions. We realize, or rather, regain, the importance of both the morning and evening programs. We hope to increase this focus and become more fixed in regular sadhana. Exceptions can be made only under specific conditions, but the truth remains: if we want to grow spiritually, we must consistently attend the morning and evening programs. O Lord, please help us remember this more frequently. Srila Prabhupada has given us the formula; we simply need to implement it. Through his mercy, he has made the process easily accessible and comprehensible. Hare Krsna.

July 11 Chicago

Today, we faced a struggle to control our minds and senses. However, we managed to accomplish a few important tasks. Will we ever get to read as we desire? Perhaps not, but our longing will always be there, and we will continually try to fulfill it. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for this priceless treasure of transcendental knowledge. Hare Krsna.

July 12 Chicago

Twice in the past 2 weeks, the topic of demoniac influence in the world has arisen. It is interesting, as we observe that material energy grows increasingly violent, degraded, and dangerous. Regardless of what

happens, we remain eager to participate in the Sankirtan movement of Lord Caitanya, led by the great general, Srila Prabhupada. All glories to his lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

July 13 Chicago

We may sometimes become lazy, which can significantly hinder our spiritual progress. We must keep pushing forward. Maya is strong and tricky; we need to stay alert to her tactics. Sri Krsna, save us. Tomorrow will bring additional preaching, and on Monday, we have an early departure for Denver. Our lives move swiftly. We must prioritize quality in Krsna consciousness, and chanting with attention is the key to success. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Your mercy encompasses our entire Krsna consciousness. Hare Krsna.

July 14 Chicago

Our schedule appears to change from year to year. Last year around this time, we were visiting Spain. We are trying to understand how best to serve and adjust accordingly. Tomorrow, we leave for Denver and then head to St. Louis. Maya is very strong and adept at complicating our travels. Our only hope is to fully take shelter in Lord Krsna's Holy Name and immerse ourselves in preaching. Today, there was a program at Suresh Kattar and Gulshan's home centered on Sri Guru Carana Padma. We hope to develop this topic further. We need to study this prayer and closely understand how Srila Narottama Das Thakur is praying. Please, dear Lord Nrshingadeva, help us remember You increasingly and absorb ourselves in Your protective lotus feet. Please clear our path of obstacles and our minds of worldly thoughts. Through the grace of Srila Prabhupada, we are fortunate to serve Your lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

July 15 Chicago/Denver

Traveling to Denver to see Naikatma Prabhu offers an opportunity to preach and meet devotees. The flight was smooth, but Denver is hot, and our room is even hotter. Why does Lord Krsna give us additional suffering? Often, it's our old enemy, pride. Humility is more than a mere external display; genuine humility is cultivated through service. We sometimes struggle with laziness, and Lord Krsna is trying to absorb us into His service. Due to pride, we may waste time and space out. Srila Prabhupada, please help us serve you properly in every situation. What

can we offer besides what you have already given? Ganga's water is offered back to the Ganges with prayer. We need your mercy to serve properly. All glories to your lotus feet. Srila Prabhupada Ki-Jai. Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare/Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 16 Denver

Each evening, the Siksastakam class seems to be appreciated by the devotees. Getting used to the climate takes time—some say weeks. We often feel tired. Denver is known as the Mile High City, and we recognize the need to maintain our determination despite the lack of association. However, this also provides us the opportunity to read, allowing us to surrender and immerse ourselves in the philosophy. We are really hankering for good kirtan. Kirtan is our life, our only life, and the life of life itself. All glories to Sri Kṛṣṇa Sankirtanam and to the person who gave us the process of pure devotional service, Srila Prabhupada. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 17 Denver

If we genuinely want Kṛṣṇa consciousness, we will do whatever is required, no matter the cost. Sometimes, we may find ourselves wanting both Lord Kṛṣṇa and Maya, often referred to as mixed devotees. However, nothing stands still. By engaging with Maya, we can easily be drawn into her activities. The simple process involves chanting 16 rounds on beads daily, attending Mangala arati, following the 4 regulative principles, participating in class, and taking only Kṛṣṇa prasadam. Faith brings knowledge and ultimately realizations. For us, the morning program is our strength in spiritual life. Srila Prabhupada has given us this process; we just need to follow it. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 18 Denver

We are, to some degree, dependent on each other's level of devotion, which can either uplift us or bring us down. Each person has influence, and we affect each other through our words, thoughts, and actions. As we help each other advance, we also progress through our collective efforts and results. While we may tend to avoid those in our immediate area who are in Maya, we should strive to uplift them instead. Especially when we are in one place for some time, we will rise or fall together to

some extent. Our individuality in devotion exists, but it is always influenced by those around us. By helping each other, we are undoubtedly helping ourselves, and even if the results are meager, Lord Kṛṣṇa appreciates our efforts. Srila Prabhupada could help many simply by his presence, and of course, his words inspired many to take up and advance in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. “There is no one more dear than one who preaches this science to the devotee, nor will anyone be more dear.” We want to be dear to Lord Kṛṣṇa and love those He loves. For this, we need strong determination. All glories to those great souls who simply live for the benefit of others. Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare/Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 19 Denver

We felt a strong need to engage in some physical exercise. Jana Vatsala Prabhu took us to Red Rock Amphitheater in the mountains, a popular tourist attraction. It felt good to do some climbing. The evening program at Jai Saci Suta Prabhu and Mother Hari Priya's house had a great turnout, although we were not feeling particularly sharp or focused. By Lord Kṛṣṇa's and Srila Prabhupada's mercy, along with the special blessings of Sri Sri Gaura Nitai and Gopal Nathaji, people seemed eager to listen. The association of Naikatma Prabhu and his wonderful wife made everything auspicious; they are such dedicated devotees in their service to Srila Prabhupada. In 2 days, there will be a Ratha Yatra—small, but it will be nice to see these Deities; they are the first I encountered in this life—Sri Sri Jagannath, Baladeva, and Subhadra Devi. By Their mercy, I came to Kṛṣṇa consciousness. We have strong faith that this movement will progress and overcome its weaknesses. Yet, as we observe, we notice small signs of change, particularly in areas like temple participation. Perhaps this shift away from the temple will encourage more serious devotees to return to the basics—Harinam Sankirtan. All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 20 Denver

It was a somewhat routine day. We gave a Srimad Bhagavatam class, provided some counseling, chanted 36 rounds, read Brhad Bhagavatamṛta, and watched most of Prabhupada's memory video #32. From a spiritual perspective, it was a very eventful day, especially regarding japa. Tomorrow is Ratha Yatra. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

May his mercy and blessings increase the auspiciousness of Lord Jagannath's parade. Hare Krsna.

July 21 Denver-Ratha Yatra

Lord Jagannath's appearance creates an atmosphere of supreme auspiciousness. The Denver Ratha Yatra was simple, traveling around a few blocks and back. It is the presence of the Lord, along with His Brother Balaram and Sister Subhadra, that penetrates the hearts of devotees and inspires an atmosphere of devotion. We had more association today than throughout the entire week. Somehow, as a movement, we have become weekend-oriented. If we can create better Vaisnava interactions and loving relationships, then everything else will be easily accomplished. Wherever Lord Krsna and His pure devotees are, there is always victory and Krsna conscious activity. Tomorrow, we fly to St. Louis. Another chapter opens as this one comes to a close—time moves on. Thank You, Sri Sri Radha Govinda, for Your kindness, hospitality, and special mercy. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. We pray we can please him at every moment. We offer an additional prayer at Your lotus feet: Please, Lord, as You see fit, help Mother Paramesvari and her family. Hare Krsna.

July 22 Denver-St. Louis

I We arrived in St. Louis. Maya is always testing and attacking. On the plane ride, we found ourselves seated next to young girls. We had many thoughts on why Lord Krsna allows Maya to attack, putting us in seemingly helpless situations. Nevertheless, what can we do but fervently take shelter in Lord Krsna's Holy Name? In doing so, the effects of Maya were lessened, though these circumstances are never ideal. Now, here in St. Louis, we will try to serve the devotees and remain enthusiastic about attending the programs. We pray to Lord Nrsingadeva for protection and to eradicate the demoniac mentality prevalent in Kali-Yuga. If we were to pray for the Lord to eliminate all demons, practically everyone would be included. This age is so bad. Lord Krsna's Holy Name is our only shelter, along with the mercy of Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

July 23 St. Louis-Guru Purnima, Disapp. Srila Sanatana Goswami

By the mercy of Lord Caitanya, we devoted time to hearing and chanting

the glories of Srila Sanatana Goswami on his auspicious disappearance day. We are blessed by the mercy of this great soul, as his life and teachings endure. Materialistic people strive for fame, but what is the result? That fame is intangible and fails to produce lasting positive effects. The fame of the body and its achievements may last a few years after death, but for such individuals, it plunges their souls deeper into the cycle of birth and death. As Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakur would declare, the fame of this world is compared to the stool of a boar. However, the fame achieved by Srila Sanatana Goswami is bestowed upon that soul by the Lord directly. This is to glorify His pure servant and inspire others to develop similar qualities. Our only regret is that we haven't had enough time to do all that we wish in devotional service. Please, Srila Prabhupada, inspire us with renewed enthusiasm to serve more and more. Hare Krsna.

July 24 St. Louis

We feel happy and satisfied when we can absorb ourselves in reading and studying Srila Prabhupada's books. The philosophy of Krsna consciousness is deep and spiritually rich. If we cannot take sufficient time to dive deeply into this great philosophical treasure, we may be missing one of the best aspects of this movement. We look forward to the day when we can endlessly learn deeper insights from this transcendental treasure. Oh, when will that day be mine when our offenses cease and our taste for the Holy Name increases? Oh, when will that day be mine? Dear Srila Prabhupada, please increase our desire to love and serve Lord Krsna more and more. Hare Krsna.

July 25 St. Louis-Chicago

Between our time in Denver and St. Louis, we accomplished much reading and study. This kind of satisfaction is required. Tomorrow, we return to Chicago, and Saturday is Ratha Yatra. We look forward to the association of many elevated devotees. Lord Jagannath's Ratha Yatra is an event that has bestowed unlimited mercy on millions of souls worldwide. As Srila Prabhupada said, due to Lord Jagannath's love for His pure devotee Jesus Christ, who spent time in Puri, He has come to the Western world to reciprocate that love with Lord Jesus's devotees. There are many reasons, but this one embodies the essence of devotional service—the love between Lord Krsna and His pure devotee. Dear Srila

Prabhupada, this morning we were blessed with intense enthusiasm to travel and preach on your behalf. May we always keep these thoughts and feelings in our hearts and remain inspired to carry them out. Hare Krsna.

July 26 St. Louis-Chicago

By the Lord's inconceivable arrangement, Their Lordships Sri Jagannath, Sri Baladeva, and Srimati Subhadra Devi arrived in Chicago just minutes before we did from St. Louis. All glories to Lord Jagannath. May we serve Him with great care and devotion in His transcendental lila of Ratha Yatra. Many devotees have come from everywhere, including His Divine Grace Srila Radhanath Swami, Vakreswara Pandit, and Malati Devi. May the Devas shower their blessings on this auspicious occasion, and may we serve His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada with the love and respect due to him.

July 27 Chicago-Ratha Yatra



HH Radhanath Swami, HH Romapada Swami, Vakreswara Pandit, Malati Devi, and many devotees and guests gathered for the Ratha Yatra festival in Chicago. In the words of HH Radhanath Swami, "it was a very sweet gathering." The parade was nice, filled with nice vibrations, all by the mercy of Lord Jagannath. He is the Supreme Controller, inspiring His devotees to serve Him. Thank you, dear Lord of the Universe, for becoming visible through Your kindness and love. Hare Krsna.

July 28 Chicago

The association of devotees, the Holy Name, Krsna prasadam—the easy, sublime, and joyful process. All glories to all the Vaisnava devotees who make Srila Prabhupada's teachings their very life. Hare Krsna.

July 29 Chicago-Disapp. Gopal Bhatta Goswami

Today, there was a wonderful gathering of devotees at Sunil Madhava Prabhu's home, led by HH Radhanath Swami. The discussions included Sri Gopal Bhatta Goswami, as today is his disappearance day. Maharaja spoke about Gaura lila and Krsna lila. Afterwards, the topic shifted to airport book distribution, with Shankara Pandit Prabhu sharing his experiences distributing books to celebrities. Maharaja's association is wonderful. However, by not adhering to our regulated schedule, especially regarding diet, we acted whimsically and disrupted our systems. It is essential to be sensitive to the needs of the body and mind to maintain a smooth execution of Krsna consciousness. We hope to learn from our slip-ups and apply the necessary corrections. Quality is more desirable than quantity. This is a vital lesson as we seek to take shelter in Lord Krsna 24 hours a day. By the mercy of Srila Prabhupada, we hope to develop the necessary intelligence to function effectively in our day-to-day services. Hare Krsna.

July 30 Chicago

We are endeavoring to regain regulation after an intense but blissful weekend. Krsna consciousness is both serious and lighthearted. As Lord Krsna is the reservoir of all mellows and tastes, we can experience various moods through His service. Now, we need to balance the transition between staying and traveling. As we age, our bodies naturally crave a steady routine. Our service to Srila Prabhupada is our life, and enduring inconveniences is a way to offer devotion for his pleasure. We pray to develop a deeper attachment to the Holy Name and seek more opportunities to associate with devotees. Hare Krsna.

July 31 Chicago

There is great satisfaction in accomplishing a service. Today, we completed nearly all our written correspondence, but at the expense of a significant schedule change. We tend to act based on need rather than

regulation. We hope to maintain quality in chanting, hearing, and devotee relationships, as these are most important. Soon, we will travel again—not looking forward to it, but approaching it as a sense of duty. One must find happiness in service; when it becomes merely a duty and not an act of devotion, we lose sight of the spirit of Kṛṣṇa consciousness, which is based on love and devotion to Lord Kṛṣṇa and His devotees. *Susukhaṁ kartum avyayam*. All glories to Srīla Prabhupada, who constantly shows us the way. *Cakṣu-dān dilo jei, janme janme prabhu sei*. Divine knowledge is our guiding light, the knowledge of who we are, who Lord Kṛṣṇa is, and our relationship with Him. Let us not get too absorbed in service and forget its essence—loving Lord Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 1 Chicago

It is 90 degrees in our room, making it very difficult to rest properly. Chicago has its extremes. A devotee learns to tolerate all difficult circumstances by remembering Lord Kṛṣṇa. Without this remembrance, simple tolerance achieves little. It is through difficulties that we are reminded of Lord Kṛṣṇa. All glories to Srīla Prabhupada, who has taught us to remember Kṛṣṇa by chanting His Holy Names. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 2 Los Angeles

We arrived with Govinda Prabhu and Balaram Prabhu for the Los Angeles Ratha Yatra for the first time. Lord Kṛṣṇa has given us a chance to serve in a different place—Srīla Prabhupada's headquarters, a hub of many activities. Please allow us to be humble servants of all the Vaisnavas. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 3 Los Angeles

By Lord Jagannath's special mercy, we awoke after 3 hours of sleep, just in time to attend the Mangala Aratika of Sri Sri Rukmini Dwarkadisa. The association of devotees, immersed in the mood of glorifying the Lord, is the essence of our happiness and spiritual advancement. Tomorrow is Ratha Yatra, and it will be our first here. It is indeed a special mercy. All glories to Lord Jagannath. *Jai Jagannatha Sacinandana*. May we become completely attached to chanting His Name and serving His devotees. Srīla Prabhupada has created a wonderful family; we only need to learn how to appreciate the gift of Vaisnava sanga. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 5 Chicago

Due to a late-night flight, we neglected to submit an entry last night. Yesterday was Ratha Yatra in Los Angeles—a magnificent arrangement for preaching. We look forward to visiting again. Next year, we plan to adjust our schedule slightly: stay in America from May through August, India from January to March, and combine India and Europe in April, with September to October in Europe. Lord Krsna reminds us, "Just depend on Me." This is the ultimate success of all activity: to always depend on Lord Krsna and cry out to Him for help. Sri Krsna, save us. The mind seeks to destroy both of us—please do not let it. By Srila Prabhupada's mercy, even a dirty-hearted person can become a saint. Hare Krsna.

August 6 Chicago

Honoring simple prasadam, such as steamed veggies and nice salads, is better for our consciousness. While we shouldn't become attached, the idea is to accept everything favorable and reject everything unfavorable. Tomorrow begins a 2-month journey. The service of a sannyasi is to travel and preach; it is a healthy, unattached life. The only difficulties are the plane flights, which can be a hardship mentally, physically, and spiritually. Lord Krsna advises us to depend on Him in all situations. Dear Srila Prabhupada, we need to understand how important these words are: "In all cases, just depend on Me. Always remember Me." Hare Krsna.

August 8 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor-Soho Street

Again, due to a late-night plane flight, no entry was recorded yesterday. Usually, it doesn't occur so close together, which reflects my attempt with regulation. After a few days of routine, it took a full day to recover from the odd schedule. Hopefully, we can pick up and remain fixed in service. It was nice to be with the devotees at Soho Street, especially for Gaura Arati. The next few days seem quite full, and we hope our consciousness will be focused to serve nicely and enthusiastically. By the mercy of Srila Prabhupada, everything is nice; without his mercy, nothing holds real value. Our biggest pitfall may stem from misdirected spiritual qualities. A devotee should be kind to everyone, especially to the 5 categories of people: cows, brahmanas, women, children, and the

elderly. Women tend to respond more to kindness and care than anything else, which is natural. However, too much sentiment in this area can lead to falldown. Diligent awareness and proper Vaisnava etiquette are essential for appropriate interaction. Even in the best situations, overindulgence, or in this case, over-association, is risky. Please, O Lord, grant us the intelligence and proper discrimination to maintain balance. Hare Krsna.

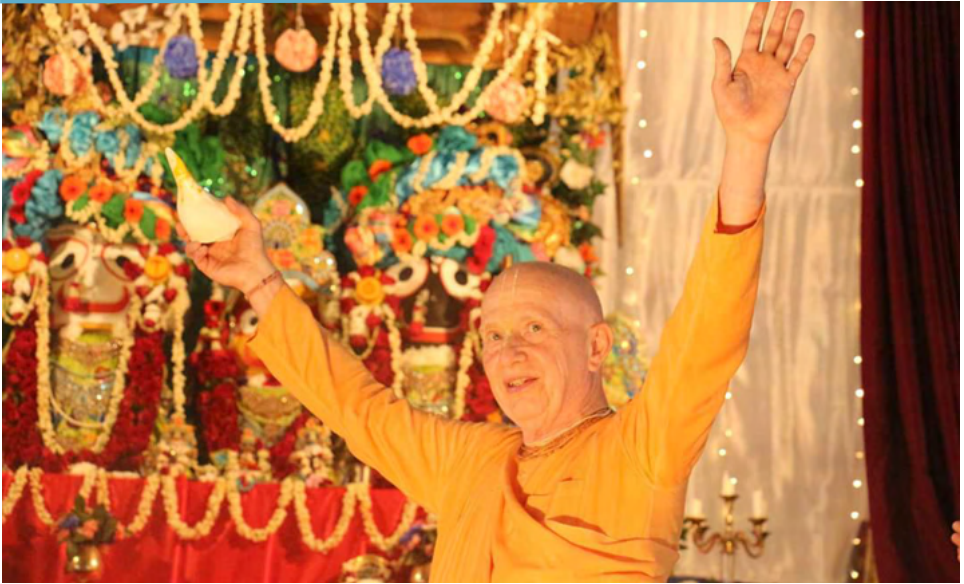
August 9 London/Soho Street

The fast pace of London doesn't allow us to interact with devotees in the way we feel comfortable. Only with Your mercy, dear Lord Jagannath, can we serve You properly with attention, love, and devotion. Without Your mercy, what can we do? Only with Your mercy is everything accomplished. We must try to become better instruments. So far, the devotees seem pleased, but we are uncertain if we are pleasing You. That is our concern. Please place us at Your lotus feet, free from all distractions. Your mercy, through Srila Prabhupada, is all we can hope to achieve and all we truly need. Hare Krsna.

August 10 London/Soho Street

Today, we had the most amazing and ecstatic Harinam. More than 60 devotees gathered with flags and banners, and we had excellent kirtaneers, leaving onlookers astounded. Devotees danced with complete abandonment, and many guests joined in. Numerous souls received Lord Caitanya's mercy, marking the beginning of their spiritual awakening. This has made their lives perfect. Tomorrow, we will participate in the Ratha Yatra in Birmingham, where many great personalities will serve Lord Jagannath. He is an ocean of mercy—most beautiful, lovable, and eager to be with His devotees. Together with Lord Balaram and Subhadra Devi, They form the Transcendental Trio, bringing great joy to all. We pray that our restless minds, which seem to wander into forbidden areas lately, will take complete shelter of Their Lordships and serve them with full attention. Dear Srila Prabhupada, all glories unto you. Please correct our faults and guide us in the direction of your service. Dear Lord Nrsingadeva, please uproot the Hiranyakasipu desires embedded in our hearts and help us remember You more and more. All glories unto Your all-protective lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

August 11 London-Birmingham-Ratha Yatra



Today is a day to remember, as we spent it with HH Jayapataka Swami, HH Sivarama Swami, and HH Bhakti Purusottama Maharaja. The mercy of Lord Jagannath is immeasurable and very pleasing. All glories to Their Lordships. We offer a special prayer to Srila Prabhupada: Please bestow your mercy and guidance on Krsna Pracar's wife; she needs help. Hare Krsna.

August 12 London-Denmark

We had a hectic trip, with a connecting flight through Brussels. In the future, we will try to avoid connecting flights at all costs, as they bring unnecessary hassle. It may be better to pay a higher fare for direct flights. Nonetheless, one advantage was that we had extra time to read. Copenhagen's new temple, the home of Sri Sri Gaura Nitai, is very close to the assembled devotees, a significant change from the previous location. We are very grateful for the special mercy from Bhakta Gert, who arranged for us to get the rest we needed. That is a sign of a good leader. By taking care of the devotees, they become enthusiastic to serve. We are also devotees, or at least we are trying to be. We can pray to Srila Prabhupada to inspire us to serve the devotees in a way that pleases them in Krsna consciousness. All glories to those devotees who only know Lord Krsna and His service. Hare Krsna.

August 13 Denmark

It is a constant concern how to balance our own needs with the needs of others. Having accepted the austerity of travel, we must adjust certain activities, such as reducing reading and living a regulated life. At times, we wish to engage more by fine-tuning our activities while being careful not to detract from needed time with the devotees. The reason for coming to a particular place is to associate with, share with, and assist the devotees and others. Dear Srila Prabhupada, we feel we lack devotion, as our minds tend to gravitate toward sense gratification and egoistic displays of service and glorification. Nevertheless, we will never lose hope. Why? Because Your mercy is great and can perform the impossible. Therefore, we remain patient. One needs to improve while improving. Hare Krsna.

August 14 Denmark

The devotees here are very nice, and our dealings have been beneficial. We look forward to returning here for a longer stay. Srila Prabhupada has truly performed and continues to perform amazing feats; this is evident when one sees the results of Krsna consciousness spreading worldwide. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

August 15 Denmark

Today is our final day here before we head to Malaga, Spain. We will spend 8 days in Spain, with Ratha Yatra on Saturday and Ekadasi on Sunday, followed by Rupa Goswami's disappearance day on Monday. Today's prasadam routine was different; we had only lunch as an austerity to realign our chakras. Yesterday, we consumed a lot of milk and sugar, making it difficult to keep our senses and minds peaceful. We are still struggling for balance. Although travel, by its nature, disrupts all regulation, we still strive for it. The natural instinct of a living being is to find harmony and balance but traveling and preaching often feel contrary to that. We should do what is necessary and always endeavor to serve according to time, place, and circumstance. Once again, we look to Srila Prabhupada as one who performed this service so expertly that it is inconceivable by human calculation. Srila Prabhupada did the inconceivable; that is the miracle called ISKCON. Hare Krsna.

August 16 Denmark-Spain/Malaga

Another rigorous day of travel with connecting flights, and no one came

to pick us up. A dishonest cab driver pretended he couldn't find the address. One who tries to cheat Lord Krsna or His devotees ends up cheating themselves. For us, Lord Krsna is always teaching lessons. In this case, we learned humility and appreciation for the association of the devotees here. Bhakti Charu Swami is present and giving a lecture at the temple, but we are quite tired from the trip, and tomorrow is Ratha Yatra. We want to be ready and rested to dance and chant for the pleasure of Lord Jagannath, Subhadra Devi, and Lord Balaram. Denmark was unbelievable, and the devotees were very supportive. Here, we will need to make a greater effort to preach effectively. Therefore, with this concern in mind, we humbly pray to Srila Prabhupada to help us develop the enthusiasm and perseverance to make a difference. All glories to His lotus feet; may we always take shelter there. Hare Krsna.

August 17 Spain/Malaga-Ratha Yatra

Today is Ratha Yatra, a day of Lord Jagannath's mercy. We have received more invitations, this time from Mauritius. Can we reciprocate? Do we want to, or are we not inclined to add extra-long-distance places to our agenda? Everything depends on the decision of Srila Prabhupada. We can only try our best to follow his instructions and guidance. Hare Krsna.

August 18 Spain/Malaga-Ekadasi

Today, we chanted extra rounds. The goal of our Krsna consciousness is to be absorbed in Lord Krsna's Holy Names. Ekadasi helps us increase our appreciation for chanting. The Holy Name is everything and more; we must chant as a matter of life and death. Srila Prabhupada gives life, but we are not fully taking it. Instead, we remain attached to the darkness of ignorance. Hare Krsna.

August 19 Spain/Malaga-Disapp. Rupa Goswami, Gauri Das Pandit

In the morning and evening, we were blessed with the privilege to speak on this occasion. Although we are not in the least qualified, by their mercy, we were allowed this wonderful service. This little bird has hardly any wing power—the sky is unlimited. It is also Gauri Das Pandit's disappearance day, so it was double mercy in a very sweet form. The devotees seemed to appreciate the class, and we were able to deepen our knowledge and appreciation of Srila Rupa Goswami. While attempting to discuss the situation here, it brought out the innermost

conflicts among the temple devotees and congregation. We truly have no interest in this matter; mostly, we are concerned about how to associate with devotees in a mood of service. One can pray to always be protected from gossip and fault-finding. These are products of Kali-Yuga and major stumbling blocks in our relationship with Lord Krsna. Dear Srila Prabhupada, help us always to be humble in Your service. The nectar of Your lotus feet is our only sustenance. Hare Krsna.

August 20 Spain/Malaga

The power of the mind, when it becomes very determined, can and will override intelligence unless one is transcendently situated. Therefore, we must carefully control the restless mind without fail. This can be accomplished in different ways. While chanting japa this morning, a disturbing thought arose that would not go away. Even though the mantra was still being chanted and could be heard clearly, these 2 streams of thought paralleled each other. We learned just how disturbing a situation can be; as was evident, one must beat the mind with shoes in the morning and with a broomstick in the evening. This is an understatement in describing how powerful and dangerous the unruly mind can become. Dear Srila Prabhupada, please give us the strength to push on with renewed vigor. All glories to Your lotus feet, our only refuge and shelter. Hare Krsna.

August 21 Spain/Malaga-New Vraja Mandala

Hari Venu, Mother Hema Gauri, and their family took excellent care of us. With the mercy and loving care of the Vaisnavas, we continue our service to Srila Prabhupada. Today's train ride afforded us the opportunity to chant our remaining rounds, as our seat was not suitable for one in religious life trying to maintain some semblance of celibacy. Generally, the Spanish women parade their bodies around as sex symbols, which is very disgusting and disquieting. Nevertheless, it helps us become more attached to Lord Krsna and seek shelter at His lotus feet. Sri Sri Radha Govinda Candra are very beautiful, loving, and merciful. Upon arrival, we regretted not being able to stay longer. But let us see what we can offer in the way of our service to the devotees. Tomorrow, Lord Balaram will give us a chance, by His mercy, to serve His Divine lotus feet. We humbly pray for His mercy and the mercy of His devotees, especially to wake up for Mangala Arati. Tejayas Prabhu is here, which will be an

added blessing for everyone. All glories to Sri Sri Radha Govinda Candra and all the devotees at New Vraja Mandala. May they allow us to serve them in some way. All glories to His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Thakur Srila Prabhupada, who is spreading the glories of Nityananda-Balaram all over the world. Hare Krsna.

August 22 Spain/New Vraja Mandala-App. Lord Balaram

Lord Balaram's mercy flowed like rivers of nectar as devotees celebrated His Divine appearance day. It was a nice program with prasadam, and by His mercy, we were able to offer some insignificant service. The community seems to be developing nicely, as more grhastha families are taking an active part in the programs. We sincerely pray it continues to grow and become a thriving Krsna conscious community. When things go down, it brings unhappiness to the Vaisnava community, making it hard to serve Srila Prabhupada properly. A revival shows the power and mercy of Srila Prabhupada as he reciprocates with his sincere devotees to reveal the project. We hope it continues and that we can assist as a service to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to His lotus feet. May ISKCON overcome past difficulties with renewed enthusiasm to follow strictly and develop qualified leadership. Hare Krsna.

August 23 Spain/New Vraja Mandala

Today marks Srila Prabhupada's anniversary of his departure for America. We are all blessed and saved from the horrors of material existence due to his compassionate mercy. This is not a small thing; it's the biggest of all. Our limited minds cannot begin to comprehend its profundity or appreciate it fully. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, our savior, lord, and master of the devotees, the eternal captain steering the ship of ISKCON to all parts of the world. Let us take this opportunity to renew our determination and continue preaching with full strength and vigor, not caring for difficulties or obstacles. Our life belongs to him. Please give us the strength to realize and practice this understanding. From here on, the waters of preaching become deeper; therefore, we must practice swimming better and longer. All glories to those devotees who have full faith in Srila Prabhupada and are sacrificing everything for the sake of conditioned souls. May a drop of their mercy fall upon us. All glories to Sri Krsna Sankirtan. Hare Krsna.

August 24 Spain-London/Bhaktivedanta Manor

Travel! The mercy of the devotees rejuvenated our polluted consciousness, bringing us closer to Lord Krsna. It is frightening how closely we must associate with the powerful forms of Maya. Unless we are strongly situated and above all attachments, we can easily be contaminated, or this could awaken some attraction to these illusory influences. As Mahavisnu Swami advised, we must control our eyes. A devotee is not interested in these allurements but keeps focus on their service and learns to tolerate disturbances. Money is another powerful attraction. Money is Laxmi Devi; she belongs to Lord Narayan. We take only what little we need and don't waste time on accumulating more. Lord Krsna always provides what one needs. Surrender is the complete perfection of all aspects of life. Nothing is lacking; there is no need to be anxious or greedy. These ups and downs come and go, but our focus remains solely on devotional service at His lotus feet with surrender and love. All glories unto the lotus feet of Sri Sri Kisor Kisor and Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

August 25 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor-Croatian Camp/Pula

It is a great opportunity to serve the Vaisnavas and receive the blessings of Srila Prabhupada. This is no small test; it is a significant one. Humility, enthusiasm, respect for others, a clear vision of how to serve effectively, and the ability to tolerate disturbances with the right vision are all mercies from Lord Krsna. We offer this humble prayer at Your lotus feet, dear Srila Prabhupada. We need Your mercy and intelligence. All glories to those devotees who have surrendered their lives in devotional service. May our surrender be coupled with Krsna conscious intelligence. Hare Krsna.

August 26 Croatian Camp/Pula

Devotees here are sweet and truly appreciate kirtan and philosophy. Sometimes, we may be able to see our false ego, but most of the time, we may deny its existence. However, philosophical understanding helps us recognize that whether we see it or not, it is there and working to keep us in illusion about our relationship with Lord Krsna. Therefore, we pray to Lord Nrsingadeva to remove these anarthas and to Srila Prabhupada to continue showering his mercy in the form of intelligence to serve better. Hare Krsna.

August 27 Croatian Camp/Pula

Initiations took place today with HH Smrita Krsna Maharaja, HH Bhakti Tirtha Swami, and His Grace Krsna Ksetra Prabhu. Approximately 20 candidates received first initiation, and 2 received second initiation. The program here serves as an ideal example of what devotees around the world could do. Different areas, countries, and temples could sponsor seminar sessions alongside various activities. Srila Prabhupada mentioned that Krsna consciousness allows us to celebrate a festival every day—chanting, dancing, feasting on prasadam, dramas, bhajans, and other cultural programs. *Param vijayate śrī-kṛṣṇa-saṅkīrtanam*. By the mercy of Lord Krsna, Lord Caitanya, and Srila Prabhupada, we find great pleasure in engaging in this movement to purify materialistic consciousness through the life of Sri Krsna Sankirtanam. All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

August 28 Croatian Camp/Pula

The association here is quite enlivening. Being with His Grace Krsna Ksetra Prabhu is a real treat, as he embodies what can be described as a 'pukka' devotee. Appreciating other devotees helps us learn from them. HH Smita Krsna Swami is very humble and displays qualities of sincerity and simplicity. HH Bhakti Tirtha Swami is a powerhouse of Krsna consciousness, and Sacinandana Swami is a humble, intelligent, sweet-hearted Vaisnava who reminds us of Lord Caitanya. There are many wonderfully qualified devotees here. Tomorrow, we will receive the special mercy of Srila Jayapataka Swami. All these great devotees reflect the unlimited mercy of Srila Prabhupada, who is the object of all our love and devotion. Hare Krsna.

August 29 Croatian Camp/Pula

Jayapataka Maharaja Ki-Jai! All glories to his lotus feet. He is such a great devotee of Srila Prabhupada, traveling and preaching everywhere. If only we had more devotees like him, the world would be saved. There was a Srimad Bhagavatam class, an evening program, Caitanya-lila, and a slideshow. May Srila Prabhupada continue to shower his blessings on this special soul. We pray for his strength to continue with renewed vigor. Hare Krsna.

August 30 Croatian Camp/Pula

The camp and the devotees provided a wonderful experience. Now it's on to London, where tomorrow is Janmashtami, and we will have the association of HH Radhanath Maharaja. It is one transcendental treat after another. It's simple for the simple: chant Hare Krsna, serve His devotees, and be happy. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

August 31 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor-Janmashtami



This is the best in our ISKCON society—an example for the entire movement. All glories to the devotees who made it happen. And all glories to Srila Prabhupada; by his mercy, it has all unfolded wonderfully. Hare Krsna.

September 1 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor-App. Srila Prabhupada

Devotees have come together to glorify and remember Him. There is no more auspicious occasion. Lord Krsna becomes exceedingly pleased when His pure devotee is honored in a spirit of cooperation and appreciation. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. May he continue to lead us in this battle against illusion. Hare Krsna.

September 2 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor

Our feet are wobbling. Our only hope is the mercy of Sri Sri Radha

Gokulananda. Tomorrow is Ekadasi, and as the pace increases, our physical strength is low. We feel spiritually enthusiastic yet materially unable to function. Everything is under Lord Krsna's control. Srila Prabhupada is opening the valve of unlimited mercy. How much can we take? It is all devotional service. Enthusiasm, determination, and patience—patience, patience. The ends and the means are the same. Devotional service offers us more opportunities for this. Why can't we see that? O Lord, grant us the desire to serve and the intelligence to carry it out. Hare Krsna.

September 3 London/Soho Street-Ekadasi

Today is Ekadasi, the last one before Radhastami, which validates our vow from last Radhastami to chant 32 rounds on every Ekadasi. Now we have the choice to continue the vrata, modify it, or change it for another. With 11 days remaining until the appearance of Srimati Radharani, we must beg for Her mercy to decide properly. Our false ego runs deep and can easily be hurt. Nevertheless, Vaisnava relationships are very special and should be free from disturbing words. We hope to see this as Your arrangement to purify us of certain anarthas. We pray it doesn't disturb our service to the devotees here at the Soho temple. Ultimately, it is a small thing and should be expected, given past events. HH Radhanath Maharaja was extremely tolerant during both Janmashtami and Vyasa Puja, despite being unnecessarily interrupted numerous times during his lectures. A devotee is always tolerant and humble, seeking to see Lord Krsna in everything. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

September 4 London/Soho Street

Vaisnava relationships are special; even if there are disturbances, we should be intelligent in overcoming the tension. We should see ourselves as the problem; in doing so, we cultivate humility and open ourselves to receive Lord Krsna's mercy and guidance. Tomorrow, we're off to Italy. We hope to have the opportunity to read Prabhupada's books, as this is essential for remaining renounced; otherwise, it becomes artificial to continue without the proper consciousness. Therefore, we take shelter at the lotus feet of His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada. Please grant us the shade of those lotus feet, our only shelter. We humbly pray for Your mercy to carry on. Hare Krsna.

September 5 London-Italy/Prabhupada Desh

Here is our test: can we preach effectively in the country connected to

our material body? It's easy to fall victim to the bodily conception of life and become complacent. We offer this humble prayer at the lotus feet of Sri Sri Gaura Nitai and Srila Prabhupada that we may become enthusiastic in preaching Krsna consciousness and remain aloof from the bodily stigma that accompanies our birth and early life. The devotees here are very nice and friendly, and we hope to reciprocate by inspiring them in their service and understanding. Hare Krsna.

September 6 Italy/Prabhupada Desh

2 days of Italian prasadam have been nicely prepared and satisfying. We often tend to overindulge with Italian food. While a couple of times is enjoyable and healthy, continuous indulgence can lead to a falldown. We must stay alert to the niceties of Krsna consciousness and avoid getting trapped. The devotees here are simple and sweet, and the countryside is peaceful, with lush green mountains and well-structured villages. It's an ideal setting for practicing Krsna consciousness. Tomorrow, we're off to Milano. By Srila Prabhupada's guidance, we aspire to endeavor more in spreading the message of Lord Caitanya. Chant Hare Krsna; it's our only occupation in life. Hare Krsna.

September 7 Italy/Prabhupada Desh-Milano/Villaggio Hare Krsna

Sri Sri Radha Ramn are very attractive and exceedingly merciful, and Sri Radha is profusely giving Her special blessings. The devotees are enthusiastic for kirtan, and the prasadam is very good. It's a special place with a nice temple and surroundings. We can pray to always serve the devotees by inspiring them in their Krsna consciousness. We also request time to read Srila Prabhupada's books and study, as this will help us focus on our preaching and reduce the tendency toward overindulgence in prasadam. By the mercy of Srila Prabhupada, all spiritual aspirations are fulfilled. May we absorb ourselves in his service. Hare Krsna.

September 8 Milano/Villaggio Hare Krsna

During the Sunday program, many devotees and guests gathered. Today, we had pizza for lunch and ice cream for dessert—real Italian food has entered our lives. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, who has spread Krsna consciousness throughout the world. Hare Krsna.

September 9 Milano/Villaggio Hare Krsna

Man proposes, and God disposes. Encouraged by HH Lokanath Swami, we decided to stay another day. It was especially nice to share lunch with both Maharaja and Madhusevita Prabhu. The power of strong Vaisnava association can eradicate all difficulties and inspire one on the path of Krsna consciousness. Ekalavya Prabhu was with Maharaja as we dove deeply into the nectar of Krsna consciousness, soaring on the wings of spiritual velocity through the realms of Vaisnava association—chanting, dancing, and relishing prasadam. Srila Prabhupada, your mercy is our only hope. Hare Krsna.

September 10 Milano/Villaggio Hare Krsna-Rome

We find ourselves in Rome for one more full day. Krsna consciousness is everywhere. Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityananda appear to give Their special mercy, even to the inhabitants of such a sinful place. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, one of the greatest holy men to have placed his divine feet on this planet. May we feel happiness knowing our lives are blessed by his presence. Hare Krsna.

September 11 Italy/Rome

Today marks the anniversary of the terrorist attack on New York City. The world, especially America, remembers this event in various ways, with newspapers filled with stories. It almost seems like a celebration. Conditioned souls often lament; it gives them a sense of importance, as if their noble cause for lamentation is a national or global one. But material life is a constant series of events causing lamentation for everyone—so why celebrate? If only they would turn to Krsna consciousness, they would understand that true lamentation lies in avoiding our eternal relationship with Lord Krsna for countless lifetimes. We should feel regretful and lost, but we can overcome this by surrendering to Your instructions, dear Lord, and ending all lamentation. People seem content to remain lost, but those with knowledge bear the responsibility to help those in ignorance. We can only pray that they will accept it. As Srila Prabhupada prayed upon his arrival in America, “If you like, dear Lord Krsna, make my words suitable for their hearing.” We aspire to follow that line of prayer. O Lord, only You have the power to awaken them, and we pray for Your empowerment.

Today was a day of remembrance as we visited Vatican Square—very impressive, devotional, and extraordinarily artistic. All glories to the Supreme Personality of Godhead, who appears in many forms to uplift the conditioned soul from Maya and into His loving service. All glories to that original form of the Godhead, Lord Krsna. We humbly take shelter at His lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

September 12 Italy/Rome-Florence/Villa Vrndavan

Rome presented challenges—there was no morning program, and our japa felt unsteady. However, Lord Krsna sent 2 sincere souls, which served as a wonderful compensation. We aim to genuinely transform the lives of conditioned souls by guiding them toward Lord Krsna, and when someone eagerly accepts the message, it brings us immense pleasure. Tomorrow, the day before Radhastami, we will meet HH Radhanath Maharaja at the home of Nimai Pandit Prabhu and his wife, Mother Visnu Priya. My health is a bit precarious, so it's wise to proceed with caution and take necessary measures. Nevertheless, Lord Krsna assures us, “Just depend on Me.” This promise is our hope, strength, and path to success. Please, Srila Prabhupada, let us always depend on Lord Krsna, just as Arjuna did. Hare Krsna.

September 13 Italy/Villa Vrndavan

It was especially nice to spend time with HH Radhanath Swami today. His sweet, loving, and compassionate nature is very pleasing and brings great joy to our hearts. In a family, there is the father and his sons. Srila Prabhupada is our father, and he is most pleased when family members cooperate to serve his interests. By recognizing and respecting those who genuinely represent the father, all the family members benefit. The family of Lord Krsna's devotees is Srila Prabhupada's gift to the world. Hare Krsna.

September 14 Italy/Villa Vrndavan-Radhastami

Radhastami with HH Radhanath Swami was wonderful. We celebrated with a program glorifying Srimati Radharani. Harinam in Florence was spectacular. We visited the cathedral where HH Radhanath Swami prayed and dedicated his life to God at the age of 19. Srila Prabhupada has mercifully given us the opportunity to worship and serve Srimati Radharani. Jai Sri Sri Radha Vraja Sundar. Jai Sri Radhe. Hare Krsna.

September 15 Italy/Villa Vrndavan-Prabhupada Desh



Srimati Radharani's mercy carried us through a day of wonderful association and service to the Vaisnavas. Tomorrow, we head to Slovenia and then Croatia. Srila Prabhupada's mercy guides us in our service as we navigate various situations

while remembering Lord Krsna and serving Him. Hare Krsna.

September 16 Italy/Prabhupada Desh-Venice-Slovenia

When we are fortunate to associate with enthusiastic devotees, Krsna consciousness becomes a refreshing experience—even as we engage in the same activities: chanting, dancing, taking prasadam, and discussing Lord Krsna. Ever fresh—that is one of Lord Krsna's qualities, and His service is always renewing. Traveling can be tiring, but the association of devotees makes everything joyful. Lord Krsna is so wonderful, His service is so fulfilling, and His devotees are so kind. His pure representative arranges countless opportunities to serve Him. We can only pray to be worthy of accepting and reciprocating this kindness. Today, we had a realization while dancing during Guru Puja in front of Srila Prabhupada that what Christianity was for the last millennium, Krsna consciousness will be for this one. Let us chant Hare Krsna, follow the 4 regulative principles, and strive to be sincere and serious devotees. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

September 17 Slovenia/Ljubljana-Ekadasī

The Sri Panca Tattva Deities here are magnificent and magnanimous. They are normal-sized Deities made from neem wood. Many devotees attended both the morning and evening lectures. Today is Ekadasī, a day of fasting for Vamanadeva's appearance. Tomorrow, we will travel to Zagreb, Croatia, where we will stay for a day and a half. This travel has

delayed our reading and responding to letters and emails, and our japa quality has suffered. We must be diligent in attending to our service needs. To give, we must have something to offer. We are struggling to maintain our health, rest, and sadhana. We can pray to Srila Prabhupada for the intelligence to execute our service effectively. There have been many casualties in our movement—advanced preachers who have fallen victim to Maya. We must study their patterns to avoid making the same mistakes. Tonight, in class, we discussed the change of ashram of Vipramukhya Swami. Though not shocking, it was unexpected and disheartening when one of Srila Prabhupada's long-time preachers left his post. We can humbly pray to Srila Prabhupada to keep him under the shelter of his divine lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

**September 18 Slovenia/Ljubljana-Croatia/Zagreb-
App. Vamanadeva, Jiva Goswami**

The Slovenian devotees were especially sweet and helpful, and as we left their association, we felt some unhappiness, wishing we could reciprocate more for their kindness. However, we must do our duty, continue to travel, preach, and do our best to please the Lord's devotees through pravacan, kirtan, and association. We are small and unqualified, and we pray to stay alert to Lord Krsna's guidance in body, mind, and speech. Tomorrow is the celebration of Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur's appearance day. We pray for the opportunity to glorify this great soul, who has directly influenced the ISKCON movement. May we enthusiastically share his glories with love. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, who fulfilled Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur's prophecy. Hare Krsna.

**September 19 Croatia/Zagreb-Hungary/New Vraja Dham-
App. Bhaktivinoda Thakur**

By Lord Nrshingadeva's mercy, through Srila Prabhupada, we were able to extend our brief visit into an overnight stay. We are happy to be here, to see the project, meet the devotees, and offer a little humble service. Thank you, Sri Krsna. The only formula for success in our devotional activities is to always remember Lord Krsna and never forget Him. Therefore, we humbly and urgently pray for the desire, ability, and determination to always remember You, dear Sri Krsna. Then, all our troubles will transform into opportunities to increase our love. Hare Krsna.

September 20 Hungary/New Vraja Dham-Croatia/ Virovitica-Disapp. Haridas Thakur

Srila Namacarya Haridas Thakur Ki-Jai! All glories to his lotus feet. We spoke twice on the acarya and met a great artist who is glorifying the Lord through art at New Vraja Dham. By the special mercy of Srila Haridas Thakur, we can hope to perfect our chanting more and more. By his mercy and example, may we never feel any attraction to the opposite sex, as it is all illusion and the source of bondage and suffering. Real attraction is for the real person, Lord Krsna of Vrndavan. We have traded that priceless gem for the broken pieces of glass of painful sense gratification, only to be kicked like a mule by its mate, right in the face. Pow! O Lord, we miss You dearly and are eagerly praying that someday, in some lifetime, we will fully regain Your lotus feet in pure, unalloyed love. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

September 21 Croatia/Virovitica/Zagreb

Frequent travel has made it challenging to find regulation. We feel both excited and a little unhappy about returning to Chicago. The devotees are wonderful. Traveling around, experiencing various preaching projects, and meeting many different devotees has been enriching, but this journey creates irregularities that affect the quality of our devotion. Physical hardships often overshadow everything. Life must reach a balance. We hope to find regulation upon returning to Chicago. We don't regret our actions, but we wish to enhance the quality of our devotional service. Tomorrow is the Sunday program in Zagreb. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for this opportunity to preach on your behalf. Hare Krsna.

September 22 Croatia/Zagreb

The Sunday program had excellent attendance; it was a nice gathering. Devotees like kirtan. At times, we can get a bit lazy and develop a relaxed mood. We should always remember to stay focused on service, chanting, and Vaisnava sanga. By the mercy of Srila Prabhupada, the world is receiving the blessings of Gaura Nitai. All glories to Sri Krsna Sankirtanam. Hare Krsna.

September 23 Croatia/Zagreb-Rijeka

Our minds may find reasons to complain, but what will that prove? We may make mistakes and encounter awkward situations; we must

tolerate and, most importantly, think of Lord Krsna and Lord Caitanya. No one said traveling alone and preaching would be easy. Association comes and goes. Lately, our minds long to return to Chicago—not out of great love for the city, but as a relief from travel inconveniences, irregularities, and a desire for quietude. Nonetheless, we should accept all that comes as the Lord's mercy and view it as an opportunity to advance. Taking shelter in either sense gratification or dissatisfaction is merely a cop-out. “Purified or unpurified, having passed through all stages of life, one who always remembers the lotus-eyed Supreme Personality of Godhead is purified from within and without.” A bit more balance in our lives will bring the satisfaction we seek. Reading, writing, and quietude are among our great sources of strength in serving. Dear Srila Prabhupada, we have only to be grateful. Hare Krsna.

September 24 Croatia/Rijeka

At times, we can become absorbed in our personal situations, leading to a tendency to overlook other devotees. We must always maintain a deep appreciation for devotional service, devotee association, and the mercy of Lord Krsna and Srila Prabhupada. Here lies the key: as we cultivate appreciation, wonderful things are revealed. Tomorrow, we will reflect on our stay in Croatia as we leave, uncertain of when or if we will return. Everything is in the hands of Lord Krsna. We can only make our plans and do our best to serve. More than anything else, we depend on the mercy of Lord Krsna as it comes through Srila Prabhupada. We pray to recognize how to take that mercy and offer it back in the form of devotional service that pleases the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

September 25 Croatia/Rijeka-London/Bhaktivedanta Manor

We are moving quickly, trying to remember Lord Krsna in all circumstances. Whether Maya is our enemy or friend—it is up to us. We are always seeking balance, but lately, it has felt impossible. Within this imbalance, we can pray for the privilege to always remember the lotus feet of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. This is our only hope. All glories to Srila Prabhupada; may his glories spread throughout the world. Hare Krsna.

September 26 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor

Dear Lord, despite instructing others about the importance of attentive

chanting, we find ourselves spaced out. We wish to renew our desire and enthusiasm for the shelter of Your Holy Name. There is no other way, and it is the best of all ways. All glories to Lord Krsna's Holy Name, and all glories to that person who took Lord Krsna's Holy Name to every town and village—His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Srila Prabhupada Kijai. Hare Krsna.

September 27 London/Bhaktivedanta Manor-Boston

After 2 flights and cramped seating, somehow, by Lord Krsna's grace, we made it to Boston. Tomorrow begins the festival celebrating Srila Prabhupada's arrival in Boston in 1965, a historical moment. The greatest event of the century; someday the world will understand. An extraordinary spiritual renaissance unfolds as Vedic culture and Bhakti Yoga begin to influence the Western world. We hope to grasp the essence of this weekend's event; it presents a wonderful opportunity to dive deeper into the personality of Srila Prabhupada and take others along. Hare Krsna.

September 28 Boston

We had a wonderful program celebrating Srila Prabhupada's arrival in America. History in the making: boat rides, eulogies, and more. All glories to that person who took the message of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and spread it to every town and village. May we follow in his footsteps to please him and become Krsna conscious. Hare Krsna.

September 29 Boston

With the exception of Mother Malati, no one here was aware it was my birthday, and she too seemed to have forgotten. At the end of the programs, it was revealed. The temple president, Premananda Prabhu, announced it to everyone, and I felt somewhat embarrassed. Anyway, any honor, respect, distinction, or attention received should be used only in the service of the Lord and not for anything material or to boost our false ego. We are only servants, and the better one serves, the happier one is. Our happiness is intertwined with the happiness of the Lord and His devotees. The Srila Prabhupada festival was executed well, with a lot of cooperation among the devotees, creating a loosely organized event that brought great happiness and enlivenment, always focused on Srila Prabhupada. Mothers Malati, Jai Sri, and Gopalasya

Priya all spoke beautifully, sharing many new stories. Tomorrow begins a week-long series of programs. Dear Srila Prabhupada, please help us always remember to pray for your mercy, making every decision an opportunity to increase our dependence on you. All glories to the mercy you gave us in the form of the Hare Krsna movement, ISKCON. All glories unto you. Hare Krsna.

September 30 Boston

This is my first visit to the Boston temple in 29 years of devotional service, and this evening was our first home program with a nice family: a man from Calcutta, Punjabi, his Mexican wife, and their 2 young daughters. Gradually, we're getting to know the devotees; everyone seems very nice, friendly, and attracted to the Krsna conscious process. Our telephone calls, emails, and letters are all backed up. Over the next few days, we'll see how we can arrange our schedule to catch up. All success comes when we exclusively depend on the mercy of the Lord through His pure representative. We spent 3 hours with a student from a local college. He was very simple, interested, and asked thoughtful questions. Let's offer our sincere pranams at the lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada with the prayer that our friend will soon take to the path of Bhakti and Krsna consciousness. Hare Krsna.

October 1 Boston

Just try to chant Hare Krsna. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. This evening's program is titled "Vaikunthaloka's Apartment," featuring Brahma Samhita Prabhu and Mother Mangala Aroti. They are very nice devotees—kind and tolerant. Hare Krsna.

October 2 Boston-Ekadasī

We had a little fruit in the evening, and it was very purifying to perform a fast. By Lord Krsna's and Srila Prabhupada's mercy, not eating today significantly improved our health. We hope we can use this opportunity to reduce our prasadam intake. Daru Brahma Prabhu, a very sweet devotee, was born and raised on the Murari Sevaka farm. Through his efforts, the program to honor Srila Prabhupada took place. It's inspiring to see what one sincere person can accomplish. Tomorrow, we hope to catch up on our correspondence, a service that is long overdue and has likely left many wondering what has happened to us. Once we are caught

up, we will ensure it doesn't fall behind again. By Srila Prabhupada's mercy, we receive the mercy of Lord Kṛṣṇa. All glories to Srila Prabhupada; by his mercy, the world is becoming truly fortunate. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 3 Boston

The devotees here are very nice, friendly, and generous, though a little slow in the kīrtan mood. For the past 4 evenings, we've had programs, including the weekly Wednesday night program at the temple. We managed to complete our correspondence and read regularly. Tomorrow, we leave for Hartford for 3 days—another place, another set of circumstances, and another group of devotees and guests. By Srila Prabhupada's grace, we have the opportunity to act on his behalf. This is a special privilege, and we should carry it out with great care and concern. Although there are many dangers in regular travel, that is not a major concern, as danger exists everywhere in the material world. The real fear lies in returning to this world with a spirit of enjoyment. Therefore, we conclude that there is no enjoyment apart from the happiness derived from devotional service. Srila Prabhupada has gifted the world this knowledge. All glories to his lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 4 Boston-Hartford

We've had programs every night this week. Preaching is the essence of our service, and with great enthusiasm, we are receiving the mercy of Srila Prabhupada. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 5 Hartford

Hartford has a nice temple with very powerful Gaura Nitai Deities. Lord Jagannath, Subhadra Devi, and Lord Baladeva are very attractive. After a week of nightly programs, we've noticed that our japa has been of relatively poor quality. It is time to focus on improving this essential service, which is vital for the complete enhancement of our devotional service. All glories to Lord Kṛṣṇa's Holy Names; when chanted with attention and devotion, they provide the taste we seek. Paraṁ vijayate śrī-kṛṣṇa-saṅkīrtanam. Srila Prabhupada Ki-Jai. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 6 Hartford

Today's Sunday program drew a wonderful crowd. We find that keeping



our talks simple and aligned with Srila Prabhupada's mood resonates most with devotees and guests. When we speak in a way that encourages reflection on how to improve through devotional service and prompts people to consider their situation, appreciation naturally follows. We were encouraged by the response to our discussion on Bhagavad Gita 6.47 and the importance of hearing about Lord Krsna. The audience was engaged and asked thoughtful questions. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, who exemplifies how to preach Krsna consciousness to diverse audiences. The core message remains: we are servants of Lord Krsna, not this body; we should chant Hare Krsna; and material life is a dead-end road filled with suffering. Tomorrow, we move to New York at Yasoda Dulal Prabhu's place. Although opportunities for sadhana and association may be limited, we'll have an active program of travel and preaching. Dear Lord, please grant us the strength to carry on with intelligence and renewed enthusiasm. This is the key to success. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

October 7 Hartford-New Jersey/Yasoda Dulal's

This is the last segment before returning to Chicago. A devotee lives each

moment as the most important one—"Be here now!" Every moment is an opportunity to remember Lord Krsna and serve Him or His devotees. Tomorrow, we will give a lecture at 26 Second Avenue; it will be our first time there. What topic will be interesting, meaningful, and relevant? With our limited intelligence, we need to place complete faith in Srila Prabhupada. By his mercy alone, perhaps we can enliven the devotees. Your mercy, Srila Prabhupada, is all we have and all we will ever need. Please continue to shower your kindness upon us. This is our most important prayer. Hare Krsna.

**October 8 New Jersey/Yasoda Dulal's-New York/
26 Second Avenue**

Today marked a significant spiritual milestone as we had the privilege to speak at 26 Second Avenue, the birthplace of the Hare Krsna movement. In line with Srila Prabhupada's teachings, we emphasized the importance of chanting Hare Krsna, as highlighted by Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu in His prayers, particularly the first verse of Sikshastakam. Many wonderful devotees and guests attended, and the questions were engaging. By Srila Prabhupada's grace, we are continuing our efforts to serve him by preaching the philosophy of Bhagavat Dharma. Tomorrow poses a challenge—a day with my mother. Well, what can we do? It is important to show compassion to everyone, including family. Dear Sri Krsna, please give me the proper intelligence to make this visit centered around You as much as possible. Family relationships may be based in maya, but there remains a spiritual obligation to help them, provided they are not inimical. All glories to the lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada, whose mission guides our devotional service. Hare Krsna.

September 9 New Jersey/Yasoda Dulal's-Ma's

Today was interesting; the normally smooth visit to my mother was a little less so this time. Blooped pizza can cause major disturbances in interpersonal relations, even among family members. Pizza ranks high on people's tastes, often even higher than the Supreme. Anyway, we parted on favorable terms, though it appears her life lacks productivity. She is unlikely to change, so there's no point in dwelling on that. We can only build on whatever religious sentiment exists. The more we talk about, hear of, and remember Lord Krsna, that is most desirable. HH Mahanidhi Swami's latest book on chanting advocates increasing to 64 rounds. It is possible, and perhaps necessary, but finding balance that

will take work. We're seriously considering 32 rounds, which sounds like a lot, but in reality, it's not. Kīrtanīyaḥ sadā hariḥ—that is our goal. All glories to the Holy Name, to Lord Caitanya, the personification of the Holy Name, and to Srila Prabhupada, the merciful manifestation of the Holy Name. All glories to those devotees who have made the Holy Name their life, soul, and only object of worship. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 10 New Jersey/Yasoda Dulal-Anil's

By Lord Kṛṣṇa's mercy, we were able to render some small service today. When people are eager, the message flows more naturally. We often feel inadequate in our hearing and chanting, so for us to do anything is truly Lord Kṛṣṇa's mercy through Srila Prabhupada. Tomorrow is our last full day before returning to Chicago. We wonder how we will transition back after such an intense travel schedule. Nonetheless, we will pray for the intelligence to stay focused on sadhana and service. Kṛṣṇa consciousness places us in situations that require us to use our intelligence to remain fixed in service. We should emphasize and increase our reading and japa to recuperate and rejuvenate. Everything is Srila Prabhupada's mercy. All glories to his lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 11 New Jersey/Yasoda Dulal's

Our day gains meaning when we can bring happiness and inspiration to others in their devotional lives. The association of devotees is a precious gift from Srila Prabhupada; it should be cherished and kept free from negativity and the mundane. By centering our service around Lord Kṛṣṇa, we experience great happiness and invaluable moments. All glories to the Vaisnavas of Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu, who live solely for His service and mission. All glories to Lord Kṛṣṇa's Holy Name, especially when chanted with enthusiasm, attention, and loving devotion. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, through whom all these other gems are manifesting. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 12 New Jersey/Yasoda Dulal's-Chicago

We're back after approximately 9 weeks of travel, and it has been a great experience. The association was wonderful, enlivening, and purifying. Now comes the adjustment back to Chicago. We must remember to be patient; it may take time to settle in, and that's understandable. We will try to keep ourselves engaged in service and carefully control our minds

and senses. Unnecessary talk can lead to unhappiness and a loss of Krsna consciousness. We need to focus on improving and increasing our japa and study, particularly verses. It's up to us to find ways to function effectively. We should not waste time and must eat sufficiently to maintain enthusiasm and energy. Dear Srila Prabhupada, as we travel on your behalf, we also wish to rejuvenate ourselves to increase the quality of our preaching. By your mercy, we will gain a deeper understanding of how to please you and Lord Krsna. Hare Krsna.

October 13 Chicago

Srila Prabhupada mentions in a lecture that in this ISKCON movement, we worship the Supreme Personality of Godhead in His form as Kisore Kisori. In the Chicago temple, Their Lordships reside as Sri Sri Kisor Kisori. They are most merciful, incredibly attractive, and constantly bring joy to Their devotees through Their darshan in various forms. We can only pray to position ourselves properly to receive and reciprocate that mercy. Lord Krsna is so wonderful, and His Deity form exemplifies His greatness. If only we had purified vision, our lives would be perfected. Again, Srila Prabhupada, we offer this humble prayer to guide us as we readjust to serving here in Chicago. It has never been easy, and rightly so—that's the price of Sri Sri Kisor Kisori's darshan. One has to earn it. Hare Krsna.

October 14 Chicago

Today we reflected on the services required beyond regular hearing and chanting. It seemed overwhelming, but perhaps it isn't as much as it appears—simply a matter of feeling overwhelmed due to a slight laziness. Regular travel and preaching have left little time for other activities. We need to focus on the essentials and use the remaining time to preach and associate with devotees and others. It is important to approach these services with patience and determination. Without determination, we are like animals. The prerogative of a human being is to say, "We will do it," and then persevere through all situations. We hope to do this with the right consciousness. Although we may miss out on devotee association and preaching, this time offers the opportunity to turn inward, enhancing our hearing, chanting, and reading. It will require careful planning and a great deal of patience. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, from whom a variety of spiritual activities for fallen souls have originated. Hare Krsna.

October 15 Chicago

We eliminated breakfast today and took lunch earlier; this seems like a more effective regulation. We hope to maintain this schedule. We will need to consume something in the evening, which we aren't accustomed to doing and aren't inclined toward. Nevertheless, regulation is essential for good health, sadhana, and efficient service. Ultimately, we understand that everything depends on the favor and mercy of Lord Krsna and Srila Prabhupada. Dear Sri Sri Kisor Kisor, may we always perform our service in a way that is pleasing to You. Your happiness is our happiness. All glories to Srila Prabhupada's mercy. Hare Krsna.

October 16 Chicago-Ekadasi

One never knows what will happen next in this material world. Uncertainty is always present. In Chicago, this may manifest through visitors to Sri Sri Kisor Kisor's Mandir. Today was such a day, though the specific incident isn't worth mentioning. What we can say for sure is that existence in this body is temporary, and time brings us closer to its inevitable end. As devotees, Lord Krsna assures us of His complete protection, yet from our perspective, we must live each moment as if it were our last. In doing so, we become serious about focusing on Lord Krsna and our devotional service. Today is Ekadasi, and though it will soon conclude, it was a day of service and surrender—an ideal day, as our desire to serve was strong. We can only beg for those same opportunities each day. The greatest benediction is a strong desire to hear and chant the Lord's glories and names. What Srila Prabhupada provided is truly marvelous and rare: Suddha Bhakti, association with Lord Krsna in His abode, Sri Goloka Vrndavan. All glories to that transcendental realm. Hare Krsna.

October 17 Chicago

Preaching is the essence, books are the basis, utility is the principle, and purity is the force. Usually, we go upstairs after evening arati, but tonight we sat in the lobby and spoke with Hari Das. A man approached and wanted to talk. He said he was sent here to meet someone. We spoke; although he is attuned to spirituality through intoxicants, he communicated quite sensibly. He took beads, agreed to chant, and left with 2 books, feeling that he would give once convinced. We pray to be

instruments in the hands of Srila Prabhupada and Sri Syamasundara. Hare Krsna.

October 18 Chicago

All glories to Srila Prabhupada. It was wonderful meeting Mahavisnu Swami. We appreciated his class; it was simple and to the point. Hare Krsna.

October 19 Chicago

Today is Balaram Prabhu's birthday. He is such a nice devotee, yet we don't always treat him kindly. Sometimes our critical nature acts against us, implicating us in subtle offenses due to a lack of genuine Vaisnava appreciation. We must be discriminating and err on the side of appreciation; that is never an error. Our bodies feel reluctant to rejuvenate; we often feel slow, weak, and achy. Nonetheless, traveling makes it difficult to adjust to a routine, and it's more challenging to stay enlivened while remaining stationary, especially in Chicago. However, we are determined to stay here for 2 solid weeks despite awkward circumstances. It is by Srila Prabhupada's and Lord Krsna's mercy alone that we can receive the clear intelligence necessary for executing our service. Govinda Das Prabhu advises us to go to Bombay Hospital or another place where we can make our own schedule. Let us see what can be done to improve here. Without change, we will try to become more patient and determined. All glories to Sri Sri Kisor Kisor and Their kindness toward the fallen souls of Chicago. Hare Krsna.

October 20 Chicago

Prabhavisnu Swami gave a wonderful class and kirtan; his association was very sweet. The great gift of ISKCON is the association of Lord Caitanya's devotees. All glories to the lotus feet of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu and Sri Nityananda Ram. We pray to be absorbed in Their lotus feet and Their mood of service, Sri Harinam Sankirtan. Srila Prabhupada Ki-Jai. Hare Krsna.

October 21 Chicago

We have taken up the vrata of chanting 32 rounds daily, and unlike other similar vratas, we are feeling happy. Increased japa means our consciousness is more likely to be focused on Lord Krsna. We strongly

feel this will also enhance our active service. HH Mahaniddhi Swami seems to be advising ISKCON devotees to take up 64 rounds daily, quoting Srila Prabhupada's early statements and indicating that Srila Prabhupada accepted our inability to chant so many rounds as indicative of our more or less fallen condition. As Maharaja indicates, Srila Prabhupada truly wanted us to chant 64, as preached by Srila Bhaktisiddhanta. All glories to Lord Krsna's Holy Name. Hare Krsna.

October 22 Chicago

When we reflect on the spiritual atmosphere in the Chicago temple, we often feel saddened. It should be much stronger. Each devotee is responsible for becoming Krsna conscious, and we also have the duty to significantly contribute to improving the collective consciousness of the ashram. While the overall consciousness is not bad, there is a lack of cohesion among devotees. It feels more like a collection of individuals who have carved out their own spaces. Although this may function on an individual level, it fails collectively, especially in attracting new people. Once again, we offer heartfelt prayers to Srila Prabhupada and Sri Sri Kisor Kisor, asking for help in rising to a higher and more acceptable standard of devotional activity. When things become fragmented, as they are now, often only a crisis can effect meaningful change. However, we want to avoid crises and focus on the enthusiastic hearing and chanting of the Lord's glories. O Lord, we need Your mercy and guidance. Hare Krsna.

October 23 Chicago

The day began quite difficult. We felt tired and couldn't chant properly. Our minds were critical of everything. But by the grace of increased japa, everything became auspicious. All glories to Lord Krsna's Holy Names. This Kartik, as we did last year, we have taken up the vrata of 32 rounds. Yet, it is not much; we should chant all day and night. Someday, we will have that taste for the Name. "Oh, when will that day be ours, when our offenses cease and the taste for the Holy Name increases?" Quantity helps bring about quality. "Chant My Holy Name; the Lord in His form of Mahaprabhu encourages all living entities to be truly happy. Whoever you meet, instruct them in this chanting. By My command, be guru; save the land." Let us spread the glories of Lord Krsna's Holy Name everywhere and constantly glorify those great souls, like His Divine

Grace Srila Prabhupada, who dedicate their lives to this mission.
Hare Krsna.

October 24 Chicago

Everyone who has an opinion about a situation can only see partially. The complete perspective is beyond anyone's knowledge and intelligence. Therefore, in trying to adjust a situation to create increased opportunities for Krsna consciousness, we must base everything on the instructions of Srila Prabhupada. Srila Prabhupada, let us wholeheartedly focus on Your instructions for understanding, evaluating, and acting. May Chicago ISKCON improve according to Your desire. Vyavasāyātmikā buddhir ekeha kuru-nandana. Chant Hare Krsna and be happy. Hare Krsna.

October 25 Chicago

After 12 full days in Chicago and a very intense year of travel and preaching, we are starting to feel a strong desire to preach again. In fact, we hope and pray to keep that desire firmly in our hearts and activities. It is our life and soul, and our service to Srila Prabhupada and Gauranga Mahaprabhu. We seek to be more effective and enthusiastic. We must never lose focus, growing increasingly dedicated to sharing Krsna consciousness with others. To see others happy through Krsna consciousness is our greatest happiness and our goal in life. During this period of health rejuvenation, we are revitalizing our desire to serve more through preaching. This is our life and our means for Krsna consciousness. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

October 26 Chicago-Disapp. Narottama Das Thakur

Narottama Das Thakur Ki-Jai. Bhaktisvarupa Damodara Maharaja Ki-Jai. Sri Krsna Caitanya Mahaprabhupada Ki-Jai. Srila Prabhupada Ki-Jai. Hare Krsna.

October 27 Chicago

After 2 weeks in Chicago, we wonder if we will be able to survive the remaining 6 days. If we could rest earlier, it would help tremendously. Dear Srila Prabhupada, Your mercy is our life and our very existence. All glories unto You. Hare Krsna.

October 28 Chicago

As seen from our previous entries, we were somewhat overstretched. Today was smooth, although it began a bit rocky. Each day presents a grand opportunity to serve. While we are currently in a more low-key mode of preaching, our desire is smoldering strongly, and we soon hope to hit the airways and byways again. Whether preaching or preparing to preach, it is all done as an offering at Lord Krsna's lotus feet. Fortunately, we have increased our japa to 32 rounds for Kartik. Some days it is performed easily and happily; other days it is a struggle. Yet, in both cases, glorification of Your Holy Names is our very life and means for living. We chant to live and live to chant. All glories to the Hare Krsna Mahamantra and all glories to those 2 transcendental personalities who initiated the Harinam Sankirtan movement. All glories to you, Srila Prabhupada, for bringing Lord Krsna's Name to the entire world with great eloquence. Sri Krsna Sankirtan Ki-Jai! Hare Krsna.

October 29 Chicago-Bahulastami

Today marks the appearance day of Sri Radha Kund, Bahulastami. We celebrate the wonderfully sweet lila of Krsna killing Aristasura, creating Syama Kund and then Radha Kund. Lord Krsna gives pleasure to His devotees and protects them from all dangers. Conversely, we living entities are meant to give pleasure to Lord Krsna and always seek His shelter and protection. Tonight, at the temple, we hosted a large group of members from various religious organizations who are part of the World Parliament of Religions. Swarupa Damodara Maharaja was present and chanted 3 verses from the Brahma Samhita—Cintamani..., Angani..., Ramdi.... Everyone loved it. This preaching is very important for fostering cooperation from all corners of the world as a coalition for spreading Lord Caitanya's movement. In whatever way we worship, we must simply chant the Holy Names of the Lord. All glories to Srila Prabhupada! May he be pleased with our efforts and bless us to advance this Sankirtan movement of Lord Caitanya more and more. Hare Krsna.

October 30 Chicago

It feels like a race to complete everything needed before our departure on Saturday in 2 days. We love the morning program, but we cherish the evening program even more. Regardless, we pray to always keep the

importance of the morning program in mind and strive to regain a regulated schedule. For now, our regulation and strength come from prayers for mercy and the chanting of the Hare Krsna Mahamantra, Srila Prabhupada's greatest gift to the fallen souls in Kali Yuga. Hare Krsna.

October 31 Chicago

Today, we preached at UIC with an overview of the Bhagavad-gita, marking the first session in a study of the Gita that will continue until the end of the semester. By Srila Prabhupada's mercy and blessings, we are able to spread Krsna consciousness in some small way. Hare Krsna.

November 1 Chicago-Ekadasa

It is Ekadasa, and we are observing a fruit fast along with some austerity. By Lord Krsna's grace, we are able to continue chanting His Holy Name. Srila Prabhupada is most kind upon us, the fallen souls. Hare Krsna.

November 2 Chicago-Minneapolis

After 3 weeks, we return to the service of traveling and preaching. There is great fulfillment in presenting Krsna consciousness to a group of eager listeners who want to learn. If our strength allows, we will try to make traveling a regular focus again. It is our life; however, after being in Chicago, we feel a desire to try and improve the temple situation. Nevertheless, traveling seems to be the most accessible option. Let us see what Lord Krsna wants us to do. One lesson we have learned from traveling is to eat less at night—something, but less. In closing, we offer this humble prayer at the lotus feet of His Divine Grace, the Founder-Acarya of the International Society for Krsna Consciousness, Srila Prabhupada. Please, Srila Prabhupada, help us to understand Your desire in assisting You in preaching Krsna consciousness. Hare Krsna.

November 2 Chicago-Minneapolis

Somehow, by his grace, we remain enthusiastic in our service. We can hope to gain the necessary level of Krsna consciousness that allows us to chant and preach with renewed determination and enthusiasm. We humbly submit this offering at the lotus feet of Srimati Radharani and pray for Her unbelievable kindness and mercy. Please engage us in Your service, O lovely daughter of King Vrsabhanu Maharaja. Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare / Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare. Hare Krsna.

November 4 Minneapolis

Time, the representative of Lord Krsna in the material world, is moving all living beings with material bodies closer to death. For a devotee, time is a friend, bringing that soul closer to Lord Krsna—provided that the soul takes advantage of Lord Krsna's mercy coming through Srila Prabhupada. Becoming Krsna conscious is, in practice, relatively easy: chant Lord Krsna's Holy Name, eat only Krsna prasadam, and live according to the simple rules that govern Bhakti. However, truly becoming Krsna conscious is a hidden secret revealed when we make the order of Srila Prabhupada our very life and means of existence. For the followers of Srila Prabhupada, the secret is clear: preach. Share Krsna consciousness with others. In this age, people generally do not desire it or, at best, only want a portion while holding onto their misconceptions and habits. Therefore, preaching in this age can be extremely difficult without seeing any change. Nonetheless, we continue trying our best and pray that in our attempts to preach, we do not become affected by the contamination of matter. This endeavor requires great struggle, begging, and pleading for Lord Krsna's mercy and protection. We are solely dependent on His mercy in all circumstances. Dear Srila Prabhupada, we take shelter at Your lotus feet. Please provide us the strength to continue with renewed enthusiasm. Hare Krsna.

November 5 Minneapolis-Govardhana Puja

By the mercy and kindness of Sri Giridhari, we held a very enlivening celebration. There were wonderful kirtans, and the enthusiastic devotees made the program a grand success. Giriraj Maharaja Ki-Jai. It was a joyous celebration and a special day in the pastimes of Lord Krsna in Vrndavan. By the special mercy of Giriraj, we will celebrate again this weekend. Srila Prabhupada has created a house where the whole world can live, inviting everyone to take shelter of these 2 most merciful Lords, Sri Sri Gaura Nitai, and make their lives perfect. Sri Sri Giri Govardhana Dhari Ki-Jai. Hare Krsna.

November 6 Minneapolis-Puerto Rico

Today was fully dedicated to travel: 12 hours in transit and 7 hours in the air. In service to Lord Krsna and Srila Prabhupada, we should be willing

to do whatever is required and offer it as our devotion. Now in Puerto Rico, under the care of Vakreswara Pandit Prabhu and many wonderful devotees, we hope to provide meaningful service, making the devotees happy and enlivened in Lord Krsna's service. Whatever intelligence is needed to render such service, that is the alms we seek. Hare Krsna.

November 7 Puerto Rico-Disapp. Srila Prabhupada

Vakreswara Pandit Prabhu organized a wonderful program, and Srila Prabhupada's presence was felt very strongly. We spoke about the hidden reason for Srila Prabhupada's departure, which many devotees have already concluded: feelings of loving separation from Lord Krsna. We pray to be able to render meaningful service to our beloved spiritual master, His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. Because of his presence on earth, Mother Earth is happy despite the heavy burden created by sinful living entities in the age of Kali. Srila Prabhupada, we are often overly self-interested. Therefore, we need Your mercy to purify us and give us a chance to perform real service. Hare Krsna.

November 8 Puerto Rico

Today we feel much stronger physically. For the last few days, especially yesterday, our bodily strength seemed to have entirely left us. However, by Lord Krsna's grace, we can chant and dance with more vitality. HH Prahladananda Maharaja's association has been very inspiring; we have always appreciated his company and clear-headed preaching style. It seems we will be returning here more often. Next year, we promised 3 visits, and by your mercy, Srila Prabhupada, we will return regularly with a mood of service and association with devotees. Hare Krsna.

November 9 Puerto Rico

Today we had Harinam. Vakreswara Pandit Prabhu and the devotees here are sweet and love kirtan; the local people are very favorable. It was a nice program with good prasadam. The Deities are sweet. Tomorrow, we celebrate Govardhana Puja once again. The Krsna Consciousness Society is one big festival. Once we free ourselves from all mundane conceptions and personal motivations, we will see Srila Prabhupada's movement as one of only chanting, dancing, and feasting. May we never desire anything other than this. Hari Bol. Hare Krsna.

November 10 Puerto Rico

Today we had nice association with HH Prahlanananda Swami, who gave us helpful advice on our astrology charts. Our biggest concern regarding executing our service is finding a balance between reading, chanting, and other devotional activities. We don't seem to function well in extremes. Anyway, we try to surrender and leave the rest up to Lord Krsna. As we get older, we look more towards balance and become more determined to follow the process properly. By the grace of Srila Prabhupada, anything is possible. Hare Krsna.

November 11 Puerto Rico

Our health seems to be gradually improving. Today, we went swimming at the beach with HH Prahlanananda Swami, Vakreswara Pandit Prabhu, Laxmi Nrshinga Prabhu, and a devotee from the temple. We like the idea of improving our overall health while preaching and associating with devotees. We will attempt to improve while in Chicago, which will undoubtedly be very difficult. We aim to stabilize our overall condition and not sink lower. We must be attached to our service above everything else and do our best in other areas. Service is our offering to Lord Krsna and our purpose of existence. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Although he is not physically present for us, he is now more present than when he was physically on the planet. The great souls live in their sound vibration, which is eternal. Hare Krsna.

November 12 Chicago

We have returned to Chicago. We will try to rest early and attend the full morning program. Maya will undoubtedly try to divert our determination, preying on our weakness of staying up late and not seeing the need for rising early. Any plan requires determination, prayer, and the blessings of Lord Krsna and Srila Prabhupada. We can only try; the results are up to Lord Krsna. By Lord Nrshingadeva's mercy, we made it to the plane on time. Hare Krsna.

November 13 Chicago

Hari Bol. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

November 14 Chicago

Our ability to adapt to change is becoming increasingly difficult. The biological clock has broken. Generally, our service becomes either easy or hard depending on the spiritual potency of the place. One thing we are convinced of is the spiritual potency of Lord Krsna's Holy Name. That is our only hope, our very life. All glories to Lord Krsna's Holy Names. It's the bright light in this darkened age of Kali. By the mercy and blessings of Srila Prabhupada, we are happy to take shelter in Nam. Hare Krsna.

November 15 Chicago-Ekadasa, Disapp. Gaur Kisore Das Babaji

Reading and speaking about this great Paramahansa Vaisnava has greatly increased our knowledge and appreciation for him. What else can we say that would add to our appreciation except that His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami took us to Vrndavan and introduced us to the residents? Anything we ever wanted, and more, is made available through his mercy. Hare Krsna.

November 16 Chicago

Our struggle towards what we consider important in Krsna consciousness, particularly in using time to read, continues. Having a habit of reading many different subjects and books even in our non-devotional life, it is hard for us to exclusively focus on Srila Prabhupada's books. What we normally read is authorized ISKCON literature written by the disciples of Srila Prabhupada; still, it is important not to become overly fascinated by subjects and authors that are not Srila Prabhupada's books. For preaching and teaching, we may refer to other works, but generally, everything is there in Srila Prabhupada's books, along with the direction to help understand. We pray that we can utilize our time more effectively in the area of reading, which increases our ability to preach and practice Krsna consciousness more effectively. The mind of a conditioned soul can be very complicated and self-defeating if allowed to wander. By the mercy of Srila Prabhupada, we can try to serve him better. Hare Krsna.

November 17 Chicago

Oh, Sri Vrndavan Dham! Your glories are as unlimited as Lord Krsna's. We take great pleasure in the fact that someday we may be able to

understand a tiny particle of Your glories. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, for he has given us the mercy of Srimati Radharani, who is Vrndavaneswari and Madan Mohan Mohini. There is no greater gift. The question is, can we develop a drop of real appreciation? Thank you, Srila Prabhupada. Each day we are learning more about your glories. Hare Krsna.

November 18 Chicago

Today we accomplished a fair amount of service, though the day appeared to be a big struggle. Our mind and body were not cooperating. A devotee of the Lord is always victorious because he depends on the Lord's mercy in each and every situation. Today's Srimad Bhagavatam class was given by Srila Prabhupada. A realization that came to us is that Srila Prabhupada's glories are endless; what we know about him is always increasing, especially his compassion for the suffering conditioned souls. Hare Krsna.

November 19 Chicago

Kartik month ends today. It's Lord Krsna's mercy or Srimati Radharani's mercy—not that They are exclusive, but for the sake of exactness, we give all credit and glory for being able to receive the mercy through Srimati Radharani. She is very kind, as proved by the advent of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Today, we began reading Sri Caitanya Bhagavat, the version translated by Sarvabhavana Prabhu. We like the way it reads; so much devotion flows continuously over close to 800 pages. It's a great way to prepare for Gaura Purnima. If we happen to finish before then, we will start Sri Caitanya Caritamrta. Our Krsna consciousness has been revived. We will end with a prayer to Srila Prabhupada: Dear Srila Prabhupada, please give us the intelligence to execute our service properly and to be concerned for the welfare of others. Hare Krsna.

November 20 Chicago

Massages seem to be helping a lot. In addition, we need to establish a health exercise regimen, something that has always been difficult to maintain. Krsna consciousness is wonderful in either condition—health or feeling down. Lord Krsna is available in the sound vibration of His Holy Names. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for this great gift. Hare Krsna.

November 21 Chicago

We feel eager to return to the fire of traveling and preaching. We look forward to our upcoming trip with enthusiasm and a desire to immerse ourselves in the preaching program. However, our eagerness must be tempered with proper intelligence. Maya is strong, and we must endeavor wisely; otherwise, we may be ineffective in presenting the pure message and might even long to return to Chicago to avoid Maya. Lord Krsna says, "In all situations, depend on Me." Dear Lord, we offer this fervent prayer that we hold tight to Your lotus feet, being very cautious in executing our services. Let us always remember You and the instructions of His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

November 22 Chicago-Niles/Michigan

We embark on a 2-week journey, and we feel a strong desire to become better instruments in spreading Lord Caitanya's movement. We pray that our motivations are free from any personal interest. Therefore, we offer our most humble obeisances to His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta, praying fervently for his mercy upon us so we can do the same for others. Hare Krsna.

November 23 Niles/Michigan-Cleveland

After 5 full months, we return to Cleveland at Mother Agni Hotra's and Avadhuta Prabhu's home. It is nice to be with the Cleveland devotees again. It feels good to be out traveling once more, especially by car. Although it may be challenging to preach in the association of devotees, it also feels natural. But whatever serves Srila Prabhupada, that is what we aspire for. Hare Krsna.

November 24 Cleveland

Mother Krsnanandini's new but unfinished home became the venue for the Sunday program. Many people attended, including a few newcomers. The Cleveland devotees are simple, eager to hear, and always very friendly and personal. We could spend more time here if the opportunity were available. Anything we are able to do that is significant is solely the mercy of Srila Prabhupada. We pray to develop a more intelligent and knowledgeable presentation of Krsna consciousness. Lila combined with philosophy is the most engaging way to present a

lecture. By the mercy of Lord Krsna and Srila Prabhupada, we continue despite many difficulties. We pray to improve our service by presenting more interesting lectures. Hare Krsna.

November 25 Cleveland



We seem to be getting a little loose in speech, mind, and sense control. Carelessness in these areas can lead to falldown. A devotee always upholds spiritual principles as guidelines for action. Gravity is necessary to reach a platform where we can hear the Supersoul. Joking is acceptable, but too much can destroy that gravity. We must carefully contemplate ourselves, the world around us, and the lotus feet of the Supreme Lord. By the mercy of Srila Prabhupada, we receive the intelligence necessary for the proper execution of Krsna consciousness. Therefore, we fall at his lotus feet and pray to become worthy servants. Hare Krsna.

November 26 Columbus

As winter approaches, we hope for better performances but accept less if needed. The need for spiritual rejuvenation is now. Somehow, by Lord

Krsna's grace and Srila Prabhupada's special mercy and kindness, we are persevering. However, we are yearning for the association of devotees under the care of Radhanath Maharaja. We are fighters, so we will not give up, yet Maya seems to be challenging us hard. Our prayer is: Help! And for the desire to always chant Hare Krsna. If we could do that, we would feel supremely blessed. Hare Krsna.

November 27 Columbus

We gave one of our most favorite lectures at a home program this evening. We spoke on Srila Narottama Das Thakur's prayer, Sri Guru Vandana, glorifying the pure spiritual master. We felt very happy to share this prayer, and the devotees asked many good questions. What truly inspires us is Srila Prabhupada's mercy. That is what our talk was all about and actually "who" really spoke. The subject matter is essential and necessary. Now it is up to us to walk our own talk by applying it more seriously to help others and ourselves. Srila Prabhupada Ki-Jai. Hare Krsna.

November 28 Columbus-Thanksgiving Day

We give thanks for the association of devotees, and to appreciate that association through the medium of service is Lord Krsna's mercy upon us. Someday, we hope to be the proper inspiration wherein Lord Krsna is the sole object of that association. We thank Srila Prabhupada for giving us Lord Krsna and the process of pure devotional service. Hare Krsna.

November 29 Columbus-New Vrndavan

We are happy to once again receive the personal darshan of Sri Sri Radha Vrndavan Candra. They are so beautiful; Srimati Radharani is very, very merciful. What is most amazing is that even without devotion or any real spiritual enthusiasm, Their darshan is so sweet and spiritually uplifting. We pray to render meaningful service. Therefore, we will try to increase our enthusiasm and desire to serve, especially by chanting more carefully and devotionally. All glories to the Holy Dham and its residents. Srila Prabhupada Ki-Jai! Hare Krsna.

November 30 New Vrndavan

We listened to a tape lecture by Srila Prabhupada, who expressed the fighting spirit by quoting the victories of the Vaisnavas in the Ram-

Ravana conflict and the Pandava-Kuru war. Lazy devotees, viewed as agents of Kali Yuga, are rejected. They may wear tilak and kantimala, but they remain disciples of Kali. Lord Krsna has manifested in the form of His Holy Name, and spreading Krsna consciousness means sharing the chanting of the Holy Name. Those who engage in this are benefitted and blessed by Srila Prabhupada. Therefore, there is no greater service than being instruments in Lord Caitanya's army, spreading the glories of Harinam Sankirtan. Maya is strong and subtle; thus, we must maintain renewed vigilance and a fighting spirit. We must fight for Lord Krsna and offer the Holy Name to everyone. This is why Srila Prabhupada came to this world, and it's what makes our movement glorious—the endeavor to spread the chanting of Hare Krsna. Hare Krsna.

December 1 New Vrndavan-Pittsburgh

We held a home program with nice people. Pittsburgh is thriving. Do we wish to spend more time here? Ultimately, it is up to Lord Krsna and Srila Prabhupada. It seems we are already booked, even overbooked. Nevertheless, we want to do more, though we are somewhat limited, so let's focus on increasing quality. Currently, our reading time has drastically reduced, possibly in proportion to our milk intake. The last time we had milk was in Puerto Rico. We need those finer brain tissues. By Your mercy, Srila Prabhupada, anything is possible. Hare Krsna.

December 2 Pittsburgh-New Vrndavan

Tonight, we had pizza, which felt like reconnecting with an old friend. Lord Krsna's mercy comes in various forms. We are undeserving, yet we are grateful. Srila Prabhupada Ki-Jai. Hare Krsna.

December 3 New Vrndavan

Revisiting the inner workings of New Vrndavan and its residents is inevitable when we stay here for an extended time. Of course, there are always problems; we can expect that. How we handle them is the real test. One thing is certain: as the community develops, problems become easier to solve. Wherever there is Krsna consciousness, there are, in a true sense, no real problems. The fundamental principle is how to become Krsna conscious beyond all considerations, acting for the greater whole, for Lord Krsna and Srila Prabhupada. When the mood of service prevails, we can say that is success. The only real challenge is how to properly execute the instructions of Srila Prabhupada. All glories

to the process of Krsna consciousness. Hare Krsna.

December 4 New Vrndavan

We had evening prasadam at the home of Vrndavan Prabhu and Ekavalya, which was delightful. We had nice association, nice prasadam, and the darshan of Lord Jagannath and Sri Sri Vrndavan Bihari was very attractive. Serge, Syamasundara Prabhu, and Mother Radhika Sundari were also present. The association of devotees is the sure and natural way to find happiness in devotional service. Srila Prabhupada Ki-Jai. Hare Krsna.

December 5 New Vrndavan

In previous years, early December has always required extra effort to spiritually survive. A greater endeavor is generally needed to remain steady. This year is not much different, except for the increased association and assistance from other devotees. We have tried to focus on Vaisnava seva, and it appears that Lord Krsna is providing that same help when needed. This is His mercy in a very sweet way. Still, the struggle continues. The greatest satisfaction lies in the opportunity to remain in the fire of preaching. It's more fulfilling to stay engaged rather than in and out. We need to learn to utilize our time more effectively and efficiently. All success depends on Lord Krsna's mercy flowing through Srila Prabhupada. Therefore, we fervently pray at His lotus feet. Hare Krsna.

December 6 New Vrndavan-Columbus

This evening, we attended Shyam Gopal's and Rasa Vilasini's housewarming party. Many devotees were present, and the attendance was wonderful. We felt somewhat overwhelmed by the quality of devotees that attended. Our lecture was, by our observation, quite choppy, spaced out, and filled with verbal slips and mistakes. Controlling our minds is becoming increasingly difficult; this rascal fights us continuously. We must focus carefully on controlling our minds and senses, especially in relation to sense objects, particularly the association of the opposite sex. Srila Prabhupada writes in Srimad Bhagavatam 1.2.16 purport: "Many great stalwarts fall from the path due to being attracted by women and money." It is Maya's powerful ammunition to ensnare the yogi. Therefore, we must be extra cautious in

contact with these sense objects. Although we aspire to love Lord Krsna, the mind and senses often pursue a separate agenda. We must never trust the mind; it can deceive us, the soul, at any moment. Fools rush in where wise men fear to tread. Dear Srila Prabhupada, please keep us at Your lotus feet with deep attachment. Your mercy is our only hope. Maya is strong. Hare Krsna.

December 7 Columbus-Cincinnati

We had a very interesting day revisiting the congregation in Cincinnati and reconnecting with many former devotees while engaging in preaching. Today marks the actual celebration of the appearance of Srila Radhanath Swami. All glories unto his lotus feet; may we have the opportunity to serve him without cessation. This gift of his association is just one of the many blessings given to us by Srila Prabhupada. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

December 8 Cincinnati-Chicago

Can we, as disciples of Srila Prabhupada, demonstrate compassion toward the suffering conditioned souls? Everyone is suffering due to their separate mentality toward Lord Krsna. Srila Prabhupada wanted us to save them, and to do so, we must at least, to some degree, empathize with their suffering. Therefore, we pray to Srila Prabhupada for a small drop of his mercy. Hare Krsna.

December 9 Chicago

After a wonderful 2 weeks of traveling and preaching, we have returned to Chicago. One of our faults in executing devotional service here may be the desire to get things done. But why? Just to complete tasks? This mindset is not very Krsna conscious. While completing service is important, it must be done with the right consciousness. We will endeavor to focus on quality rather than quantity while fulfilling all necessary services. Devotional service is taken one step at a time. By the mercy of Srila Prabhupada, the impossible becomes possible. Hare Krsna.

December 10 Chicago

One may neglect duties to society and family and face criticism, but neglecting our duty to serve the Supreme Lord—our constitutional

position—leads to condemnation. The message of the Gita calls everyone to serve the Lord according to His desire, making whatever duty we have glorious. Acting on our own desires leads to uncertainty, yielding little, if any, benefit from our service. In our devotional service to Lord Kṛṣṇa, we have many activities, but the highest is to serve His devotees. This is the ultimate religious principle. The art of devotion lies in serving under all circumstances. By observing and studying the life of Srila Prabhupada, we can imbibe the proper mood and actions. All glories to Srila Prabhupada; his glories are revealed more each day. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 11 Chicago

We often think—the false ego perceives—that the world revolves around us, that things happen or don't happen because of us or for us. This illusion is powerful, as the tiny jiva inflates its small position into that of the supreme actor. What hope do we have to overcome this ego and the reinforcements that surround us? Our only hope is the causeless help of the Lord coming through His agents and representatives; otherwise, we can easily succumb to Maya. Dear, sweet, and most lovely Lord, please help us become Your humble servants and the servants of Your servants, filled with enthusiasm, patience, and determination. Please instill in us a real thirst for hearing and chanting Your unlimited glories in the association of Your dear devotees. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 12 Chicago

We strongly feel the presence and mercy of Srila Radhanath Maharaja. His tapes, videos, devotees, and qualities have become very prominent. This experience has been cherished in the past and has recently become more frequent. Whenever this mercy comes, it feels spiritually refreshing—perhaps like the best water we've ever tasted when in desperate need. The analogy falls short of the actual experience. How can such an insignificant, unintelligent person appreciate and describe the deep, spiritual, devotional quality of Maharaja? He is truly great. As one person we spoke with on the phone, who hasn't seen Maharaja in over 15 years, expressed, "I love Radhanath Maharaja." The association of Srila Radhanath Maharaja is a special gift from Srila Prabhupada. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 13 Chicago

Upon hearing of the decline in Srila Radhanath Maharaja's health, we feel saddened and, at the same time, overwhelmed by helplessness. Dear Lord, we offer this prayer: if it is Your desire, please allow Radhanath Maharaja to steadily recover his health. This is our prayer, if it aligns with Your desire. Srila Prabhupada Ki-Jai. Hare Krsna.

December 14 Chicago-Gita Jayanti

All glories to Lord Krsna, the speaker of the Bhagavad Gita and the Lord of all living beings. May His glories penetrate our hearts and inspire us with truth and eternal joy. Celebrating Gita Jayanti with HH Bhakti Charu Swami, HH Romapada Swami, and HH Candrasekhara Swami brought us great happiness. All glories to Srila Prabhupada for presenting Lord Krsna's words as He intended them to be received and understood. May the Bhagavad Gita As It Is reach every corner of this planet. Hare Krsna.

December 15 Chicago-Ekadasī

Today we fasted. The association of elevated souls like Srila Bhakti Charu Maharaja, Srila Romapada Swami, and Sri Candrasekhara Swami made for an interesting and spiritually uplifting weekend. What more can we say about the importance of advanced Vaisnava association? We can only desire more. This reflects the wonderful mercy of Srila Prabhupada on his disciples.

Hare Krsna.

December 16 Chicago

As an exercise recommended by Srila Prabhupada for Sannyasis and devotees, I take time each evening to write a few lines on something Krsna conscious. Today, I find no outstanding thoughts, and each passing thought doesn't satisfy my desire to express them. Perhaps the most constant and extraordinary thought is the joint mercy of Sri Sri Gaura Nitai. Their forms, names, mission, compassion, beauty, and sweetness completely satisfy our spiritual needs and desires. When we understand, even to some degree, Their complete mercy and surrender to Them, we find that we do not need to seek elsewhere. In fact, They can give more than we can absorb and understand. They simply ask us to chant Lord Krsna's Name, become humble servants of the devotees, and

show compassion to fallen souls by uplifting them. Dear Srila Prabhupada, only by Your mercy can we execute the desires of Sri Sri Gaura Nitai, which are, in fact, Your desires as well. Please grant us the strength and determination to continue with renewed enthusiasm. Hare Krsna.

December 17 Chicago

We should spend time preaching to those who are submissive and willing to learn. Sometimes, we find ourselves discussing comparative religious principles or basic philosophical and moral topics. While we generally try to avoid such discussions, they can be unavoidable. In those moments, we can attempt to introduce eternal principles, but generally, understanding comes through submission and relevant inquiry. Nevertheless, we live and learn, aiming to avoid situations that are not progressive. The only benefit from such discussions might be that others appreciate that we have something valuable to share, even if it takes time for them to understand. Regardless, we offer our activities as a service to Srila Prabhupada and Lord Krsna, praying for their combined mercy. We seek forgiveness if we have inadvertently or unintentionally transgressed the etiquette of proper Vaisnava behavior. Hare Krsna.

December 18 Chicago

We should try to see everything in connection with the Supreme Lord. Embracing a state of no fear, no illusion, and no anxiety brings complete peace and freedom from possessiveness. This leads to true happiness. Remember, "Everything belongs to Lord Krsna, and we are Lord Krsna's servants." Devotional service means engaging the mind, body, and words in the service of Lord Krsna, using His energy in the form of the objects in this world as offerings to Him. We recognize our laziness and understand that we need to act on this understanding with greater enthusiasm. We have nothing to lose and everything to gain by dedicating ourselves more and more to the pleasure of Lord Krsna and His devotees. Our success in this endeavor depends on the mercy and blessings of Srila Prabhupada. It's such a profound philosophy, such a great science—pure Krsna consciousness. Hare Krsna.

December 19 Chicago

We have a longer stay in Chicago with plenty of service to keep us busy. Normally, we feel restless and crave travel. Yet, whatever opportunities arise for preaching are a sign of Lord Krsna's mercy. Since we travel frequently, we tend to focus on other services while in Chicago. To be fully absorbed in preaching is the ideal. Currently, we are trying to become absorbed in the preaching mood, and by Lord Krsna's mercy, many more opportunities and ideas for preaching will emerge. When we think of Srila Prabhupada and his desires for us, one word echoes: "Preach! Preach! Preach!" Hare Krsna.

December 20 Chicago

It is quite evident that being in Chicago requires us to use our time more for preaching. We like our little room and can be absorbed here all day. However, what will please Srila Prabhupada more is to make additional arrangements for preaching. From today on, we will be in Chicago no more than 6 or 7 days total over the next 4 months. After that time, we will need to reorganize our schedule for increased preaching in Chicago. Preaching is the essence, books are the basis, utility is the principle, and purity is the force. Please, Srila Prabhupada, bestow your pure mercy on us. Hare Krsna.

December 21 Chicago-St. Louis

This time of year imposes added hardships on those endeavoring to practice Bhakti. The pseudo-religious spirit of the general mass during the Christmas season pollutes the atmosphere with pretentiousness. The underlying sentiment is, "Let's enjoy! and call it religious." The cold weather makes travel difficult, and we must learn tolerance in the face of irreligion, mundane activity, and climatic challenges. The hardships encountered in executing devotional service, as stated by Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur, "are my ecstasies." Are we on that platform of realization? Undoubtedly not, but that is our aspiration. By the mercy of Srila Prabhupada, progress can be made in all situations. As he said, "A businessman makes profit when the prices go up and when the prices go down. Our profit is to try and reach the conditioned souls with this message of Sanatana Dharma." Hare Krsna.

December 22 St. Louis

All glories to the supremely merciful lotus heart of His Divine Grace Srila A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. He is the greatest devotee of Lord Caitanya of the modern era and the reason our lives have meaning. He has so kindly graced Mother Bhumi with his lotus feet; consequently, the hairs on her body are erect with joy. Although those lotus feet have been physically gone for 25 years, the mercy they have bestowed is still expanding itself in the form of this ISKCON movement. Someday, the world will realize the great blessing it has received in the form of Lord Caitanya's Sankirtan movement, which began around the globe by Srila Prabhupada's effort. We are eternally grateful. Hare Krsna.

December 23 St. Louis-Disapp. Bhaktisiddhanata Saraswati

Today is the divine disappearance anniversary celebration of His Divine Grace Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Maharaja. All glories are heaped upon his lotus feet. We are truly blessed by his appearance, teachings, life example, and how he pushed ahead Lord Caitanya's mission in the world. We chose St. Louis as the temple for his disappearance day, and although the number of devotees is small, they are eager to hear. There is so much more we could have said; perhaps next time we will be able to offer more and hopefully with a greater sense of appreciation and devotion. Lately, our consciousness has not been very devotional. Our hearts are hard, and our activities are all self-motivated. Dear Srila Prabhupada, please soften our hard hearts with the mercy of your presence. All glories unto the 2 great Srila Prabhupadas. Hare Krsna.

December 24 St. Louis-Chicago

We feel a growing inclination to explore the life and teachings of Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus is not a Christian in the sense that he belongs solely to the Christian faith; his teachings are universal, part of Sanatana Dharma, and should be appreciated and followed by everyone. The pure devotee of the Lord belongs to all yet is solely dedicated to God. Bhakti is beautiful—the pure essence of the soul and the ultimate goal of existence. Wherever it is found, it nourishes and instructs. Srila Prabhupada spoke with endless appreciation for Jesus Christ. As his followers, we should honor, glorify, and learn from him in the same way. Our hearts are still burdened by worldly attachments, even though our minds insist that we are making steady progress. Ultimately, it doesn't

matter. Dear Srila Prabhupada, please allow us to serve more, be open to learning, and be instruments for offering love as a gift of Lord Krsna's mercy. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Lord Jesus Christ. Hare Krsna.

December 25 Chicago-Detroit

Christmas on the road, Christmas in Detroit. After our talk to a mixed group about Christ and Christmas, one attendee remarked, "We appreciated your talk on Christ. It was simple and right to the point." Jesus was a preacher—bold, fearless, and revolutionary. He spoke against the status quo and opposed phariseism, also known as smartaism. Allegiance to the Supreme Lord dispels pretentiousness. We wish to delve deeper into His life and teachings. Srila Prabhupada exemplified Christ's spirit; the only difference lies in time, place, and the mentality of the general populace. Srila Prabhupada once stated, "If they understood what I was saying, they would crucify me." Our desire is to become worthy servants of Srila Prabhupada so we can effectively preach and reach as many souls as possible. This message of Krsna consciousness is the eternal need of the soul. All glories to Lord Jesus Christ and to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

December 26 Detroit

The trip has begun—Detroit, then on to Cleveland. Our effort to preach and break free from Maya intensifies. Cleveland is sweet yet challenging. Serge seems a little weak; he is humble and submissive but struggles to care for himself, so we must ensure he is nicely engaged. We pray to be aware of his spiritual needs and to offer our help. Sri Sri Radha Kunjavihari are very attractive and merciful to all who take Their darshan and shelter. Tomorrow, we will make the effort to attend the full morning program, the last one until the morning of the 31st. The morning program is our strength and is essential. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, who emphasized the necessity for strict regulated sadhana. May we understand its importance more each day. Hare Krsna.

December 27 Detroit-Cleveland

Our only thought at this moment is a plea to the all-merciful Lord to save us from gliding down into material life. One may experience the consequences of their misbehavior, leading to a decline in enthusiasm,

even as they continue to try. Yesterday brought a relentless assault from material energy, which we were unable to repel. Please give us the strength, O compassionate Srimati Radharani, to find clarity and break free from Maya's hold. Please help us push forward with great zeal in spreading Lord Caitanya's teachings to the conditioned souls. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

December 28 Cleveland

The process of thinking about what to write reflects our unmanifested desire. While unlimited subjects await exploration, let us focus on the future and pray for the opportunity and desire to read and chant the glories of the Lord more each day. Life is short and swiftly nearing its end, with perhaps only a decade or 2 left under normal conditions. Therefore, let us use every moment to hear about, glorify, and remember the Supreme Lord and His pure devotees, as this is the essence of life. Nothing else should be the goal of our endeavors. All glories to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami, who dedicated his life as a mission of mercy, giving Lord Krsna to the world in such an attractive way. Hare Krsna.

December 29 Cleveland

Lord Krsna resides as Supersoul in the hearts of all living beings. Therefore, those who seek God for material things are encouraged to look within themselves; there, they will find that all desires can be fulfilled. God realization is the ultimate fulfillment. Before Srila Prabhupada carefully explained this in detail, Vedic knowledge was available but not accessible. Now, through his mercy, it is easily accessible in the form of the Bhagavad Gita, Srimad Bhagavatam, and the chanting of the Hare Krsna Mahamantra: Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare / Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare. Gaura Premanande. Hare Krsna.

December 30 Cleveland-Gita Nagari

The path to complete shelter at Lord Krsna's Divine lotus feet is filled with distractions, temptations, allurements, and dangers. For those serious about attaining His shelter, these obstacles become opportunities to strengthen our determination and devotion. As stated in the Vishnu Purana, "The greatest loss, greatest illusion, greatest

anomaly is for one moment to pass without remembering You." O dear Sri Krsna, please help us take complete shelter in You with love and attachment. We do not wish to divert our attention away from You, even for a moment. In our attempts to serve Your pure devotee, we often make mistakes and overlook things we shouldn't, becoming puffed up and taking advantage of Your mercy. The complete shelter of Your lotus feet is rarely obtained and rarely sought after. We truly want to succeed and pray that You guide us every moment toward Your sweet shelter, never to leave again. We are finished with this material world, yet we still lack the knowledge of how to serve You and attain Your complete shelter. Therefore, please guide and equip us with one-pointed determination. We love only You, and that brings us closer to You. All glories to Your special son, Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

December 31 Gita Nagari

We were fortunate to lead the midnight arati, welcoming in the year 2003 of the Christian calendar. If this is a sign of the year to come, then by the special mercy of Lord Caitanya, it will be a year filled with increased congregation and glorification of the Lord through the chanting of His Holy Names. We feel happy to be part of Srila Prabhupada's movement, eagerly looking forward to enhancing both the quality and quantity of our service to Him. Whatever Lord Krsna has in mind for us, we pray that we can accept it with a willing and humble heart. As Srila Bhakti Tirtha Maharaja said, "As one continues in his process, he faces greater challenges and tests." We humbly offer our obeisances to the Lord and His pure devotees, praying for Their mercy to pass these tests and become worthy servants of Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krsna.

Keep yourself fixed in Krishna Consciousness by adhering to all rule and regulations, making sure to chant minimum 16 rounds and study my books daily. This will keep you strong in spiritual life.



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