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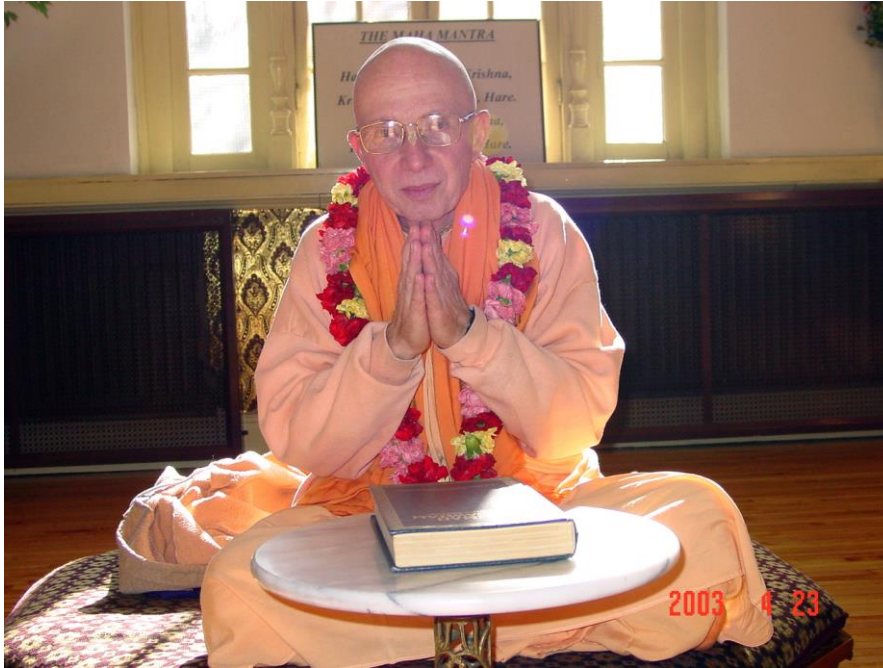
His Divine Grace

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada
a torchlight full of transcendental knowledge



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Year 2003



January 1; Gita Nagari

It is sometimes said that whatever one is engaged in when the New Year arrives, that tends to be the dominant activity for the coming year. Interesting enough, last year at this time, I spoke for 6 consecutive hours on various *līlās* of the Supreme Lord, along with many philosophical points, and last year I did more traveling and preaching than in any previous year as a preacher. As 2003 came in, I was leading the midnight *ārati* and later devotees danced for some time. Will this be my prominent activity? It is Lord Caitanya's method for self-realization. *Hari-nāma-saṅkīrtana*. Let us see how Kṛṣṇa leads me this year. Of course, I will continue to travel and preach, as that is my main service to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Despite all difficulties, the greater difficulty would be if I did not accept this service. It is his mercy, instruction and focus for spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness as defined by the tenets of the *sannyāsa āśrama*. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 2; Gita Nagari

How to propagate Lord Caitanya's teachings to various classes of persons in Kali-yuga will take different approaches according to time, place and persons. Lord Caitanya taught that those representing Him should emphasize the chanting of the Hare Kṛṣṇa *mahā-mantra* as the way to teach others. This can be done directly and indirectly. Indirectly in that one may bring someone closer to Kṛṣṇa using various platforms of interests, such as presenting social and psychological issues. But then one should, and must, teach eternal religious principles as explained by Śrīla Prabhupāda, especially in *Bhagavad-gītā* and *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*. Bringing people in is quite a difficult task in these times, and so

one may use innovation and evaluate by the results. This has been done in the past and it is quite effective, yet at the same time not against our tradition. The goal is Kṛṣṇa consciousness, and one should judge by the results. Śrīla Prabhupāda was innovative, and especially Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura was a revolutionary. All glories to the stalwart preachers of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. May Śrīla Prabhupāda continually bestow his special blessings on them and may I some day join their ranks. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 3; Gita Nagari – New Vrindaban

Everything becomes auspicious when remembrance of Lord Kṛṣṇa manifests. An arduous driving situation inspired me to continually chant Hare Kṛṣṇa from Gita Nagari to New Vrindaban. Kṛṣṇa says, “Always remember Me.” Please, dear Lord, help me to always remember You with love and devotion and serve Your pure devotee as Yourself. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 5; Chicago

We missed yesterday’s entry due to all night driving to reach Chicago. 80+ adults attended the program in Pittsburgh. Preaching is taking hold nicely. A semblance of community. I hope to visit regularly. Two and a half days until departure for London and about 2 weeks of service to perform. Well, this will take strong determination and complete surrender to accomplish. “A lame man can climb mountains, a dumb man can recite beautiful poetry and a blind man can see the stars with the mercy of Śrī Guru, that person who walks among us, although he belongs to the realm of Vaikuṇṭha.” Śrīla Prabhupāda, please teach me the art of always depending on you and offering all credit to you. My mind is not at all cooperating lately. Your merciful intervention is required. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 6; Chicago

Hare Kṛṣṇa. Countdown – less than two full days. By Kṛṣṇa’s mercy, I am a little bit determined to finish all my duties before leaving. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 7; Chicago

Śrīla Prabhupāda stated: “One makes advancement in devotional service by how much one is willing to take on responsibility for serving the Supreme Lord.” Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, help me to fully understand this statement. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 9; London

Missed another entry because of all night traveling. The preaching has begun in Europe, and then we are on to India. Four months on the airways and railways. Get ready for surrender and smile at the same time. Actually, what is surrender and what is over endeavor? This will be a test, to understand the line of distinction. Humility, tolerance, patience and an uncanny ability to clearly see

time, place and circumstance are all needed to please and serve effectively. What or how I feel is incidental. How much I am giving and how to perfect that is essential. Well, it is only the special mercy coming from Kṛṣṇa and Śrīla Prabhupāda that is the path of success. Kṛṣṇa, help! Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 10; London

Hopefully soon I will find some regulation. It has been 3 days of intense service, without any defined morning program or steady *japa*. It is a miracle I am still able to continue; only due to the unbelievable compassion of Śrī Nityānanda Prabhu. Tomorrow, I will be fortunate to have the *darśana* of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gokulānanda, Sītā, Rāma, Lakṣmaṇa and Hanumān, and of course Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi and the devotees at Bhaktivedanta Manor. All glories to the Vaiṣṇavas, may they help this fallen soul attain some steady devotion to the lotus feet of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gokulānanda and Their servants, headed by the illustrious Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda. All glories to his sweet lotus feet. May my head never move away from them. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 11; London/BV Manor

Somehow, by the desire to become Kṛṣṇa conscious, the Lord is giving me His mercy, although my rounds are poor in quality and unregulated. For the last 4 days, *sādhana* has been non-existent and my mind is wandering over sense objects, yet I am allowed to preach. I need to strengthen my *sādhana* or otherwise how long can I keep up my preaching. As Śrīla Prabhupāda once said, “Health, *sādhana*, service; in that order.” I need a more concentrated program of hearing, chanting, reading and studying. Māyā tells us we are OK until the reality of falldown reveals the opposite. Dear Lord, help me to put more time in hearing and chanting Your glories; otherwise, my heart will never find the satisfaction it is looking for. Māyā is telling me it is in her arena. That is Māyā. Śrīla Prabhupāda, your mercy is all I am made of. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 12; London/BV Manor

Class at Bhaktivedanta Manor on *Caitanya-caritāmṛta*, the verse dealing with *hasti aparādha*. Evening class on the glories of Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu and the chanting of the Hare Kṛṣṇa *mahā-mantra* ending in kīrtan. Kṛṣṇa’s mercy is most powerfully felt through the congregational chanting of the *mahā-mantra*. All glories to Kṛṣṇa in the form of His holy name. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who gave the holy name of Kṛṣṇa to the entire Earth planet. May we sing the glories of these personalities side by side. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 13; London/BV Manor – Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Hellish flight! What can we do. Śrīla Prabhupāda said that if we cannot tolerate, then we are no better than the materialists. Festival in Bombay. I am here, I hope

I can serve and perhaps get my *sādhana* together. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 14; Mumbai – Juhu Festival

Rested, *japa* completed, nice association, many great and wonderful Vaiṣṇavas. Still my schedule is off. Trying to adjust by getting to rest early enough in order to attend the morning program. Perseverance! What do I want to achieve while in India? My natural serving mood and a strong desire to hear and chant Kṛṣṇa's and Lord Caitanya's glories. These next few months is the time to increase enthusiasm for hearing, chanting and associating. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, help me to appreciate you more and more through my service to you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 15; Mumbai – Juhu Festival

I finally completed back rounds, 30 today. Everything is there in the Holy Name, yet we are doing so many other services. They aid by helping to purify and to appreciate the Holy Name. I feel strongly about self-development through yoga for health, *bhajan* for service, and study to aid preaching. How to do it will depend on determination and a proper balance of my internal and external services. With Kṛṣṇa's permission and Śrīla Prabhupāda's grace, all success is there. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 16; Mumbai – Juhu Festival

How to develop balance between *sādhana* and service wherein one is pleasing Kṛṣṇa and simultaneously improving one's knowledge, devotion and relationship with others. There is always the concern wherein Kṛṣṇa's pleasure and one's personal advancement are simultaneous. That may sound incorrect. It is not, because Kṛṣṇa's pleasure is the object of all of one's activities – hear and chant the glories of the Lord. May Śrīla Prabhupāda bestow his intelligence upon me, so I can serve in a way that is pleasing and progressive in *śravaṇa*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 17; Mumbai – Ratha-yātrā

Lord Baladeva leads bringing us into Vṛndāvana. 5 ½ hours continuous kirtan, intense. Madhudvisa Prabhu, Jayapataka Swami, Lokanath Maharaj, Sivaram Brahmachari. In order to participate fully in Lord Caitanya's *saṅkīrtana*, one has to have a spiritual body. Sacinandana Maharaj gives us his realization of Lord Nityānanda's kirtan and a taste. Although there are many problems and issues ISKCON is presently struggling with, still one can undoubtedly say that Śrīla Prabhupāda's movement is very much alive and healthy. Of this there is no doubt. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 18; Mumbai – Juhu – Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

This 25th anniversary of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Rāsabihārī will be a major stepping stone in the lives of all who took part, by taking a leap forward in giving the world the message of Śrīla Prabhupāda as foremost in our life. Then, the anniversary celebration will truly be a memorial to their service to Śrīla Prabhupāda. The way to honor a great person is to make a practical model of what he lived for. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda! Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 19; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Pus Abhiṣeka festival at Rādhā Gopīnātha. All I can say is that it was an amazing experience. Śrīla Radhanath Maharaj is taking Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy to newer and newer heights of ecstasy and Vaiṣṇava togetherness. All glories unto his lotus feet. We pray that his health endeavor is successful beyond expectations. May Śrīla Prabhupāda allow us to take part in this glorious mission of giving Śrī Kṛṣṇa's and Śrī Rādhā's love to the world. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 20; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

I feel a strong need to strengthen my health, scriptural knowledge and musical ability; in that order. The first one is happening, the second slowly and the third after a couple of months. It is easier when you are in one place, but traveling presents many challenges. By the grace of Śrīla Prabhupāda and with a determined effort, something will manifest. I need a regimen, or else my ability to do anything substantial will fail. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 21; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir – BV/Hospital

Tolerance is one of the most essential qualities. In order to chant Kṛṣṇa's holy name, one must develop this quality. In fact, India teaches you this just by its very nature. If we cannot tolerate, we cannot become Kṛṣṇa conscious. Even the gross materialist will tolerate difficulties, inconveniences, in order to try to fulfill his plans. A devotee must be humble, prideless, tolerant and respectful to all. *Kīrtanīyaḥ sadā hariḥ*. By his words and example, Śrīla Prabhupāda taught us what it means to be tolerant in order to achieve the priceless goal of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 22; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Preaching is the essence. As a *sannyāsī* especially I should meditate on that principle. Why do we preach? *Paropaka* – to do good for others. People are locked into a lifestyle of suffering. It is our duty as human beings to show mercy to others by giving them a chance to change through education and opportunity. Education is nice, but opportunity must accompany. I seem to be in the mode of neutrality, not much preaching. I am praying for a change and renewed enthusiasm and determination. By your guidance and mercy, dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, anything is possible. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 23; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Met with Guru Prasad Swami, very simple devotee. We talked about his GBC position in Mexico. My body is giving some discomfort, sore throat. Tomorrow, I fly to Hyderabad. Devotees seemed to like my class, although I felt I was somewhat spaced out and brimming with false ego. If Kṛṣṇa is pleased, then it is a success. We have to push on in every situation and stay fixed in service. Discomforts, sickness, cultural disorientation, climatory changes, whatever, we must continue to serve Śrīla Prabhupāda's mission despite all difficulties. That is our life and it is our greatest privilege. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 24; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir – Hyderabad

A small retreat from traveling and preaching, now we resume in Hyderabad. I always feel much closer to Śrīla Prabhupāda when I am serving him in this way. It is what he did and wanted from his *sannyāsīs*. Tomorrow will begin a full schedule. It is only by guru's mercy that we can get Kṛṣṇa's mercy. Whatever is necessary, but along with love and devotion, that is the goal. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 25; Hyderabad

Three programs; *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* class, a youth program, a home program. By Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy, the opportunity for preaching is increasing. All glories to his lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 26; Hyderabad

I am so tired, it is hard to think of anything significant to write. I would really like to develop music more. This is my goal, to increase preaching through kirtan and *bhajan*. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 27; Hyderabad

Today, I got a small glimpse of the mercy of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu; His love and kindness, the care and concern for His devotees. He loves to accept offerings from His devotees. Perhaps I can also truly become His devotee someday, then all my spiritual desires will be fulfilled. All glories to Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu and Śrī Nityānanda Rāma. May They continue to allow me to serve Them in some way. How can we ever begin to understand the vast ocean of Their mercy. Perhaps by the grace of His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda we can taste a few drops and more. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 28; Hyderabad

All glories to Śrī Nityānanda who is none other than the Supreme Personality of Godhead – Lord Śrī Balarāma. I humbly pray for His lotus feet to remain eternally on my head and keep me as His sold-out servant and slave. Who could even imagine a better master than Lord Nityānanda. When one, such as I, is trying to get the mercy of the Lord, it is only Lord Nityānanda who is able to

deliver such a fallen and sinful wretch as my lowly self. Therefore, I am coming to the right place, as Śrī Nitāi is the only one who can save me. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, the storehouse of Lord Nityānanda's mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 29; Hyderabad

Today, we have received the most special mercy and blessings of Subhadrā Devī. Her glories are unlimited, as She is always arranging to create the perfect mood for Kṛṣṇa to enjoy His unlimited pastimes. May She continue to place Her most merciful glance upon me. Śrīla Prabhupāda, I desperately need your mercy. All glories unto you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 31; Nagpur

Missed entry yesterday. Train to Śrīdhāma Māyāpur overnight. Another extremely difficult situation. What can I do, but remember You. One week, let us see what I can do in the way of service. One should pray for the mercy of Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityānanda if one seriously desires real and unending mercy. These two Lords are the topmost. May Śrīla Prabhupāda be pleased with my small efforts to serve Him. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 1; Nagpur

Ratha-yātrā/Lord Jagannātha, Lord Baladeva and Subhadrā Devī. The Supreme Lord of the Universe Śrī Jagannātha-deva bestows His unlimited mercy by appearing for His cart festival. Gave the *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* class and danced, chanted and rode on the Lord's cart. Today, although not fully aware, I sense I received a large quantity of His mercy. To the Supreme Lord Śrī Jagannātha-deva we offer our most humble obeisances and thank Him greatly from the bottom of our hearts. All this is only due to the compassionate mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda, who has undoubtedly made millions of people world-wide aware of the presence of this most amazing manifestation of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Śrī Jagannātha-deva. All glories to His lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 2; Nagpur/Star Key Point Resort Camp (Seminars)

The pastimes of Lord Nityānanda are very mysterious and also very wonderful. They bring joy and astonishment to one's heart and mind. It can be really miserable being trapped in the material body in the material world. The only relief is Śrī Nityānanda Rāma, whose cooling lotus feet bring the refreshment of unlimited rays of pleasant moonshine. The pastimes of Lord Nityānanda bring unlimited pleasure to Lord Caitanya and to those who have received His mercy. May I be able to taste just a few drops of that unlimited ocean of transcendental happiness. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, please, make me a devotee of Lord Nityānanda Rāma, who is none other than Śrī Balarāma in a most merciful and very funny manifestation of His own Self. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 3; Nagpur/Star Key Point Resort Camp (Seminars)

We can see in a study of the life of Śrīla Prabhupāda how he kept a very regulated schedule. Although it appears to be an impossibility, one must strive for regulation. To give in to irregularity is to surrender to Māyā. Our spiritual life depends on it and today I will renew my endeavor for regulation for whatever is possible by the grace of the Lord and His pure devotee Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 4; Nagpur/Star Key Point Resort Camp (Seminars)

Vaiṣṇava relationships and the Holy Name are the two predominant subjects. They are always needed and by listening to them, devotees become enthusiastic. It is as if Kṛṣṇa inspires them within. Śrīla Prabhupāda, my mind feels somewhat dull, need a little intellectual exercise and perhaps some better *japa*. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who established the mission and teachings of Lord Caitanya around the world. He is described in the *Caitanya-maṅgala* as the *senapati bhakta*. The general in Lord Caitanya's army. May all envious persons be pacified by the truth. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 5; Nagpur/Star Key Point Resort (Seminars)

By Kṛṣṇa's and Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy, I had the good fortune of pleasing the devotees by speaking some philosophy on the *Śikṣāṣṭaka* prayers and the Holy Name. The results of this camp is an increase in my enthusiasm for *sādhana*, especially *japa*. I hope I can maintain and increase. By always remembering the importance of devotee association and serving the Holy Name, all auspiciousness is available. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. May I go deeper into my thoughts on his life and instructions. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 6; Nagpur/Star Key Point Resort (Seminars)

Struggling to maintain proper consciousness – Kṛṣṇa consciousness. My mind doesn't want to cooperate. The mind is a non-devotee, says Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī. This present trip to India has been rough. January now seems to be the most difficult month. Anyway, it was a very wonderful experience to associate with HH Lokanath Swami and his devotees, although my appreciation was not what I would call my normal consciousness. In retrospect, there was much to be thankful for, especially the opportunity to serve the devotees and participate in the programs. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy is manifested nicely when devotees cooperate and work together to spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 7; Nagpur-Mumbai/Radha Gopinatha Mandir

It was very spiritually soothing to take *darśana* of the sweet lotus feet of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha. May Their mercy constantly pour on my wretched being.

Whatever drops of mercy I can receive means a chance to become a devotee. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

**February 8; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir
– Advaita Ācārya's Appearance Day**

Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityānanda are very kind to this most foolish conditioned soul. I was given the special opportunity to serve the devotees by spreading some of the unlimited glories of Śrī Advaita Ācārya. I am so fallen that I think I am not fallen – this thought indicates my sorrowful condition. I fervently pray not to be an instrument of offence to others in any way. Today I acted improperly and responded unfavorably when a great Vaiṣṇava arrived. I seek forgiveness, although he has not noted my discrepancy. I am not sure what Kṛṣṇa is feeling. But for what my prayers are worth, I can only hope for the opportunity to engage in service at the lotus feet of all the Vaiṣṇavas. Without their mercy, I am lost. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, for giving us this most wonderful life of pure devotional service. All glories unto his lotus feet. We pray for his shelter and mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 9; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Today was a day of many nice kirtans. *Kīrtanīyaḥ sadā hariḥ*. Always chant Hare Kṛṣṇa. Glorify the Lord by chanting His holy names and dance in ecstasy. Hari bol. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 10; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir – Juhu

I spoke considerably on different subjects with Suhotra Swami. Probably my only real association ever. He is very knowledgeable and quite humble and simple. Marriage of Radha Kṛṣṇa's daughter Madhurya-lila to Rsi Prabhu. Nice energy, although marriages are not events I am eager to attend. Deities, Śrī Śrī Rādhā Rāsabihārī, were giving Their merciful *darśana*. Struggling with a regular and proper diet. I really don't know how long I can last with the way I am going. I must be more concerned to correct this problem. Spiritual life is hard enough without having to allow something correctable to remain uncorrected. By Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy, somehow I am going on. Travelling upcoming, after tomorrow two weeks of solid preaching. I pray physical stamina continues throughout. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 11; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Two weeks of traveling and preaching. I generally understand my activities in sections. Each section I complete, it is like getting closer to something which I look forward to. I hope it is complete shelter at the lotus feet of Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa. That is the goal of performing activities. Of course, we must add bringing other souls closer to those same lotus feet. Can we come to that consciousness of performing all activities in devotional service as a pure offering? That is a result

of purified consciousness. But in order to get to that state, one must adopt the proper devotional mood. Perhaps, if Kṛṣṇa bestows His mercy of remembrance, then I can practice regularly. We are always dependent but not lazy. Laziness is a feature of the mode of ignorance. One must always be enthusiastic and endeavor with intelligence. Māyā is always noting our inattention in order to divert us further away. Always remember Kṛṣṇa, never forget Him; let me place this as the focus. Kṛṣṇa *smaraṇam* (*satatam*). Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, whatever personal service, distinction, praise and appreciation I receive, I make it as an offering to your lotus feet eternally. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 12; Chowpatty – Nigdi

Kṛṣṇa, help! On the road again. Irregularity is my regulation. Chanting is my existence. Association is my happiness. Preaching is my service to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Humility is the mindset to aspire for. Tolerance is my every moment. Laughter is my means of balance. Intelligence is my protection from wasting time. And Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet are my only shelter. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, everything is only your mercy, let's run with it and reach the goal of a lover of Kṛṣṇa and inspire others in the same way. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 13; Nigdi – Ekādaśī

Full day, three programs, all quite lengthy. Kṛṣṇa is giving me such wonderful opportunity to serve. Today, I remembered it is my father's birthday. How did the thought arise? Anyway, it was nice to remember him, although now he is somewhere else. I can only hope that by the strength of my devotional service he is receiving some spiritual benefit. Right now, I am physically exhausted, but very happy simultaneously. Mind is feeling satisfied, body is virtually immobile. We must learn to accept the results of our activities as the mercy of Kṛṣṇa. With this only can one live in devotional service and always remain positive. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 14; Nigdi – Varahadeva's Appearance Day

Again three programs. Kṛṣṇa is pushing me on, somehow I am still going. Only, I can hope to become more eager to serve. Right now, I have become cautious more than eager. Material energy is formidable; even as a devotee, one has to exercise great caution. Māyā is looking to trip us up. Why? So we become more fully dependent on Kṛṣṇa. Full dependence generally comes gradually. Using one's intelligence is a feature of full dependence. One has to be clear in intentions. Intelligence purified is absolute assurance of clear intentions. Tomorrow is the most divine and auspicious appearance of Śrī Nityānanda Rāma. Praying at His most auspicious lotus feet so we can fully engage in His service and in the service of His pure representative. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, the embodiment of the full mercy of Lord Nityānanda and Lord Caitanya. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 15; Pune – Śrī Nityānanda Rāma's Appearance Day

By the mercy of Śrī Nitāi Gauracandra we were able to get the special mercy of *harināma-saṅkīrtana*. *Param vijayate śrī kṛṣṇa saṅkīrtanam*. All glories to the lotus feet of Śrī Nityānanda Prabhu, the shelter of the most fallen. I am such a candidate for His causeless mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 16; Pune – Narottama Dāsa Ṭhākura's Appearance Day

Sometimes, the Lord shows me something important by way of positive reflection. I start to feel enthusiastic about preaching and spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness. It may only last for a few seconds or minutes. It reminds me of how I should be feeling throughout. To receive the blessing of wanting to enthusiastically serve the Lord and preach His message is what I am praying for. Let me have complete faith that in achieving that there is nothing else to achieve in the way of my devotional service. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy is strong and continuous, therefore we need an equal desire to fully appreciate it. The mercy of Śrīla Narottama Dāsa Ṭhākura as given by Radhanath Swami in his lecture; our day was fulfilling. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 17; Pune – Kohlapur

Intelligence, humility, concern for the welfare of others, knowledge of scripture, ability to present knowledge for the welfare of others, tolerance, patience, seeing the hand of the Lord in everything, appropriate health care, ability to adapt to all kinds of situations, striving for regulation: these are some of the few concerns of a travelling preacher. May Śrīla Prabhupāda and Lord Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu instill in me the desire and ability to remain enthusiastic in my service in every situation. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 18; Kohlapur

Readjustment to another routine, everything different. By Kṛṣṇa's mercy, it was a day of accomplishing a few extra services. I must be aware of how to regulate my diet and rest. This can cause one to fall into Māyā, yet it can be a better opportunity to serve more effectively. Kṛṣṇa is giving intelligence, that is certain. He is very inclined to help. Let me be able to see His mercy and take it accordingly. *Sarvasya cāham hṛdi sanniviṣṭaḥ*. What I noticed is that my exercise routine is diminishing. That is the usual activity to neglect. May I regain the enthusiasm and the desire to learn and practice harmonium. Two necessities of self-improvement that enhance by devotional life. Ultimately it is only by Śrīla Prabhupāda's kindness and mercy that we are able to go on effectively. Therefore, with great awe, reverence and attention, I bow down at his lotus feet. *Śrī guru caraṇa padma, kevala bhakati sadma*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 19; Kohlapur

Māyā is as strong as you are weak. Association of advanced devotees is the means to destroy all attachments and attractions, and because of a lack of that and perhaps feeling a little proud due to receiving extra mercy, the attraction of Māyā has returned. Śrīla Prabhupāda states, “Devotional service is like a razor’s edge; little inattention and there is cut.” Being somewhat vulnerable due to lacking association and a morning program, the pull of Māyā is increasing. My intelligence is clear, I can see it for what it is, but my mind is finding some amusement on reentering the illusion. Anyway, I can only pray that my attraction for Rādhā Kṛṣṇa and Their transcendental pastimes ever increases in my heart and mind. Dear Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva, please, with Your strong nails ripe out the false attraction to the illusionary energy. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. I humbly take shelter at his lotus feet and fervently pray for his merciful protection and continual service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 20; Kohlapur

Śrīla Prabhupāda explains that when Māyā sees one making an attempt to get out of her clutches, she places impediments in his path. Presently I am experiencing an attack from Māyā. But I can see it clearly as an attack and I am wholeheartedly praying for the mercy and protection of Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva to remove this impediment, first inside then outside. It is all Māyā’s trick to divert my attention away from devotional service. We have the story of the monkey and the crocodile. Don’t give your heart. Your mind may be effected, fight it on that level before it settles into your heart. That I don’t want, and I can see it is only due to my being proud and puffed up and so it is really a warning from Kṛṣṇa, “Get it together.” Develop real humility, no show, serve the Vaiṣṇavas for their pleasure, don’t be selfish. Tomorrow is a chance to put my all in all into service. The occasion of the appearance of Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura. All glories to his divine lotus feet. May he bless me with the enthusiasm to serve him eternally. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 21; Kohlapur

– Appearance Day of Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī

Full day. Mercy of Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta. Mercy of Mother Maha Laksmi. What more good fortune could one ask for than to get the opportunity to speak about this great *mahā-puruṣa* devotee. On this day, I humbly offer my head at the lotus feet of Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī and beg for his mercy in the form of increased desire to serve. Whatever enjoying spirit remains, let it be eliminated by intense devotional service at Śrīla Prabhupāda’s lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 22; Kohlapur – Belgaum

The mercy of the Lord extends further south as we enter into Karnataka. Two years since my last visit, a place where I have experienced much physical

difficulty. Let's see if I am able to overcome my tendencies and illnesses. No doubt it will be a challenge. The Holy Name is the means of success for all classes of men in all stages of life, in all situations, times, places, circumstances. It is the doubtless and fearless means of success. ŚB 2.1.13. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, without your mercy what use is others and with your mercy what use is others. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name, our very life and means of perfection. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 23; Belgaum

It is a welcomed upliftment to be in a temple and in the association of full time devotees. As devotees, we want and need association. My two talks today centered around the importance, value and benefit of regular association. The desire to hear and chant the glories of the Lord is increased, as the activity is of the same essence. Battling the mosquitoes is the austerity. They are ruthless in their attempt to harass. This is the material world, so an intelligent person always knows that to be in this material world means to experience suffering. We have to tolerate and chant Hare Kṛṣṇa. That's all. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 24; Belgaum

Kirtan is our life. Why? One reason is that it's pleasing to Lord Nityānanda and Lord Caitanya when devotees enthusiastically chant and dance in glorification of the Supreme Lord, Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Perhaps, if there was a qualitative and quantitative increase throughout the ISKCON world, the society would be less problematic and much more effective in preaching. Śrīla Prabhupāda loved to see his devotees chanting and dancing in happiness of love of Godhead. We humbly pray at the lotus feet of the Lord and His pure devotees to give us the desire and opportunity to chant and dance more and more. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 25; Belgaum – Sangli – Arawade

Kṛṣṇa is extra merciful to one who travels on behalf of spreading His messages. But one must also be very careful not to act improperly or offensively, which will cause the Lord to give some token punishment. Every devotee's duty is to act in such a way that their behavior is the standard of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. This behavior is as important as, or even more important than one's *pravacana*. It attracts others to want to hear and follow. Śrī Śrī Rukmiṇī Vittal were most merciful tonight providing Their *darśana* as I attempted to present the philosophy of devotion. I was able to remember how 5 years ago I got the special mercy of being able to place my head at Nitāi's lotus feet. The remembrance awakened. Śrīla Prabhupāda, please bless me with the natural enthusiasm to preach more and more. Your mercy is all I am made of. We take shelter at your lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 26; Arawade

These two weeks ended very wonderfully. It seems I am associating with Lokanath Swami's disciples more and more. Each experience has been spiritually uplifting. Much preaching, nice association. Still, I desire to stay in one place for longer periods. The desire and the need for regulation and reading and other services such as various writings. It may be answered by my trip to Śrīdhāma Māyāpur. By the mercy of Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu coming through Lord Nityānanda, I am receiving the necessary spiritual strength to push on. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, please keep me engaged in loving devotional service to you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 27; Arawade – Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir – Ekādaśī

Ekādaśī and Thursday. Doubly inauspicious for travel. Morning was a rocky start. My mind is a pile of rotten garbage that needs to be thrown away. Tension and obstacles were commonplace. Practice what you preach. We must push on despite all difficulties. Give up catering to the mind's desires and forcefully engage it in Kṛṣṇa's service. Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī says, "Your mind is a non-devotee." Today I met him face to face. He is only a gross karmi. All glories to His Divine Grace, the giver of the mercy of Kṛṣṇa's *līlā*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 28; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

February is finished. As the saying goes: Time flies. Kṛṣṇa says, "Time I am." *Mṛtyuḥ sarva haraś ca aham*. How long do we have in this body? That's up to Kṛṣṇa. How to use the remaining time in a beneficial way? How many souls can we "bring" to Kṛṣṇa or closer to Him? What is our focus? Service, preaching. *Sādhana* is to offer our love to Him more and more. Oh, Kṛṣṇa, I am drowning in an ocean of lethargy and cannot see my way out. What do I do? Where do I go? How do I behave? I am lost, only You can save me. Purify my desires and focus my mind, heart and words on You constantly – free from all pride and begging for Your mercy. All glories unto You! By Your mercy Śrīla Prabhupāda has come. May we make his offering the focus for all activity. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 1; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir – Mahā Śiva-rātri

The glories of Lord Śiva are innumerable. *Vaiṣṇavānām yathā śambhuḥ*. Kala Kaṇṭha – saved the universe. It seems that he has blessed me by giving me one of his names and most probably was instrumental in helping me obtain the lotus feet of my spiritual master. There wasn't sufficient time to speak on his glories, but the time that was available was very inspiring. I pray for his mercy and *śakti* in order to be able to increase my service, especially with preaching to the conditioned souls. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 2; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

The love and concern of the Vaiṣṇavas is a strong stick of Kṛṣṇa's mercy that carries and nourishes us throughout our struggles, giving strength and determination and attracting our heart to Him. One should always remember Kṛṣṇa's mercy in this way and never take it for granted, for it is very, very precious and the source of all happiness in devotional life. *Sādhū saṅga* with Kṛṣṇa in the center. Śrīla Prabhupāda, all glories unto you, for you are the embodiment of Śrī Nityānanda Rāma's mercy, spreading the glories of chanting and the knowledge of Śrī Kṛṣṇa, the Personality of Godhead. All glories unto your lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 3; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir – Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Arrived at Śrī Māyāpur, the holy *dhāma* of Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Met an old acquaintance, Mathura Prabhu, along with many devotees. It is easy to fall into a mood of enjoyment as the holy *dhāma* presents an array of various spiritual programs. I pray to Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu and Lord Nityānanda and Their devotees that I can develop a genuine service attitude, free from all sense of self-importance and pretentiousness. Let me grow more and more, becoming a genuine servant of the Vaiṣṇavas. That is what will please the Lord and His devotees, and it is what we are really aspiring for. Also to become more absorbed in hearing and chanting nicely with enthusiasm. Let this become the focus in my service. Tonight, the leading book distributors were given awards; Kṛṣṇa Balaram Prabhu from Moscow was tops. He also chants 192 rounds every Ekādaśī. Of course, this is truly amazing and laudable. Still, one must be careful of the danger of false pride that can come with great austerities. One must always aspire to be a humble servant of the Vaiṣṇavas and the Lord. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, save me from my false ego. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 4; Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

The anniversary of the disappearance of Śrīla Tamal Kṛṣṇa Goswami. Eulogies, offerings, heartfelt appreciations. Wonderful loving exchange between devotees. A beautiful celebration. This should be done every year; hopefully it will. A day of Tamal Kṛṣṇa Goswami. I must remember how wonderful this great personality actually is. It is very difficult to understand a great Vaiṣṇava, and we are only able to know a little more each time we speak his glories. Today is also the Disappearance Day of Jagannātha Dāsa Bābājī Mahārāja and Śrīla Rasikānanda Prabhu. Their glories are spread throughout the three worlds. Perhaps I am imagining, but today when I looked at Tamal Kṛṣṇa Goswami's picture, I heard these words, "Give up your sense gratification, you can do a lot for this movement." Yes, I am into sense gratification, and now I will be more attuned to that instruction. How much I can do to spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness – I don't know. It's somewhat difficult to seriously change at such a late age in life. Perhaps, if I can receive that special mercy that was given to me twice

before. This time I will not take advantage by wasting it for my own pleasure. Śrīla Prabhupāda, I am pleading for your mercy. Allow me absorption in Kṛṣṇa's service. Only you can complete the process. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 5; Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Impressions go deep enough wherein the subject is removed, but the residue remains. The unconscious mind harbors many negativities which occasionally surface both in waking and dreaming states. Dream states can be harder to deal with, as the conscious intelligence is not fully active and easily submits to the Māyā. Conscious states can also cause problems, as one tends to dwell on the negativity from various angles, both from neutral and negative observations. This causes them to either grow or to re-sublimate only to rise again. Complete purification removes at the root, but one should be cautious to not allow the thought to degrade oneself. Therefore, dealing with the mind is the process of Bhakti as given by the *ācārya*, His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 6; Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

The mercy of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu is fully manifested here in His holy *dhāma*. While we are here, our consciousness must always reflect a resident of the holy *dhāma*. Eagerness to chant, dance, take prasadam and serve the Lord and His devotees, especially in the chanting of the Hare Kṛṣṇa *mahā-mantra*. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, thank you for allowing me to carry you again during your *guru-pūjā*, although you are carrying me and all my sins. By your mercy, you allowed me the service of carrying you. This is your way of giving me your mercy and personal association. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 7; Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

The mercy of Lord Gaurāṅga in His personal *dhāma* is unbelievable, inconceivable and very powerful. Just one small drop of this mercy can liberate the entire universe. Taking the dust of this *dhāma* on our head and body is the function of those who are aware of His merciful abode. Dear Lord Gaurāṅga, please give me the determination to dive deeply into Your personal pastime places, free from all pretentiousness and false ego and personal self-importance. Allow me to serve You in true spirit of humility and devotion. By Your mercy coming through Your pure representative, my eternal spiritual master, all success in our devotional service is achieved. All glories to Your mercy. We are begging for this mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 8; Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

I want to take more advantage of the spiritual atmosphere and wonderful association available. Due to struggling with health and a lack of needed facilities to perform efficiently, my consciousness is being diverted to personal

concerns. Also, insufficient reading and preaching has compounded my diversions. Anyway, still so much mercy is being assimilated. I pray I can focus more steadily on my service without so much concern for personal needs. All I can do is try to adjust accordingly and find services whenever available. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, our very life and source of inspiration. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 9; Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī's mercy was felt very strongly. Her kindness and compassion for us suffering in this material body in the material world. A little bit of Her mercy is enough to revive a dead man to ecstasy. She is our real Mother and object of worship in Vṛndāvana. As Śrīla Prabhupāda wrote in his poem on arriving in Boston: "When Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī gives Her mercy, then only is your devotional life a success." All glories to Kṛṣṇa-mayī, One who is within and without for Kṛṣṇa only. Another of Śrīla Prabhupāda's most amazing gifts-Rādhā *bhāva*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 10; Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Struggling, struggling to keep up some semblance of devotional service. Health is weakened, failure to fully appreciate Lord Caitanya's abode. Praying for some direction and meaningful service. Lost in an ocean of stupidity, I pray for Lord Nityānanda to benedict me with enthusiasm and devotion to His lotus feet. One who has failed to take shelter of Lord Nityānanda is *paśu*, animal. That person comes and goes uselessly in the cycle of repeated birth and death. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, the embodiment of Nitāi's mercy and the savior of the whole world. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 11; Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

This visit to Māyāpur has caused me to reflect on how to use my time, energy, intelligence; in other words – how do I want to evolve in my service to Śrīla Prabhupāda? I feel a great pull toward personal development in terms of developing my service in the area of music and more direct preaching to the non-devotees. But I am not clear how to proceed, although some idea is present. It is 7 days before the advent of Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Perhaps things will be more clear after His appearance. The devotees have asked me to lead *maṅgala-ārati* tomorrow. It is a big responsibility. I can only hope and humbly pray at Their divine feet that something pleasing may transpire. I am a fool and quite attached to my foolishness and I even consider it Kṛṣṇa conscious, although it doesn't resemble it. Anyway, we can only be servants, but I want to please Śrīla Prabhupāda in a way that will push forth this movement. Therefore, I humbly offer this prayer and petition to Their Lordships Śrī Śrī Rādhā Mādhava that They please allow me to serve Their devotees. All glories to Their lotus feet. As the Ganges flows from the lotus feet of the Lord, purifying

everything it encounters, may my consciousness be purified by Kṛṣṇa's holy name and the favor of the Vaiṣṇavas. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 12; Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Being in the holy *dhāma* with many exalted Vaiṣṇavas is exceedingly auspicious and wonderful, as it brings one along the path of pure devotion very rapidly. Yet one has to also be very careful not to commit *vaiṣṇava-aparādha*, which can easily happen consciously or unconsciously. One must always be in a humble mood of service. I can honestly say my appreciation for the other Vaiṣṇavas has noticeably increased. This is Lord Caitanya's and Lord Nityānanda's mercy. Still I humbly pray with great concern, "Let me wear this verse around my neck carefully. *Trṇād api sunīcena*"... All glories to the Vaiṣṇava devotees of the Lord for certainly they can reveal Kṛṣṇa's mercy. And all glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. As I end this day, I humbly pray for him to forgive my offences to him, for as a little child I am unable to walk and talk properly, therefore I am always committing blunders. But I have hope. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 13; Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Today was the concluding day of the Navadvīpa Mandala Parikrama. I managed 4 out of 7 days in attendance. Very purifying. One realization that came to me today was in reference to Śrīla Prabhupāda's statement that with Western money and Indian culture Kṛṣṇa consciousness can spread. One may say that, with the Western ability of organization and planning combined with the Vedic culture of devotion. Indians are not very adept at efficient organizations, yet they are endowed with vast learning and devotion. Westerners are generally lesser in spirituality but generally quite adept at efficiency in organization, especially the British. Śrīla Prabhupāda said that with just a few thousand men the British controlled all of India. Somehow this movement is increasing gradually by its fervent devotional spirit. But with some expert organization it could be much more effective. Śrīla Prabhupāda gave us everything, both spiritually and materially. We need only to properly apply it. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 14; Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

All glories to book distribution. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu and Śrī Nityānanda Rāma. Soon will be Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu's Appearance Day. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 15; Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Tomorrow I leave this holy place. By Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu's grace I have come and by His grace I am leaving. It is both the same and yet different. May Śrīla Prabhupāda bless those devotees and others who have asked me to bless them. May they receive what they need, mostly to move forward on the path back home back to Godhead. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 16; Śrīdhāma Māyāpur – Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Two weeks in Mayapur. Back to preaching – hopefully. It is the only means of enlivenment that is directly connected with my relationship with Śrīla Prabhupāda. Preach, preach, preach. Service, service, service. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, for he has created a house the whole world can live in. Yet they still prefer the dog house; such unfortunate souls attached to the smelly stench of gross sense gratifications. Such a foolish misguided society puffed up with material things. A child playing in the sandbox. Who cares! It's only a complete waste of the human form of life. Our responsibility is to wake them up. Such a difficult endeavor in Kali-yuga. Still we must try. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 17; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

On the evening of Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu's Appearance Day, we are anticipating a glorious day in the association of many great souls. My one prayer among a few is to be able to offer some meaningful service on this most auspicious and most holy occasion. Śrī Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu, our very life and soul and the only worshipable Deity of the Lord in this Age of Kali. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. *Gaura-vāñī-pracāriṇe*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 18; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir – Śrī Gaura Pūrṇimā

Was it just another wonderful celebration or, in addition, a great leap forward in imbibing certain attributes that will bring about a greater sense of devotional service? I am determined, but past conditions and Māyā's dictations will be formidable. Only by the mercy of Lord Caitanya coming through Śrī Nityānanda and then His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda can some success be achieved. This will take great perseverance and patience, but I must move forward or else be forever circulating in the ocean of inertia. Dear Lord Caitanya, on this day we offer our heartfelt prayers at Your lotus feet. Bring us greater attachment for chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa and greater intelligence on how to serve You and Your servants. Candramauli Swami prays. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 19; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Open your heart! Great, excellent. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 20; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Gave the *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* class. First class in about 3 weeks. Need to return to the preaching mood. It is our life and the desire of Śrīla Prabhupāda. May his mercy carry us further and further in a spirit of surrender and service to the fallen conditioned souls. All glories to Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu and His most merciful brother Lord Nityānanda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 21; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Eager to get back into the spirit of preaching. It is been a period of three weeks wherein I only gave one formal class and very little other talks other than causal talks. Preaching is the essence. Books are the basis. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy is the force and the association of devotees the inspiration to fight. All glories to Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha, most merciful and supremely beautiful. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 22; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir – Travel

By the grace of Śrīla Prabhupāda and the Supreme Lord, another trip in Maharastra for preaching. Perhaps this is the only way I can satisfy the Lord and His devotees. I have no good qualities and my intelligence is low and slow, but by Their mercy I have gotten the chance to serve in this way. Hopefully someday I will be able to spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness more effectively. I can only try, Their mercy is my success. Praying at the lotus feet of Śrīla Prabhupāda and the Supreme Lord to be able to render some menial service in the mood of expanding the Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 23; Sātārā

Only a few remaining days left in India. I ventured off on a two-day preaching excursion to Sātārā. Trying to preach by inspiring and enlightening others in their devotional practices. It appears that many people are eager to come and hear. How many are actually serious enough to make a change in their lives is uncertain. What's needed is a program that is effective in bringing people closer to our movement. For them to change requires an organized program coming from the temple side. Book publishing, book distribution, *nāma-haṭṭa* and serious surrendered devotees to take the responsibility of serving others by bringing them closer to Kṛṣṇa consciousness. My concern is how to effectively implement needed changes and programs in the role I am currently playing as a traveling preacher. As Śrīla Prabhupāda said, this movement will go on by intelligence and organization. In this Age of Kali there are many obstacles and impediments. Somehow, by the mercy of Lord Nityānanda and Lord Caitanya, we are going on. How can I become more of an instrument in spreading this movement. This is my humble prayer. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 24; Sātārā – Travel

Generally I write these diary entries in the evening. Now I have decided to try a new program leaving time in the evening for another exercise. The cold I have lingers on, although it clears considerably at times and then increases in the overnight hours. We always give so much concern for the body. As it is, we generally spend considerable time administering to the needs of the body. Too much concern for bodily comforts and normalities is a major obstacle in our path of self-realization. My desire to preach through writing continually surfaces and is becoming more and more desirable. I just have to begin the service, but

with travel and an irregular schedule it is very difficult. Nevertheless, let me try. By the grace of Śrīla Prabhupāda, we are getting innumerable opportunities for spreading Lord Caitanya's mercy. Let us move away from the platform of self-interested spiritual practice to selfless concern for the desires of Kṛṣṇa and the upliftment of the fallen conditional souls. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 25; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

I often feel anticipation about long travels and this will manifest tomorrow evening as I am leaving India for London. But as I reflect on my misfortune of not having the personal *darśana* of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha for almost another year, I feel like I am losing something very valuable and perhaps something that I don't fully appreciate. Their loving radiant forms are impossible to describe. The mercy that accompanies Their presence is truly extraordinary, which is enhanced by the loving care They receive from Their servants, which reflects Their great happiness and transcendental pleasure. The altar is literally Vṛndāvana in mood, arrangement and design. Their clothes, jewelry and decorations completely capture the mind and Their lovely sweet smiles enchant one's hearts to higher and higher feelings of delight. I pray to recapture Their mercy and presence while being away from Them. Perhaps in the future I will be able to serve Them more and experience new heights of Their sweet mercy and transcendental flavors. All glories to Radhanath Swami who is the dear intimate servitor of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda who contently sits absorbing Their transcendental forms. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 26; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir – London/BV Manor

By the sweetly powerful mercy of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha, I am feeling satisfied. It is all Their mercy. Usually I am hankering enwrapped in some kind of either spiritual or material anxiety. We are about to enter into another of the continually changing environments and associations. With the fast pace of London, perhaps I can be more conscious of how to act in all circumstances. This is the art of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Śrīla Prabhupāda – as was noted by many who had a sufficient amount of his personal association – was always unaffected by surroundings and circumstances. He was transcendental. That is the test, to remember Kṛṣṇa and to serve Him in every and all situations. These changes are our challenges and our way to become more fixed, provided we accept it in the right way. It's Kṛṣṇa's arrangement. Please, Lord, protect me from Māyā and from being apathetic. All glories to His Divine Grace whose example we must follow, but whose caliber of devotion is far, far above us all. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 27; London

The fast pace of the West. Oh, what can you do, we have to be Kṛṣṇa conscious in every circumstance. It is our only objective. Hare Kṛṣṇa. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

March 28; London

It is easy and almost natural to return to the forms of negativity which are produced and maintained by the surroundings. The concern is how to transform any of the positive or conducive devotional qualities that we have acquired from other environments. It is a struggle to stay away from past negativity. Enthusiasm coupled with humility is ideal for successful execution of devotional service. I pray that someday soon these qualities will be naturally manifest in my character. Everything culminates in success only when Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī is pleased upon you. All glories to Her sweetest lotus feet, the shelter of very great souls. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda who has attained that Supreme Shelter and love. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 29; London/BV Manor**– Disappearance Day of Govinda Ghosh**

Padayatra slides, Jaya Vijaya Prabhu. Famous for his dedications to and development of Padayatra. Interesting show, very austere life. Much mercy distributed in the form of books, *prasādam*, kirtans and association. Class on the Disappearance Day of Govinda Ghosh, devotees like the pastime. Tomorrow, a full day. Intense. May Śrīla Prabhupāda and Lord Kṛṣṇa give me the needed mercy to serve nicely, steadily, devotionally. All glories to those who have taken up this life of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Such persons are rare in this degraded Age of Kali. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 30; London/BV Manor

Preaching is increasing and it will continue. I hope I can find the needed balance to maintain Kṛṣṇa consciousness while continuing to preach. If not, then it will be difficult to remain enlivened and enthusiastic to preach. Health and *sādhana* must not give way to other activities. Spiritual life means balance and in my case it is very true. I wish I could do more, but quantity should not replace quality. Praying at the lotus feet of Śrīla Prabhupāda for his merciful guidance. All glories to him! Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 31; London/BV Manor – Spain/New Vraja Mandala

What can I do with such a short time. Śrīla Prabhupāda can empower one beyond expectations. I am constantly praying for his mercy and guidance. Spain is always an endeavor to make a difference. Moving slow, sometimes stopping, sometimes going in reverse, but always being showered with Śrīla Prabhupāda's concern and love. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 1; Spain/New Vraja Mandala

It is the duty of each and every one who has received Śrīla Prabhupāda's and Kṛṣṇa's mercy to be their instrument for giving Kṛṣṇa consciousness to others. Factually, there is no other motivation other than to do good to others by giving

them a chance to perfect their lives in devotional service. New Vraja Mandala is slowly progressing, although it appears it is not at all moving. Changes are occurring but what are the outcomes. We can continue to come and preach and try to offer some mercy in the form of classes and counseling. We are very insignificant, but Prabhupāda's mercy is astounding. May we always endeavor to be firmly connected with that mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 2; Spain/New Vraja Mandala – Madrid

More preaching, hearing and chanting less; be careful, need to re-balance. Māyā will, if allowed, slowly wear away our spiritual strength by gradually decreasing hearing and chanting. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, give me the strength and intelligence to stay nicely engaged in Kṛṣṇa's service. Need to catch up on travel notes. Writing is a good spiritual exercise; must do more, there is so much to do. Where do we place our energy? On service, yes, but service is fortified by *sādhana*. The danger is that service becomes laborious instead of *sukhaṁ kartum avyavam*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 3; Spain/Madrid

I seem to be winding the spiritual energy downward as I traverse from India, England and now Spain, which means more of an effort to get the same or similar reciprocation. Everything, of course, is under the control of Kṛṣṇa and therefore His direct mercy is more available. Our concern is how to serve enthusiastically in all circumstances. It is a real challenge. Perhaps the real challenge is to always remember Kṛṣṇa and never forget Him. What can I do but desire. It is all Prabhupāda's mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 4; Spain/Madrid

Short stays. O well, whatever Kṛṣṇa arranges. We can only be attached to service, that is primary. Just when the routine starts to unfold, it is time to pack it up. A *sannyāsī* sees everything as Kṛṣṇa's property to be used for Kṛṣṇa's service and thereby remains materially unattached. This life is a sojourn only, and within the sojourn there are smaller sojourns. This is good, as our only aspiration is to be fully attached and absorbed in the lotus feet of the Lord. Traveling and preaching – a great life spiritually, but it is difficult if one is not 100% surrendered. Let me surrender fully at the lotus feet of Śrīla Prabhupāda and preach, trying to bring Kṛṣṇa's mercy to whoever we meet. Preach, travel, keep spiritually strong by regular hearing and chanting. The concern is how to be effective in all services. It is only by the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda and constant meditation on the goal – Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 5; Spain/Madrid – Barcelona

Each place presents another challenge. Today I was thinking I am happy to be leaving Madrid. That feeling is material. My experience in India was so

purifying that whatever gain I received, I am eager to keep it with me. That is the proper mood. But honestly assessing each situation shows that what was easy in India will take a greater effort to achieve in other places. Mainly it is the association, that is the point. Anyway, purified or unpurified, having passed through all situations, one who remembers the Personality of Godhead is purified within and without. “Always remember Kṛṣṇa.” All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 6; Spain/Barcelona

Kṛṣṇa’s or Gaura Nitāi’s mercy was especially strong; the Lord wanted to let me know that He is with me despite all of my inabilities, offences and complaints. I want to serve to my fullest each day, for each day is the only reality. Be here now. Live in the present, the future will manifest according to how we act in the present. Each moment is another opportunity to improve our service and devotion. Devotion with intelligence, that is Bhakti. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, help me to remember that my service is an offering to Lord Kṛṣṇa only because it is your mercy and kindness. All glories unto your lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 7; Spain/Barcelona

– Appearance Day of Rāmānujācārya

Under the influence of the material energy, the living entity is forced to suffer various miseries and often he is forced to die like an animal in a slaughterhouse. The karmic bubble eventually reaches the stage of bursting as animals are innocently killed in slaughter houses. The reaction comes in the form of war as material nature ruthlessly deals out her punishment. The only solution is Kṛṣṇa consciousness, because even a so called nice material situation is only another form of distraction away from the Personality of Godhead, the cause of all causes, the living entity’s only real source of happiness and love. *Kali-yuga pāvana kali-bhaya nāśana śrī śacī-nandana gāo he.* All glories to Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu, the only hope in this terrible Age of Kali. May His love and compassion reach all souls. All glories to His mercy in the form of His holy name, the ultimate form of compassion in this age. And all glories to Lord Nityānanda, the distributor of that love and compassion. May His lotus feet be pressed upon the hearts and minds of all suffering souls in this age. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda who so expertly took that mercy in the form of this ISKCON movement and did what no one else ever did before; by bridging all national and racial boundaries, he attracted the world to chant:

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare*

April 8; Spain/Barcelona – Madrid

Barcelona temple facilitated more reading and chanting and answering letters and e-mails. Also there are many nice guests, but devotees in the temple were

very few, 6 in total. And the kirtans must be softly chanted because neighbors are disturbed. Still I am glad I visited. Generally, we can never fully comprehend what is the effect of what we experience. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda who traveled the globe bringing Kṛṣṇa's mercy to all people. Perhaps some day the whole world will recognize the spiritual contribution of this very great saint. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 9; Spain/Madrid – London/BV Manor

Time, as described in the *śāstras*, moves the living entities along, bringing them closer to death as a shepherd herds his sheep from pasture to pasture. We only want to offer the best to Kṛṣṇa and Śrīla Prabhupāda in a humble way, free from all pretentiousness, with a desire to show appreciation and commitment to spreading Lord Caitanya's movement. We are always engaged in the battle of beating down our lust, greed and pride which, always prominent, seek to increase through acts of devotion that are not properly executed. Let me renew my desire to serve, with a special emphasis on the cultivation of qualities that are pleasing to Kṛṣṇa and favorable for devotional service, done in association with other devotees. By the mercy of the spiritual master the impossible becomes easy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 10; London/BV Manor

Bhakti Charu Swami Maharaja ki jay. Lunch with Prana Bandhu Prabhu, Gauri Prabhu, Sruti Dharma Prabhu at Radha Vinoda and Campakalata's. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda and all glories to Sītā Rāma Lakṣmaṇa and Hanumān. Rāma's Appearance Day – tomorrow. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 11; London/BV Manor – Śrī Rāma-navamī

The causeless mercy of Sītā Rāma Lakṣmaṇa Hanumān was continuously felt as the Lord and His entourage displayed the most merciful *līlā* of Rāma's appearance. Mercifully accepting the loving service of His devotees, Śrī Rāma, in the form of His śālagrāma-śilā, accepted *snāna - abhiṣeka*. Never before did I ever feel Rāma's mercy so strongly. I pray I can please Him in some small way. All glories to Sītā Rāma Lakṣmaṇa Hanumān. May They continue to be merciful to this useless monkey. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda who has enlisted a band of monkeys in his army who are by his order trying to rescue Sītā from Rāvaṇa. Laxmi from the materialists. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 12; UK/Leicester

The Lord in removing the demoniac forces that overburden planet Earth, uses one demon to kill another, just like to remove a thorn, another thorn is used. The world is overburdened with military forces, as it was prior to the advent of Lord Kṛṣṇa. Lord Caitanya has appeared along with Balarāma in His form as Nityānanda. Together They are spreading the *saṅkīrtana* which is breaking the

back of Māyā's forces. The general is Śrīla Prabhupāda, leading his monkeys to destroy the forces of Rāvaṇa. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtana*, the bright light in this very dark Age of Kali. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 13; UK/Leicester

Probably the most significant thing that occurred today is me remembering my sister's birthday. The entire temple gave their blessings and cheers. Hopefully it will help her come closer to Kṛṣṇa consciousness once again. There is one popular singer in America whose fiancé bought her a \$105,000 toilet seat. Sic. What a waste just to pass waste. Some people have lost all their God-given sense due to an extreme infatuation with sense gratification. Kali-yuga has speeded up – no doubt. The only shelter – and that is becoming more and more apparent – is the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda. That is our goal. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 14; UK/Leicester

Kṛṣṇa's mercy came in an unexpected way as I was artificially renouncing what could be used for devotional service. Kṛṣṇa says in *Gītā*: "One who eats too much or too little, sleeps too much or does not sleep enough cannot successfully perform the *yoga* system". Being weak due to under eating and under sleeping, my back severely went out of line causing immense pain. A warning to adjust. Perhaps I will learn what I need to continuously carry on with my service. Absorption in Kṛṣṇa's holy names. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 15; UK/Leicester

Nothing outstanding or significant about today, except meeting a few new people, the event was quite pleasant. From the spiritual perspective, it was a little weak but socially very nice. HH Radhanath Swami is scheduled to arrive in London tomorrow. This Saturday, in four days, I hope to meet him. I need to be more cautious when around women. My inclinations sometimes bring prolonged association. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, please Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva, protect me from the hands of Māyā. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 16; UK/Leicester

My experience is that resting early and rising early, attending the functions, thus having sufficient time during the early morning hours for japa, is the key or foundation for building one's spiritual strength and accomplishing much service. My service keeps me up late, at times past midnight, with travel and home programs. A *sannyāsī* should and must utilize his time for spreading the mission of Lord Caitanya. It is a risk and no doubt it can destroy one's regular *sādhana*. But *Bhagavad-gītā* explains one should not be dependent on the ordinary course of events. One must exclusively and continually depend on the mercy of Kṛṣṇa and His pure representatives. Therefore, dear Lord, please save me and give me the strength and intelligence to continually serve You with enthusiasm despite

erratic schedules and weakened *sādhana*. I can only depend on You and in the course of my interaction with others, if any material attachments arise, please, smash them and bring me fully to Your lotus feet in pure unalloyed devotion. Your and Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy are my only hope, strength, shelter. Please, save me. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 17; UK/Leicester

Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva, through His devotees, has given me His attention and special mercy. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is wonderful, full of surprises and always auspicious. I bow humbly at the lotus feet of the Supreme Personality of Godhead who appears in His form as Jīyaḍa Nṛsiṃha, giving great pleasure to His devotees and bringing them closer and closer in devotion to Him. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, the source of the unlimited mercy of Kṛṣṇa. He is also unlimitedly merciful. I pray to become more fixed in his service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 18; UK/Leicester – Wales/Buckland Hall

Chanting, dancing, friendships and philosophy. All glories to the devotees when they assemble together to perform Lord Caitanya's movement in a big way. I pray to become less concerned with myself and more service minded, trying to become the humble servant of all the Vaiṣṇavas. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, you have the extraordinary ability to make anyone into a Vaiṣṇava. Please, turn your attention to me and allow me to become the servant of the devotees. This is my heartfelt prayer. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 20; Wales/Buckland Hall

Neglected to make yesterday's entry. There is much to learn and to experience in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. This festival is a grand spiritual success. Friendship, philosophy, kirtans, *bhajans*, opportunities to learn and to serve and a strong desire to push forward with renewed enthusiasm in my service strengthening the desire to reach as many souls as possible with this message. HH Radhanath Maharaj has such deep realizations of the philosophy. His answers to questions leave nothing out. Hopefully I can get over my spiritual lethargy and become more of an instrument in bringing others to Kṛṣṇa consciousness. It is not pretense to want to serve Kṛṣṇa in the most perfect way although we are completely unqualified. Śrīla Prabhupāda has made the unqualified qualified. All glories to his compassion on the fallen conditioned souls. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 21; Wales/Buckland Hall – London/BV Manor

Tomorrow I leave for Chicago. I was reflecting awhile back on how long away this day was. Time moves all things and eventually to their end. *Mṛtyuḥ sarva-haraś ca aham*. Kṛṣṇa says, "Time I am." In the finale it brings death to this body and eventually to the world. What hope is there for one who lives solely for the things of this world. Lord Caitanya's mission is a mission of compassion

to save the fallen souls from ignorance, illusion, suffering, death and eventually re-birth. This is our goal, to live for the sake of others. How to do that? The instructions of His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Śrīla Prabhupāda is the source of that knowledge. Therefore we humbly and enthusiastically take shelter of his lotus feet and pray for his merciful guidance. We sincerely pray for the Lord to consider these prayers and if He so desires, give improved health to HH Radhanath Swami and HH Bhakti Charu Maharaj. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 22; London/BV Manor – Chicago
– Abhirāma Ṭhākura’s Disappearance Day

Both His Holiness Radhanath Swami Maharaj and myself have returned to Chicago today. Different flights. My concern, at least amongst other lesser concerns, is to be an effective instrument in spreading the mission of Lord Caitanya and Śrīla Prabhupāda in Chicago. It is a challenge, a tough one, but by the mercy of Guru and Gaurāṅga the impossible can be understood and achieved very easily. All glories to Their mercy and kindness upon the fallen conditioned souls. Śrīla Prabhupāda ki jay. Śrīla Abhirāma Gopāla ki jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 23; Chicago

With Śrī Śrī Kiśor Kiśorī’s mercy, I was able to stay fully engaged in Their service. What can this insignificant rascal do to serve his Lord and Master – actually nothing. Still some effort is accepted by the Lord in order to allow us His association. Service means association. But my mind is really hankering for His lotus feet, that is my only happiness and satisfaction, to be absorbed fully in those Two sweet lotus feet. Another wonderful gift of Śrīla Prabhupāda is his mercy. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 24; Chicago

Spiritual anxiety. In this age it is commonplace to be afflicted with anxiety. Remember Kṛṣṇa and offer your energy as a service in spreading Lord Caitanya’s mission. This conception of peace of mind is tangible only when one offers oneself totally in the service of the Lord. Chant Hare Kṛṣṇa and be happily engaged in Kṛṣṇa’s service following in the footsteps of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 25; Chicago

Perhaps I should be more concerned about my health. Lunch *prasādam* gives me feelings of tiredness and dizziness. What should I do? I don’t know exactly, a change in diet? Perhaps less food? Does breakfast effect my lunch? Do I need ghee? Exercise? I can’t understand clearly. Dear Lord, give me the intelligence to help understand and act for an improved *prasādam* program. Yours and Śrīla Prabhupāda’s mercy is my only wealth and hope. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 26; Chicago

As one in the *sannyāsa* order, our service is to spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness by traveling and preaching. Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Mahārāja stated, “Even if no one comes to hear, still preach to the four walls.” In all cases, we must be attached to preaching and not to results. Whatever opportunity we get to preach, it is our privilege and happiness. An opportunity to show our love for Kṛṣṇa and concern for others. By helping others with their relationship with Kṛṣṇa, one is the greatest welfare worker. As Śrīla Prabhupāda said, “Do as I am doing.” Following in his footsteps is our objective, although we are most unqualified. Dear Lord, please, help me increase my desire in being an instrument for Your mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 27; Chicago

Kṛṣṇa’s holy name. Kṛṣṇa’s holy name. Kṛṣṇa’s holy name. The scriptures declare the one and only boon in this very dark Age of Kali – one can never ever fully understand, no matter how intelligent he may be, the glories of Kṛṣṇa’s holy name. Our only shelter and hope. Our everything. Prabhupāda’s supreme gift to the world, the opportunity to chant Hare Kṛṣṇa. All glories to Kṛṣṇa’s holy name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 28; Chicago

Guarāṅga! Nityānanda! All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. He has brought the world Their mercy. Can anyone imagine how unfortunate people would be if they could not obtain the mercy of Gaura Nitāi. It is an impossible thought. Only by Their mercy is there any hope at all. Their mercy is all that is needed for perfection. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 29; Chicago

We are expecting and praying for the mercy of the Lord to appear in the personality of His Divine Grace Radhanath Swami Maharaj. The spiritual upliftment of many souls is awaiting his appearance at Śrī Śrī Kiśor Kiśorī Mandir – New Seva Kunja. Therefore let me offer my humble obeisances unto my eternal spiritual master His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda and my most merciful and most compassionate godbrother and *śikṣā* guru His Holiness Radhanath Swami. May we get the opportunity to increase our service to these great souls. Tomorrow is the Appearance Day of the incarnation of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī with the *śakti* of Lalita-gopī known as Śrīla Gadādhara Paṇḍita. His devotion to Lord Caitanya can melt the hearts of the most stone-hearted atheist. His love for Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu is beyond description. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 30; Chicago

Although I am totally unqualified and always attached to sense gratification, lazy and prone to see the deficiencies in everything, still I am very attracted to remain at the lotus feet of HH Radhanath Swami, absorbed in hearing his glorifications of Lord Caitanya and His eternal associates. Along with my paramount desire to follow Śrīla Prabhupāda, if I could add this little bit of mercy, or rather great mercy, I think my desires in Kṛṣṇa consciousness will be fulfilled. Of course, this desire is both selfish and impossible, as we are both trying to please Śrīla Prabhupāda by traveling and preaching. I must continue in that service, but I pray the opportunities come more and more. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 1; Chicago

All the devotees felt that their prayers were answered. Maharaj gave himself completely. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda who has created so many outstanding examples of genuine Vaiṣṇavas of which Śrīla Radhanath Swami is very prominent. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 2; Chicago

Concentrating on Chicago and preparing to soon travel again. Mostly getting some lesser important services completed. Service is absolute, but we must always be in the mood of spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness. It is easy to look for comfort and security in one's service, but that mood is not pleasing to the Lord. As long as one remains detached from one's own happiness and attached to service no matter what, that is the devotional mood. "Please, Guru Maharaj, you are my only shelter." As Śrīla Prabhupāda said about his guru quoting Viśvanātha Cakravartī Ṭhākura's commentary on *Bhagavad-gītā* 2.41, "If everything else in the world is taken away, what will remain for me? – the complete shelter of my spiritual master. Nothing else matters." We must have that determination. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 3; Chicago

Preaching, preaching, preaching about the mercy and the glories of Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva. The beloved of Prahlāda and the real friend of the devotees. We pray to keep You closer and closer in our hearts and to remember You always, as our life is only for You. May we deeply understand the meaning of becoming Your devotee. Your forms are unlimited and You manifest these forms for Your own transcendental pleasure and the pleasure of Your sold-out devotees. Śrīla Prabhupāda has captured Your mercy and brought it into our lives and hearts. Our desire is to appreciate it more and more. Hare Kṛṣṇa

May 4; Chicago

At times I feel totally useless and utterly helpless. Spiritually, this can be an impetus to take shelter more and to realize these feelings are the grace of Kṛṣṇa

helping me to understand my actual position. I really want to be able to contribute to the spreading of Lord Caitanya's movement and to the upliftment of the conditioned souls. What can I offer? Not much. Yet please, let me try harder to use Your mercy, dear Lord, for Your service and the service of my spiritual master. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 5; Chicago

We must remain fully absorbed in service in order to receive the mercy of the Lord. Especially when there is little or no association of other devotees. We must try to avoid laziness and negativity, both which are devastating to the soul. By the grace of the spiritual master one gets the mercy of Kṛṣṇa, not otherwise. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 6; Chicago

I'm missing ecstatic chanting and dancing. Getting service done, that's nice and necessary; it is essential, but to keep our enthusiasm rising we need *saṅkīrtana*. To sing, dance and associate together and honor the Lord's *prasādam*. That's coming up, yet Kṛṣṇa is allowing me separation in order to appreciate association more. We owe everything to Śrīla Prabhupāda, his desire is our desire. Chant Hare Kṛṣṇa and preach Kṛṣṇa consciousness. All glories to *param vijayate śrī kṛṣṇa saṅkīrtanam*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 7; Chicago

The mercy of Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu is the be all and end all. There is no real mercy outside of His, for this is His age to show supreme mercy and compassion. To absorb oneself in His service by chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa and preaching to the fallen conditioned souls is the perfection that fills all of one's desires. All glories to Lord Nityānanda who has empowered Śrīla Prabhupāda with His compassionate mercy and the ability to distribute it everywhere. (*kṛṣṇa deva bhavantaṁ vande*). Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 8; Chicago – New Vrindaban

I can't take much time to write as it is now 1AM and tomorrow begins a 3-day festival. So I offer my head at the feet of all the Vaiṣṇavas on all levels of spiritual achievement and pray for their mercy and blessings that I may be able to render them some humble service. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda who has created such a glorious family. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Śrī Śrī Rādhā Vṛndāvana Candra ki jay.

May 9; New Vrindaban

We sometimes say, "Everyday one should learn at least one thing that can be added to one's life in devotional service." Today we were taken deep into the hearts and minds of the gurukulis who enacted a drama about their experience

growing up in the gurukula system. Powerful, educating, artistic, with intense emotional expressions of the hurt my generation was responsible for inflicting. Wanting to love Kṛṣṇa, but at the same time the society was inflicting something that wasn't at all Kṛṣṇa consciousness to them. Ripped apart emotionally, aesthetically, spiritually. I honestly saw something that I was both glad to have revealed and yet simultaneously feeling the pain of our mistreated youth. The “cookie man” Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to his lotus feet, everyone loves Śrīla Prabhupāda because he loved everyone and gave them Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 10; New Vrindaban

My chanting and hearing need some quality and devotion. To chant and hear nicely is our life and soul, so let us renew our determination to improve in light of the recent seminar given by HH Sacinandana Swami. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda's great devotees. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 11; New Vrindaban

Śrīla Prabhupāda, the Holy Name and our devotional service. If we focus on these and develop a strong relationship with them, then actually all problems go away. Śrīla Prabhupāda gave us everything and the means how to access it, we just have to go for it with enthusiasm. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 12; New Vrindaban

All glories to Śrī Śrī Rādhā Vṛndāvana Candra. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 13; New Vrindaban

The process of pure devotional service is extremely rare and very valuable. Its value is love of Kṛṣṇa which, by far, has no comparison. Therefore one must carefully nurture its growth, protect it in various ways and always remember its value. Humble like straw, tolerant like a tree, with respect for others, without respect for oneself. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, help me to develop these qualities and at the same time preach Kṛṣṇa's message. I desperately pray from the core of my hard heart. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 14; New Vrindaban – Nṛsimha Caturdaśī

The more I stay in this movement, one thing becomes clearer and clearer - I have become more aware that the mercy of Guru and Kṛṣṇa is everything. Today Lord Nṛsimhadeva's mercy was strongly felt. All glories to His lotus feet on this glorious day of His appearance. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Śrī Nṛsimhadeva Bhagavān ki jay.

May 15; New Vrindaban – Columbus

As long as one has a material body there will always be difficulties. One should control these difficulties so as they do not cause unnecessary disturbances to one's spiritual growth. Therefore one must be diligently aware of how one is

acting, speaking and thinking so as to be Kṛṣṇa conscious in every situation. Kṛṣṇa says, “Always think of Me”. Please, dear Lord, help me remember You always and forget other thoughts. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva and Śrī Prahlāda Mahārāja. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 16; Columbus – Mexico

By the Lord’s arrangement, I am receiving the opportunity to visit another place for the first time. Ratha-yātrā in Mexico City. Each place is an opportunity to either grow or decline by Your mercy. Śrīla Prabhupāda, I pray intensely at your lotus feet to give me the intelligence to serve and associate in a Kṛṣṇa conscious manner, pleasing both to you and Lord Jagannātha. All glories to Śrī Śrī Rādhā Madana Gopāla, the presiding Lords of Mexico City ISKCON. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 17; Mexico – Ratha-yātrā

Experiencing the mercy of Lord Jagannātha, Subhadrā Devī and Lord Balarāma brings the devotee to the stage of great happiness, joyfulness. By the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda one is receiving so many wonderful spiritual gifts and Ratha-yātrā is very high on that long list. May we always become supremely eager to participate in Lord Jagannātha’s Ratha-yātrā worldwide. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 18; Mexico

The sweet, powerful association of Śrīla Jayapataka Swami was the highlight of the day for me, what else can I say. Such a great personality has given his association continuously everywhere – worldwide. Perhaps he will grace us with his association for the Chicago Ratha-yātrā. On another level, I am constantly struggling to control the mind and senses. A common occurrence in Kali-yuga, but I feel more lusty since reaching here. Having learned another method, attempting to implement the instructions of Śrīla Prabhupāda on how to finger the beads during japa has added intensity to my struggles. But struggle indicates an attempt to overcome *anarthas* and be more strongly situated at the lotus feet of Śrī Kṛṣṇa and devotional service. What I hanker for is a more constant mood of devotion which will help me to always remember You, dear Lord. Traveling and preaching is not easy, but so is also being in this insane material existence. Perhaps my only real prayer is, Kṛṣṇa, please, help me always to remember You with love and devotional enthusiasm. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda and to your sweet lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 19; Mexico

We were invited to one home in Northeast Mexico City, many devotees came. The family are disciples of Guru Prasad Swami. Sweet, humble, simple people inclined to worshipping the Lord, it is in their genes. Nice *prasādam*, nice association. Guru Prasad Swami, Guna Grahi Maharaj, Vaiyasaki Prabhu, Hanumat Presaka Swami, Jagat Cakusa Prabhu. I will remember my visit as

servant of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Madana Gopāla, Śrī Śrī Gaura Nitāi, Jagannātha, Subhadrā, Baladeva and Their servants. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. He has created a house the whole world can live in. We only have to keep the house as he wanted and build many more extension to accommodate the larger world family. If only people would take to devotional service, Kṛṣṇa consciousness, then there would be no major problems. It is our responsibility to do whatever we can to bring in more souls. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, our love goes deep finding shelter at his lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 20; Mexico – Columbus

Ugra Nrsimha Prabhu, Mother Hari Bhakti's place, nice program. A new couple from Bombay. There is an influx of young professionals from India who are gravitating toward our movement. Besides the fact that they are becoming Kṛṣṇa conscious, they can offer valuable service in spreading Lord Caitanya's mission. The dynamics of Lord Caitanya's prophecy fulfillment are multi-faceted, this is one of them. The glories of Śrīla Prabhupāda are being spread to every town and village. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 21; Columbus

We take this opportunity as a point of deep concern to offer our most sincere prayers at the lotus feet of Śrī Kṛṣṇa and Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī to please, if You so desire, improve the overall health of His Holiness Radhanath Swami Maharaj. Dear Lord, we are saddened by his present condition, as we realize that due to his concern and care for others, he has neglected his own health and he continues to give himself. I make this offering as I take *darśana* of a photo of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha of Chowpatty Mandir. What can I do to serve? All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 22; Columbus

Generally people say God is fair, kind etc. Some credit from the common man is directed to the Supreme Lord. But practically speaking, people are deep in ignorance. The Lord is inconceivable and His inconceivability is connected to all His attributes. He is inconceivably so kind that we can only continually praise His glorious mercy upon us. In my case, I can practically see how spaced out and unqualified I am to practice Kṛṣṇa consciousness effectively, what to speak of being developed in my *āśrama*. Māyā is so strong and yet, somehow or other, I go on day after day. It is an inconceivable miracle. One can only rightly conclude that His kind mercy and supreme protection are truly very, very great. Jagannātha, Baladeva and Subhadrā Mahārāṇī have allowed me to associate with Them for almost 20 years. Imagine such kindness and mercy. It is really the inconceivable mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda that the Lord agrees to show such extraordinary mercy. There is no other cause. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 23; Columbus – Gita Nagari

Vaiṣṇava *sevā*. Steady rounds of *japa* and the intelligence to serve in a way that is pleasing to the devotees and Kṛṣṇa. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, do not allow me to succumb to the mode of passion and allow me to be real and not something contrived. All glories to your lotus feet. I pray to increase my service more and more in quality and quantity. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 24; Gita Nagari

Very powerful program. Chanting, dancing, philosophy, fasting, nice association. May we have the intelligence and the humility to serve the devotees. I strongly feel that Śrīla Prabhupāda is especially pleased with Bhakti Tirtha Swami's preaching and results. All glories to those souls that make the mission of the spiritual master their only thought. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 25; Gita Nagari

Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Thākura has declared, "There is nothing but the holy name of the Lord in all the fourteen worlds." By Kṛṣṇa's mercy I was able to take shelter of the Holy Name more. It was like meeting my old friend once again. Please, dear Lord, always keep me aware of the value of Your name. It is most glorious. It is You in Your fullness. We humbly offer our obeisances to His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda who has so mercifully distributed the Holy Name and its glories to everyone, everywhere.

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare*

May 26; Gita Nagari

The inner life of a preacher of Kṛṣṇa consciousness must be a constant focus, for that is our real self. What we do and say must come from our internal development so as to reflect our deepest mood of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Transformation is slow. Scriptural evidence, perseverance in practice, theistic conduct; these points were spoken by Lord Kṛṣṇa to Lord Brahmā as the complete process of devotional service. May Śrīla Prabhupāda bestow his full blessings on the Gita Nagari project. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 27; Gita Nagari

Chanted 34 rounds today, now I am caught up. Festivals can be the reason why certain important aspects of our spiritual life become neglected. Such as good rounds, reading and proper rest. Anyway, we go on and seek out festivals, as they are very spiritually powerful when engaged properly. What is 'properly'? Well, that experience is still in the future, at least for this lowly soul. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda who stated that every day is a festival in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. No doubt it is the only festival on earth that goes on continually. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Hare Rāma.

May 28; Gita Nagari

It was like meeting an old friend once again, to have the opportunity to speak on Lord Caitanya's pastimes. Although I am not even slightly qualified. But that is another special feature of His mercy; He allows us to be an instrument to hear and chant His glories in the association of other devotees. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda who has made the life activities and mercy of Lord Caitanya available to the entire planet. Such mercy is totally inconceivable and immeasurable. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 29; Gita Nagari

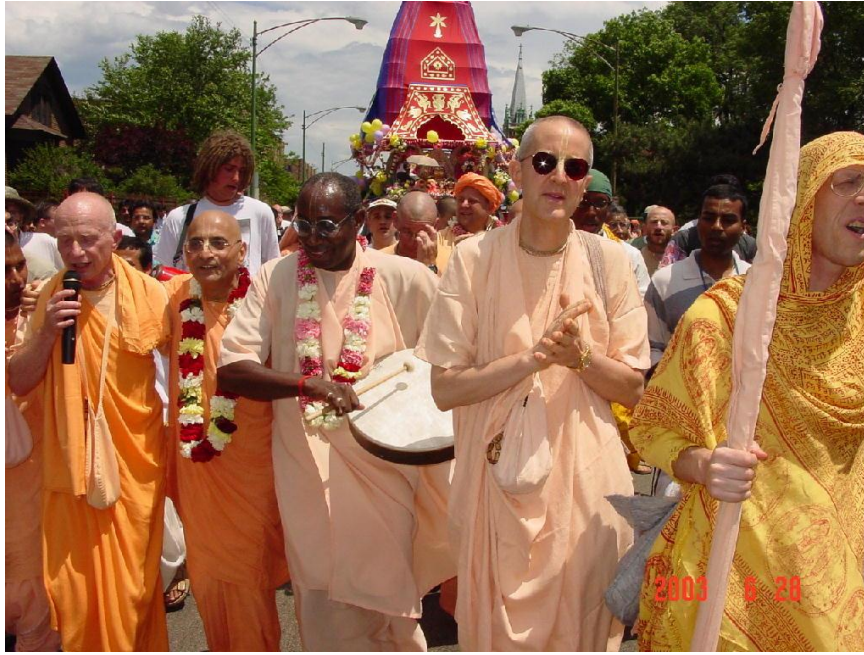
Hare Kṛṣṇa. Śrī Śrī Rādhā Dāmodara, Śrī Lalitā, Śrī Viśākhe ki jay. On the move again. Looking forward to my return to Chicago. A little road weary, but there have been worse. One thing about US preaching, and specifically Gita Nagari, is the predominance of the female gender in all areas. The mood of renunciation is strongly challenged, at least externally. We can only sincerely pray to develop the internal mood more. All glories to His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 30; Gita Nagari – Cleveland

This is an early entry, as I am scheduled to fly late this evening. But I would like to offer my continual obeisances to the incredible mercy that is available in Kṛṣṇa's holy names. What we have been given is awesome and beyond anyone's ability to explain. Perhaps all we can do to appreciate and benefit is always remember the Holy Name and the merciful Personality whose heart allowed it to descend into this material world. All glories to Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu and to all those who have taken His full shelter. *Tava kathāmṛtaṁ tapta jīvanam....* All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda who is patiently encouraging his followers to become more serious. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 1; Cleveland – Chicago

What happened to May 31st? I completely forgot! Overly intoxicated with Ratha-yātrā and mentally and physically exhausted combined to eliminate the entry. Anyway, Chicago is alive, but it takes a little shaking to get the eyes open and the feet moving and the voices calling out Kṛṣṇa's holy names. Twelve days, not much time to get a foothold, therefore I should be serious by praying for both the intelligence and the mercy to become nicely engaged in Śrī Śrī Kīśor Kīśorī's service. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, help me to become more serious, more focused. Hare Kṛṣṇa.



June 2; Chicago

Back again, trying to regroup into a routine. The first day quite difficult, feeling weak and tired and somewhat disoriented. As long as I chant Hare Kṛṣṇa with faith and keep myself absorbed in service, then by Kṛṣṇa's mercy I will be able to get fixed in a routine. Although it can be difficult, as the waves of my materially motivated mind keep churning up the desires of lust, anger, envy etc. Kṛṣṇa, You are so merciful, You allow me to be able to see many of my faults so as not to think I am better than others. For this I thank You greatly. To allow anything to come between our relationship is frightening to me and I want to avoid it at all costs. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda for his tolerance of this foolish person's thoughts and activities. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 3; Chicago

Looks good, sometimes on the outside, but inside it is the same: a big bag of stool, urine, mucus, air, bones, blood and many other nasty stuff. Yet we think of it as the all in all, the source of our happiness and existence. Ignorance is bliss, and everywhere. Śrīla Prabhupāda saved us. We owe him everything and more. This is Lord Caitanya's gift to us. We are blessed beyond imagination. Chant the Holy Names, that is the way to show our appreciation. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 4; Chicago

When I don't preach regularly, I get a little rusty and somewhat mechanical. It's like a muscle, the more you use it the stronger it gets. The Holy Name and Prabhupāda's mercy are our only means of existence. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 5; Chicago

A little rusty, but it seemed to flow once I got started. Giving class requires constant reflection on one's delivery, material, mood etc. Some questions added flavor and it ended satisfactorily, only not many devotees attended. June 5th, anniversary of the motorcycle gang's attack on New Vrindaban. It seemed like another era. It was! This time of year, it's harder to get beyond 1st gear with an occasional stalling out. I continue by emphasizing hearing and chanting more and absorbing myself in the mood of preaching. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda whose glories are being continuously spread worldwide. If only people would honestly look into his character and life, they will experience the presence of a truly rare person of highly elevated spirituality and knowledge. All glories to his lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 6; Chicago

By Kṛṣṇa's mercy, much service was completed today. We can only try, but when He supplies the chance to increase, we are benedicted. Let us continue tomorrow by presenting the *japa* seminar which is helpful in bringing the devotees closer to Kṛṣṇa through His holy name. May we sufficiently glorify the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda, as he mercifully provided the opportunity to chant Hare Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 7; Chicago

The Holy Name. The Hare Kṛṣṇa *mahā-mantra*. What would we do without You? Where would we be without You? All glories to Your lotus feet. You are purifying the three worlds and offering the supreme gift of love of Kṛṣṇa. We pray to become more and more attached to chanting Your holy names. Please, bless me with increased desire to be with You in Your name, always and forever. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for the Gift of all Gifts – Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 8; Chicago

A successful seminar on the Holy Name. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who has made everything possible. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 9; Chicago

A couple of years ago, and even before, my concern was when and where to travel out of Chicago for preaching. Presently, I'm concerned how to stay here more. What does it matter, we have to do what Kṛṣṇa desires, and for now it seems traveling and preaching is foremost. We must make the desire of Śrīla Prabhupāda and Kṛṣṇa our foremost concern. Our life is one of devotion and devotion means to please the Lord and His beloved devotees. I only wish I could do more service that is pleasing. By Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy we are successful. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 10; Chicago – Nirjala-ekādaśī

Today is Nirjala-ekādaśī. I decided not to follow, but to take a little fruit and water, in order to stay nicely engaged; still it was difficult. The mind has its own plan. Usually it is mostly uncooperative. Here, it seems that it's been a great struggle to maintain my Kṛṣṇa consciousness. I need the mercy of the devotees. Harder here to get that. Śrīla Prabhupāda ki jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 11; Chicago

The days are filled, sometimes intense, full engagement, no time for Māyā, also no time for reading, at least that's the way it seems. I need to read, it is essential for me. With travel, it is usually harder to read and this is what is upcoming. I pray I can stay out of the material modes of passion and ignorance. Hearing and chanting the glories of the Lord is our very life and means to attain Kṛṣṇa. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, help me to understand how best to serve Lord Caitanya's mission. All glories to your lotus feet.

June 12; Chicago – Cleveland – Stroudsburg PA

On the road again, Nandulal and Savitri's. A test of physical and spiritual prowess and endurance along with a tight schedule. Yet I must allow for quality time for *saṅga* and service. I don't have any good qualities, yet I have faith in the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda and Kṛṣṇa. I humbly but fervently beg for that mercy and the ability to receive it and apply it for the service of the Vaiṣṇavas and to spread Lord Caitanya's mission. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 13; Stroudsburg PA

One must be steady in all reverses, always seeing the hand of the all-good Personality of Godhead. Yet, if due to some mistake or oversight something fails to manifest or something undesirable occurs, one must take shelter of the Lord, learn from it and try to avoid future occurrences. The weather is cloudy, cool and rainy and tomorrow is New York Ratha-yātrā. I am sure many of the Vaiṣṇavas, especially the New Yorkers, are praying for good weather. But I will pray for the will of the Lord to be accepted as the outcome of tomorrow. Dear Lord Kṛṣṇa, if You so desire, make the sun appear from behind the clouds. And make the sun of Your love appear in our hearts, that is the best prayer. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 14; Stroudsburg PA – New York Ratha-yātrā

By Lord Jagannātha's mercy, a miracle occurred. He and His wonderful Brother and effulgent Sister gave the people of New York Their mercy. Amidst a rainy week and just before the start of the Ratha-yātrā, the clouds parted and the sun of His love flowed through. All glories to the Lord of the Universe, Śrī Jagannātha-deva. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 15; Towaco – New York/RY/Temple Festival

Visited Kirtanananda Swami's place, a very nice restaurant, saw a few of my old devotee friends from New Vrindaban. A nice kirtan at Brooklyn temple. Laxmi Nršinga Prabhu began, many devotees present. I wanted to sing, but then again, what is my qualification. It was just my restless mind and false ego conspiring together. But anyway, perhaps I need to be more Kṛṣṇa conscious, then I will be able to serve the devotees better. Useless person, that's seems to be my state of affairs in the US. Perhaps I should seriously consider spending more time in Europe and India. These next two weeks will determine my decision. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, I really don't want to be useless. Kṛṣṇa, save me. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 16; New Jersey/Towaco/Ma's-Samik Rsi's

Tomorrow begins ten days of scheduled programs. I humbly but fervently pray for Your mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Śrīla Prabhupāda ki jay.

June 17; New Jersey/Samik's Devakinandana's

It seems to be quite difficult finding a balance with travel and other necessities, but I didn't think it would be this difficult. Perhaps it is due to "traveling alone by car" and not remembering what it takes. Anyway, follow the main principle, always remember Kṛṣṇa by chanting His holy name. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, help me come to that state of consciousness, Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

**June 18; Devakinandana's – Phila/Deva Deva's
– Appearance Day of Vakreśvara Paṇḍita**

Appearance Day of Śrīla Vakreśvara Paṇḍita. All glories to his dancing lotus feet which gave immense happiness to Lord Caitanya. Simply by repeating what little is known of his pastimes, all auspiciousness occurs. Perhaps by His mercy we will be able to continue to dance regularly for many, many more years. The treasure of the lives of these great souls has been handed to us by His Divine Grace. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa. All glories to Śrīla Vakreśvara Paṇḍita.

June 19; Philadelphia Temple – Hayasva's

A place to come more often. Preaching is enlivening here. No doubt Śrīla Prabhupāda would be pleased. Philadelphia is an important place amongst many. Please, dear Śrī Kṛṣṇa, help me to remain enthusiastic in Your service, freed from any attraction other than the service of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī and Your lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 20; Philadelphia – NJ/Amrtananda's

Kṛṣṇa! Please save me. Help me to be a better servant. I'm trying, but still not up to par. Your intervention is necessary in order to keep me always at Your lotus feet in pure humble devotion. I no longer aspire to live, but live only for You

and Your service. So if You kill me or keep me in this body, it is all right. I am Your sold-out slave, make me dance as You desire. And let me become a servant of Your Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, She is my desired Master. Śrī Śrī Rādhā Śarad Bihārī are most beautiful and are the perfection of all desires of the eyes. May You, in Your form as Lord Jagannātha, allow us to serve You on Your Ratha-yātrā with great enthusiasm and devotion. And may we always remember the gift of Your pure devotee Śrīla Prabhupāda (our savior). Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 21; New Jersey Ratha-yātrā – NY/Albany

The quality of humility has escaped; it must be cultivated regularly. I need to emphasize this with determination. Lord Jagannātha is supremely merciful. Rain again at the New Jersey Ratha-yātrā, devotees say three years consecutively. But devotees are determined despite the weather to please the Supreme Lord of the Universe, and His most powerful Brother and most wonderful Sister. All glories to Their lotus feet and to Their devotees. And all glories to the devotees headed by His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 22; Albany – Hartford

Two programs, fulfilling, rewarding, many wonderful people at both. Kali-yuga is an ocean of faults and sufferings, only by Śrī Śrī Nitāi-Gaurāṅga's mercy is this age made auspicious enough to carry one back to Goloka Vṛndāvana. All glories to the mercy of Lord Caitanya and His associates and all glories to that person who has personally brought it into our lives – Śrīla Prabhupāda. May we become more and more attracted to hearing about and serving His merciful lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 23; Hartford

Hare Kṛṣṇa. Śrīvāsa Ṭhākura ki jay. *Mahotsava, tirobhāva*. May we take shelter at his lotus feet and the feet of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 24; Hartford – Boston

The pastimes of Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu are most attractive, supremely instructive and all that we can aspire for as the essence of philosophy and bliss. Dear Lord, I am so fallen, most unqualified and very arrogant and proud, self centered. How will I ever be an example for what I preach. If You somehow bestow Your special mercy upon me and relieve me of all my innumerable bad qualities, only then can I ever hope to attain to Your lotus feet in devotion. Hey Gopāla! Hey Kṛṣṇa! Hey Kānāi! Hey Rādhē! All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, the savior of the whole universe. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 25; Boston

Spent quality time with Tejyas Prabhu. Very interesting points he made on various social and philosophical subject matters. He is very learned and always

enthusiastic to make available his knowledge and experience. In seeing what he has as very valuable, I humbly offer a prayer to Śrīla Prabhupāda and Lord Kṛṣṇa to give him the direction and determination and help needed to inspire ISKCON in the direction of Varṇāśrama and farm projects. Śrīla Prabhupāda has given his blessings, but now his blessings are again needed to bring the necessary ingredients to make it work. This present society is a soul killing society and it must be challenged and changed by establishing a visible alternative. This is our prayer. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 26; Boston

Āmāra jīvana sada pāpe rata nāhika puṇyera leśa. A useless creature attracted to women and sense gratification always trying to fulfill my selfish desires and calling it spiritual. I memorize a few verses and some philosophy and claim to be learned. People praise me, but I am quite ignorant about what is real spirituality. Due to the lack of preachers, Lord Caitanya and Śrī Nityānanda are willing to accept anyone with a small desire to serve. It is all Their mercy and the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda and the kindness of the devotees and others, otherwise I am practically useless. But I hope to improve; perhaps someday I will lose my attraction to Māyā and become serious. O, when will that day be mine. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 27; Boston – Chicago

Help!

June 28; Chicago Ratha-yātrā

Blessed by the presence of many great souls and devotees, the merciful Supreme Lord of the Universe travelled in His cart benedicting many souls. All glories to Lord Jagannātha, Subhadrā Devī and Lord Balarāma. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 29; Chicago

Hare Kṛṣṇa! All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Lately, my consciousness is not reflecting Kṛṣṇa so much. Perhaps I need to change something or add something or just pray harder. Anyway, there are ups and downs and presently a dip. I can only pray for the mercy to pick up. Help Kṛṣṇa! Śrī Śrī Kiśor Kiśorī ki jay. They are very attractive. Hare Kṛṣṇa.



June 30; Chicago

Half the year is over. Time moves on, it waits for no one. Whatever time is left in this body, I pray I can use it to come closer to Kṛṣṇa. What else to strive for. Śrīla Prabhupāda said there are some devotees, liberated souls, who serve the Lord life after life by preaching Kṛṣṇa consciousness somewhere. It is their eternal service to Kṛṣṇa. No doubt it is glorious and a position to aspire for. Actually, we might say it is the mood of the *gopīs* who only want to please Kṛṣṇa. As long as I can maintain my health, I can do this service. All by the grace of His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 1; Chicago

Association with devotees – that is the basis of one's advancement in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. When one is humble and free from the enjoying spirit, any devotee association is purifying. Of the many gifts you have given us, Śrīla Prabhupāda, association of devotees is the source of everything else we do. All glories to the devotees of Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 2; Chicago – Potomac, MD

Some days, things just go the way of uncertainty, reverses, obstacles, situations of tolerance. What can one do but try to remember Kṛṣṇa. Although it was a difficult day, there were many positive parts. Such as an enthusiastic and intelligent group of young students from all parts of the country who came to hear about Kṛṣṇa consciousness and Śrīla Prabhupāda. One who remains steady in mind despite reverses can get the mercy of the Lord. I could have done better, but by Śrīla Prabhupāda's grace I hope to try harder. All glories to the sweet, sweet Divine couple who greeted me with such love on my early waking hour, Their Lordships Śrī Śrī Kīśor Kīśorī. How can I forget Their love. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 3; Potomac, MD

Always remember Kṛṣṇa. Gave *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* class, that was the subject. All other subjects are coming as a result of this main one. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, help me to always remember Kṛṣṇa. All glories to His lotus feet. All glories to you! Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 4; Washington D.C. – Ratha-yātrā

We were fortunate to witness how Lord Jagannātha appears to go out of His way to give His merciful *darśana*. The Lord of the Universe riding high on His brilliant chariot along with His Brother, powerful Balabhadra and amazing Sister Subhadrā surrounded by Their loving devotees. Lord Caitanya's mercy. Gaura Nitāi along with Lord Jagannātha's appearance and Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva together eliminate the demons. A Trio suited perfectly to destroy the effects of the Age of Kali. We are guided and directed by the *ācārya* of all *ācāryas*, A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda. We are completely blessed. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 5; Washington D.C. – IFAST

We become more inspired as preachers when there are people who ask intelligent serious questions. This was the case today in two different programs. This day also helped me to appreciate others: their devotion, their struggles, their realizations. Association of such devotees inspires one to want to serve Śrīla Prabhupāda's mission in a more determined and pleasing way. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, my rascal mind needs some correction. It seems to go freely to thoughts of sense gratification. A playful fancy, not with any desire, but just out of whim. Help me to check this rascal mind through spiritual power.

July 6; Washington D.C. – IFAST – Potomac, MD

I received a copy of the book *Legacy of Love*, a biography of Mother Hladini. Special soul, no doubt. May my reading about her life awaken in me a determination and love to continue my service to Śrīla Prabhupāda. The little I read has inspired me to become more serious and less concerned about my body. I pray it continues to grow. Yes, Mother, your legacy of love is alive and well in the hearts of the sincere devotees of the Lord. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. By Mother Hladini's example in devotion, the glories of Śrīla Prabhupāda are becoming more and more apparent in our lives. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 7; Washington D.C. – Potomac, MD

Preach! O Lord, help me become more fixed up and absorbed in the service of preaching Kṛṣṇa consciousness and not have a 'take it or leave it' attitude. I need Your mercy to continue to fight the small fight I am attempting. All mercy and success is at Your pure devotee's lotus feet. The process is like a razor's edge. Sometimes I am getting close to getting cut, better to be very careful. A word to the wise! Conscious and cautious, Kṛṣṇa conscious, Māyā cautious. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 8; Washington D.C. – Potomac, MD

Bhakti, devoid of all rituals for material elevation and gain. *Jñāna* which is only for supporting Bhakti, not for self-satisfaction, and *vairāgya*, free from the tendency that hardens the heart. All should be used to increase Bhakti. Bhakti is the goal and the means to the goal. But one who has Bhakti actually has achieved everything. Kṛṣṇa, You generally don't award one Bhakti very easily. Because to get Bhakti means to get You. But we only want You and nothing else, that is certain. How to go about it? Well, that is our struggle. All glories to the greatest deliverer of Bhakti worldwide, Śrīla Prabhupāda. His lotus feet are the sum total of everything auspicious. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 9; Washington D.C. – Potomac, MD

Always chant Kṛṣṇa's holy names. The only religious principle and all that is needed. Everything is in His holy names. Hare Kṛṣṇa *mahā-mantra*, all by the grace and mercy of His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. Tomorrow's class is the 3rd verse in *Śikṣāṣṭaka* prayers. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 10; Washington D.C. – Potomac, MD

I'm getting much opportunity to preach, but I could be more Kṛṣṇa conscious. This we must work on. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy is allowing me to preach and I know his mercy is all I need. All glories unto his lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 11; Washington D.C. – Potomac, MD – New Vrndaban

Kṛṣṇa always takes care of those who are trying to serve Him. I made it to New Vrndaban, the ride was very nice. Jay Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 12; New Vrndaban

Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, Sweetness personified, She is a veritable unlimited ocean of kindness and mercy. Today She is holding Her sweet loving hand giving out unlimited mercy as She is bringing one the shelter of the all-protective lotus feet of Her worshipable Lord, Śrī Vṛndāvana Kṛṣṇa. May we always seek Her blessings. I pray to take more shelter of the life and teaching of my beloved spiritual master His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda. May the story of his life be a constant thought of our remembrance of him. All glories unto his lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 13; New Vrndaban

It is now 2.30AM, returning from a program in Pittsburgh. Māyā is very tricky; taking one's desires to serve, she can push that to the point where one's *sādhana* is impaired, leaving openings for possible fall down. Anyway, we can only try our best. By the blessings and kindness of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī coming through Śrīla Prabhupāda we are most fortunate. May we always pray for those blessings. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 14; New Vrndaban

Śrī Śrī Rādhā Vṛndāvana Candra. May Their transcendental forms fill my mind and eyes. Their beauty is so attractive. But it is more than beauty. It is Their transcendental love that attracts our mind's eye. May that form continue to invade my consciousness. But I must confess, due to my impure mind, I cannot remain focused. Therefore I feel so unhappy, knowing my impure existence. Anyway, I have hope that someday I will absorb my mind in Their form and my tongue in Their holy names. All glories to all the devotees of ISKCON who have fully accepted the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda and have developed this pure love of Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Someday I hope to join them.

July 15; New Vrndaban

The weather has been especially rainy this summer, particularly east of Chicago. Record rain fall this year. As I am writing, a storm is active. Inclement weather, a feature of the Age of Kali. All glories to Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu who has created a rainstorm of love of Godhead. That rain is very, very beneficial and pleasant. And Śrīla Prabhupāda is that huge cloud inundating the land with a torrential downpour of love of God. Love of Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 16; New Vrndaban

The Pittsburgh congregation is a good group. Many simple, sincere, eager people. They like programs and attend regularly. Tonight was the 3rd in 4 days, everyone well attended. It would be timely to start training them in the philosophy and getting them more involved in active service. It seems I am involved with many areas and people, but not with one group more deeply and regularly. Cultivation is necessary for steady growth. Tomorrow, it is Columbus as I enter into another group of devotees and congregation. I feel a little ineffectual in my preaching approach, because individual cultivation is generally lacking, yet something is happening. Let's pray to Śrīla Prabhupāda it will increase. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is the only hope for human society, of this there is absolutely no doubt. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 17; New Vrndaban – Columbus

My mother made me feel guilty that I didn't join my sister in her visit. But upon reflecting the overall situation, it seems that our association by mail and phone is growing us closer. I am happy she visits the newly opened restaurant in Santa Rosa. It is a gradual process of creating a greater and more favorable awareness of Kṛṣṇa and devotional service. It is in Śrīla Prabhupāda's hands, and I beg for his mercy and guidance for her to move up more and more. On another front, the late night programs and less *sādhana* is making everything difficult, especially with my association with devotees. Anyway, these next two evenings I hope will bring me more in line with my *sādhana*, let's see. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 18; Columbus

The demons are having a great *melā*; this is Kali-yuga, the Age of all bad qualities, where irreligion is a way of life and good qualities are gradually being destroyed, where immorality is taken as freedom of expression and morality is just old fashion and out of touch with the times. We must work harder and more intelligently to spread Lord Caitanya's mercy; it is the only light in this Age of Darkness. Kṛṣṇa's holy name is the bright illuminating guiding beacon, the only hope in this Age. Grab it with your whole heart and soul and mind and spread it everywhere. May we develop an intense desire to glorify, chant, remember and spread its glories everywhere. May Śrīla Prabhupāda bless us with intense desire to serve the lotus feet of Śrī Śrī Gaura Nitāi in Their mission. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 19; Columbus – Cleveland – The “Lord, Have Mercy” Festival

The devotees of the Lord are diverse in many ways, but all are reflecting the quality of the Lord. A nice hometown gathering, much talent and display of Bhakti. It was better than I expected. Kṛṣṇa and Prabhupāda's mercy. All glories to those who worked hard to bring it about. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Dear Lord, help me to become a better servant of Your servants. This is the need.

July 20; Cleveland – Chicago

A very nice person named Thom offered me a ride to Chicago. By Kṛṣṇa's mercy and Śrīla Prabhupāda's kindness, this wandering soul landed in Chicago for 6 days. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtana* and the mercy of being able to preach on behalf of His Divine Grace. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 21; Chicago

Today was a day with much news of the apparent problems and difficulties of Chicago ISKCON. What can I do to serve? Perhaps offer some advice. But I know it will do little good, if any. Anyway, I feel helpless almost to the point of non-interest. But if we learn to take shelter of Kṛṣṇa and His holy names always, then there is really nothing that cannot be rectified or solved. We require proper faith, intelligence and purity of purpose. This was Śrīla Prabhupāda's success and concern. Let us as a Society find proper spiritual direction. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 22; Chicago

Discussion on the present and past state of managerial affairs. Any solution! Some think the only chance for betterment is a change in the leaderships. Perhaps they are correct. I hesitate to come to that conclusion, but I am leaning in that direction due to the gradual deterioration of the focus on Śrīla Prabhupāda and his instructions. At this point, I wouldn't stand in the way of that change, but it must come from the GBC. That is the protocol. Mismanagement, or a lack of management, is loved by the insincere or those who have a separate agenda. But we must, as disciples and followers of Śrīla Prabhupāda, address the

needs of the temple as our service to His Divine Grace might be at the risk of being criticized. How to stay Kṛṣṇa conscious in such circumstances and avoid offenses requires great thought and regular prayer. Anyway, Kṛṣṇa has a plan, no doubt, let us see how it unfolds. May Śrīla Prabhupāda's temples in America be reflective of his desire for spreading Lord Caitanya's mission. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 23; Chicago

All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 24; Chicago

Some difficulties arise, or rather apparent challenges, yet a devotee gets the opportunity to grow in these times. Kṛṣṇa's mercy comes in different ways. "For one who sees Me in everything and everything in Me I am never lost nor is he never lost to Me." At times we find these challenges force us to depend more on Kṛṣṇa, but also to use our intelligence to see the situation clearly or in a Kṛṣṇa conscious way. The mind transforms illusion into reality and vice versa. One has to use Kṛṣṇa's intelligence to control the mind. How this situation unfolds remains to be seen. But in any case, one has to act on the principle of what pleases Kṛṣṇa and Śrīla Prabhupāda. This is the test. When one is apparently mistreated or misunderstood, that makes the situation harder to solve. But a devotee is always tolerant for his personal self and forgiving to others. In any case, the bottom line is how to turn an apparent reversal into a spiritual gain, both personally and collectively. In this case, Śrīla Prabhupāda, we humbly pray for your guidance and intervention. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 25; Chicago

One must always remember Kṛṣṇa and try to see Kṛṣṇa in everything. Why would a devotee even want to forget Kṛṣṇa; then he is really not serious about his relationship. My Lord, thoughts of You are so pleasing to the mind and heart. The mind's only function is to think, feel and will about You and to accept thoughts of You and to reject other thoughts. Today we are able to taste a small drop of that unlimited ocean of Lord Caitanya's mercy. Each drop brings great joy and satisfaction. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to your lotus feet. I pray I can properly serve the Vaiṣṇavas tomorrow and always. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 26; Chicago

There is hardly anything more satisfying than a full day of preaching, there is no time for anything else and one is nicely engaged. Tomorrow Ratha-yātrā in Detroit. All glories to Lord Jagannātha, Subhadrā Devī and Lord Baladeva. We are praying to be fully engaged in Their service. Śrīla Prabhupāda has eternally blessed the people of America through these Ratha-yātrā festivals. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 27; Chicago – Detroit – Columbus – Ratha-yātrā – Detroit

The most attractive and merciful Jagannātha, Subhadrā and Baladeva. By Their mercy, I was able to render a little service today by leading the kirtans and speaking about the Lord's pastimes and Kṛṣṇa conscious philosophy. Two solid days of service in preaching. I pray I will be able to continue in some capacity. By the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda everything is happening. We also must remember that point clearly and offer our humble obeisances in surrender to his lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 28; Columbus – New Vrndaban

It was very nice to be able to have the association of HH Radhanath Swami, very sweet and also purifying. I hope I have the opportunity to serve him in some small way. It is difficult to give up the false ego, but when you are in his association the false ego is always being challenged; trying to keep it means to not take advantage of his association. Śrīla Prabhupāda has created a wonderful family and the legacy to help maintain it is big part of our service to His Divine Grace and the world. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 29; New Vrndaban

Kṛṣṇa! Save me, please. I should be more conscious of what I do, what I say, what I eat and how I interact with others. This is important. With a more conscious focus on Kṛṣṇa's holy name and my interaction with others I will be able to move along nicely in my service to the Lord. Conscious and cautious. Always remember Me by remembering My holy names. Śrīla Prabhupāda, please, help me to become a better devotee in order to remember you more and more. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 30; New Vrndaban – Chicago

The TSA person at the Columbus airport had visited many temples, including our ISKCON Columbus. It is interesting how the Lord arranges for someone to move forward according to their position. Class in the temple, HH Radhanath Maharaj charmed the hearts and minds of many of the Chicago devotees. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 31; Chicago

Very sweet and wonderful association with HH Radhanath Maharaj. A very memorable day. But I should take this mercy of his association and use it as an inspiration in serving Śrīla Prabhupāda and Lord Caitanya. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, increase my enthusiasm to serve and undertake difficulties in your service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 1; Chicago

Spending a large amount of time here in Chicago is another type of challenge. Just as it is a challenge to travel and preach Kṛṣṇa consciousness, so is remaining here longer a challenge. Kṛṣṇa always wants His devotees to move forward and so He never allows one to become lazy without suffering the effects of Māyā. Kṛṣṇa consciousness means to fight against the pitfalls of Māyā consisting of various types of illusions. In this present fight, I must work even harder in order to keep my focus on Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet. This is a challenge. By His mercy and by Śrīla Prabhupāda's grace, we will come out more Kṛṣṇa conscious. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtanam*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 2; Chicago

Along with the appearance of Kali-yuga and all its characteristics, there seems to be a somewhat parallel movement made up of young Westerners inclined to God consciousness and spirituality. Today a group came as a class. To witness how these young people decided to use their time, money and energy in the area of learning about spirituality was quite amazing. Normally they would be trying to enjoy the summer, etc. Instead they are traveling and learning about different spiritual paths. I sensed that the group today had accumulated many spiritual and pious credits. They were eager to learn, respectful and intelligent. Amidst the darkness of Kali-yuga's population, there is a growing hope for something divine and this is very enlivening to see. May Śrīla Prabhupāda's message reach their hearts. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 3; Chicago

By Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy and the mercy of his personal associates, I gradually rekindled my interest to hear about and glorify Śrīla Prabhupāda. I feel that something wonderful has entered into my devotional life and has renewed my eagerness to serve. Let's hope I can continue to cultivate this desire. Śrīla Prabhupāda's pastimes are very attractive and instructive. All glories to his lotus feet. *Śravaṇam, kīrtanam* – Śrīla Prabhupāda *saṅkīrtanam*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 4; Chicago

Kṛṣṇa Camp for kids. I pray I can nicely serve the children. All glories to His Divine Grace's lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 5; Chicago

Today I got the opportunity and good fortune to tell Kṛṣṇa's stories to the kids at the Kṛṣṇa Camp. It was enjoyable and inspiring to see how important it is to expose these children to Kṛṣṇa consciousness. To plant seeds is our business, and if just one of them produces just one serious Vaiṣṇava, then our life is successful. Personally I learned a lot more by speaking these pastimes, so each time we take time to help others in Kṛṣṇa consciousness we are simultaneously

increasing our own knowledge, enthusiasm and devotion. On the 8th, another opportunity to be with the children will be available. I pray I can do this *sevā* more effectively. We must always remember; only by the grace and mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda is everything becoming successful, as Kṛṣṇa consciousness continues to spread more and more. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 6; Chicago

Lord Caitanya's movement is powerful. In essence, it is the source of all auspiciousness. When the leaders are humble, simple, surrendered to the mission, equipped with vision and compassion, then so many persons will become Kṛṣṇa conscious. Unite around Śrīla Prabhupāda's instructions and develop the mood of love and trust. Śrīla Prabhupāda said this movement can capture the whole world in 18 days, the only consideration is whether we are ready to surrender fully. That is the requirement. Gradually, it is happening, but we must be fully ready to act only for Kṛṣṇa and the benefit of the suffering conditioned souls. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 7; Chicago

Bhakti Brīṅga Govinda Maharaj, along with his entourage of Vaiṣṇavas and Vaiṣṇavis, presented a very nice, unique presentation of kīrtan. Maharaj concluded the program with a class, especially emphasizing the chanting of Kṛṣṇa's holy name. The Holy Name is Kṛṣṇa and it is independent of any expression other than Bhakti. But when Bhakti is present, excellence of elements helps to enhance *rasa*. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy names and to those Vaiṣṇavas who make it their life and soul and freely give it to others. We offer our humble obeisances at your lotus feet, Maharaj. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name and the Vaiṣṇavas. By the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda, may our taste for chanting increase more and more. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 8; Chicago

Everything is the energy of the Lord. Material life is centered around selfishness. The conditioned soul tries to take the Lord's energy for his own pleasure. Money, wealth, is adored by the materialist and in many cases one will do anything to get it. When one becomes a devotee of the Lord and engages in His service, then Kṛṣṇa sends various gifts in the form of material items to be used in service. What came very difficult is now coming with great ease by the Lord's mercy. Our concern is to use it for the Lord's service. Praying to gain the necessary intelligence. Śrīla Prabhupāda said: "Spend for Kṛṣṇa." Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 9; Chicago

I want to hear and chant more about the glories of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu and His servants and associates. I am experiencing my attraction being strongly drawn into that area. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 10; Chicago

We really need to educate people who come to our temple by helping them to understand the uniqueness and purity of Śrīla Prabhupāda's teachings and his movement. We must be careful to preach boldly and enthusiastically, with a mood of compassion and concern. With the courage of an English army officer and the heart of a Bengali mother. This is Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 11; Chicago – Śrī Balarāma Jayantī

Today was a beautiful day, as devotees everywhere celebrated the Appearance of Lord Balarāma. As Nityānanda is very, very kind and merciful, so is Lord Balarāma, who is none other than Himself expanded as Śrī Nityānanda. And Śrīla Prabhupāda is Their mercy expansion for delivering the fallen souls of this Age. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 12; Chicago – St. Louis

It will take a grand effort to inspire the devotees here. Not much happening, yet something is going on. A Vaiṣṇava always tries to see the good in others – *adoṣa-darśī*. Still we must act with proper discrimination and intelligence. What would Śrīla Prabhupāda do. What would he say. I am not sure how much I can be effective, but will try using the intelligence he has given. Enthusiasm, determination, patience. One must even give up the personal desire to be Kṛṣṇa conscious and only act for others' benefit. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 13; St. Louis

Interesting day, many opportunities to preach and be with different people. One thing that is outstanding in mind is the need to emphasize self-development in our day to day activities. That is, one must always consciously and seriously pursue the proper attitude of devotion. To always try to think of Kṛṣṇa in a proper mood with devotion and a mood of surrender. Tonight we spoke to 6 Indian college students, 3 men, 3 women, at Washington University. They seemed interested, asked good questions and were very respectful. By helping make the Indians, especially young upcoming professionals, Kṛṣṇa conscious, they will be in a good position to influence many others. St. Louis is providing me ample opportunities for preaching, along with needed time for other services. We humbly offer our obeisances to His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda for inspiring us to preach on his behalf. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 14; St. Louis

Trying to remember You, dear Kṛṣṇa, amidst the various activities of preaching and serving. What is our success in this endeavor? To serve You and remember You with full mind and heart. Please, be merciful unto this proud soul, allow him to serve You in the mood of showing mercy to the fallen conditioned souls. What can I give them? Perhaps nothing more than an opportunity to remember

You. Your Name, Forms, Pastimes and Qualities are our objects of remembrance. What else has any value? Only ridding ourselves of the desire for everything outside of these activities. Śrīla Prabhupāda, you are the ocean of mercy and are reaching more and more lost souls. We take full shelter at your lotus feet as your instruments for spreading your mercy. May we increase in determination. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 15; St. Louis

The great Christian saint John of the Cross speaks about a stage where the soul seems completely on its own. Although he is serving and expressing his love and devotion, still the Lord remains hidden. It is called “dark night of the soul”. He gives the example: as when one switches on a light in a dark room, the immediate effect is that the light blinds the person and he is unable to see even though there is much light. As we continue to struggle to reach the conditioned souls, we sometimes wonder how to be most effective, as there appears to be little or no result. Anyway, we hope someone will benefit from our message and take to Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Otherwise, what is the value of our endeavors if nothing changes. But Śrīla Prabhupāda was always very intelligent to use time and energy in a most effective manner. By his mercy, may we develop the same determination and discrimination. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 16; St. Louis – Chicago

My service seems to have increased in the recent weeks. Reading time is whenever I get on an airplane or not at all. Spiritual life executed properly means allowance for both *sādhana* and service. It is easy to become overly absorbed in service and neglect the *sādhana* side of service. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is the proper medium for allowing both to grow equally. Hare Kṛṣṇa. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

August 17; Chicago – New Orleans

I was happy to see the devotion of Mother Sarva Laksmi Mayi. Twenty years of reading and studying of Śrīla Prabhupāda’s books has produced a very deep devotional sentiment. I hope and pray that being out of jail doesn't bring her away from her strong commitment. Māyā is very, very strong and without a healthy fear of Māyā one will easily be drown into her arena. All glories to A.C. Bhaktivedanta Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 18; New Orleans – Chicago

Temples in America are sincerely, seriously lacking enlightened leadership. Perhaps it is their own doing, having been over the years not responsive or appreciative enough of the leadership that once was available and that has now found fertile ground for preaching in other areas of the world. How to bring leadership back to America will probably have to be initiated by the GBC,

otherwise I don't think it will happen just because the need is there, as the need for preaching Lord Caitanya's philosophy is a need anywhere one goes. I have no real practical plan, only that something should be instituted in order to bring America's temples and farm projects up to level of viability to fulfill the standards of His Divine Grace. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 19; Chicago

Tomorrow is the most holy and auspicious occasion of the anniversary celebration of the Divine Appearance of Kṛṣṇa, the Supreme Personality of Godhead –Janmāṣṭamī. May Śrīla Prabhupāda bestow his special mercy so that we may fully honor and participate in this grand celebration. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 20; Chicago – Śrī Kṛṣṇa Janmāṣṭamī

Today I was able to easily chant 32 rounds, more would have been nice, but I found other needed services. The Lord is appearing. Are we able to welcome Him into our hearts? The 6 *anarthas* always plague the living entity. By the sweetly divine mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda, we continue on. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 21; Chicago – Śrīla Prabhupāda's Vyāsa-pūjā

Tomorrow I leave for London, a 2 ½ month trip around Europe. I look forward to the opportunity to once again be more directly preaching and associating with devotees in that mood. In Kṛṣṇa consciousness, the mood of service is the mood to aspire for at every moment. So whatever is necessary we are willing to perform, yet there is a longing for time to focus on reading, chanting and preaching. Let's see what Śrīla Prabhupāda and Kṛṣṇa arrange. His Divine Grace appeared on this day to inspire us to surrender more and more and to serve the Lord in loving spontaneous service. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, the greatest prabhu of all the prabhus. Śrīla Prabhupāda, we look forward to hearing and chanting your pastimes and glories. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 22; Chicago – London/BV Manor

The trip here marks the beginning of some intensive travels and a chance to preach more and more. My humble prayer is: "Lord, please, give me Your mercy in the form of the intelligence to surrender to each situation in the mood of service to the Vaiṣṇavas and the spreading of Kṛṣṇa consciousness." Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, your mercy is all we are made of. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 23; London/BV Manor

Time is Kṛṣṇa and for a devotee time works to bring him closer and closer as he remains fixed in his service. But also the devotee is thinking that time is bringing him closer to the termination of this body and he wants to use each moment in the Lord's service. Wasting time is like throwing away the most valuable, precious gift, because he values each moment to serve the Lord. It

becomes painful when time is wasted. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, help me to come to this platform of always being absorbed in Kṛṣṇa's service by always remembering the sweet lotus feet of Śrī Śrī Kīśor Kīśorī. Hare Kṛṣṇa. All glories to Kṛṣṇa in His multiple forms.

August 24; London/BV Manor

The special association of Śrīla Bhakti Charu Swami made up most of the day as we and Radha Ramana Swami from Vṛndāvana toured the Janmāṣṭamī festival ground. All glories to the great Vaiṣṇavas.

August 25; London/Soho St.

All glories to Śrī Śrī Rādhā Londonīśvara, Śrī Śrī Jagannātha, Baladeva and Subhadrā. May Their lotus feet be the object of my vision as I traverse the continent of Europe. Tomorrow we move on to Croatia trying to serve the mission of Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu by bringing souls closer to His lotus feet. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, whose unlimited glories are deep and profound like the Kāraṇa Ocean. If we can bring just one conditioned soul back to Godhead, then that alone is worth all our endeavors, austerity, *japa* and everything else that was used to serve the mission of Lord Gaurāṅga.

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare*

Śrī Kṛṣṇa saṅkīrtanam ki jaya.

August 26; London – Croatian Camp/Rijeka

Another opportunity to offer some service to the assembly of Vaiṣṇavas. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, I feel very unqualified and somewhat unprepared to give these talks on Guru-disciple relationship, but if you empower me to act on your behalf, then perhaps I can offer some meaningful service to you and the Lord and to the assembly of Vaiṣṇavas. Please help. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 27; Croatian Camp/Rijeka

The programs are nicely organized and very powerful. The devotees are enthusiastic, friendly, eager for knowledge and kīrtan. I want to be able to serve the Vaiṣṇavas more and more. Their mercy is the foundation for all success and bliss. Each day, each moment is an opportunity to surrender and to serve. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, never let me leave the shelter of your lotus feet and help me overcome all my ignorance in your service. *Sādhū-saṅga sādhū-saṅga sarva-śāstre kaya lava-mātra sādhū-saṅge sarva-siddhi haya.* Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 28; Croatian Camp/Rijeka

Much interaction with devotees today, wonderful opportunities for service and learning. My only thought at this moment is I wish I could be more Kṛṣṇa conscious and more caring and concerned for the devotees. Tomorrow I will get

another chance to serve more and perhaps more effectively. I am trying to give myself more, but due to many desires and misconceptions it always falls short of what would really be pleasing to Kṛṣṇa and Śrīla Prabhupāda. Give more and more and always remember Kṛṣṇa. Kṛṣṇa, may Your sweet lotus feet be more and more implanted on the memory bank of my mind. I have hope. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 29; Croatian Camp/Rijeka

Devotees here are very enthusiastic, quite simple and very sweet. A band called Nam Ras from Slovenia performed very professionally, devotionally. This Camp is a nice opportunity for devotees to dive deeply into hearing and chanting and associating. We want to be a powerful part of Lord Caitanya's *saṅkīrtana* movement and assist in any and every way possible. Is it my service to continue to do what I am doing? Or should I embark on starting and developing a preaching project? I just want to be more and more of an instrument in the hands of Śrīla Prabhupāda and the previous *ācāryas*. Please, guide me, Lord, so I can offer more of myself in an effective way. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 30; Croatian Camp/Rijeka

There is much to record here in Rijeka. Probably the most outstanding feature in the Camp is the simple, humble, respectful attitude of the devotees. It is most pleasing, actually I could really say much on this, but due to being a little overly effected by the *māyic* energy, I lack deep appreciation and realization. Hare Kṛṣṇa. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

August 31; Croatian Camp/Rijeka – Slovenia/Ljubljana

All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu, Śrī Nityānanda Rāma, Śrī Advaita Gosāi, Śrīla Gadādhara Paṇḍita and Śrīvāsa Ṭhākura. Their words and life example are my method of devotion. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. May I check in at his lotus feet regularly. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 1; Slovenia/Ljubljana – Croatia/Zagreb

– Appearance of Lalitā Sakhī and Sītā Ṭhākuraṇī

A full day of preaching. Starting to feel a little of the fire of absorbed preaching. It is refreshing, yet extremely challenging, with much to be concerned with. By your grace, Śrīla Prabhupāda, I am receiving competent and committed assistance, which allows me to do my service; otherwise it would be impossible. All glories to you! Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 2; Croatia/Zagreb

Kṛṣṇa, help! Please give me the intelligence to always remember You and in that the remembrance of how best to serve Your devotees and others. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, whose greatness is always being revealed more and more. May his mercy carry me successfully through the services in Italy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 3; Croatia/Zagreb – Italy/Prabhupādadesh – Śrī Rādhāṣṭamī

Plagued by tiredness, weakness, sickness and headache due to 6 hours of travel. During the evening kirtan, I was thinking how I received the opportunity to offer some insignificant service despite all these difficulties. By the mercy of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, we were able to speak on Her glories for about 3 ½ hour. Although we desire a healthy life in devotional service, it is not always possible. More important is the chance to render devotional service, despite what else may be tempting. All glories to the lotus feet of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, Rādhē Syām!

September 4; Italy/Prabhupādadesh

Slowly but steadily regaining my health, as yesterday I reached a point of great concern. Being here only one day has been both materially and spiritually favorable. I can see how fragile I can become when traveling. Constant change is proven to be a real challenge. Anyway, I am here for 4 full days, perhaps long enough to feel a sense of routine. After that, it is on to Milano, Villa Villaggio, for 2 solid weeks. This is the first time that I have received an instruction directly from the GBC. My mind is reflecting on developing the proper mood and attitude. I hope I can make a difference. What is the use of going and getting no results. Anyway, the results may come long term, but I need to pray more and more to understand how to act and react when inevitably circumstances will warrant speaking out. I have to be careful on speaking out and avoid any provoking circumstances. Anyway, with the service comes the empowerment. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, help me to serve you and your servants properly and effectively. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 5; Italy/Prabhupādadesh

I arrived here this same day last year. Today is one older devotee's birthday, Dina Dyadri Prabhu. He is 74 today. Nice association, and the devotees seem to be appreciating my *Śrī Śikṣāṣṭaka* seminar. The Deities, 2 sets of Śrī Śrī Gaura Nitāi are unbelievably attractive and merciful. And due to the association of HH Radhanath Swami, there is a very simple friendly atmosphere. Let's see what I can offer in the service of such devotees. I pray only for that desire. Śrīla Prabhupāda ki jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 6; Italy/Prabhupādadesh

Changes, traveling, diets, situations, environments, and overall stamina. Today I got the realization how really difficult it is to do this service of traveling and preaching. It is a great hardship. But I must and will continue, as it is our desired service to Śrīla Prabhupāda and to Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu. We may try to think of ways to make it easier, but this is all incidental. We can try to use our intelligence, but in every situation we have to depend fully on Kṛṣṇa and His mercy. That is our real and only means of continuing. Thank you, Śrīla

Prabhupāda, for the opportunity to try to offer some insignificant service. All glories to you! Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 7; Italy/Prabhupādadesh

– Vamana’s Appearance Day/Jīva Gosvāmī Appearance Day

Tonight’s evening kirtan was quite amazing, as many guests and devotees danced enthusiastically, both men and women. Tomorrow it is off to Villaggio-Hare Kṛṣṇa assignment – perhaps I can be of some help. Not perhaps, I really want to offer some significant contribution to increase the overall Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, I pray fervently to you to allow me to be a perfect instrument in your hands. My great desire is to please you and your servants. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 8; Italy/Prabhupādadesh – Milano/Villaggio-Hare Kṛṣṇa

I have arrived for my mission given to me by the GBC. My Lord Śrī Śrī Rādhā Ramaṇa Deva, please make me a perfect instrument in Your two beautiful lotus hands. Rādhā, O Lord of Kṛṣṇa, please, let me serve Your devotees. I am an outsider, You are bringing me here to become their servant, therefore I seek Your guidance and will only be happy when You are pleased with me. Śrīla Prabhupāda, your mission is to save the fallen souls in Kali-yuga; having the opportunity to assist you is a rare and great honor. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, give me the strength. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 9; Italy/Villaggio-Hare Kṛṣṇa

– Disappearance of Śrīla Haridāsa Ṭhākura

On this day last year, I took prasadam with HH Lokanath Swami here at the house of Vatsalya Prabhu. History repeated itself. Tomorrow begins my service here, as more responsibility will fall on me to preach and enliven devotees. One who is expected to enliven must be very enlivened. Dear Bhakti-devī, Your sweet mercy is our enlivenment and our only goal in life. On this day of the disappearance of Śrīla Haridāsa Ṭhākura, may he bless me with a great taste for the Holy Name and the eagerness to obtain it. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who is invested with the mercy of Śrīla Haridāsa Ṭhākura. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Śrī Śrī Rādhā Ramaṇa are most attractive.

September 10; Italy/Villaggio-Hare Kṛṣṇa

If somehow or other one can develop deep attraction and attachment for chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa, then all success is achieved. Kṛṣṇa is merciful and His Supreme mercy is available through offenseless chanting of His holy names.

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare*

September 11; Italy/Villaggio-Hare Kṛṣṇa

Today I increased my reading significantly and even read the newspaper, since it is two years today that the terrorists blasted down the Twin Towers. My realization while reading is that material mundane life is fraught with so many difficulties and is totally insane. Kṛṣṇa consciousness life has meaning, depth and real and lasting pleasure. I feel sorry for the materialists. Their lives have little meaning and no hope. Prabhupāda loved everyone and felt intense compassion for those suffering souls. He said: “Try to help them.” But I am so incapable, stuck in a routine pattern. I can only pray to be able to become a better instrument for Śrīla Prabhupāda’s compassion. This is sorely wanted and desperately needed. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 12; Italy/Villaggio-Hare Kṛṣṇa

Man proposes – God disposes. I was supposed to give the second session of my seminar, but instead wound up on Montecanto, high in the Italian skies, with a group of 10 devotees, narrating Hanumān pastimes. I am trying to keep my focus on *vaiṣṇava-sevā*, knowing it is the essence of Kṛṣṇa conscious activity. Serve the Vaiṣṇavas. When? Whenever it is convenient and easy. No! As the mode of continuous service, even if hard and a great sacrifice; it is needed in ISKCON in order for our society to get out of its institutionalism. Also it is the way to Kṛṣṇa’s heart. Love me, love my dog. Śrīla Prabhupāda, your mercy through remembering you carries us through all difficulties and obstacles, and gives the strength to push on. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 13; Italy/Villaggio-Hare Kṛṣṇa

Try to enliven the devotees. Easier said! My mission is to try and create an atmosphere that will bring devotees together to happily and eagerly chant, dance, take *prasādam* and find friendly relationships. Be careful not to get into the politics, but keep an open door and a sympathetic heart. I can only pray that I am able to take Kṛṣṇa’s guidance and intelligently execute my service. Actually my service is to become Kṛṣṇa conscious through the process given by Lord Caitanya and thereby be able to inspire others. By the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda, a blind man can see the stars, a lame man can climb mountains, and a dumb man can recite beautiful poetry. With your mercy, Śrīla Prabhupāda, anything that is desirable is achievable. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 14; Italy/Villaggio-Hare Kṛṣṇa

The solution to all problems is to hear and chant the glories of the Lord and His pure devotee in the association of other devotees. We preach to the non-devotees: “If you just chant Hare Kṛṣṇa and read our philosophy, your life will become sublime.” So the same remedy applies to us. The only difference is we need to understand that it will work by increasing the medicine more and more. Enthusiasm, determination, patience, hearing, chanting the Lord’s glories,

associating with devotees, avoiding non-devotee association and following the process as given by Śrīla Prabhupāda and the previous *ācāryas*. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtana*. Nothing else is needed. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 15; Italy/Villaggio-Hare Kṛṣṇa

A lot to say, but sleepiness is overcoming me. HH Bhakti Charu Swami arrived today. Together we ate lunch at Madhusevita Prabhu's house. A very nice conversation which helped me to see things more clearly. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 16; Italy/Villaggio-Hare Kṛṣṇa

Thank You, Kṛṣṇa and Śrīla Prabhupāda, for providing me so many wonderful opportunities for service and association. The nectar keeps flowing due to Your unlimited mercy. I pray I don't become puffed up and think I deserve it. I am quite foolish and my foolishness is that I think I am okay and Kṛṣṇa conscious. Please, keep me at the lotus feet of Your devotees, eager to read Your books and sing Your glories. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 17; Italy/Villaggio-Hare Kṛṣṇa

The anniversary of Śrīla Prabhupāda's arrival in the US. A very auspicious occasion, second only to his Appearance Day. Keeping or putting Śrīla Prabhupāda in the forefront of everything we do or say is the direction everyone in this movement can accept. Practically applied, it means to focus our attention away from oneself and towards Śrīla Prabhupāda's desire and instructions. HH Bhakti Charu Maharaj was helping all of us focus on that mood today as we glorified Śrīla Prabhupāda in a wonderful ceremony. All glories to the devotees of Śrīla Prabhupāda who have sacrificed everything to fulfill the desire of Śrīla Prabhupāda to spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness all over the world. We pray to become like them. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 18; Italy/Villaggio-Hare Kṛṣṇa

Attention and personal service is given, but if we think that this is success, then we become fallen. We accept service in order to give service. Service is the means and the end. We, living entities, cannot be anything other than servants. All other roles are based on the false conception that "I am the enjoyer." We can either be a good or less than good servant, but only a servant. Śrīla Prabhupāda is our voice of service ever calling us to improve and increase the agony of wanting to advance. Let us try! Get out of the lazy easy going mode and focus more on remembering Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 19; Italy/Villaggio-Hare Kṛṣṇa

What does it feel like to be old? I can still dance; perhaps this keeps me feeling young. In fact, I can even outdance many younger devotees. Dancing has always been a great and beautiful part of Kṛṣṇa consciousness for me. I can't see myself

not being able to dance. But age moves on and the body actually never gets better. Many of us traveling preachers don't want to think about not being able to serve. We all want to be like Śrīla Prabhupāda in this sense of having great amounts of energy to accomplish our service right up to the end. But reality seems to be different, as the body and mind don't necessarily agree. I hope I can continue at least at a pace where I don't have to stop, but always keep serving with full determination and feeling the mercy of spiritual master's strength eternally. Śrīla Prabhupāda, you are our example in everything we endeavor to do. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 20; Italy/Villaggio-Hare Kṛṣṇa

ISKCON, you are my everything. You are Śrīla Prabhupāda's transcendental body. As sons, we inherit the property of the father, and along with it all the concerns in maintaining and expanding it. We don't mind knowing whatever pleases you and serves your devotees – we are willing to take that on happily. But we are not you and cannot always solve all the Society's problems, however we can become Kṛṣṇa conscious and give it to others. That much we are obligated to perform. I pray I can become a better servant of the devotees and always see the good qualities of others, especially those who are senior and dedicated to your mission. Tomorrow we move on; I hope I can increase my enthusiasm and intelligently be able to effectively assist in improving the lives of others. Śrīla Prabhupāda is our wealth, life and reason for existence. All glories to His Divine Grace. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 22; Italy/Villa Vrndaban – Rome – Ekādaśī

Missed yesterday's entry. Ekādaśī – chanted 32 rounds. Quality was not up to standard. One must chant attentively; traveling and inconveniences are no excuse not to. In and out of Villa Vrndaban. I would have liked to stay longer, but my schedule doesn't allow it. Without the kind mercy and assistance of Ramacandra Prabhu and his excellent wife Damodara Priya, services would be much more trying. I'm searching for reading time. I just have to squeeze it in. Praying for the opportunity to absorb myself in scripture. Feeling a little weak, the only hope is the Holy Name and Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 23; Italy/Rome

Such a decadent place. Śrīla Prabhupāda placed his lotus feet here and since then it has meaning. The glory of Rome is its spirituality, and it was revived in a grand way when Kṛṣṇa's pure servant, Śrīla Prabhupāda came. What Christianity was for the world in the past, Kṛṣṇa consciousness will be now and in future generations. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. He has saved us all. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 24; Italy/Rome – Germany/Heidleberg

My arrival in Germany was welcomed by the leading preacher in Germany and perhaps Europe, His Holiness Sacinandana Maharaj. This is surely auspicious; perhaps it will mark the success of my visit. The mercy of the great souls is special and it is good fortune which we hanker for. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, we see it coming from you. My prayer is a desire to renew enthusiasm in preaching and serving others. Enthusiasm crushes *anarthas* and brings one to his rightful position. Śrīla Prabhupāda ki jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 25; Germany/Heidleberg

Śrīla Prabhupāda said: “The problem with you Western devotees is you don't have a healthy fear of Māyā.” We take Māyā too lightly. Māyā can easily charm those who put their guard down. We must never ever consider ourselves safe from the attraction of Māyā, especially powerful in attraction for the opposite sex. Europe has been an area of the world where some big ISKCON leaders fell down. You don't usually fall down in India, although you can. The European charm is strong due to the cultural sophistication, which is mostly absent in America. Americans are crude generally, wherein Europeans are more controlled and cultured. Thereby one can become enticed by the niceties of the people and their behavior. Anyway, Māyā is Māyā and she has many faces. Keep your face, eyes and mind fixed on Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet and play the echo of Śrīla Prabhupāda's instructions over and over. There's nothing in this place, it's all just a grand illusion, a show. Kṛṣṇa is everything and He is all we ever want. Never forget it! Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 26; Germany/Heidleberg

Harinam in public, sitting in one place. Some people came to give a donation. We distributed sweets. The children liked us and a few others, but mostly stone-faced people. What could they be happy about? Their lives are mostly sense gratification and materialistic activities. Hearing the Holy Name is auspicious. I was enlivened, it's better than sitting in front of an un-cooperative computer. It's my service or at least it has become my service. I am rather out preaching and spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness. It is what it is all about – meeting people and spreading the glories of the Holy Name. Śrīla Prabhupāda spread a worldwide movement without a computer. What is my future? Praying it's pleasing to Kṛṣṇa – at every moment. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 27; Germany/Heidleberg

Māyā can wear one out wherein one loses the ability and even the desire to fight. Then one is in a very dangerous situation. Don't try to be a hero, do what you can. Preach, but have sufficient time to chant nicely and read and get enough rest. Stay strong for your service, go the route. It is an ongoing fight, you cannot become a hero, just remain steady in the path and constantly pray for the mercy

and shelter of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, I know you are helping me, but I need the intelligence to be able to access your mercy more and more. Please, help. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 28; Germany/Heidleberg

The association of great souls is always a great source of happiness and inspiration. Thank you, Sacinandana Maharaj, you are a perfect gentleman, the example of what Śrīla Prabhupāda wanted us to be. May we meet from time to time in our service. All glories to your service to Śrīla Prabhupāda. When I am with you, I always learn something valuable. Please, accept my humble obeisances. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 29; Germany/Heidleberg – Nṛsiṁha Kṣetra

My prayer was answered as Lord Nṛsiṁhadeva brought this useless person to His lotus feet on my first visit to Nṛsiṁha Kṣetra, Germany. Although it was my birthday, no one here knew, it remained a secret. To me it was like any other day in that respect, but the Lord gave me the gift of His special *darśana* as He held His pure devotee Prahāda on His transcendental body. *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* class was well attended as there were many pastimes. This process of hearing and chanting the glories of the Lord is so wonderful and completely fulfilling. That's what I want to always do. Perhaps some day in the future, far future, wherein all my traveling will end as I place my entire being in full loving service and surrender at the sweet lotus feet of my Lord, Śrī Kṛṣṇa. As Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura prays: "O when, O when will that day be mine." That can also mean serving the Lord somewhere in the material world in full surrender and full devotion 24 hours. O Lord, thank You for giving me Your special *darśana* on this day, my birthday. The greatest gift is You and service to Your devotees. Śrīla Prabhupāda has brought You to us. Thank You. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 30; Germany/Nṛsiṁha Kṣetra – Heidelber

How can I properly reciprocate the loving appreciation that is being shown to me? Especially when it is coming from souls who are in female bodies. Perhaps I can just leave it as it is or else say something concise or try to reciprocate in some way. Devotees have the quality of seeing the good qualities of others, even if there is none or very, very little. I am fallen; upon honest self inspection I can see that I have many bad qualities and my mind is still very much personally motivated. But I do have hope that Lord Nityānanda and Lord Caitanya through Śrīla Prabhupāda are picking me up and giving me many more chances for service, and for this I am grateful. But I have a selfish desire that perpetually remains unfilled, that is to read and study Śrīla Prabhupāda's books more and to dive deeply into the unfathomable ocean of transcendental knowledge left by Śrīla Prabhupāda and previous *ācāryas*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 1; Germany/Heidleberg – Spain/Madrid

Śrīla Prabhupāda stated: “We must take a risk for Kṛṣṇa, but not to the extent it may hamper our Kṛṣṇa consciousness temperament.” So the question occasionally arises how much I can do in traveling and preaching with very little assistance. When we see what Śrīla Prabhupāda did, we can only become overwhelmed with amazement and appreciation. But we should not compare our strength with Śrīla Prabhupāda. This is his mission and his commission by Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu directly. We can hope to take a small chunk of that austerity and offer some tiny results. Anyway, Kṛṣṇa has given me an assignment that allows me to get into a routine I need to work on. Faced with the same decision of many of my god-brothers *sannyāsīs* – slow down, stay longer. It is not a matter of the physical only, it is a matter of keeping spiritually strong. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, I want to serve your mission, but I want to know my limit; perhaps I need just to surrender more. Praying for you to guide me has always helped me to understand the direction of your guidance and to remember Kṛṣṇa more. Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu ki jay. All glories to Nimāi-Nitāi. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 2; Spain/New Vraja Mandala

I am fortunate to be able to practice what I preach: “Read *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*.” A good hour of reading and the mind becomes refreshed and the awareness of Kṛṣṇa’s mercy is felt. Somehow I was able to accomplish a few needed services, due to the use of the telephone. Although more expensive than computer e-mail, it is more personal and more reliable. I seem to have some negative computer karma, therefore I will have to be more careful in its use. Anyway, one can live without computers, but not without Kṛṣṇa and His mercy. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. We are learning each day of his glories, they are endless and truly extraordinary. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 3; Spain/New Vraja Mandala

This place is ideal for the implementation of Śrīla Prabhupāda’s desire for self-sufficient rural communities. The infrastructure is well established and the environment is such that everything needed for development and fulfillment of all of one’s needs individually and collectively is easily available. The only thing lacking is the desire to do it. One man, perhaps two, are serious. Maybe a collapse of the present materialistic societies is required in order for the devotee communities to begin *varṇāśrama*. Perhaps I can assist in raising the consciousness, let’s see which way Kṛṣṇa points me. It will be a difficult seminar. But by the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda and some advice from Samba Prabhu and my own research, perhaps something interesting will manifest. Today I walked through the hills, so quiet – peaceful sounds of nature set against the background of Kṛṣṇa’s art. Mother nature is reflecting Father’s

creativity and His presence. Something becomes beautiful when it is seen in relation to something beautiful. Kṛṣṇa is that Beauty. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 4; Spain/New Vraja Mandala – Madrid – Rāma Vijayotsava

Kṛṣṇa is so kind that He helps us in every way. Today when I chanted my daily *Śikṣāṣṭaka* prayers, I, apparently inadvertently, omitted “*amāninā*” in the 3rd verse – not wanting respect for oneself. So this is what I have to work on. Absorbed in the intensity of preaching, it is easy to fall into the mode of expectations. Perhaps it is for Kṛṣṇa, or maybe not. It is a subtle point and one must always be conscious to practice the qualities of a devotee, especially these qualities mentioned in *Śrī Śikṣāṣṭaka* #3. The day proved to be a series of reminders. Anyway, it is nice to know what one has to work on. Śrīla Prabhupāda is always watching over us, and for one who is a little introspective, his presence is apparent. I end by praying for the desire to become free from pride due to falsely taking credit and expecting service. All glories to Kṛṣṇa’s holy name. Jay Śrī Rāma. Thank You, Lord Rāmacandra, for allowing me the service of speaking Your glories both morning and evening. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 5; Spain/Madrid – Ekādaśī

This city is a bastion of sense gratification providing various allurements meant to attract one to the bodies of the opposite sex. Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu has expressed the truth about materialistic persons and sense gratification. They are like worms and maggots who enjoy foul smelling feces of various kinds. A pit of misery accepted as enjoyment. Only one with transcendental vision or the special mercy of Mahāprabhu can fully accept and understand that statement. Therefore we pray to be delivered from the slightest attraction to such allurements and to be absorbed in Kṛṣṇa’s holy name and His holy service. What Śrīla Prabhupāda gave and is still giving is unimaginable even to the devotee. A chance to enter into Vṛndāvana Dhāma, the highest abode of spiritually perfected reality. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who is an embodiment of the full mercy of those transcendental Brothers: Nītāi-Gaurāṅga. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 6; Spain/Madrid – New Vraja Mandala

– Disappearance Day of Raghunātha Dāsa Gosvāmī, Raghunātha Bhaṭṭa Gosvāmī and Kṛṣṇadāsa Kavirāja Gosvāmī

We have to keep reminding ourselves that real spiritual life means to be situated in a mode of giving. The “take mentality” will always bring dissatisfaction and unrest. We take to give, but always in the mood of giving. Today I honestly cried out to Śrīla Prabhupāda: “Please help me!” as I want to give more, but at times I am affected by a type of laziness. Please, keep me in the corner of your lotus feet always begging for your mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 7; Spain/New Vraja Mandala

Seminar, discussion on self-sufficiency. Many realizations of how essential it is. An important direction for our society: “Simple Living High Thinking.” This farm is ideal, but like with mostly every farm in the movement, little is being done. Perhaps our time hasn't come. But it is clearly the direction Śrīla Prabhupāda gave. Most probably it will accelerate when materialistic society becomes impossible to be a part of. But that is foolish, why be forced, especially when everything is clear. It is a matter of priority. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 8; Spain/New Vraja Mandala

Tomorrow begins Kārtika – Rādhārāṇī's month. Thinking about what I can take on or give up. Perhaps some thought will come. I have an idea, but I don't want any type of austerity that will decrease my service. Anyway, I should be doing more. May Śrīla Prabhupāda bless the devotees here with the desire to develop *varṇāśrama*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 9; Spain/New Vraja Mandala – Malaga

Śrīla Prabhupāda said spiritual life is like shaving with a razor – a little inattention and there is blood. Māyā is waiting for us to let down our guard or to be a little careless or carefree, and then she gradually sneaks in. This life is precious and Kṛṣṇa consciousness is also very, very precious, a most valuable jewel, an unbelievable gift and an unbelievable chance to reach the highest perfection of existence. To awaken one's ecstatic love for Lord Kṛṣṇa, we have to protect it, nourish it, cherish it and be strong enough in order to give it to others. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, being here I am in a vulnerable situation. Māyā has got many advantages, and the main one is I virtually have no male association. Please, protect me from Māyā and give me the intelligence how to properly act. As you told Sudama Prabhu, that when you are gone you continue to instruct the disciple through others. Help me to hear your words. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 10; Spain/Malaga

Practically only association is women. In these days, ISKCON temples, at least here in Spain, are mostly frequented by ladies. Fortunately I have enough service to keep me absorbed, but without some strong association it is hard to be always enthusiastic. Kṛṣṇa, help, Lord Caitanya, help. Lord Nityānanda, You are mercy personified, please, give me the shade of Your lotus feet. Śrīla Prabhupāda, give me clear intelligence. All glories to the Holy Name, our only shelter. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 11; Spain/Malaga

No inspiration, no thoughts. Devotees in Spain have had a hard history, 2 gurus down. Śrīla Prabhupāda never set his lotus feet on this land. I am preaching self-sufficiency, rural life, community developing. It's Śrīla Prabhupāda's

instructions, yet it seems so far away from actually happening. Going back to the land will perhaps occur only when we are forced. Mostly our temples seem to have very little going on – we're stuck. What will it take before we undergo some serious change? Only Kṛṣṇa and Śrīla Prabhupāda know. Certainly it takes selfless leadership. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 12; Spain/Malaga

My only feeling at this moment is to call out to You, my dear Lord, for Your special loving mercy to pick me up and keep me always at Your lotus feet. Talks of You are so attractive to the heart and mind, but often I find myself talking with persons who are very bitter, critical and have a lot of ideas but no clear understanding. Anyway, I want to help, but perhaps there is a more Kṛṣṇa conscious way. When the light comes, the darkness goes. When we chant and hear Your glorious pastimes, time is no longer a relevant factor. It becomes eternity. Your mercy are Your transcendental Name, Form, Qualities and Pastimes. May that be my constant meditation. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 13; Spain/Malaga – Italy/Milano – Villa Villaggio-Hare Kṛṣṇa

It's all about Kṛṣṇa. The travel, the austerity, the constant change. Meeting different devotees, speaking on different situations, listening to different types of problems, eating different devotees' cookings, sleeping in different situations, on the floor, in beds, warmth, cold. The sadness of seeing how others are suffering, struggling, the happiness that comes with the successful spreading of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. It is all for the One sweet lovable Supreme Lord of all, Śrī Kṛṣṇa. May we always remember why and for whom. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who has given us such a rare opportunity to serve and someday meet the best of all Persons. All glories to his lotus feet. May my mind never deviate from them. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 14; Italy/Villa Villaggio-Hare Kṛṣṇa

Humility attracts the attention and mercy of the Lord, and when we feel the presence of Kṛṣṇa, then we are happy and satisfied. We are asked to be able to surrender everything in the service of the Lord and to “catch the rhino.” But what does it mean to become humble in the real sense of the word? What does it mean to be empowered to preach and to be truly humble simultaneously? Well that is a rare achievement. As practice is the basis of successful action, so one has to practice to become humble, because that is the nature of the soul in its true relationship with Kṛṣṇa. *Trṇād api sunīcena taror iva sahiṣṇunā amāninā mānadena kīrtanīyaḥ sadā hariḥ.* All glories to those devotees of the Supreme Lord who are absorbed in this perfected mood of devotional service. My prayer is to become one of them, and then Śrīla Prabhupāda can be glorified by my service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 15; Italy/Villa Villaggio-Hare Kṛṣṇa

– Narottama dāsa Ṭhākura's Disappearance Day

Morning and evening class, we could have continued on. Glorifying great souls is the essence of *kṛṣṇa-katha*. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 16; Italy/Villa Villaggio-Hare Kṛṣṇa

I am glad the devotees chose the “*japa* workshop” seminar. It is so refreshing to again come in contact with the glories of Kṛṣṇa's name. It puts everything in proper perspective. Perhaps I can learn a way to improve the presentation. Lately I am feeling the pressure of Māyā. Perhaps it is due to poor *japa* or laziness. Anyway, we always need to be enthusiastically engaged in service. Not in a humdrum, mechanical, lackadaisical manner, but in the mood of life or death, eager for victory. Today is the Disappearance Day of Tribhuvanath Prabhu. He undoubtedly lived that mood of intense service. That is a special gift and must be constantly cultivated. Be careful not to be effected by laziness or those who are without firm faith. My only desire is to have my consciousness purified by the words emanating from his lotus mouth. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 17; Italy/Villa Villaggio-Hare Kṛṣṇa

It is understood that one should be making regular progress as one continues executing the process of Bhakti. Not me. I am still swimming on the surface, not at all able to dive deep into the nectar of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. I could perhaps say it is because I don't have association of advanced Vaiṣṇavas. But that isn't the entire reason. Association comes and goes and yet I remain a surface swimmer. Perhaps I still carry that enjoying mood in my service. That surely is an obstacle. One has to enter deep into the spirit of Bhakti by carefully executing the process with full determination and a willingness to accept hardships happily. Easy life creates a mood of enjoyment which is very dangerous. Therefore accept comfort in the spirit of renunciation and keep your heart close to the words of Śrīla Prabhupāda. The meditation on his instructions is the means to dive deeper into that ocean of devotion and swim. Become more serious and more diligent in using time. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 18; Italy/Villa Villaggio-Hare Kṛṣṇa – Bahulaṣṭamī/Rādhā-kuṇḍa

Today we celebrated Bahulaṣṭamī, the Appearance Day of Rādhā-kuṇḍa and on the local level the Disappearance Day of Sumaka Maharaj. Although, due to language, I wasn't able to follow completely, still we were able to develop some knowledge and appreciation of this fortunate soul. Śrīla Prabhupāda has created so many great devotees and they are creating others yet after 25 years of His Divine Grace departure. We are gradually learning drop by drop the infinite glories and position of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Perhaps some day I will be able to serve with greater enthusiasm and devotion. O when, O when will that day be

mine: “Offenses ceasing, taste for the Name increasing.” Hopefully it will come before I leave the body. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 19; Italy/Villa Villaggio-Hare Kṛṣṇa – Switzerland/Zurich

The place where many people think they can find better material happiness. The living entity chases these phantasmagorias only to be defeated in the end. Dear Lord, I have endeavored to give up everything material and dive head first deep into Your sweet lotus feet by trying to go to the deepest part. I am told that service through preaching Your message to the fallen conditioned soul is the way. I find that these allurements of Māyā which we have struggled so hard to relinquish are being presented to us as means to increase our service. And now we are not attracted by them. But if somehow or other our attraction returns, then we are doomed. So dear Lord, as we are only trying our best to love You through our service, please, protect our love and do let it be diverted to the paraphernalia for Your service, we really want only You. Please, don't let me ever forget. Hare Kṛṣṇa. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

October 20; Switzerland/Zurich – Italy/Villa Villaggio-Hare Kṛṣṇa

Today we experienced Kṛṣṇa's powerful, majestic, profound, invigorating material energy. The pre-Alps of Switzerland. Kṛṣṇa explains in Gita: “With a single fragment of Myself I pervade and support this entire universe.” Lord Kṛṣṇa, without a doubt, is truly amazing, beyond the imagination of the greatest persons. Perhaps also equally wonderful is His devotee who accompanied me or rather guided me on today's nature hike. Sukadeva and his very kind, simple-hearted wife. The nature of their kindness is hard to describe. As they have asked me to offer a prayer for their four year-old son's upcoming heart operation, I take the opportunity: Dear Lord, if You so desire, please, make this operation a success and bestow Your mercy on this very wonderful family of devotees. And despite all this apparent success in spreading Your glories, please, always remember I am simply trying my best to become Your instrument. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, all credit rightly goes to you, for it is by the power of your pure devotion that anything successful is happening. May we always remember that and always keep you in our glorification. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Your mercy is all I am made of. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 21; Italy/Villa Villaggio-Hare Kṛṣṇa – Ekādaśī

32 rounds! Renewed my vow from last year. We need reasons in order to chant more. Kṛṣṇa is available through His name. What is so important that replaces our focus on Kṛṣṇa's name? Chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa needs to be talked about daily or we will grow weak. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy names. May we never forget. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 22; Italy/Villa Villaggio-Hare Kṛṣṇa

I humbly yet eagerly take shelter of the six Gosvāmīs of Vṛndāvana, namely Śrī Rūpa Gosvāmī, Śrī Sanātana Gosvāmī, Śrī Raghunātha dāsa Gosvāmī, Śrī Raghunātha Bhaṭṭa Gosvāmī, Śrī Jīva Gosvāmī and Śrī Gopāla Bhaṭṭa Gosvāmī. They are my very life, their example of renunciation is the highest expression of *prema*-Bhakti. All glories unto their lotus feet. And to the lotus feet of Śrīla Prabhupāda, who is providing the means to achieve their shelter. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 23; Italy/Villa Villaggio-Hare Kṛṣṇa

What can I write? At times I don't see anything that needs to be said. Perhaps this is Māyā. Anyway, the struggle to keep the devotees engaged, enlivened, continues. I really hope I am pleasing Śrīla Prabhupāda, that is my only desire. Śrīla Prabhupāda has granted my wish to offer something to his mission. I pray I am successful. Every one of these projects is important. Especially this one, because there are many devotees. My heartfelt prayer is to become a better instrument in the hands of Śrīla Prabhupāda and Śrī Śrī Rādhā Ramaṇājī and Their servants. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 24; Italy/Villa Villaggio-Hare Kṛṣṇa

Things became a lot clearer today by hearing and discussing. Hopefully Śrī Śrī Rādhā Ramaṇa will be pleased with our service and bestow additional mercy in order to bring the standard of devotion higher. Śrīla Prabhupāda is the embodiment of Lord Nityānanda's full mercy. As I stood before Lord Nityānanda today, I could feel His kind loving glance awakening my sleeping soul. *Nitāi-pada-kamala, koṭi-candra-suśītala, je chāyāy jagata jurāy*. All glories to His loving mercy to fallen souls like me. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 25; Italy/Villa Villaggio-Hare Kṛṣṇa

Kṛṣṇa stealing butter, Mākhan-cora, a very inconceivable sweet pastime. The Lord as a Butter Thief. Today, the Divali day is the anniversary celebration of the pastime of Kṛṣṇa stealing butter and being tied-up by His Mother. If I could only give up all material desires and sense gratification, then I could easily serve the Lord. But attachments are long in forming and long in diminishing. 1 ½ day left, then Milano till next year. Let's hope I can please the devotees more. Perhaps that is why Śrī Śrī Rādhā Ramaṇa is looking so pleased, it is all Their arrangement. I want to keep my desire strong. Service to the Vaiṣṇavas. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 26; Italy/Villa Villaggio-Hare Kṛṣṇa – Govardhana-pūjā

All glories to that sweet Boy of Vṛndāvana who gave unlimited pleasure to His devotees for a continuous week by holding up the umbrella of Govardhana Hill. He is known as Giridhārī, Govardhana-dhārī. Always trying to please His devotees saving them from the dangers of material existence. We take full

shelter at His lotus feet and humbly pray for His mercy, and the opportunity to serve Him and His devotees with a desire to please. By the Lord's mercy we got the opportunity to take part in this wonderful festival of chanting and dancing, along with sumptuous Kṛṣṇa *prasādam*. Tonight we were able to experience the mercy of the Lord in many wonderfully sweet ways. May we continue to work together keeping Kṛṣṇa in the center always. All glories to that most wonderfully transcendental person who made Kṛṣṇa's mercy available in such a wonderful way, Śrīla Prabhupāda ki jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 27; Italy/Villa Villaggio-Hare Kṛṣṇa – Prabhupādadesh

I offer my most humble and grateful obeisances to Śrī Śrī Rādhā Ramaṇa and Their devotees for the opportunity to render some small service and especially for the protection from Māyā that I strongly experienced by Their causeless mercy and kindness. Kṛṣṇa willing, I will return next year. Now another situation has arisen. May I continue to try to serve to the best of my ability and pray for Śrīla Prabhupāda's guidance and mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 28; Italy/Prabhupādadesh – Tirobhāva of Śrīla Prabhupāda

The Disappearance Day of the spiritual master is special for many reasons. One is that it helps us realize that we must constantly be evaluating our relationship with you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, and to see where and how to improve in our devotional service. Are we still attached to personal glory, facilities, sense gratification, followers, money, women. Then we must try to purify ourselves and kick out these *anarthas*. It is a day of going deeper and evaluating just how surrendered we are by taking an honest account. When the pressure is on, do we revert back to our previous ways. Can we become and remain transcendental in every and all situations. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, help us to see both our weaknesses and the means for overcoming them. Perhaps my weakness is that I am only dependent on you when it gets rough. That is illusion, as being here means working hard to get out. To please you is the focus of all our activities. We seek your mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 29; Italy/Prabhupādadesh

I clearly see that it is solely Your mercy that is keeping me preaching with morning and evening class every day for weeks. I want to thank You for giving me this opportunity to associate with and serve so many devotees, although occasionally I look forward to the end of the tour, actually the only end of the tour is my return to the spiritual world. All these other beginnings and endings are simply a variety of the same, that is, service to the Vaiṣṇavas and You. Please allow me the intelligence to live each moment in pure service to You, then each moment becomes eternity, an opportunity to reach perfection. One who is humble doesn't expect anything but the opportunity to serve. Everything becomes perfect in that mood as the essence is always fully available. All glories

to Śrīla Prabhupāda who lived to fulfill Lord Caitanya's desire to save us conditioned souls. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 30; Italy/Prabhupādadesh

The last two evenings, we offered a seminar on the six questions put before Sūta Gosvāmī by the sages gathered at Naimiṣāraṇya. Much more philosophical than everyday classes. I should do additional research to improve, yet I felt very satisfied and the devotees seem to appreciate. They will appreciate any endeavor. I would like to work more on writing and seminar development and some small computer work. Let's see what Kṛṣṇa arranges when I return to the familiar land of Chicago. Service to Śrī Śrī Kīśor Kīśorī, there is where life's meaning lies, at Their lotus feet, and at the lotus feet of His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 31; Italy/Prabhupādadesh – London/BV Manor

All glories to Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gokulānanda. I have taken shelter at Their lotus feet and will try to serve Their devotees. May Their blessings be readily available and appreciated. Śrīla Prabhupāda ki jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 1; London/BV Manor – Soho Street

Tonight, after reading memories of Śrīla Prabhupāda by his disciples, I am reflecting on my own situation and how I really didn't have any personal association with his Divine Grace. Perhaps reflecting back, if I had stayed in the city and city temples, it would have been different, no doubt, but somehow I chose to go to New Vrindaban. Is it wrong to reflect like this? At every moment we have our choice in which direction we will move. Are we totally independent in our choices? Of course not. Although feeling somewhat disappointed that I could have had more of Śrīla Prabhupāda's association. Perhaps I should try to seek that association from now on. I feel so incapable and unqualified, but let me try through service by cultivating a desire, a love, for his association. Śrīla Prabhupāda, a legend, a history so full with knowledge, devotion and Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa. All glories to my eternal spiritual master, father and friend, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Please, bring me closer to your lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 2; London/Soho Street – BV Manor

I have become somewhat loose. Taking *prasādam* is a service, a meditation, honoring the Lord's mercy. There is so much time available for speaking, but not during *prasādam*. Talking while eating will cause one to overeat or not feel satisfied when completed. Śrīla Prabhupāda would always honor his *prasādam* alone. All glories to Prasād. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 3; London/BV Manor – Chicago

Can I serve here to my full capacity? My prayer is not to be lazy or critical, but to seek the positive and try to expand it. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, I am traveling to many places, but I can't seem to remember Kṛṣṇa very much. Therefore, I humbly but eagerly beg for your divine mercy by placing me in a proper mood so I can serve nicely. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 4; Chicago

It is time to take rest. I cannot continue to fight the mind and body that wants and needs to rest. May Śrīla Prabhupāda help me to understand clearly how to become Kṛṣṇa conscious here in Chicago. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 5; Chicago

Kṛṣṇa's mercy is sweetly experienced through His devotees. The mercy of the devotees such as HH Radhanath Swami is truly great, as he's able to unite the devotees in service. Rādhe, Rādhe, Rādhe. Jay Śrī Kṛṣṇa!

November 6; Chicago

A difficult place by all means. But wherever there is the greatest need, there is the greatest mercy. Therefore Kṛṣṇa has come as Śrī Śrī Kīśor Kīśori. Jay Śrīla Prabhupāda! Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 7; Chicago

I am happy to have been able to do a little preaching this evening. A class from Ohio Wesleyan University in Indiana. Nice questions, and some of them danced during the *ārati* inspired by our devotee women. Preaching is our life, yet somehow I have lost some of the enthusiasm I had before arriving in Chicago. Anyway, I like the more meditative scheduled mood for a change, it also serves the need for other services. We must be attached to serving along with remembering Kṛṣṇa. Śrīla Prabhupāda has offered us so much, we must take it and then distribute it to others. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 8; Chicago

Harināma-saṅkīrtana is the way to access one's real happiness. May the society of ISKCON, the transcendental body of Śrīla Prabhupāda, be free from any deficiencies in its operation. May Śrīla Prabhupāda take full control. All glories to His Divine Grace. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 9; Chicago

The glories of *Bhagavad-gītā* are unlimited, as are the glories of the speaker of *Gītā*, Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa. I am drawn to read and study *Gītā*, Nectar of Devotion, etc. These basic scriptures are full of the essential principles of Bhakti. So much nectar and full of deep, deep meaning. All glories to the speaker of *Gītā* and the

author of *Bhagavad-gītā As It Is*. The test of its authenticity is rightly shown by how many persons have become Kṛṣṇa conscious. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 10; Chicago

Trying to catch up on back services and simultaneously maintain some quality *sādhana*. Perhaps I just have to dive into the service. Today some success was there. Tomorrow we will try to keep up the pace. By Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy nothing is impossible. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, strengthen my resolve and help me effectively surrender to my service. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 11; Chicago

Starting to catch up on back services, yet still a way to go. Anything we can accomplish is all the mercy of Kṛṣṇa coming through Śrīla Prabhupāda. Jay Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 12; Chicago

Some physical difficulties, swamped with service, struggling to remember You, trying to be humble and remembering that You are always with me. You are my everything and Your service is my life. Your devotees are my happiness and Your deity forms delight my heart. Your name is my ecstasy. Your loving shelter is my only aspiration. Your pure devotee is my light in this dark world. My hope is someday I will have only one consciousness: complete and perfect love for You eternally. When, O when will that day be mine. Ṭhākura Bhaktivinoda offers the desire of his heart at Your lotus feet. We are trying to follow his footsteps. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 13; Chicago

Upcoming a short stay on to the East coast. We will see what surprises Kṛṣṇa has for me. I need to increase my preaching mood, as it has slackened after arriving in Chicago. I will fervently pray for it to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 14; Chicago – New Jersey/Towaco

Today, twenty six years ago, by the Western calendar, His Divine loving Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda Thakura left this world of mortality. Yet for me, my relationship with Śrīla Prabhupāda has been growing more each year, as I am trying to serve him by serving the mission he established. "He lives with those who live to fulfill his desires." Although I am not very expert at preaching, or even fully surrendered to preaching, still I am trying and therefore his mercy is my very means of spiritual nourishment. Perhaps I can improve, so let me continue with the mood of increasing. All glories to His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda on this anniversary day of his disappearance. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 16; New Jersey/Towaco

You probably noticed I didn't make an entry yesterday. Over-tired, collapsed. Today was intense, but satisfying, much service. We need to develop a full spirit of compassion and concern for others. In each interaction, what can I give to others that will help them in Kṛṣṇa consciousness? We really want to get away from this attitude of self-satisfaction, it is a real burden. Praying always to become a better devotee. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 17; New Jersey, Towaco/Yasoda Dulal's Apt.

The Lord is situated in one's heart and gives direction to His devotee. But if we don't respond to His direction, we have to suffer or lament. This is my situation. Anyway, I will try to mitigate or rather minimize the remorse by rectifying the mistake. I sincerely pray that with the grace of Śrīla Prabhupāda and Kṛṣṇa everything will turn out for the best. "I am seated in everyone's heart and from Me only come knowledge, remembrance and forgetfulness." All glories to the most kind Kṛṣṇa. I pray I never reject His direction again. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 18; New Jersey/Yasoda Dulal's Apt.

Śrī Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet are the only solace for the aspiring Bhakti yogī. Kṛṣṇa's mercy are His arrangements He makes for His devotees to serve Him, His lotus feet: the abode of pure devotional service, the source of all good fortune, the only protection from all evil, the object of our meditation, the only real beauty, the hope for anyone who is a little serious about finding the way out of suffering. My humble prayer is to become attached to meditating constantly on those sweet feet. And then, naturally, Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī will be in that *darśana*. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, save me from my restless mind placing it firmly at Kīśor's lotus feet, freed from all mental speculation and anxiety. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 19; New Jersey/Yasoda Dulal's Apt. – Brooklyn Temple

Śrī Śrī Rādhā Govindajī, so mystically beautiful. My first Rādhā Kṛṣṇa – January 1973. The movement has changed considerably, evolved and perhaps devolved to some extent. In any case, the Lord remains as He is, always attracting His devotees to His loving service. Live each moment in thoughts of Him, aspire to serve Him by serving His parts and parcels and take full shelter of His lotus feet and His holy name, as we continuously remember His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda, our life and soul. May our appreciation for my spiritual master increase more and more with each passing day. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 20; Brooklyn Temple – New Jersey/Ma's – Towaco, Ekādaśī

Interesting, I must mention it as a very diverse day. Reading has fallen off considerably; I hope to make it up tomorrow, as it is necessary for my overall spiritual well-being. After tomorrow the pace intensifies, perhaps I should carefully plan my reading time as not to miss on it. Especially *Śrīmad-*

Bhāgavatam. It really seems that having sufficient time to read *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* and other important spiritual literature is the determining factor whether I am able to remain mentally strong in my service. Reading for me is especially essential. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for all the wonderful literature you gave us. All glories to your lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 21; New Jersey/Towaco – Hartford, CT

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, today I felt a strong desire, inspiration to preach about and get more involved in distributing your books. I pray it will remain and increase, beginning to manifest more and more. Preaching, books, becoming more absorbed in spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness. May your spirit of compassion enter my heart and mind inspiring me to more service. All glories to your lotus feet, our only means of success in Kṛṣṇa's service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 22; Hartford

I am not ready for Hartford or Hartford is not exactly ready for me. I really like Pyari Mohan Prabhu. But I really didn't synchronize with the workings here. One must accept the bad with the good. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 23; Hartford – Boston

Māyā is tricky, with a bit more intelligence I could have avoided her. But I failed to heed the message. Supersoul is constantly reminding the spiritually aspiring living entity on how to serve Him properly, how to reach Him, but we are so fooled as to not recognize or heed His advice. Therefore we must suffer due to our ignorance. Yet, we have hope that one day we will become fully Kṛṣṇa conscious. Therefore, we are always praying to His Divine Grace to bestow his causelessly kind mercy on us. We are in desperate need of your direction. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 24; Boston

One of the few places in the world wherein one can hold a program every evening. A very nice congregation, interested, learned, respectable, generous, mostly Westerners. An opportunity to develop one's preaching skills. I am strongly feeling the need to increase my service. I always have lots of ideas, but very little, if any, manifest. I pray, O Gopīnātha, O Vallabha, please help me to become a better servant and satisfy my spiritual master. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 25; Boston

All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu and Śrī Nityānanda Rāma. So beautiful, so merciful, so personally present – the Deities of Brahma Muhurta Prabhu and Mother Mangala Arati. Their merciful forms are imprinted in my mind. How merciful is Lord Caitanya? That is beyond our ability to understand. Śrīla Prabhupāda is a carrier of that mercy. Aspiring to be

his loyal followers, we must imbibe that same spirit. Give, give, give; difficult, but it is our way of appreciating what he has given us and, of course, increasing that appreciation. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 26; Boston

Jay Jay Jay Śrī Rādhārāṇī, Jay Jay Jay Śrī Rādhē. We were blessed by the association of a resident of Śrī Vṛndāvana Dhāma as she led us in sweet glorification of Rādhā Kṛṣṇa in Vṛndāvana. This was our good fortune, as Śrīla Prabhupāda continues to bestow his causeless mercy on us in a variety of spiritually edifying ways. All glories to the Divine cople of Vṛndāvana and Their confidential servitor Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 27; Boston

The pastimes of Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityānanda and Their eternal associates are as deep and unfathomable as the Garbhodaka Ocean. This insignificant little fish can only swim on the surface in the shallowish part. Finding great happiness and hope when I hear Their names and envision Their forms Gaura-Nitāi. But occasionally we feel great fear knowing that offenses to a Vaiṣṇava are so devastating. I am afraid of losing Their mercy because of my offensive mentality. Kṛṣṇa, keep me far away from advanced devotees knowing how prone to offense I am. I pray that one day I will be free from all offensive behavior, speech and thoughts. Otherwise, how can I achieve the real joy of Their service and mercy. May Śrīla Prabhupāda bless me with the proper devotional attitude and bestow his blessings on a newly made acquaintance, Bijay Prabhu. May he achieve the association of devotees. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 28; Boston – Hartford

Tomorrow I do my first program at North Hampton, MA. Now the pace is increased. Soon it will be Chicago then India. Time and tide wait for no man. Śrīla Prabhupāda, please, give your mercy to this fallen soul. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 29; Hartford – North Hampton

Ekacakra Prabhu and Yulan Prabhu are very sincere, serious, qualified devotees. Their preaching center is surrounded by 5 colleges in a 20 mile radius. Great opportunity to preach and bring Lord Caitanya's and Lord Nityānanda's mercy to the student population. Tonight one new person came. Gradually, by simply sticking to Śrīla Prabhupāda's instructions and remaining dedicated to bringing Kṛṣṇa consciousness to others, all success will come by Their mercy. We must never lose our enthusiasm for preaching and must always be enthusiastic to chant the Holy Names. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 30; North Hampton, MA – Albany, NY – Edison, NJ

All glories to the holy name of the Lord by whose mercy we have become conquerors. All glories to the Vaiṣṇava devotee of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu and Śrī Nityānanda Rāma, by whose mercy we are feeling the happiness of serving. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who always tried to “catch the rhino” and who wanted his disciples to try in the same way. All glories to Kṛṣṇa *prasādam*, which never fails to give devotees the enthusiasm to push on despite all difficulties. All glories to Śrīmatī Tulasī Mahārāṇī, by whose presence everything becomes pleasing and auspicious. All glories to *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*, which takes our thoughts into the realm of transcendence and strengthens our spiritual resolve. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 1; Edison, NJ – Chicago

And now the austerity of a fixed schedule which includes the morning program. I wonder how long I can go on with this constant changing: travel, *sādhana*, diet, no routine. We are meant to rise above the dualities and be situated on the platform of transcendence, being always free from the effects of pleasing and unpleasing events. My conclusion is that as long as I can do, I will continue to travel and preach, always praying for Kṛṣṇa’s, Lord Caitanya’s kind mercy which can make a lame man walk, a dumb man recite beautiful poetry and a blind man see the stars. My faith and my desire to please Śrīla Prabhupāda keep me pushing on. Perhaps someday soon I will develop compassion for the suffering souls in this horrible age. If they would only be concerned about themselves, then it would be much easier, but they are not. Lord Caitanya and Śrīla Prabhupāda are, therefore by their desire and mercy I am trying. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtanam*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 2; Chicago

Hare Kṛṣṇa. All glories to Kṛṣṇa in the form of His holy name. Hare Rāma. All glories to Rāma in the form of His holy name. Chant day and night, always, never waste time in useless conversation. Never talk politics, mundane topics, glorify the Lord in His most merciful incarnation of His name. Your life will be happy, auspicious, successful, and in the end you will attain His lotus feet in great bliss. Māyā has got so many distractions – keep this one instruction in the forefront and be blessed. Simply chant Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare/ Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare and dance in ecstasy. This is life! Everything else is simply a detour away from the purpose and success of life. Just keep chanting *japa*, kīrtan. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda who taught us what it actually means to live. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 3; Chicago – Ekādaśī, Gītā Jayantī

Śrīla Prabhupāda said: “For those who stay in the temple on Ekādaśī, they should simply chant.” Ekādaśī means fasting and chanting. Today I met my old

friend once again – Kṛṣṇa in the form of His name. All glories to Śrī Śrī Mahāmantra. We owe everything to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 4; Chicago

We are always eager to hear and chant the name, pastimes and glories of Śrī Caitanya and His associates, headed by Śrī Nityānanda Prabhu. May attachment strongly develop at Their lotus feet. Tomorrow I resume a more active preaching schedule. I hope I can preach with great eagerness and conviction, otherwise who will hear. People hear the conviction more than what is spoken. May my words be full with conviction of Kṛṣṇa's glories and the glories of devotional service. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who never decreased but always increased up to the end. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 5; Chicago

Nice preaching engagement – Afro-Americans. They took beads, books, *prasādam* and gave donations. I honestly feel I should focus my attention on certain areas, rather than be all over the globe but not global. This means less travel, more personal cultivation. The question is where, how. Probably just try to be available. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 6; Chicago

It appears like Kṛṣṇa is pulling me in the direction of Chicago once again. But it will be awhile before I can dedicate quality time here. I hope and pray that this time away will be a period of growth for the temple. So far it seems like it is. I hope it continues. Please, don't allow any misunderstanding to remain with Abhimanyu Prabhu. It seems ridiculous. Most of all, I forgive him for any apparent misbehavior. Obviously there is a reason, perhaps it will be clarified tomorrow or soon. A Vaiṣṇava is one who forgives and this is definitely my position, although the reasons for the discord remain unknown. May Śrīla Prabhupāda bestow his mercy on Chicago temple. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 7; Chicago

I really need to read more. This becomes obvious when my mind is not stimulated, and when I speak I grope for the words. Tonight I met a woman who was with Śrīla Prabhupāda in 1966 in Thompson Square Park. At times, she just begins singing the Hare Kṛṣṇa *mahā-mantra*. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. He was sent by Mahāprabhu to bless the world with His special mercy – Kṛṣṇa *premā*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 8; Chicago

One has to be very, very careful in dealing with other devotees. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is like a razor's edge. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, help me to always remember Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 11; Bombay/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

As one can observe, the last two days an entry failed to manifest. This was due to travelling between Chicago-Bombay, considering the time change. Of course, with better preparation I could have written easily. Anyway, I am back in India and a little bit uncertain how much I really desire to be here, given the need for preachers in America. Let me see how much service I can effectively accomplish. Everywhere in the world there is both a need and an opportunity to preach. In India much preaching is going on, wherein in America the need for preachers is great. Anyway, I will carefully try to see where I can be most effective given my present situation. I humbly but fervently pray to the sweet lotus feet of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha to protect me and guide me in Their service. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda who so magnificently established *arcā-vigraha* worship of Rādhā Kṛṣṇa worldwide. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 12; Bombay/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

A most wonderful and very auspicious ceremony in honoring and glorifying with love Śrīla Prabhupāda's, very dear, special son, His Divine Grace Śrīla Radhanath Swami Maharaj. A grand occasion filled with much love for Maharaj, recognizing his contribution in spreading Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu's glories all over the world. I am very, very fortunate to still be able to have the blessings of Maharaj's association. I thank him from the bottom of my heart and seek the opportunity to serve him and serve his devotees. Śrīla Prabhupāda has attracted many great souls who are associates of Mahāprabhu or those sent by Him to spread His glories. All glories – without any tinge of reservation or hesitation – at the lotus feet of A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda. May we become more and more absorbed in his mission. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 13; Bombay/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir – Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī's disappearance

Finding regulation, well, it is just not happening, consequently it is becoming very difficult to control the mind and senses. I hope I can overcome this so we can serve more effectively. All glories to Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī, may we honor him with great love and appreciation and serve his dear disciple, our beloved Guru, Śrīla Prabhupāda, with increased determination. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 14; Bombay/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Intense day! A special evening program. Everyone honored the passing away of Radhanath Swami's mother. I developed a deeper appreciation for this soul who played the role of Maharaj's mother. Kṛṣṇa is so kind, anyone dear to one who is dear to Kṛṣṇa also becomes dear to Kṛṣṇa. All glories to Radhanath Swami's mother. May she attain a special place at the lotus feet of the Lord. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 15; Bombay/Rādhā Gopīnātha – Ahmedabad/Rādhā Govinda

I'm very seriously reflecting on Kṛṣṇa's and Śrīla Prabhupāda's desire for me. Where can I best serve? I only want to please Kṛṣṇa and His pure devotee Śrīla Prabhupāda. Of course, wherever I am I will try to preach and increase my devotion, but I am praying for Your mercy, dear Kīśor Kīśorī, please guide me nicely in Your service wherever that may be. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 16; Ahmedabad/Rādhā Govinda Mandir

Shocked by cold weather, regulation is turned upside down. Trying to see some purpose in being here. Hopefully I can offer some service. Humility and tolerance, that is knowledge. Praying for Your mercy; what can I do, I am helpless. But Your *mūrti* forms have completely captured my eyes. Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi. Śrī Rāmacandra. Imperceptibly, enchantingly beautiful. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Another of his munificences upon the world. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 17; Ahmedabad/Rādhā Govinda Mandir

Struggling to adjust to yet another place. My life is one of adapting and re-adapting. At times I think it is impossible to keep the same schedule everywhere. Śrīla Prabhupāda was very exact, always keeping his schedule. We are not able to do it, although the attempt is being repeatedly made. This is not an excuse not to continue to try, but practicality dictates. Chant 16 rounds and engage in service, that is the necessity. The morning program is hard to attend here for many reasons. Anyway, I will try to attend most of it. Practically what I am saying is that I lack the spiritual drive to come up to the standard. This standard is a service to others. They appreciate it, so let me try. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who is the compassionate, merciful incarnation teaching us to love Kṛṣṇa. All glories unto his lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Welcome to India.

December 18; Ahmedabad/Rādhā Govinda Mandir

Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi are especially beautiful and glancing mercifully. Śrīla Prabhupāda ki jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 19; Ahmedabad/Rādhā Govinda Mandir

What began as very difficult ended sweetly with Kṛṣṇa's mercy. Everything is the mercy of Kṛṣṇa and to adapt the proper understanding, one must be carefully following the process of Bhakti. Otherwise the mercy presents itself in another form in order to help one to surrender more. But in certain unavoidable circumstances, the material energy will inevitably rock the boat of Kṛṣṇa Bhakti. We must learn to tolerate and always remember Kṛṣṇa. "One who sees Me in everything and everything in Me, for him I am never lost nor is he ever lost to Me." *Bhagavad-gītā* 6.30. Śrīla Prabhupāda has carefully explained everything, we only have to follow with faith. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa, who has manifested in numerous forms as His own *arcā-vigraha* incarnation. All glories to Śrī Śrī

Rādhā Govinda and Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi, Sītā Rāma Lakṣmaṇa Hanumān and Śrī Prahlāda Nṛsiṃhadeva, Śrī Gopāla Nāthajī. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 20; Bombay/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Māyā is as strong as you are weak. When we want to act independently, we fall into illusion and from that point we chalk out our suffering and bewilderment. That is the disease. Disobedience to Kṛṣṇa and now it becomes disobedience to His pure representative. In any case, it is the independent spirit that gets the soul locked into illusion. The only recourse is associating with and service to great souls who are representing the desire of the Lord. Śrīla Prabhupāda, you saved me, I owe everything to you. Please, allow me to serve you by serving your mission. May this upcoming Māyāpur Yātrā be an opportunity to preach the glories of the Lord and His pure devotees. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Please, push me in the right direction. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 21; Bombay/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir - Śrī Māyāpur Dhāma

Once again we came in contact with the ocean of mercy of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu and Śrī Nityānanda Rāma and Their personal associates here in Śrīdhāma Māyāpur. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtana* and all glories to those fortunate souls who have realized the glories of chanting and dancing in ecstatic love of God. We take shelter at Their lotus feet and the lotus feet of that rare *ācārya* who established this *saṅkīrtana* movement world wide – Śrīla Prabhupāda. May we always pray for his mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 22; Śrī Māyāpur Dhāma

May we constantly keep the mind at the lotus feet of the Lord in prayerful devotion, begging to be engaged in hearing and chanting His glories and the glories of His pure devotees. The austerity of these *yātrās* is finding time for quality *japa*. May we be blessed with proper intelligence. May Śrīla Prabhupāda teach what we need to improve on in preaching so that we can continue his mission. My goal is to be a more effective instrument. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 23; Śrī Māyāpur Dhāma

Pāda-sevanam – serving Kṛṣṇa’s lotus feet means Vaiṣṇava *seva*. The devotees of the Lord are situated at His lotus feet in devotion. Śrīla Prabhupāda has given the instruction. Chant Hare Kṛṣṇa!

December 24; Śrī Māyāpur Dhāma

It’s a challenge to see every situation we are in how best to be more Kṛṣṇa conscious, improving our service attitude. This Yātrā is a challenge, I hope I can increase my desire to preach and not decrease. Time will give evidence. Prabhupāda’s mercy is very strong. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 25; Śrī Māyāpur Dhāma

Christmas in Māyāpur for us was an overflowing stream of nectarean pastimes of Śrī Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu spoken from the lotus mouth of Sri Radhanath Swami Maharaj. My envious self-centered mentality is gradually dissipating under the weight of these sublime pastimes. I sincerely pray I can become free from all bad qualities and develop real devotion to Kṛṣṇa and genuine love and appreciation for the Vaiṣṇavas. That would be a perfect Christmas gift. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who is infinitely more merciful than Santa Claus because he is removing rather than giving material toys by replacing them with the unmatched gift of *premā*-Bhakti. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 26; Śrī Māyāpur Dhāma

Māyā imperceptibly covers the soul with various kinds of contaminations. In the *Mādhurya Kaḍambinī* these are faults that develop due to improper execution of devotional service and offenses. Fame, adoration and distinction creep into one's consciousness as a pickpocket does his thing. Hearing and chanting the glories of Lord Caitanya in Māyāpur Dhāma gradually removes these coverings, and one's natural sweet loving devotion for Kṛṣṇa and His part and parcels develops as an irrevocable fact. This is only due to Śrīla Prabhupāda's gift – the mercy of Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu. All glories to His lotus feet. A gem amongst gems. Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu *ki jay!* Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 27; Śrī Māyāpur Dhāma

Good start! This is the way the day began until the restless mind jumps in and creates all kinds of mental speculations. Anyway, one has to carefully control the mind and keep it properly engaged in Kṛṣṇa's and His devotees' service. The mind can make a hell of heaven and a heaven of hell. The Dhāma is the spiritual world, but one has to develop the proper attitude in order to experience it. I need to find some opportunities to preach or at least keep closer to the process of hearing and chanting, devoid of any sense gratification. May Śrīla Prabhupāda bestow his mercy on this fallen soul. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 28; Śrī Māyāpur Dhāma

To become genuinely humble is a great accomplishment. False pride and desire for sense enjoyment pollute the effort and divert one away. Humble also means not expecting anything, but giving oneself totally to devotional service. Śrīla Prabhupāda is saving everyone, so let us become genuinely humble and try only to satisfy him by preaching Kṛṣṇa consciousness to the fallen conditioned souls. Please, bless me with the proper effort. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 29; Śrī Māyāpur Dhāma

The tendency of the conditioned soul is that he is never really satisfied, therefore he looks toward the future for happier times. If one on the spiritual path doesn't

correct this mentality, then he is no better than a foolish karmi who acts only for himself and is rarely satisfied. Therefore, see each moment as an opportunity to serve the Lord and His devotees, and realize that wherever you are now and whatever you are doing will mold the future. Be Kṛṣṇa conscious now. Serve to your fullest capacity now, and as a result, later will be a better now. Śrīla Prabhupāda has given us everything. To learn and apply means to serve Kṛṣṇa to one's capacity. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 30; Śrī Māyāpur Dhāma

We had the good fortune to get the special and very sweet Kṛṣṇa conscious association of HH Śrīla Bhakti Charu Swami. Together with HH Radhanath Swami, everyone felt specially happy and blessed with good fortune. The association of great souls is the special mercy of the Lord, and to develop the proper mood allows one to feel the personal presence of Kṛṣṇa. Unless one appreciates and serves the Vaiṣṇavas and develops love for Kṛṣṇa, one cannot give up the attraction to material life. Māyā is so strong. We must become humble and free from envy. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, it is natural for me to remain alone and be engaged in your service. To associate with others properly is the real test of progress, therefore we feelingly pray for your blessings and mercy. Thank you very much. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

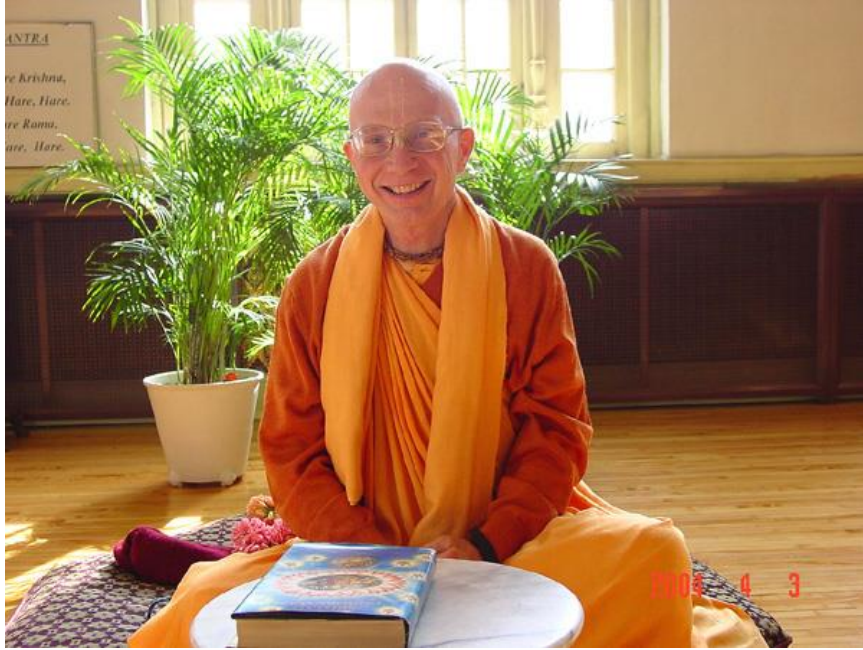
December 31; Śrī Māyāpur Dhāma – Ekacakra Dhāma

What could be more appropriate and spiritually powerful than to end the year with a visit to Ekacakra Dhāmā. The mercy of Lord Nityānanda is most complete and full of transcendental joy. Śrī Nityānanda Rāma is the complete manifestation of the Lord's loving mercy on the conditioned souls in this Age of Kali. We are very fallen, therefore needing a lot of mercy. Śrī Nityānanda Rāma joyfully distributes His mercy to whoever is willing to accept. And His holy *dhāma* is especially designated as the Cakra of that mercy. There is only one mercy needed, that is Nitāi's, and it is found by wholeheartedly embracing the *harināma-saṅkīrtana* movement.

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare*

May that mercy carry with us as we practice and preach this science of pure devotional service. All glories to Lord Nityānanda and all glories to the embodiment of His compassion, His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi ki jay!

Year 2004



January 1; Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Māyā says later, Kṛṣṇa says now. We must never become lazy or procrastinate. I want to preach and be an effective instrument in changing people to become involved in devotional service. One must develop an intense desire and meditate on that mood constantly and use each moment towards that goal, intelligently analyzing each situation and carefully placing oneself as an instrument for Lord Caitanya's and Lord Nityananda's compassion. Preach. Preach. Preach. These are the words of Śrīla Prabhupāda, to do it not as an extension of one's false ego, but as a service to humanity with a desire to please Śrīla Prabhupāda, the predecessor *ācāryas* and ultimately the Supreme Lord. May this year be one of renewed enthusiasm to spread the glories of *harināma-saṅkīrtana* and *bhāgavata-dharma*. I humbly pray for mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 2; Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Last day of the Navadvīpa Yātrā. Honestly accessing the Yātrā is difficult. Where did I benefit and what else happened? Benefits were numerous, most probably in receiving the mercy and association of the great souls whose places we visited along with the Yātrā devotees. A concern that I didn't speak as much as I had expected. Perhaps the Lord wanted me to hear more. Probably my desire was weak or perhaps I wasn't qualified or prepared. Anyway, I hope I can improve my preaching from this Yātrā and develop a strong desire to push on Lord Caitanya's movement. Anyway, I have so many faults and I must work on them. Biggest of all is my false ego which expects things to happen the way I want. But Kṛṣṇa is the only reason for everything and His pleasure and the

pleasure of the devotees come first. I sincerely pray to Śrīla Prabhupāda to inspire me to increase my service and determination. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 3; Śrīdhāma Māyāpur – Bombay/Rādhā Gopīnātha – Ekādaśī

Ekādaśī traveling is generally more troublesome, today was no exception. If we really want to feelingly chant the Holy Name, we must develop *taror iva sahiṣṇunā*. Tolerant like a tree, it is not a hyperbole. But the conditioned soul's tendency is to be influenced by his conditioning. Anyway, this point is important, but I really want to express my deep appreciation to HH Radhanath Swami and all of the devotees, to Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityānanda, Śrīla Prabhupāda and to the presiding Deities of the Dhāma Śrī Śrī Rādhā Madhava and Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva for Their kindness and mercy on this unworthy and ungrateful soul. May the Dhāma remain with me eternally. Śrī Māyāpur Navadvīpa Dhāma ki jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 4; Bombay/Rādhā Gopīnātha Temple

It was just like meeting an old friend once again. But this time it was more joyous than previous. After not lecturing for almost 2 weeks, I gave the Sunday Feast class. At first I was hesitant and very careful to select my words, but then it began to flow. I was able to see how carefree I am about giving a lecture and not properly preparing and just skimming through. I have now understood it is necessary to take sufficient time to prepare. It makes the overall presentation more effective. I hope to do that each time and imbibe more a mood of detail rather than volume. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, the topmost scholar amongst saints. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 5; Bombay/Rādhā Gopīnātha Temple

I feel a strong desire, or rather need, to get into the preaching mood. Regular classes, talks, seminars, anything that will immerse my mind in the philosophy and in the mood of helping others. Preaching is our love. We preach to love and love to preach. All glories to those souls who show compassion to others by their body, mind, words and life. Śrīla Prabhupāda, out of all of the examples, is our role model. We are trying to do as he did, although we are very, very fallen, of this there is no doubt. All glories to Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu, whose taking of *sannyāsa* is the epitome of love and compassion for the suffering fallen souls of Kali-yuga. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 6; Bombay/Rādhā Gopīnātha Temple

One who holds tightly to the lotus feet of the Lord will not fall down. Preaching opportunities are beginning to manifest. If I can hold fast to those two lotus feet, then perhaps I can do some real service. Generally, I get absorbed in the service and forget Kṛṣṇa. Perhaps I can increase my service in a qualitative way by

seriously and sincerely remembering Kṛṣṇa's and Śrīla Prabhupāda's sweet, secure lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 7; Bombay/Rādhā Gopīnātha Temple

For the last three or more years, it seems that my health has taken a dive around this time. Perhaps it is India or it is the time to stop traveling and reenergize. In my situation, keeping good health is essential or else service is hampered. Śrīla Prabhupāda, our eternal loving father and ultimate well-wisher, instructed us to do the needful. I am trying to follow that without changing my regular travel schedule. In all cases, use your intelligence and depend on Kṛṣṇa, He is the final word in all activity. Tomorrow it is off to Hyderabad for five days. I need your mercy and enthusiasm, Śrīla Prabhupāda, in order to serve effectively. You are my only hope and solace. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 8; Bombay/Rādhā Gopīnātha Temple – Hyderabad

So Kṛṣṇa gave me more or less a period of preparation in order to begin preaching. I realized during my talk this evening that I need to study more and apply the philosophy. I am theoretical, very few realizations. The urgency of the moment forces us to go deeper into the philosophy and helps to create an eagerness for preaching and wanting to be an instrument of Śrīla Prabhupāda's compassion. Praying for your mercy, dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, and the intelligence to act solely on behalf of Kṛṣṇa. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 9; Hyderabad

By your mercy, O Lord, everything becomes auspicious. Decisions must be made with resolve and conviction, yet without Your merciful sanction it is all useless. Therefore we must apply the principles of devotion and then completely depend on You. That is our success in our attempt to traverse the path of Bhakti and the means to remember You. Śrīla Prabhupāda, you have saved us from this hell of material life. For that and for teaching us the ways of the great souls we are eternally grateful. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 10; Hyderabad

By Kṛṣṇa's mercy, we had many preaching opportunities. Tomorrow will bring more. In fact, it's becoming difficult as time is compacted. But in all cases, Kṛṣṇa says, just depend on Me. This is our aspiration and only shelter, and of course remembering our lowly position. We are insignificant and the service we render is the same, but Kṛṣṇa is sooooo kind that He makes the insignificant appear significant. That is His love for His devotees. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, by his mercy Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi have come to all places worldwide. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 11; Hyderabad

We are fully blessed and satisfied under the sweet lotus feet of Śrīla Prabhupāda. We aspire only to serve and assist him by spreading Lord Caitanya's *saṅkīrtana* movement. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 12; Hyderabad – Bombay/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

At times, I long to read and study and just absorb myself in this way, also kīrtan. Śrīla Prabhupāda has me serving by traveling and preaching. Keeping these desires, I look for the opportunity to act on them, but wanting only to please Kṛṣṇa and Śrīla Prabhupāda. Preaching is our life even if there are difficulties etc. A devotee is meant to help others come to Kṛṣṇa consciousness. We must always keep this foremost. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, we pray for the steady intelligence needed to push on. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 13; Bombay/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Perhaps the highlight of the day was the sweet and special *darśana* of Śrī Jagannātha, Śrī Baladeva and Subhadrā Mayī. At Mahaprakash Prabhu's place, we welcomed Their Lordships with *puṣpāñjali*, a huge feast, *ārati* and kīrtan. My eyes were transfixed on Their transcendental forms. Each was emanating a special loving mercy. I again long for that *darśana*. All of these beautiful aspects of Bhakti come through the mercy of His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. Māyāvādīs and the dry impersonal speculators cannot offer anything but hardship and disappointment to their followers. Due to this age of Kali, which decreases the intelligence of everyone, many seek shelter of such cheaters and believe they are receiving real spiritual life. Śrīla Prabhupāda came on behalf of the Supreme Lord to teach real religion, the bona fide process of self-realization which brings one to transcendental loving service to the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Śrī Kṛṣṇa. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 14; Bombay/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

We take this opportunity to humbly and sincerely offer our heartfelt prayers for the recovery of the health of HH Radhanath Maharaja. Many devotees are unhappy and are sincerely praying for him to recover. We also pray he will take better precautions to prevent this from happening repeatedly. As one who also struggles with the same problems, it is most essential to take proper precaution. For one such as HH Radhanath Maharaja, who is always giving himself in service to the Vaiṣṇavas in full earnestness, the only hope for further prevention is the special intervention and mercy of Lord Kṛṣṇa. This is our humble prayer. He is most valuable to the world of Vaiṣṇavas and a leader in spreading Lord Caitanya's *saṅkīrtana* movement. Such a great soul is truly very, very rare. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for giving us his association. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 15; Bombay/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

“The quality of a great man must be estimated by one’s ability to tolerate provoking situations.” A person is considered great by how much he can tolerate provoking circumstances. Or one’s greatness is estimated by one’s ability to tolerate provoking circumstances. HH Radhanath Maharaja, despite his poor health, gave a very valuable lecture on tolerance to an audience of over 800 students. We are truly benefited by his loving association and his concern for others’ welfare. All glories to his lotus feet. By the grace of Śrīla Prabhupāda many great souls are coming forward to push on Lord Caitanya’s mission. I pray for increased enthusiasm and determination. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 16; Bombay/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir – Juhu/Ratha-yātrā

By the special mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda, he has given us Ratha-yātrā. His love for Jagannātha – as a little child – he performed Ratha-yātrā to the amazement of the neighborhood. Now he has spread that same love worldwide and created a spiritual revolution in the lives of millions. Lord Jagannātha has agreed to give His *darśana* to the foolish atheists, the hard-hearted materialists and anyone else who is fortunate enough to be on the street at that time. All glories to Lord Jagannātha, Subhadrā Mahārāṇī, Lord Baladeva. Their love for Their pure devotee has created a spiritual revolution in the lives and hearts of millions of conditioned souls. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda.

January 17; Bombay/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir – Alibagh

We arrived evening time in Alibagh, located near the ocean. The place where we are staying is a two minute walk from the ocean. One can hear the waves gently crashing onto the shore. A very peaceful atmosphere, the basic principle of simple living which is meant for high thinking. Alibagh, another episode in my effort to become a devotee of Lord Sri Kṛṣṇa and servant of His pure representative Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to his mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 18; Alibagh/Seminars

The attendance is a lot smaller than last year, but it is still building. Perhaps we can estimate success by how much we can put into our service. We get what we give, Bhakti is absolute. Any service that is pleasing to the Lord is considered great in that everyone benefits. May I give as much as possible by the grace of Śrīla Prabhupāda. The topic seems to be of interest to the devotees. All glories to the perfection of Kṛṣṇa’s mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 19; Alibagh/Seminars

We are fortunate and blessed to be in the association of His Holiness Lokanath Maharaja. He is the embodiment of Kṛṣṇa-Bhakti. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda by whose devotional strength has changed many souls into wonderful Vaiṣṇavas. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 20; Alibagh/Seminars

Struggling to chant properly, the mind is going everywhere, senses are turbulent. The environment seems to be disturbing. Need to focus more, by giving up sense gratification and remaining in the mood of fighting for Kṛṣṇa. Improve the mood of service and association of others. Devotees are our friends and the objects of our service. How best to serve and appreciate others? Everything has been given by Śrīla Prabhupāda, it is up to us to learn and apply. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, give me the strength to become fixed in the proper mood of service with determination and guide me how I can serve most beneficially. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 21; Alibagh/Seminars

The struggle to control the mind and senses rages on. Chanting has become difficult. Kṛṣṇa as kind Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva is the remover of obstacles, both within and without. Some of the difficulties have grown into periods of dissatisfaction. How can I overcome them? At the first sign of difficulty one must act. But what really plagues me is whether I am satisfying Śrīla Prabhupāda and Kṛṣṇa with my service. Being in India is undoubtedly full of opportunities for preaching and good association, but then again, is this where I am to be at this time? Struggling, praying, begging for mercy of the Holy Name to light up my heart and mind with the knowledge to serve in the best way, chanting with a heart full of contrition, a mind surcharged with the nectar of the Name. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, give me the strength to push on in the proper way with the proper mood. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 22; Alibagh/Seminars – Bombay/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Victory due to the special mercy and intervention of Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva. He is my constant companion and supreme worshipable object of kindness and compassion. All glories unto His lotus feet. May my desire to improve my chanting remain foremost, my enthusiasm to preach become stronger and the remembrance of Śrīla Prabhupāda be filled with appreciation and admiration. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 23; Bombay/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir – Pune Yātrā

Pune Yātrā, it came at the most needed time. Feeling a strong need to hear, chant and read more. I pray this Yātrā provides the enthusiasm I need to keep traveling and remain somewhat fixed in the mood of serving Lord Caitanya by preaching Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for the association of all the wonderful devotees. I hope I can serve them nicely. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 24; Pune Yātrā

Dancing, 1/3 of the process. It seems Lord Caitanya has blessed me with a way to please the Vaiṣṇavas and I pray the Lord also. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda,

who is delivering the mercy of Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityānanda. *Harināma saṅkīrtana* ki jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 25; Pune Yātrā

“The mind is a thing in itself and can make a heaven out of hell and a hell out of heaven.” Please, dear Lord Kṛṣṇa, give me the remembrance of You in every situation, wherein my restless rascal mind finds shelter away from the endless stream of mental speculation and dissatisfactions. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, the talks of your wonderful pastimes, which are the epitome of glorification of the Lord, are a constant stream of nectar full of deep meaning and valuable lessons. Absorb my restless mind in your constant glorification. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 26; Pune Yātrā

For four days I had the opportunity to have HH Niranjana Maharaja’s association. Such a sweet simple soul, yet very intelligent and full of devotion for Kṛṣṇa. Śrīla Prabhupāda’s family is very special, it is a spiritual family. Nowhere else can one find such a wonderful family, where there is genuine concern for each other with Kṛṣṇa as the center. All glories to the spiritual family of Śrīla Prabhupāda’s ISKCON. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 27; Pune – Kohlapur

Śrīla Prabhupāda states that when one’s enthusiasm becomes agitated, one should immediately sit down and chant Hare Kṛṣṇa and soon one will see the cause clearly and be able to rectify. Śrīla Prabhupāda, I am about to launch another packet of preaching programs. Yes, only by your special mercy will it become successful. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 28; Kohlapur – Advaita Ācārya’s Appearance Day

Morning and evening we spoke on Śrī Advaita Ācārya. I felt the kindness of Lord Caitanya as Śrī Advaita is very dear to Him. Śrīla Prabhupāda in his early life acted the part of Advaita Ācārya in a dramatic performance that caused the audience to shed tears. May we imbibe the qualities of Śrīla Prabhupāda as we attempt to serve the mission of the Pañca Tattva. All glories to Śrī Advaita Ācārya. All glories to Lord Caitanya’s compassion on the world. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, the embodiment of that compassion. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 29; Kohlapur – Bhīṣmaṣṭamī

Preaching is increasing, morning and evening classes. Not many questions, but devotees are taking notes, at least some are. Mostly the younger ladies. Just see how times have changed, the men seem to be more work-oriented, while the ladies, having more available time, are taking interests in philosophy. Tomorrow, another full day with focus on Śrīla Madhvācārya. To glorify the Lord and His pure devotees is what we actually aspire for in devotional service.

So let us take full advantage and dive deeply into the nectar of *kṛṣṇa-kathā*. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who has left himself with us in the form of his books. All glories to *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*, that light in this dark, dark Age of Kali. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 30; Kohlapur – Śrīla Madhvācārya’s Disappearance Day

Śrī Mahālakṣmī ki jay. Very merciful, very special *darśana*. I was feeling very happy. We also observed a group of persons chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa and holding *vīṇā*. Also *darśana* at Rāma Mandir at the compound and Śeṣaśāyī Viṣṇu, nearby. Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī is the source of all the Lakṣmīs. She is called Sarva Lakṣmī Mayī. She is sweetness unlimitedly personified and causes the mind to dance in great happiness. All glories unto Her lotus feet, those feet are my ultimate aspiration and destination. Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha ki jay. By the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda, many glorious and amazing events are unfolding. We pray to increase the desire and enthusiasm for his service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 31; Kohlapur – Śrīla Rāmānujācārya’s Disappearance Day

All glories to the holy names of the Lord: Kṛṣṇa, Rāma, Hare. Together, these three transcendental Names are my very life, my soul’s nourishment, my mind’s happiness and my heart’s love. We humbly, but with unflinching determination offer our full dandavat obeisances at the lotus feet of these three Names and to those who “live to chant and chant to live”. Especially His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda, our eternal lord and master. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 1; Kohlapur – Belgaum

Very spaced out *japa*, as travel and sickness caused *japa* to be very inattentive. The lack of a morning program takes its toll. Śrīla Prabhupāda, with your mercy, only then can I continue. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 2; Belgaum – Ekādaśī

Actually, I have no devotion and am always carrying around a huge truck load of false pride. Lust never leaves me alone and I am always greedy for the things of this world. Yet, Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī is so kind upon me that She allows me the chance to pray to Her for shelter and mercy. Her love is the sum total of all Love. She is Bhakti personified and She is distributing Her mercy as the Lord of Navadvīpa, Śrī Gauracandra. All glories to the transcendental sound vibration of Śrī Kṛṣṇa’s holy name. It is Rādhārāṇī’s love that Śrī Caitanya is drowning the world with. May I be fortunate just to get one drop and drowning in the ecstasy of Bhakti-*rasa*. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, the distributor of that love. May our appreciation and love for him increase each day. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 3; Belgaum - Bombay/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

– Varāha's Appearance

Tomorrow we honor the Supreme Lord Śrī Nityānanda Rāma, the sum total of all mercy of transcendence. My prayer is to be able to fully take part in this most auspicious occasion and wholeheartedly glorify Śrī Nityānanda and serve His devotees. May Śrīla Prabhupāda, who is the carrier of Nitāi's *kṛpā* bless us on this day. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 4; Bombay/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

– Lord Nityānanda's Appearance

By the kind mercy of HH Radhanath Swami, we have undoubtedly received the sweet mercy of Śrī Nityānanda Rāma and been fully blessed by His love. I feel very fortunate. Never before can I remember such a special celebration in honor of the merciful Supreme Personality of Godhead, Śrī Nityānanda Rāma. May His mercy be the sole object of my prayers. Śrī Nityānanda Rāma *ki jay!* Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 5; Bombay/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Rādhā Gopīnātha temple continues to grow spiritual powerful and diverse. Śrīla Radhanath Swami's pure, simple devotion which is fully fixed on the desire and instructions of Śrīla Prabhupāda to spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness all over the world is attracting many great souls to visit here. All glories to his lotus feet. May our appreciation and participation grow. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 6; Bombay/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

We are touched by the life of Syamasundari and her assent to Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet. We can conclude that we live only for service to Kṛṣṇa. Outside of that, all activity is useless, simply a waste. Service means to assist in a positive way, a way to preach the glories of the Lord and serve the Vaiṣṇavas. Then living and dying is all the same. This was the example of Syamasundari; while living she was loving and serving Kṛṣṇa and His devotees and now, no longer here, she is with Kṛṣṇa doing the same. All glories to great souls such as Syamasundari, their lives are perfect and they help us fallen souls to strive for perfection. Love is the best method of reaching others. She reached everyone she met. All glories to the pure devotees of the Lord headed by Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 7; Bombay/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir – Nagpur/Ratha-yātrā

Everywhere I go, I can honestly say that on the whole the temple management, leadership, devotees of Chowpatty are the best; the most in line with Prabhupāda's teachings and the most excellence in Vaiṣṇava etiquette. There are many great devotees everywhere and flourishing projects. But Rādhā Gopīnātha is the sweetest and most spiritually satisfying. All glories to Śrīla Radhanath Swami. It is primarily due to his purity, intelligence and strong desire to serve

Śrīla Prabhupāda's mission. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Lord Jagannātha of Nagpur is very, very mercifully kind. All glories to His lotus feet.

February 9; Solapur

Missed yesterday's entry, rode a late bus from Nagpur to Solapur. Austere, took 15 hours to arrive. To preach, one must give oneself completely to the service. We want to associate with devotees and imbibe the mood of friendship and care. Yet we must also take care of the mind and provide properly material and spiritual well-being. To find the balance is very difficult, but it is essential to establish that semblance. With faith in Kṛṣṇa and striving in the proper direction free from selfishness, one can attain success. Dear Lord Kṛṣṇa, I am very fallen and unqualified, therefore please, remind me to constantly seek Your's and Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy. This is my only hope and the path of success. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 10; Solapur

All glories to His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda, the most learned man of the 20th century and the compassionate savior of the world. How fortunate we are to have been directly given the shelter of His Divine Lotus Feet. Our lives have reached the perfectional stage of good fortune. Now, in order to fully appreciate the benefits of our good fortune, we are commissioned, obliged to take that same mercy, trying our best to give it to others. How to conduct our lives in this mood is our focus. It can be very, very difficult, therefore our only means of success is full absorption in chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa and a prayerful heart. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 11; Solapur – Pune

– Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī's Appearance Day

I always experience great happiness and spiritual strength when I speak on this great *paramahansa* Vaiṣṇava. Two sessions, morning and early afternoon. We managed to nicely cover some key points along with many of his outstanding accomplishments. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for the continuous opportunity to speak about your most glorious Guru Maharaj. I pray he will bless me with a drop of his transcendental qualities. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 12; Pune – Sātārā

We are very unhappy to learn that HH Sridhar Swami Maharaja's health is very bad. From the clinical point of view, his time is short. Cancer. He is now in Sridham Mayapur. I hope to see him soon. Kṛṣṇa is the Supreme controller and His will prevails. Our prayer is: "If You so desire, O Lord, please allow him to continue to preach Your message." Vaiṣṇava soldiers, fighters, are very rare and valuable. Anyway, whatever You desire, O Lord, that is our desire, but we pray that You bestow Your special mercy. Soon I will be faced with the same door to open and enter into. I pray I can be free from all material desires and

attachments and be absorbed in deep thoughts of love at Your lotus feet. Lord Caitanya is very kind, please don't forget this most fallen soul. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who taught us how to live and especially how to die. Die before you die, and live eternally in loving service to Rādhā Kṛṣṇa in Śrī Vṛndāvana Dhāma in the spiritual world. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 13; Sātārā

The place of 7 hills. Śrī Hanumān dropped the top part of Gandhamādana Mountain here. The *kavirājīs* gather herbs for medicine here. It is necessary that the land deal goes through. Sātārā devotees need a temple. Śrīla Prabhupāda's glories will continue to spread. ISKCON Sātārā – every town and village. The only hope for human society – Lord Caitanya's movement. Hare Kṛṣṇa *mahā-mantra*, the panacea for all problems, the means to return to Goloka Vṛndāvana. May our attraction increase more each day and may others also be attracted. Kṛṣṇa is the "All Attractive". Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 14; Sātārā – Pune

By your mercy, I am getting good opportunity to reach people. In India, the people are being heavily bombarded with the trashy western lifestyle. It's a full attack on the heart, mind and culture of the Indian people. We must preach vigorously and help them understand what is happening and how to defend against it. Now Kṛṣṇa consciousness is becoming more important for many reasons. All glories to those devotees who have dedicated their time and life's energy for Truth – for Kṛṣṇa. Śrīla Prabhupāda is leading the fight, we are trying to follow his example and guidance. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 15; Pune

It is enlivening to witness the strong, steady increase in the preaching here. More projects, more programs, more devotees, educated devotees, a higher quality of people coming to visit. Primarily due to the determination of one very hardworking, humble, very intelligent leader, His Grace Radhe Syam Prabhu. Today I had a realization of the Christian phrase "The meek shall inherit the earth". They are the God-empowered people. This is real Kṛṣṇa consciousness. It's exciting to watch and even more to take part in offering some small service. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, your desires are continuously being spread by your disciples and the disciples of your disciples. Please, continue to enthuse us to give ourselves more and more. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 16; Pune

The engagements are very enlivening. Because devotees are serious, Śrīla Prabhupāda's mission is expanding here rapidly, and the power of Kṛṣṇa consciousness is being felt. I am happy to be a small part of the plan of Lord

Caitanya to expand His message to every town and village of the globe. All glories to those who have accepted this as their focus and service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 17; Pune-Bombay/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir – Īśvara Purī's Disappearance Day

Disappearance day of Śrī Īśvara Purīpada, Lord Caitanya's spiritual master. I gave *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* class, but didn't speak on the occasion, as I wanted to continue with the verses on the topic of sex life. *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* speaks threadbare the points of philosophy covering all subjects, sex life being the most binding form of sense gratification and the source of all other suffering. Śrīla Prabhupāda actually said we should daily discuss the dangers and pitfalls of sex life. In this way, the subtle thoughts and desires can be examined understood and eventually eliminated. Please, Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha, increase my attraction for You more and more so I can develop more my love for You and be free from this illusionary attraction and aversion to sense gratification in the form of women. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. He has surely given us the complete arsenal of Vedic knowledge. All glories unto his lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 18; Bombay/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

My feeling for seclusion continues, perhaps it is good. Still I will do my service. A preacher needs time to regenerate, spiritually, physically. I will take advantage of tomorrow by trying to read and chant more and with more attention. Praying for the mercy of the Lord in the form of attentive hearing and chanting. Śrīla Prabhupāda, we will never give up, we need your mercy to continue. Māyā will appear stronger as we become weaker. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 19; Bombay/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir – Mahā Śiva Rātri

We gave *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* class on Lord Śiva. It was a great privilege and pleasure to speak on Lord Mahādeva. He has bestowed over the years much mercy on this struggling soul. I pray to strengthen my love and respect for this best and most compassionate of all the Vaiṣṇavas. All glories to the lotus feet of Lord Śiva and all glories to those who truly understand His position as the embodiment of compassion. May he bless me with the desire and ability to dance for Lord Kṛṣṇa and Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī. *Vaiṣṇavānām yathā sambhuḥ* ki jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 20; Bombay/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir – Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

I made it to the Holy Dhāma again on this trip. Only by the grace and mercy of Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityānanda. I pray I can take full advantage by absorbing myself in serving the Vaiṣṇavas and chanting the holy names of the Lord with enthusiasm and attention. All glories to His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda, whose plans for the development of Māyāpur are beyond human comprehension. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 21; Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

This evening we had a glimpse of the nine feet tall deities of Pañca Tattva. Very, very awesome, beautiful, displaying a small drop of Their mercy upon us. We can only ponder in amazement of who is this extraordinary personality, our Guru Maharaj, Śrīla Prabhupāda. A most intimate associate of Lord Kṛṣṇa in Goloka Vṛndāvana. His foresight and intelligence are beyond the greatest philosopher to estimate. Śrīla Prabhupāda said about Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta that he is a Vaikuṇṭha man. We can also say the same of him. Śrīla Prabhupāda, you have descended into the world for the sole purpose of spreading Lord Caitanya's message everywhere. We are so fortunate, can only think how to repay this great gift, although we are unable to do so. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda – you are the savior of the whole world. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 22; Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Daily, the devotees who had regular association with Śrīla Prabhupāda are kindly recounting their experiences. As we carefully listens, we will receive a deep understanding and appreciation for Śrīla Prabhupāda and experience the love and gratitude that these devotees have for him, who is as deep as an ocean and as powerful as a lightning bolt and as sweet and soft as a rose. Who is Śrīla Prabhupāda, we are gradually starting to get a small glimpse. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 23; Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

The day everyone was eagerly waiting for, it was glorious. Pañca Tattva and all Their glory appeared in Their abode. A day that will mark the increase of Kṛṣṇa consciousness worldwide. As when the Lord appears so does His mercy. Śrīla Prabhupāda's glory has increased as the world population will continually improve their lives due to his great spiritual power and knowledge. Śrī Śrī Mahā Pañca Tattva ki jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 24; Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Everyone is experiencing the added mercy of the Dhāma. Their Lordships are huge and so is Their mercy and compassion. Śrīla Prabhupāda's glory is ever-increasing, as he reveals Lord Caitanya's mission. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 25; Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

The mind, but especially the soul, is anxious to get into a steady routine, but this appears to be not possible at this time in my spiritual life. I am wondering, when the opportunity does manifest, will I be able to take full advantage. The mercy of Kṛṣṇa coming through Śrīla Prabhupāda is keeping me from sinking too low. I humbly pray to be protected from Māyā. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 26; Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

The pastimes of Śrīla Prabhupāda spoken by those devotees who intimately served him are so very sweet and full of rare valuable information. We never get tired of hearing these *līlās* of Kṛṣṇa's pure devotee. Perhaps we can serve these devotees and receive the blessings of Śrīla Prabhupāda, as these devotees are very special because they laid the foundation of the Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement. All glories to those devotees who have locked those memories in their heart. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 27; Śrīdhāma Māyāpur - Bombay/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Traveling is very difficult, tolerating the karmis, the hassles, many inconveniences. We wonder with amazement how Śrīla Prabhupāda was able to do so much traveling. Yet another feature of his greatness and compassion. All glories to His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. Thank you for allowing me today to carry you in the *guru-pūjā* procession. I also thank the devotees for their kind mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 28; Bombay/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

With faith in Kṛṣṇa and Guru and the best use of one's intelligence all success in achieving life's goal is guaranteed. This also applies to each individual endeavor. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, help me to always remember your instructions and pray to Kṛṣṇa for His mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 29; Bombay/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Time – the imperceptible force that destroys everything material. Kṛṣṇa says: “I am time.” One can harmonize one's existence in accordance with the plan of the Lord, only then will the destructive nature of time take on another feature wherein it will bring one closer to reality, back home, back to Godhead. As Śrīla Prabhupāda said, this material world is a horrible place. Why waste precious time trying to control it or to enjoy it. Use it in Kṛṣṇa's service and be free from its negativity and attain to eternal life free from all material bodies. This is the gift of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Praying to be more conscious of Kṛṣṇa and more aware how to use every minute in His loving service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 1; Bombay/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Tomorrow, many significant events will occur as I make my arrangements for departure from Mother India – the place of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī. Despite all of its problems, India's spirituality reigns supreme. This is evidenced in every aspect of the lives of the people. Śrīla Prabhupāda gave us the essence, Kṛṣṇa consciousness, and for this we are eternally grateful and eternally indebted. My prayer is to be able to also help others attain it. Kṛṣṇa consciousness – the only reality. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 2; Bombay/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for taking care of me so nicely while I was here in India. You engaged me in preaching services and gave me the invaluable association of so many special devotees and others. Thank you, Radhanath Swami Maharaj, for continuously allowing me to take your association and the association of all your wonderful disciples at the lotus feet of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha, Śrī Nāthajī, Śrī Śrī Gaura Nitāi. I am eagerly looking forward to coming each year, as each time I sadly make my departure. Perhaps this time the sadness is greater because the affection is greater. But I hope to return again soon for more wonderful association and preaching opportunities. It is not proper etiquette for someone lesser to offer blessings to someone greater. But out of love, I pray that Śrīla Prabhupāda continually shower his special blessings on you and all of your endeavors to serve. Your association and service is making a significant difference in spreading Lord Caitanya's movement worldwide. Thank you and please, allow me to serve and assist you in some small way. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 3; Travel – London-BV/Manor

Struggling with health, poor *sādhana* yet praying, dear Lord, please renew my enthusiasm to serve You, to talk about You, to hear about You. My desire is weak, but by the grace of Śrīla Prabhupāda I have hope. The challenges of the West! Always think of Kṛṣṇa and humbly serve enthusiastically. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 4; London-BV/Manor – Italy-Bergamo – Villa Villaggio Hare Kṛṣṇa

Well I am back. It is nice to see the devotees, at least some. My prayer, dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, is that I can be an effective instrument in spreading your mercy. As you are kind and compassionate to all, allow this poor useless soul to partake of the joy in giving others what you have given us – a desire to become Kṛṣṇa conscious. Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu is a virtual ocean of mercy, and you, the raging river of mercy extending from that ocean. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 5; Italy-Bergamo/Villa Villaggio Hare Kṛṣṇa

My first day under the sweetly merciful shelter of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Ramanājī. Praying I can keep my physical ailments from interfering with my enthusiasm. Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu appears tomorrow. We want a strong desire to hear and chant His glories. What is the ultimate value of these days unless we sufficiently hear and discuss the glories of the Lord. May Śrīla Prabhupāda bless us with these desires to their fullest. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 6; Italy-Bergamo/Villa Villaggio Hare Kṛṣṇa – Śrī Gaura Pūrṇimā

The chanting and dancing absorbed everyone in pools of happiness and upward. Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu's mercy is very powerful, as we were able to

experience it in His festival. All glories to Śrī Guru and Śrī Gaurāṅga. May this day bring many to His lotus feet in full surrender. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 7; Italy-Bergamo/Villa Villaggio Hare Kṛṣṇa

Lord Nṛsiṁhadeva, although very ferocious to demons like Hiraṇyakaśipu, is very, very kind to devotees like Prahlaḍa Mahārāja. We pray to You, dear Lord, sit upon our hearts and destroy all those Hiraṇyakaśipus in the form of our desire to enjoy this material energy. Due to the evil influence of Kali, this age is full of demons. Lord Nṛsiṁhadeva clears the path for the advent of Śrī Caitanya's movement by destroying the demons and helping to give assurance and courage to His devotees. By the grace of Śrīla Prabhupāda, the spiritual world has descended in the form of this *saṅkīrtana* movement on this cold dark material world. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 8; Italy – Bergamo/Villa Villaggio Hare Kṛṣṇa

Travel and sickness, constant schedule change has taken its toll on my ability to function. I need to become regulated and more strict in personal dealings. Careful control of the mind and senses allows for remembrance of the Supreme Lord, and remembering the Lord constantly is the perfection of religion, the perfection of life. Only by the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda, who is the embodiment of Lord Nityānanda's mercy, are we able to continue on despite so many difficulties. Dear Lord, help me to remember You always. Hare Kṛṣṇa

March 9; Italy – Bergamo/Villa Villaggio Hare Kṛṣṇa

Struggling to find regulation. All progress is based on quality *japa*. Kṛṣṇa arranges everything through our chanting and desire to serve. I am still maintaining the desire to read and study more. I find great personal happiness and satisfaction in reading Śrīla Prabhupāda's books, and that is an instruction, especially for preachers. May we receive mercy through increasing reading and study. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda's books, the law books for the next 10.000 years+. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 10; Italy – Bergamo/Villa Villaggio Hare Kṛṣṇa

Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu's pastimes are like an unlimited ocean of pure nectar. When one narrates one, 10 more are awakened in one's heart. Of course, I am very unqualified to speak on this subject, but I have become attracted. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, strengthen and lengthen my attraction wherein I cannot think of anything else. When Śrīla Prabhupāda says: "One can never understand the mercy of Lord Caitanya", only now am I able to begin to understand what those words indicate. Śrī Śrī Gaura Nitāi, so beautiful, powerful, merciful, lovable. All glories to Their divine lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 11; Italy – Bergamo/Villa Villaggio Hare Kṛṣṇa

A challenge, a test. Kṛṣṇa is giving me the best of both, seclusion and required service for Śrīla Prabhupāda’s mission. Can we balance both? The emphasis is not on seclusion although it is available. More important is this project. My humble heartfelt prayer is to be a useful instrument in the hands of Śrīla Prabhupāda and Kṛṣṇa. Please, allow me to make a difference and help this project. I have no plan, only a desire to be used with faith that Kṛṣṇa will guide me. Please allow me to serve your mission, Śrīla Prabhupāda, and to always remember the mercy of Mahāprabhu. I am useless, please make me useful. All glories to you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 12; Italy – Florence/Villa Vrndaban

Perhaps I'm beginning to understand what is happening here. I will make my findings known to the GBC. Kṛṣṇa is always central and those who act independently of the Lord wind up being victimized by their own actions. As Kṛṣṇa says in *Gītā*: “Of gamblers I am the cheater.” Those who try to cheat the Lord become cheated by the Lord. Time and truth go hand in hand. Outside *prasādam* programs seem to be distracting me from *sādhana*. I would like to call a moratorium on outside dinner engagements. Give me the strength to humbly but firmly resist these invitations. They really don't serve in any meaningful way. Śrīla Prabhupāda, I need your mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 13; Italy – Florence/Villa Vrndaban

Harināma-saṅkīrtana Florence, Italy – Lord Caitanya’s movement. Giving His mercy to those who don't come on their own. It should be performed more, especially in America. Perhaps we can start again in Chicago. How to attract the conditioned souls to this movement? We need to be more organized and more enthusiastic. Simplicity in service is important for emphasis. Prabhupāda’s mercy is our only requirement. Love for Kṛṣṇa is our only goal. Kṛṣṇa is happy when others are benefited. Getting up early is one hope for increased service. 16 rounds before breakfast, our desired goal. Your mercy, dear Lord, is all we are made up of. Chant:

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare*

March 14; Italy – Florence/Villa Vrndaban**– Śrīvāsa Ṭhākura’s Appearance Day**

This day will go down as a historical day in the evolution of our society as one of the stalwart preachers in Śrīla Prabhupāda army, a general who fought his whole life on the battlefield spreading Lord Caitanya’s mission worldwide has departed from our earthly vision. HH Sridhar Swami Maharaj left the world in Śrī Māyāpur Dham at 6.10am on the occasion of Śrīvāsa Ṭhākura appearance. We heard that he spoke to HH Radhanath Swami just the evening before and

received Maharaja's love and kindness. We reflect on the temporary nature of everything, as man's nature is to always see death for someone else. The fact is different. Human life means a time to prepare for death. If you are not ready now, then you have some work to do. Our fear is not using this life to the fullest and becoming routine in our service. Time is the friend of the devotee who is bringing him closer to his eternal Lord in loving devotional service. Our heartfelt prayers for the progress of this special soul known in this life as HH Sridhara Swami. May he also bless us. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for creating so many great personalities. Your greatness is literally unfathomable. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to His Holiness Sridhara Swami Maharaj. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 15; Italy – Florence/Villa Vrndaban

With Kṛṣṇa only does everything have meaning and purpose. Without Kṛṣṇa, what is the point of anything. Reflection of the reality is only a shadow in darkness. Purity is the force. What can I do to serve You, dear Lord? I am helpless, but I want to be helpful in spreading the mercy of Mahāprabhu. The only one who has received the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda is fortunate, others are unfortunate. "With your mercy, what is the use of others, and without your mercy, what is the use of others." All glories to those souls who have understood what is real devotional service. *Ahaitukī apratihātā*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 16; Italy/Villa Vrndaban – Bergamo/Villa Villaggio Hare Kṛṣṇa

One never actually appreciates a person's good qualities as much when they are present as when they leave us through death. Perhaps that is just the way things are. Each day I am appreciating HH Sridhar Swami more. By speaking of his activities and good qualities, my love and appreciation has grown considerably. The association and appreciation of great souls, another of the many gifts given by Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 17; Italy - Bergamo/Villa Villaggio Hare Kṛṣṇa – Ekādaśī

Ekādaśī fasting, mostly for health. Villa Vrndaban supplied an abundance of *prasādam*. Perhaps I can decrease my overall eating, not so easy. Anyway, *prasādam* is Kṛṣṇa's mercy. When fully understood and honored in that mood, it has tremendous spiritual benefit. Another feature of Śrīla Prabhupāda's grand mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 18; Italy - Bergamo/Villa Villaggio Hare Kṛṣṇa

Good day for preaching, here the devotees like to hear and discuss. Śrīla Prabhupāda's books are unfathomable and inexhaustingly deep like an ocean, and yet understandable by the serious student. Praying to find time to study this great treasure. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 19; Italy - Bergamo/Villa Villaggio Hare Kṛṣṇa

Duomo, Milano's glory. A most incredible cathedral, took more than 350 years to build. Expert craftsmanship, its grandeur and magnitude is enormous. Some day by the desire of Lord Nityānanda and His pure devotee Śrīla Prabhupāda, Śrīdhāma Māyāpur will be the place of the most magnificent temple in the world. Only time separates its appearance. All glories to His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 20; Italy - Bergamo/Villa Villaggio Hare Kṛṣṇa – Prabhupādadesh

Only by the kindness and concern of the Vaisnavas am I able to continue traveling and preaching. This is the essence of everything, especially in Kali-yuga where everything is so difficult. Śrīla Prabhupāda, again I offer this prayer: "Please, keep my focus on how to serve the devotees and glorify the Lord." Weary but somehow pushing on, your mercy is all I am made of. I am beginning to understand that more. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 21; Italy – Prabhupādadesh

Struggling to keep going, to chant, a lot of extra struggle. Hope to gain better control so I can understand how to discriminate effectively. Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva is very kind to His devotees and very merciful to others. May that Lord remove my desire for sense gratification and replace it with love for Him. Śrīla Prabhupāda is an element of Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva's mercy on us, as he is teaching how to worship this special feature of the Lord. I look forward to Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva's Appearance Day and hope to begin reading His pastime in the *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* just after Lord Rāmacandra's Appearance Day. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 22; Italy – Prabhupādadesh

Came face to face with the fact that my body has some noticeable problems, it could become major if I continue to neglect it. Yet I am happy here, as devotees are kind, intelligent and enthusiastic for kirtan and class. An ideal place to settle into. But Kṛṣṇa is keeping me moving until next week when I hit Chicago. Then it becomes a different situation wherein I have to reorient to study, health and personal development. I pray it doesn't become selfish. Service to the Vaiṣṇavas is our life and preaching is our means to serve all others. Śrīla Prabhupāda has given us something that is priceless. It can only be bought with a lifetime of faith. The more we accept it and surrender to it, the more we can see Kṛṣṇa smiling. And to see Kṛṣṇa's smile is the goal of everything we do and say. All glories to the smiling face of Śyāmasundara, which is the sweetest of all sweet things. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 23; Italy - Prabhupādadesh

Kṛṣṇa is giving me some bodily pain to help me become more humble. I hope the medicine works. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 24; Italy - Prabhupādadesh

Met an interesting dentist. Palestinian, Muslim, likes devotees and greets them by saying “Hare Kṛṣṇa”. His female assistant also, very friendly. We sort of became friends. Didn't charge me, his way of showing care and friendship. There are many bad people in the world, particularly in this age. But when we meet a good person, our day is brighter. Śrīla Prabhupāda is the best of those who rate as best. We are happy under the shelter of his sweet lotus feet. Never forget his mercy and your great fortune. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 25; Italy - Prabhupādadesh – Slovenia/Ljubljana

Nice devotees, beautiful Pañca Tattva deities, nice *sannyāsī* room, ideal place to hide out. Perhaps someday I may come here just for that. Again my prayer to you, Śrīla Prabhupāda to, please, let me be an effective instrument for your mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 26; Slovenia/Ljubljana

Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam emphatically states that unless one can deliver his disciples from the repetition of birth and death, one should not become a spiritual master. Now I am being put into that service. I have my doubts about accepting the position, although they are not as strong as a year ago. We must be expert at receiving the mercy and giving it. Always remember Kṛṣṇa, that is the goal of Bhakti-yoga and the perfectional stage of life. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, we are begging, crying, hankering for your mercy, otherwise we are lost. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 27; Slovenia/Ljubljana

There are many ways to look at a particular situation, some favorable, other perhaps unfavorable. Still, a devotee always gives thanks and obeisances to the Lord for His mercy and realizes that because of Kṛṣṇa everything is auspicious even if it appears difficult. Most importantly, we thank Kṛṣṇa for the association of devotees because by their kindness, love and care we are able to continue on in our attempt to serve the Supreme Personality of Godhead, although we are not at all capable. And most of all, we thank His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda for the knowledge to serve and to distribute it to others. All glories unto his sweet lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 28; Slovenia/Ljubljana – London-BV/Manor

Surprise, Madhava Prabhu is here leading a *bhajan* session. Although tired from travel, the Holy Names and the association of enthusiastic devotees lifted me up. Such mercy comes by serving Vaiṣṇavas and associating with them. Śrī Śrī

Rādhā Gokulānanda – sweet, delicate, beautiful. Gentle on the mind and heart, and yet simultaneously very powerful. Their *darśana* – my eyes never tire. Alongside, Śrī Śrī Sītā, Rāma Lakṣmaṇa, Hanumān, another feast for the eyes and mind that nourishes the heart with transcendental love. Another of Śrīla Prabhupāda’s gifts to the fallen souls of this world. Hopefully someday many will become fortunate to experience such beauty and expression of unparalleled transcendence. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is always fresh, Navayauvana. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 29; London-BV/Manor

Tomorrow is Rāmanavamī. Tomorrow I leave for Chicago. Tomorrow is a term which refers to the upcoming future. In reality, it is always today or now. Now is the time to be Kṛṣṇa conscious. By remembering Kṛṣṇa each moment, time becomes one. Eternity. Aspiring to live eternally in devotional service to Śrī Śrī Rādhā Kṛṣṇa in Their abode of Śrī Vṛndāvana Dhāma. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who is making passage to the spiritual realms possible by his merciful instructions born out of compassion for the fallen souls of the world. We take shelter at his lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 30; London-BV/Manor – Chicago – Rāmanavamī

As I sit here, ready to conclude the day’s activities, my mind is easily and happily thinking of the beautifully powerful form of Śrī Rāma. His deity in London is so merciful and full of life. For the rest of this week, I want to continue to absorb myself in that transcendental form and read of His transcendently powerful, yet very merciful activities. All glories to Śrī Rāma, All glories to Mother Sītā and to faithful Lakṣmaṇa and to dutiful Hanumān. Jay Śrī Rāma. Hare Kṛṣṇa

March 31; Chicago

My first full day back since early December. A drastic adjustment, irregularity is my regulation. And now the mind must surrender to a tighter schedule. Routine allows so much more to be accomplished and it helps to conquer over lust, the eternal enemy of the soul. The success of my endeavor is not within my power, only by Śrīla Prabhupāda’s mercy is it possible. *Kṛṣṇa deva bhavān tam vande*. Kṛṣṇa, help me to always remember You and develop the quality of humility. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 1; Chicago

Preaching is our life and the focus of everything we do. This next month is about building my internal strength for upcoming travels and trying to make some effort here. To simultaneously upgrade my strength and health, I need to make a strict schedule, otherwise the unexpected will continuously divert my attention. Most *sannyāsīs* have personal secretaries for such concerns, I cannot handle everything. Let’s see how Kṛṣṇa arranges my life here. I really want to surrender

to His plan and I am certain Śrīla Prabhupāda will show me the way. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy names. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 2; Chicago

Challenges – many. Keep the focus on hearing and chanting. Trying to find quality time for reading. Kṛṣṇa's mercy is strong. I am small, quite dull and lazy, but determined to try. I need Your mercy, O Lord. Actually there is only one problem: the uncontrolled and uncooperative mind. Best friend, worst enemy. How much can he surrender, let's see what Kṛṣṇa provides. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, whose determination and compassion to serve the mission of Lord Caitanya is pushing us on although we are so unqualified. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 3; Chicago

Trying to situate myself in a regular pattern is not easy after so much irregularity. Mind is stubborn, but Kṛṣṇa is more powerful. By the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda, I am seeking Kṛṣṇa's shelter. Kṛṣṇa help! Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 4; Chicago – Hanumān Jayantī

Powerful; many great souls, along with the mercy of Balarāma, appeared today. Hanumān is loved by all. All glories to his lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 5; Chicago

Concerns, struggles, appreciations, glorifications, realizations, ideas, generally comprise these writings. Tonight I have very little of any of these. Most foremost is that Kṛṣṇa is so wonderful, great and the essence of everything. How could one fail to recognize and glorify Him or His supremely pure representative, His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda. All glories to his lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 6; Chicago

Build on the foundation and construct the building. Hearing and chanting with rapt attention, praying for the mercy of the Holy Name. Always in the mood of a beggar dependent on mercy. Eager for service, careful in associating with sense objects, especially women. As the mercy keeps taking one to higher and higher levels, also the tests continue complementing the respected advancement. Dear Lord, I only want You, but I become fooled easily by Māyā's stage show. Although not attracted, but yet still effected. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, only your causeless mercy can save this fool. Please, keep me always thinking about Kṛṣṇa, my real desire and only success. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 7; Chicago

Long day, too tired. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

April 8; Chicago

With emphasis on health care and physical rejuvenation, I am slipping in my *sādhana*, especially reading, consequently the mind is not satisfied and therefore adjustment is required. I require at least one hour reading time daily, this is part of my overall health plan, both spiritually and materially. Śrīla Prabhupāda has given everything, we only need to learn how best to apply it. In all cases, always remember Kṛṣṇa. The rule that fulfills all rules. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 9; Chicago

Only six more days until the Vyāsa-pūjā offering deadline. Only by the grace, mercy and empowerment of Kṛṣṇa can I offer a suitable glorification on Śrīla Prabhupāda's appearance. Praying for that mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 10; Chicago

Struggling hard to serve in Chicago. It is a dynamic that is very diverse. Much time is available for choice of direction, but mode of passion is strong, unlike in many other places. Regulation is very hard to maintain and from day to day, much differences are apparent. Pleasing Kṛṣṇa is the mood we should serve in and that is understandable when we have good rounds. Association with devotees is weak and therefore struggle is required to maintain what might have been easier with more and better association. Anyway, each place is a test and how we approach it is our success or failure. Humility is the ornament of a devotee's character, but it must be grounded in the instructions of the spiritual master. Praying for the determination to preserve in every situation and to always remember the beautiful smiling face of Kīśor, the beautiful charming flute player of Śrī Vṛndāvana Dhāma, the abode of pure love. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 11; Chicago

A taste of "Interfaith". Hinduism, no, *sanātana-dharma*, yes. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, as we reflect on another of Śrīla Prabhupāda's powerful teaching. We are not this anything. We are a spirit soul in love with Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 12; Chicago

Two weeks since I returned to Chicago. I really feel like I went backwards spiritually. Here, like everywhere, there are many advantages and many challenges. The real challenge is my relationship with the other devotees. But I have planned to be alone as a way to rest and regenerate for traveling which will resume in three weeks. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 13; Chicago

Preaching is increasing. Things are getting completed. Only reading is below standard. Perhaps in the future I will devote one day entirely to reading. A reading marathon. Sounds like a dream, but sometimes dreams come true. My

dream to find life's perfection came true as the Lord's confidential servant picked me up and gave me an eternal life of bliss and knowledge. The wildest dreams do come true. I am a dreamer. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 14; Chicago

Māyā attacks when least expected. Always remember Kṛṣṇa and fight to avoid Māyā's traps. There is danger at every step. That is not an overstatement. Never forget Kṛṣṇa and fight. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 15; Chicago

The deadline for submitting Vyāsa-pūjā offerings. Mine is in, but Chicago temple hasn't done one. Tonight I will try to dictate one over the phone and have it sent before the deadline. My prayer is that although I am not able to do this service properly, it is an emergency and something must come. Dear Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa, please empower my mind and faculties of speech to offer something that will please You and the assembled Vaiṣṇavas to glorify His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda, our beloved Guru and savior of the fallen souls of Kali-yuga. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 16; Chicago

A real sense of satisfaction and happiness comes from reading, especially *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* and *Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta*. We must read more and of course write and preach more. But reading Śrīla Prabhupāda's books for me is the perfection of my devotional activities. Yet we tend to push it to the back burner. In these days of increased service, reading gets neglected. My hope is I can constantly seek a workable balance. Śrīla Prabhupāda did so much and with a great quality of devotion and strict regulation. We pray for steady regulated devotional life. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 17; Chicago

Preaching through e-mail, somehow or other – preach. We preach to live and live to preach. May we always endeavor to develop a spirit of service by preaching the message of Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who was preaching with a mood of compassion 24 hours a day. Śrīla Prabhupāda *ki jay!* Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 18; Chicago

The devotees of Chicago are blessed by the association of His Holiness Śrīla Svarupa Damodara Maharaja. All glories unto his lotus feet. He is a very sincere and dedicated disciple of His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 19; Chicago

The sweet mercy of Gadādhara Paṇḍita has constantly been entering into our service on this day. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 20; Chicago

Slowly but carefully one should execute the process and not become overwhelmed by the volume of service one has. But one must be endeavoring in the right way. Careful control of mind and senses and absorption in the process of Bhakti, especially hearing about and glorifying the Supreme Lord. Still, it is a race against time as I try to complete what I have designated to do before I leave on my North American tour. Everything depends on Your mercy, Śrīla Prabhupāda. I pray, beg for that mercy. To always remember Kṛṣṇa with love and devotion. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 21; Chicago

Kiśor Kiśorī. My first thought upon entering the temple this morning, Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī and the 5th verse of the Guruvāṣṭakam prayers which begins with *śrī-rādhikā-mādhavayor apāra*, as the curtain closed on the Gaura āratī my last *darśana* of the day. My mind raced to the lotus palm of Śrī Rādhika and Her mercy upon me. How can I serve such an exalted Personality as Her. I can only beg, cry for Her kind sweet motherly mercy, which makes each day in Kṛṣṇa consciousness perfect. All glories to Her lotus feet and to Her pure servant Śrī Śukadeva Gosvāmī, Her parrot and the speaker of *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 22; Chicago

Three weeks since I landed here, 2 weeks before I leave. I have tried to catch up on hearing and chanting, reading, steady *sādhana* etc. The roller coaster of Chicago's internal management has entered in, how can it not. But Kṛṣṇa is in control and I believe He has a long ranged plan which includes everyone. By remaining surrendered, we will be able to learn more how that plan is unfolding and how to take an active part. Preach, preach, preach and never lose faith in the process. Hearing and chanting the glories of the Lord, developing the qualities of a Vaiṣṇava. Śrīla Prabhupāda has given us everything. But we must take responsibility. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 23; Chicago

The Lord has come to bestow His full mercy on the fallen souls of Kali-yuga. If only they could realize what is available. What happiness, love and complete satisfaction! How sad it is that Kali has captured practically the whole world, with his computerized mesmerization of the minds of men. But Śrī Caitanya, Śrī Nityānanda, Śrī Advaita, Śrī Gadādhara and Śrīvāsa are powerful, present in this *harināma-saṅkīrtana* movement. Will they wake up? We can only try to help

them and pray for the mercy of the Lord upon their wretched lives. Śrīla Prabhupāda is the embodiment of Śrī Nityānanda's mercy, with great intelligence and unbelievable intensity he is distributing it to anyone and everyone. May the *saṅkīrtana* of Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu be victorious in each and every corner of the world. All glories to Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu. All glories to Śrī Pañca Tattva. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 24; Chicago

HH Radhanath Maharaja's arrival amidst the devotees. In his association, I can see just how contaminated I am with pride, false ego, lust. Kṛṣṇa's mercy comes in different ways and who are we to say how it should come. But it is always good. All glories to the source of that mercy for us, His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 25; Chicago

Vivāha of Yasoda Dulal and Sri Radha. Very auspicious and glorious, glorious, glorious. Perhaps the first wedding I can recall wherein 5 *sannyāsīs* attended. All blessings on behalf of Śrīla Prabhupāda and the *paramparā* upon the newly wedded couple. May they shine as examples of perfect *gṛhasthas*. Śrīla Prabhupāda built a house the whole world could live in happily. All glories to His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. He has caused Vaikuṇṭha to descend on the material world. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 26; Chicago

It is very difficult to continue in our Kṛṣṇa conscious activities when rounds are chanted throughout the day rather than all at once during the morning program. Sleeping late means starting the next day without proper *sādhana*. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, we desire to be Kṛṣṇa conscious. Help! Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 27; Chicago

Late night, a sacrifice for the sake of others. Preaching – no rules or regulations. Kṛṣṇa's mercy gives the opportunity, but be careful, the foundation can become weakened. It will, late night means difficulties next morning. *Sādhana*, especially early attentive *japa* is our life. Tomorrow does come if we are preparing for it today. Śrīla Prabhupāda, we are dependent on your mercy and kindness, please, strengthen our hearing and chanting. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 28; Chicago

– Appearance of Sītā Ṭhākuraṇī and Śrīmatī Jāhnavā Devī

Ki jay. A wonderful narration of many of Their pastimes. HH Radhanath Swami Maharaja awoke loving feeling as he narrated their *līlās*. We could forever remain rapt in listening. All glories to the Lord and His pure devotees who act for the benefit of the conditioned souls. Madhu Paṇḍita, the *ācārya* of Śrī

Gopīnātha of Vṛndāvana, celebrating his appearance day. May Śrīla Prabhupāda bless us with spontaneous loving devotional service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 29; Chicago

With steady determination and faith in the instructions of the spiritual master and Kṛṣṇa's holy names, one can perform the impossible. Śrīla Prabhupāda did the impossible and so can those who follow him strictly, sincerely. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 30; Chicago – Ekādaśī

32 rounds. My rounds in the early part of the day were difficult. This hearing and chanting is everything in spiritual life. We must put full attention, concentration in chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa. It is our very life and soul, and the success for executing Śrīla Prabhupāda's instructions. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 1; Chicago

Balaram Prabhu's, house warming program. I spoke strongly about the pitfalls of living in the material world, although unaware that Balaram's boss was attending the lecture. He and his wife listened attentively. I hope it doesn't hurt Balaram's position, but even if it does, it's perfect because it was the arrangement of higher powers. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who spoke the Truth despite the fact that many weren't able to appreciate or agree. He challenged everything they lived for, but Truth is Truth and the Truth shall set you free. Godhead is light, Māyā is darkness. Come out of the darkness, come into the light of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 2; Chicago – Disappearance of Jayānanda Prabhu

Kirtans are becoming more enthusiastic, ecstatic, more devotees attend. Due to the presence of the fired-up Argentinian mataji's *saṅkīrtana* force, the temple has increased with service and participation in the functions. Today, the day before Lord Nṛsiṃha's Appearance Day, we honor Jayānanda Prabhu. Filled with many wonderful Vaiṣṇava qualities, but one that stands out, at least for me, is that he never wanted any position or praise. He only wanted the lowest menial service. He demonstrated that to be the servant of the servant of the servant is the aspiration of a true devotee. He sought out the most menial services and found the greatest happiness just serving the Lord, the spiritual master, Vaiṣṇavas and people in general. Śrīla Prabhupāda loved him dearly and blessed him with Kṛṣṇa's special mercy by honoring his disappearance each year preceding the Appearance Day of Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva. All glories to Jayānanda Prabhu. We pray for his mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 3; Chicago – Nṛsiṃhadeva Caturdaśī

Spoke on three different occasions the glories and pastimes of Śrī Nṛsiṃhadeva and Śrī Prahlāda Mahārāja. The pastime is filled with the most powerful

philosophy. Prahlāda Mahārāja is our guru inspiring us to become fearless preachers. Chicago is a difficult place to inspire people in discussion and philosophy. People are generally kirtan and *prasādam* devotees. Which is nice and acceptable in all respects. Yet I think what it would take to inspire others with reading and discussion. Perhaps a format changes with a more interactive session. Tests create challenges, otherwise to remain with the presence format won't really inspire devotees much. They need challenges. Śrīla Prabhupāda always gave us challenges to meet. By Your grace, dear Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva, may our hearts be freed from the fruitive mentality and desire for material comfort. Preaching is our life even if nobody listens. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 4; Chicago

Soon to hit the road again. Am I ready? Have I become too comfortable? We take full shelter at the lotus feet of His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda for his mercy to travel and effectively preach Kṛṣṇa consciousness while remain strong in hearing and chanting. All glories to the *sannyāsa āśrama*, which affords the greatest opportunity to surrender and serve. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 5; Chicago

It took the entire time, 5 weeks, to figure out the best schedule, although two weeks back I practiced it. The best is one meal a day, generally morning. A travel schedule is different. One must strive for regulation, but not be attached to it. One must develop attachment for Kṛṣṇa and His service. Traveling and preaching means schedules will be erratic. Anyway, always remember Kṛṣṇa and never forget Him, that is regulated life. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for this rare opportunity to assist you in spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness although we are unqualified. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 6; Chicago – New Vrindaban

Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva in New Vrindaban is very, very much in the mood of showing His loving care to His devotee Prahlāda. All who take *darśana* of this Deity can taste the sweetness of His presence. *Bahir nṛsiṃho hṛdaye nṛsiṃho*. We fervently pray at His lotus feet for His mercy upon us who are always lost in the false ego of an enjoyer. Jay Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 7; New Vrindaban

A wonderful and large gathering of Vaiṣṇavas came to be inspired in Kṛṣṇa consciousness through kirtan, Vaiṣṇava topics, *prasādam* and association. I hope and pray we can offer some service to the Vaiṣṇavas that is meaningful and uplifting. Śrīla Prabhupāda is wonderful, for he has created beautiful ISKCON. All glories to his lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 8; New Vrndaban

I had the privilege to give a seminar on Śrī Śikṣāṣṭaka prayers. Mostly it inspired me to get into the mood of these prayers, which cover the essence of Bhakti. Blessed with good association which inspired me to increase my desire to serve the Vaiṣṇavas. That is most wanted. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, whose lotus feet we constantly pray for. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 9; New Vrndaban

Lord Caitanya's Appearance Day next February 23rd in Śrī Māyāpur Dhāma has many implications. It is obvious that the Lord is making His mercy more readily available. Yet it also indicates a greater responsibility upon the devotees in ISKCON to move forward, individually and collectively, to purify ourselves and become better representatives of Guru and Kṛṣṇa. It's a challenge, still it is our responsibility to move forward and become more Kṛṣṇa conscious. If we don't accept the challenge, we will have to fall back forced again to struggle like neophytes. What does it mean to move forward? It can take many facets. But the mood of compassion must be given greater emphasis. Compassion upon oneself and others. This is what Śrīla Prabhupāda wanted his devotees to imbibe. I am so unqualified, no Bhakti, very little knowledge, but I have faith in Kṛṣṇa's holy names, although I am unable to take full advantage. Please, Lord Kṛṣṇa, make me a better instrument of Your mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 10; New Vrndaban

My back and forth, side to side, up-down bodily maintenance schedule is simply based on time and circumstance. I am uncertain if this or strict regulation is better. Śrīla Prabhupāda was very regulated even while traveling. The present consideration is what is best for devotional service at a given time. Maybe someday I will become regulated. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 11; New Vrndaban

One has to be very careful in observing the rules and regulations, particularly with regard to temple etiquette. Talking during worship, especially *prajalpa*, before the Lord must be avoided. The tongue is most voracious and difficult to control. Even seemingly related devotional topics may be "border line" offensive. It is easier to commit an offense than not. Conscious and cautious is the way of success. Conscious of Kṛṣṇa, cautious not to forget Him, or conscious of Vaiṣṇava behavior and cautious not to transgress it. Śrīla Prabhupāda gave a definition of greatness where it means "one who is fully aware and perfect in all activity". All glories to His Divine Grace. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 12; New Vrndaban

My ignorance is my illusion about life, knowledge of Kṛṣṇa is meager. My ability to control my senses is non-existent. I pray for the mercy of the

Vaiṣṇavas to save me from my pitiable situation. Dear Śrīla Prabhupda, save me. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 13; New Vrindaban – Columbus

Traveling and preaching in America is a real challenge. Always faced with persons who are really not very eager to change their lives. They are curious and a little interested, but can't seem to make a change or just don't want to. Anyway, Lord Caitanya's mercy in the form of the Holy Name is powerful. Enough *prasāda* and chanting may wake them up; that will either change them or they will continue being baffled by the material energy. Preach, preach, preach. The rest is up to Kṛṣṇa and Śrīla Prabhupāda. We can only try our best and never become discouraged. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 14; Columbus

The lotus feet of Śrīla Prabhupāda are the supreme shelter for our wayward mind. Kṛṣṇa, Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu is so kind. He has shown His mercy in a wonderful extraordinary spiritual personality known as His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda. We are most fortunate and very grateful for His mercy. All glories to Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu along with the Pañca Tattva for appearing in this age in such a wonderful way. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 15; Columbus – Cleveland

As I sit here, thinking what to write, I realize I can't think of anything relevant. My mind can only think of resting. But one thing I can repeat is that the more I chant Kṛṣṇa's holy name, the more I understand the Truth of Śrīla Bhaktivinoda's words: "There is nothing in the fourteen worlds like the holy name of Kṛṣṇa." All glories to Śrī Mahā-mantra. All glories to the giver of the Name, Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu, and all glories to the distributor of the Name, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 16; Cleveland

Śrīla Prabhupāda, a legend, a historical landmark of spiritual power, a legacy for life, a person of extraordinary compassion. A mystery still being revealed. Our very life and soul, Śrīla Prabhupāda. You are still very much with us. As you said about yourself after you left: "They think I am gone." You are always with those who live to fulfill your desire to spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness to as many persons as possible. "He reasons ill who says Vaiṣṇavas dies, when thou are living still in sound. Vaisnava die to live, and living spread the Holy Name around". All glories eternally to His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. We remain prostrated at your feet in obedient loving devotion. His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda *ki jay*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 17; Cleveland – Chicago

Received a poem entitled “Lead me in battle”, a prayer to His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. Yes, to seriously take up Kṛṣṇa consciousness means to wage a war against the illusory energy. The enemy is in our own mind and heart, and purification of the heart is where the battle ensues, and keeping the mind engaged in Kṛṣṇa’s loving service is our determination. Māyā is undoubtedly very strong and one must be very, very attentive, it’s like a razor’s edge. Always, always remember Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu and try to continuously chant Hare Kṛṣṇa. Yes, Śrīla Prabhupāda, lead me in the battle, for without your expert guidance we are sure to be defeated, but with you calling the moves, it is not a battle but a festival. All glories to His Divine Grace. Śrīla Prabhupāda, you have heightened the definition of greatness by adding yourself to the list of truly great souls. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 18; Chicago

Appreciation for what we have been given, dissatisfaction in what we are offering because we want to offer more and more. Determination to be able to see Kṛṣṇa in everything. Satisfaction even in the seemingly insignificant. Enthusiasm even when things are going on routinely. Struggling to always think of Kṛṣṇa and to never forget Him. Peace when thinking of Śrīla Prabhupāda and his qualities of devotion and compassion. Fearfulness that we are not pleasing Kṛṣṇa. Anxiety over the thought we could chant better with more attention. Obeisances at the feet of Lord Jagannātha. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 19; Chicago

A recent Harris Poll (2003) concluded that 92% of the American population are interested in spiritual topics. A significant increase. I pray I can get involved more in front line and other outreach preaching. It’s exciting to anticipate increased involvement in Lord Caitanya’s *saṅkīrtana* movement. By Śrīla Prabhupāda’s mercy, the opportunity to push on Kṛṣṇa consciousness will increase. Actually, this is the central purpose and meaning of the appearance of Śrī Pañca Tattva in Śrī Māyāpur Dhāma this year. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtana*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 20; Chicago – New Orleans

I occasionally use this writing forum to express what is most apparent at the time. Recently, I have been getting continuous reminders of death. Or we can say the demise of the body. Today it hit me very strongly, although I don’t have any fear, still we have to reconcile that perhaps it is coming much sooner than expected. Or the good Lord is reminding me that I better become more serious and austere. I am too loose in many areas and too rigid in others. If Kṛṣṇa wants to destroy your body, nothing can prevent it and if Kṛṣṇa wants to extend this body beyond conceivable limits, it will happen. In either case, I see my recent

reminders as messages to get more serious and stop wasting time. Become Kṛṣṇa conscious and preach boldly to others. Preach from realization and become realized. Śrīla Prabhupāda, I am your eternal servant, please, engage me in your loving devotional service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 21; New Orleans – New Talavan

Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī is Bhakti-devī. She is the embodiment of all love for Kṛṣṇa and She distributes that love in the form of mercy to the fallen conditioned souls. She is very, very kind and full of compassion. Our prayers to Her today received very great reciprocation, more than I can recall on any previous occasion. Therefore, we humbly offer our thankful prayers at Her sweet lotus feet in great appreciation. Bhakti is so beautiful. Can others get a glimpse of the glories of Bhakti? Only if they become a little humble and free from pretentiousness. Śrīla Prabhupāda writes in his prayers upon arriving in the shores of United States that “your devotional service becomes successful only when you receive the favor of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī.” All glories to Bhakti-devī, Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, for only She can reveal Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Thank you very, very much. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 22; New Talavan

Dwibuja Prabhu revealed a nice bit of transcendental information. The Deities Śrī Śrī Rādhā Rādhākānta which of course means Kṛṣṇa, the lover of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī. Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī is very happy here, as She is in the mood of being showered with Kṛṣṇa’s love. Therefore, the devotees here are very happy because they are receiving Her mercy in a very sweet, potent way. All glories to Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī by whose mercy Her parrot appeared as Śrī Śukadeva Gosvāmī the speaker of the *Bhāgavatam*. May we accept Her mercy by increasing our dedication to Śrīla Prabhupāda’s desire in showing compassion to others. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 23; New Talavan – New Orleans

Jagannath Prabhu, a very nice devotee, Prabhupāda’s disciple, said that when Śrīla Prabhupāda visited this area, he said that there were many ghosts. Perhaps that is why I feel or experience certain dreams. I don't want to dwell on that, but point out that Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī of New Orleans is very kind and very merciful, as we can experience Her mercy just by accepting Her *darśana*. All glories to Her lotus feet, which are sought after even by Śrī Kṛṣṇa Himself. We constantly pray to remember Her with loving devotion. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 24; New Orleans – Chicago

Hare Kṛṣṇa! Trying hard to become more Kṛṣṇa conscious. It is up to the Lord and Śrīla Prabhupāda. Praying, crying, begging for the mercy of enthusiastic devotional service unto Your lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 25; Chicago

Health concerns resurface as travel intensifies. Do the needful. Don't let others tell you what and when to eat. You must be strict in this area as both health and spiritual excellence are at risk. Dear Lord, You are the Supreme intelligence in the universe. Please, guide us so we can execute devotional service continuously, progressively. Allow Śrīla Prabhupāda's words to penetrate our minds and awaken us to spontaneous loving service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 26; Chicago

The qualities of Śrī Kṛṣṇa, as described in Nectar of Devotion, attract the mind and heart toward Kṛṣṇa. Kṛṣṇa is one who attracts all. Even the inert living entities respond to the attracting power of Śrī Flute. Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī is only attracted by Kṛṣṇa, She cannot even imagine something or someone else. Kṛṣṇa consciousness means being attracted by Kṛṣṇa in loving devotional service. By taking shelter of Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityānanda we become attracted to Śrī Kṛṣṇa. His beauty and charm attract our hearts more each day. Śrī Śrī Kīśor Kīśorī is the full manifestation of Kṛṣṇa's sweet attraction. We pray to keep Their vision always in our mind and heart. Thank you, dear Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to your lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 27; Chicago

“Purified or unpurified, one who remembers the Supreme Personality of Godhead is purified from without and within”. To always remember You, dear Lord, is our only desire, and in remembering You, trying to offer some insignificant service for Your pleasure. In all situations we are dependent on Your mercy coming through the most merciful Śrīla Prabhupāda. We are very fortunate and are trying – although not very effectively – to remind others of their duty to You. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 28; Chicago – New Jersey – Gita Nagari

Driving again! I don't miss it! But we must do whatever is necessary to carry out our service to Śrīla Prabhupāda and the greater ISKCON. One thing I again realized when driving is that there is nothing greater anywhere than the holy name of Kṛṣṇa. We take complete shelter at Nāma Rūpa's lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 29; Gita Nagari

– Appearance of Baladeva Vidyābhūṣaṇa,

Gaṅgā Pūjā and Appearance of Gaṅgāmātā Gosvāmīnī

Although today is the Appearance Day of Baladeva Vidyābhūṣaṇa, Gaṅgā Pūjā and appearance of Gaṅgāmātā Gosvāmīnī, we didn't get to mention it in any of the programs, therefore I take this opportunity to offer a tribute of the divine lotus feet of these great personalities, begging for their forgiveness and looking

for the opportunity to glorify them. Baladeva's devotion and heartfelt prayers inspired Govindajī of Vṛndāvana to speak a commentary on Vedānta-sūtra which astounded the Rāmānandīs of Jaipur and gave credibility to the Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇavas. Gaṅgāmātā Gosvāmīnī attracted the personal attention of Lord Jagannātha by her devotion and renunciation and Mother Gaṅgā is famous throughout the three worlds for Her mercy in purifying the sinful living entities. And Śrīla Prabhupāda has brought it all to us by his compassion and hard work in devotion to Śrī Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 30; Gita Nagari – Nirjala Ekādaśī

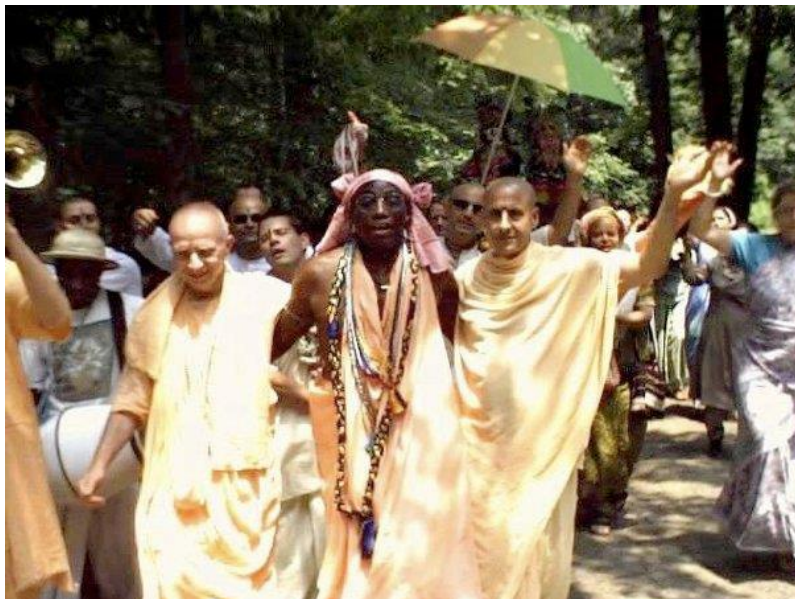
Nirjala Ekādaśī. It was *Sa-jāl* for me but *Nir-anna* (no food). Nice program. Devotees are friendly, talented, enthusiastic. Śrīla Prabhupāda wanted us to participate in festivals. It is Kṛṣṇa consciousness at its finest. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 31; Gita Nagari

All glories, all glories to the holy name of Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa. The personified form of that Name has advented as Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu in order to show compassion to us fallen souls struggling with the mind and senses. Now we are equipped with the weapon of knowledge and detachment and are able to fully achieve shelter of the perfect Person by chanting His beautiful holy names. May we embrace it, cherish it, remember it, chant it, distribute it and worship it as our life and soul. All glories to His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda, who distributed the Name as a service to Lord Caitanya. May Nityānanda Rāma bless us with His mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 1; Gita Nagari

So very nice to have the association of my senior *sannyāsī* Godbrothers. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, help me to fully appreciate this by learning from them and imbibe things that will improve service and Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Hare Kṛṣṇa.



June 2; Gita Nagari

Health has become a concern. I know what I need to do, but it requires a change in my present life-style. I am not prepared to do that, so I will see how to adjust to improve health care. Only by the mercy of the Supreme Lord coming through His pure representative are we able to succeed in our endeavor to serve. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 3; Gita Nagari – Philadelphia

May Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu and His associates who made Their appearance in Śrī Māyāpur Dhāma this year in a most powerful and amazing way purify ISKCON of *anarthas* and push forward the glories of the *saṅkīrtana* movement. May They purify me of all uncertainties, misgivings foolish acts and speech and the tendency for sense gratification. May Pañca Tattva purify without and within. All glories to Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu and Śrī Nityānanda Rāma. Jay Śrīla Prabhupāda. Please, give me the enthusiasm to push on despite any impediments. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 4; Philadelphia

Our humble but fervent prayer is to become a more effective instrument in serving Śrīla Prabhupāda by spreading the glories of Śrī Caitanya and His associates. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtana*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 5; Philadelphia – Albany

The Albany crew is very nice. Sincerely interested in philosophical topics and very intelligent, materially and spiritually. A concern is to somehow keep nice relationships with all devotees through the medium of selfless service. Service to please, to uplift. Whenever that is there, we can take great satisfaction. Śrīla Prabhupāda, your instructions are our life's desire. If somehow we make some mistake or offense unknowingly, we pray for the intelligence to see and seek forgiveness along with the ability to go on with full enthusiasm. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 6; Albany – Edison

HH Bhakti Bringa Govinda Swami and the Kazakhstan *bhajan* band. Very devotional, expert musical arrangement, well-coordinated. Kṛṣṇa is appearing in His holy names in many ways and in many forms of musical expression. One + one = one – Kṛṣṇa is the only reason for anything and everything. Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa and to those who live only to glorify Him and to give others the opportunity. Śrīla Prabhupāda ki jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 7; Towaco

Quality versus quantity. Find the balance. Quality is judged by others. Quantity is really a way to develop quality, but quantity demands attention. The need is great. Balance is never ideal. Strive for the essence. To always remember Kṛṣṇa

and never forget Him is reality and real austerity. Śrīla Prabhupāda is the ideal who blended quantity so expertly with quality. Quality essentially is to remember Kṛṣṇa while engaging in His loving service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 8; Towaco – Hartford – Boston

Kṛṣṇa Help! All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 9; Boston

Striving for self-improvement, eager to read and chant and associate with devotees. Boston atmosphere seems to have an air of discipline, at least for me. Only two days left and then we move on. One must become attached to Kṛṣṇa and not the routine. Striving for regulation is tantamount to achieving it. My body is the only loser. With all humility, I beg for the mercy to continue trying to serve my spiritual master and his mission. It is for his pleasure that we act or not act. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 10; Boston

I just received an e-mail from a devotee who quoted something I said to him: "Preacher means reader." This was actually spoken by Śrīla Prabhupāda. I'm reflecting on how quality reading has presently become non-existent. In retrospect, I can hear Kṛṣṇa's message. I better start reading. But how? Anyway, my rounds are steady. Someday soon I will dedicate an entire day for reading and chanting. This is my humble request to my spiritual master. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 11; Boston

Again we had the privilege of showing the Māyāpur Pañca Tattva installation video. The Boston devotees enthusiastically expressed much appreciation. Factually, this was the most enthusiastic response I received in any showing. Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu is an unfathomably deep ocean of mercy, kindness and love. He constantly resonates that love so powerfully. Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī's love is the inner heart of Mahāprabhu, so grand, so beautiful. May that love be the object of my life and goal of all my activities. All glories to the lotus feet of His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda, by whose mercy that love is available in such a wonderful way. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 13; Hartford – Ekādaśī

Missed yesterday's offering, my diary was left in Boston. After returning from New York Ratha-yātrā, my fatigue disappeared. Today being Ekādaśī, I read, rested and chanted 32 rounds. Everything became easy by the grace Lord Jagannātha. I was inspired to speak about Him at the Sunday feast lecture and everyone seemed pleased. Murli Vadaka Prabhu was here and we had a nice exchange. He is very learned in scripture, we spoke about Lord Caitanya and Lord Jagannātha. As he was leaving, I mentioned how Śrīla Prabhupāda was

very forgiving. He took that to heart and seemed to find comfort in those words. It is a fact, Śrīla Prabhupāda is very kind and forgiving, knowing the many spiritual disqualifications of his Western disciples, yet he encouraged us accordingly. He was strict and yet very loving, seeing that we had learned from our mistakes and were willing to pick up and try again. Always accommodating, *Api cet su-durācāro bhajate mām ananya-bhāk*. This verse indicates Kṛṣṇa's forgiving mercy. We are fallen, what is our qualification? To be sincere and try our best depending on the Lord's mercy in all circumstances. Back to Śrīla Prabhupāda, better forward toward Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 14; Hartford – Washington D. C. Potomac

A driving *yajña*. I am not as able to perform as in earlier days. By the kind mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda and Lord Nṛsiṃha, I made it. Praying these next few days will present the opportunity to effectively reach out and change the lives of a few souls toward Kṛṣṇa. That is the reward for our austerities. "If one soul becomes fully Kṛṣṇa conscious", stated Śrīla Prabhupāda, "then I would consider my mission a success." All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 15; Potomac

Nice family from Lucknow, they're very new to ISKCON. Lately it appears I have become sentimental by not forcing my restless mind to take shelter at the lotus feet of Śrī Śrī Kiśor Kiśorī. It is difficult being in association with senior Godbrothers and it is unhappy being away from such association. One must be humble, intelligent and above all Kṛṣṇa conscious. We have to be very eager to preach, to serve, to follow. That is Śrīla Prabhupāda's instruction, especially to his *sannyāsī* disciples, always to be ready to sacrifice for the sake of the conditioned souls. America is a tough place to preach, but one must not avoid the challenge. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 16; Potomac

Harinam in Georgetown. Great place for preaching. Many took books, cookies, invitations. Met Palaka Prabhu, initiated in 1976 by Śrīla Prabhupāda. Told of his time with Śrīla Prabhupāda in DC. While listening, I experienced a bit of the transcendental nature of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Will we ever be able to improve the temples in America? It remains a mystery, although the formula is available. What is required is dedicated, intelligent, determined leadership. May Lord Caitanya's mercy pick up America once again. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 17; Potomac

The glories of the Lord and the great souls are unlimited. Today we had the good fortune to touch a small drop of that unlimited ocean. It was refreshing and uplifting, may we always seek out the nectar. This is our life, hope, happiness, knowledge. All glories to Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu and His associates with

Their amazing pastimes. His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda has awarded us eternal activity the means for complete bliss. Kṛṣṇa *kīrtana*, Kṛṣṇa *kathā*, Kṛṣṇa worship. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 18; Potomac – Edison New Jersey

By the kindness and mercy of the Vaiṣṇavas, I am able to continue. If they turn me away, then I am without the mercy of Kṛṣṇa, unable to go on in my devotional service. We aspire to serve and pray for Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva to remove our obstacles. Śrīla Prabhupāda has open wide the stock of Gaurāṅga's unlimited mercy. Can we accept it with open arms and a grateful heart? That is the desire we hope to achieve. Tomorrow Cleveland, Ratha-yātrā, and another opportunity to serve and worship Lord Jagannātha, Lord Baladeva and Subhadrā Devī. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 19; Edison NJ – Cleveland Ratha-yātrā – Chicago

Lord Jagannātha, Lord Baladeva and Subhadrā Devī – all are inconceivably merciful and very delightful to see. Today, Ratha-yātrā at Cleveland was very, very wonderful, enthusiastic and sweet. Cleveland Ratha-yātrā is here to stay. Another outstanding contribution to the world by His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda. We are trying to hold tightly to his divine lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 20; Chicago

I am back, it was a nice Sunday program. Śrī Śrī Kīśor Kīśorī are exquisitely beautiful. Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityānanda are unlimitedly merciful and Lord Jagannātha, Lord Baladeva and Subhadrā Devī are unbelievably personal. Śrīla Prabhupāda is extraordinarily compassionate. And I am unendingly foolish. Hare Kṛṣṇa.



June 21; Chicago

The Holy Name is everything. If we could only remember how glorious it is and try to take it up with determination.

June 22; Chicago

There is by far no comparison to the depths of Vaiṣṇava philosophy found in *Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta*. Śrīla Prabhupāda's purports are unimaginably profound. One could immerse himself eternally in such literature feeling completely satisfied and enlightened. Śrīla Kṛṣṇadāsa Kavirāja Gosvāmī has been directly empowered by Lord Caitanya to write and Śrīla Prabhupāda's purports bring out the deepest meanings of these verses. All glories to *Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta*. Someday I will become absorbed in two scriptures – *Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta* and *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*. I will not desire anything else. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 23; Chicago

Because my rounds were of less quality, the day was a struggle. Quality *japa* focuses the mind properly. We must look forward to improved chanting by being eager to chant and to cultivate the proper mood. The Holy Name is the essence of everything as it is both Kṛṣṇa and the *yuga-dharma*. It gives us the ability to focus more carefully on His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda and what he represents to us and the world. All glories to that person who brought us Kṛṣṇa's name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 24; Chicago

Nice program, intelligent people. Many are eager to study and learn. Whatever little we can offer to assist Śrīla Prabhupāda in spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness, that is our credit and satisfaction. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 25; Chicago

By the mercy of Lord Jagannātha, who will ride on His *ratha* tomorrow, the temple of Śrī Śrī Kīśor Kīśorī is filling up with many wonderful devotees. All this was initiated by the fact that despite so much hardship and difficulty Śrīla Prabhupāda stayed on in America preaching the timeless message of Lord Caitanya's instructions. Śrīla Prabhupāda's compassion is ultimately our only good fortune. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 26; Chicago – Ratha-yātrā

It is refreshing to see the youth of our movement showing an active interest in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Caught-up or rather growing up in ISKCON and somewhat influenced by the attractions of modern society – which takes away their attention and youthful energy – they remain dedicated to Kṛṣṇa consciousness and spiritual life. Where this movement is going, in so much as how broad the cultural base has encompassed, remains a mystery. But the signs

are good, as everyone loves to be entertained and participate in entertainment, therefore kirtan and drama are two powerful forces which can be employed to effectively spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness. How can I participate in pushing on, well let's see what Kṛṣṇa has in store. I remain open for ideas and change. By the grace of Śrīla Prabhupāda, the whole world can find opportunities to serve and participate in Bhakti-yoga. Bhakti is attractive, Bhaktidevī is Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 27; Chicago

I notice in myself, although it is not very apparent, but slight, that I am not careful enough to control the senses – a little loose. And, as we know, one thing leads to another. Anyway, this is a warning, be careful, a slip of the tongue or any of the prominent senses can set your spiritual life back considerably. Be careful, be Kṛṣṇa conscious. Always remember Kṛṣṇa and the instructions of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 28; Chicago

“In all situation” Kṛṣṇa advises, “just depend on Me”. Think of Me, surrender to Me, abide in Me, take refuge in Me, love Me. Kṛṣṇa is everything, Śrīla Prabhupāda is Kṛṣṇa's dear devotee. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 30; London – BV/Manor

Missed yesterday's entry, an overnight flight to London. We pray for the intelligence to effectively execute Kṛṣṇa consciousness. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 1; London/BV Manor

Today I received the special mercy of Vṛndā-devī, Tulasī-devī. By Her blessings and mercy everything became auspicious. It is said in *Caitanya-bhāgavatā* that Gaṅgā, Tulasī, *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* and the devotee are nondifferent from the Supreme Lord. As the Deity becomes the Lord following the *prāṇa-pratiṣṭhā* ceremony, these 4 personalities are eternally nondifferent from Kṛṣṇa. Śrīmatī Vṛndā-devī is Śrī Vṛndāvana-dhāma herself, revealing and arranging the eternal loving pastimes of the Divine Couple and Their associates. We pray for her mercy and the opportunity to serve her eternally. Śrīmatī Tulasī Mahārāṇī, Śrī Vṛndā-devī ki jay. By the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda, an eternal resident of Śrī Vṛndāvana-dhāma, her mercy has descended upon the fallen souls of the Western countries. Mahāprabhu has innumerable facets of His mercy readily available. We are very, very, very fortunate. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 2; London/BV Manor

Śrī Kṛṣṇa is merciful when He gives us the opportunity for service, but He is more merciful when He gives us challenges and apparent obstacles. This gives us the opportunity to deepen our dependence upon Him and our relationship with Him. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, for he is very merciful in giving out Śrī Kṛṣṇa's mercy. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to your lotus feet. May we remember them always. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 3; London/BV Manor

Seminar – The Mind, completed in 3 sessions. Always tired, why? Who knows other than Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Anyway, we pray to Śrīla Prabhupāda for his mercy. Feeling weak, need the power of the Holy Name.

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare*

July 4; London/BV Manor – Bristol/Ratha-yātrā

Jagannāthā Swami presented Himself as a huge balloon, more than 20 ft. tall. Sweet Ratha-yātrā, about 30+ people. Simple, but very nice program, perhaps a major step in developing the preaching in Bristol. Maha Visnu Swami, very enthusiastic, intelligent, funny and kind. Śrīla Prabhupāda's movement is very diverse, the people in it are very diverse and that is the beauty of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Unity in diversity. Glorification of the one Supreme Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa by always chanting His holy names.

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare*

July 5; London/BV Manor

The intensity of activity is increasing. My personal concern is proper *japa* and sufficient rest in order to offer service with a clear mind to Śrī Kṛṣṇa and His devotees. With the help on His Divine Grace's mercy anything is achievable. I pray I can always beg for the mercy. Control of the mind and senses is mandatory. Any inattention can cause one to fall. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, save me from any offensive behavior and forgive me for any conscious or inadvertent deviation. Your mercy is my only hope and my only need. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 6; London/BV Manor – Spain/Barcelona

Śrīla Prabhupāda said to us, his disciples, especially his *sannyāsīs*: “Do as I am doing” meaning ‘follow in my footsteps and preach Kṛṣṇa consciousness.’ As Hladini Mataji of New Vrindaban wrote in her poem: “All these austerities are simply done as an offering to You dear Lord Jagannātha.” Why else would we even think of such adventures of traveling and trying to inject some Kṛṣṇa consciousness into the hearts and minds of the conditioned souls in this most degraded Kali-yuga. It is a humble offering at the lotus feet of Jagannātha,

Baladeva and Subhadrā-devī hoping that They will be a little bit pleased with us. What else can we offer? It is like offering Gaṅgā water to the Gaṅgā, it is our simple way to show our love and appreciation. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 7; Spain/Barcelona – World Parliament of Religion

I hope that this program can, in some way, help people recognize the real problem and begin to act on it. Real problem is greed. Greed to have and enjoy what does not actually belong to us. Everything is the property of God. Until we recognize that and live by that, all our nice fancy words will never bring about any significant change. Śrīla Prabhupāda's words cut right to the heart of the problem. Our desire is to enjoy what doesn't belong to us. Therefore, how can one really be happy when greed becomes a way of life. Real change is a change in heart. Glories to those who have given up fruitive activities, sense gratification in the service of the Lord. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 8; Spain/Barcelona – World Parliament of Religion

One has to be *amāninā mānadena*, otherwise it is hard or rather impossible to achieve the mercy of the Lord. Even if others disrespect, you still you must not act in a similar manner. Chanting Kṛṣṇa's holy name is our only hope and our very life. Chant always. Pray to Śrīla Prabhupāda and fight. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 9; Spain/Barcelona – World Parliament of Religion

Śrīla Prabhupāda has clearly given the basic principles of the Absolute Truth. All living entities are eternal servants of the Supreme Lord and Śrī Kṛṣṇa is the Supreme Lord. Many others expound confusing and cheating Māyāvāda impersonalism, trying to usurp Śrī Kṛṣṇa's position with this form of covered atheism. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for saving us from all that crappy, wish-washy, indescribable word jugglery meant to mislead the living entity and place him once again as the competitor of the Supreme Lord. All glory to Kṛṣṇa's service and His holy name.

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare*

July 10; Spain/Barcelona – World Parliament of Religion

The opportunity for preaching is increasing. Let us take full advantage and work toward maximizing each opportunity to the fullest. Enthusiasm, determination, compassion and a spirit of appreciation is our desired mood of service. Śrīla Prabhupāda gave everything and encouraged us to follow him. Let us follow him to the best of our effort. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 11; Spain/Barcelona – World Parliament of Religion

Going deeper into the interfaith mood, it was very good. I felt a sense of opening up which for me, if done properly, expands my sense of the oneness of all living

beings in their spirituality. Śrī Kṛṣṇa is so kind and Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya's is kinder yet. All glories to the son of Śacīdevī, for He has brought the remedy for the entire world. *Śrī harināma-saṅkīrtana*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 12; Spain/Barcelona – Madrid – New Vraja Mandala

The mood radically changed. From the super fast pace of world parliament activities and Barcelona city to the quiet serene secluded home of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Govinda Candra. I feel like I came home. The Lord has always been especially kind to me here. I only hope I can reciprocate to some tiny degree. In Barcelona, it was very evident that remembering Śrī Kṛṣṇa was critical. I pray I will be able to do the same here with the grace of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 13; Spain/New Vraja Mandala

Tejas Prabhu, filled with much intellect and information. I did a lot of listening today. Listening properly is the basis of successful speaking. Śrī Kṛṣṇa explains the importance of hearing about Him, by which knowledge of Him is revealed. Listening to the words of Śrīla Prabhupāda is the principle that awakens right action which leads to right speech which leads to remembering the Supreme Personality of Godhead. All glories to those who always hear and chant the glories of Lord Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 14; Spain/New Vraja Mandala

Śrī Kṛṣṇa is known as *bhāva-grāhī-janārdana*, He who accepts the Bhakti and overlooks the expression. Or He who accepts the essence, or He who accepts what is the actual intension. In this way He is manifesting His kindness. Śrī Kṛṣṇa is very kind and forgiving, but we must be careful to consciously offer everything in a spirit of devotion. One who takes advantage of another's kindness or mercy is a cheater, an inconsiderate person and a rascal. Please, accept my most humble obeisances, that is always our mood. May Śrīla Prabhupāda remind us how to always serve in the proper consciousness and mood of devotion. What can we really offer but our sincere desire to please the Lord and His devotees. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 15; Spain/New Vraja Mandala

Simply by talking about or lecturing on the glories of the Holy Names one experiences there just isn't anything else. The Holy Name. The Holy Name. The Holy Name. There is nothing else in all the 14 worlds. We must continuously remind ourselves of the unlimited glories and the importance of chanting, otherwise we become lax. By praying to Śrī Harināma Prabhu and Śrīla Prabhupāda we will always be aware of our good fortune. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 16; Spain/New Vraja Mandala

Gaurāṅga! Gaurāṅga! Gaurāṅga! Gaurāṅga! Call out the holy name of Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 17; Spain/New Vraja Mandala

If somehow one could get a small glimpse of the mercy of the all merciful Lord Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu, one would be overwhelmed with amazement and appreciation, and since that is impossible for me to achieve, I simply want to always remember His holy name. Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Gaurāṅga! Gaurāṅga! Hey Gaurāṅga! Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 18; Spain/New Vraja Mandala – Madrid

Chanting the Holy Name and following in the footsteps of the great souls is the way to successful execution of *sādhana*. Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya is present everywhere in His Deity form, each one more merciful than the previous. I am so unqualified to be a devotee, lazy, puffed up, self-centered, egoistical and judgmental. Yet somehow Mahāprabhu's mercy is allowed to enter my mind and heart. What mercy! We can only humbly place our prostrated body at the lotus feet of Śrīla Prabhupāda and offer everything in his service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 19; Spain/Madrid – Denmark/Copenhagen

A long flight, almost 3 hours. The Danish *yātrā* appears to be alive and growing. How can I most effectively serve these nice devotees? That is my prayer. I am inspired by their kindness and care. Śrīla Prabhupāda has created a house wherein a real family is living – ISKCON. All glories to all the Vaiṣṇavas whose only shelter is Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 20; Denmark/Copenhagen

A full day. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya and Śrī Nityānanda Rāma, who are appearing here in such a sweet merciful way. Their *darśana* is sublime. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 21; Denmark/Copenhagen

It seems I just arrived, tomorrow we go. Short, but very sweet. I had planned not to return next year, but how is it possible to refuse the loving sentiments of the devotees. I came to serve and they seemed happy. This is one of our goals – to make the devotees happy. Only by Kṛṣṇa consciousness can one become truly happy. I pray to someday become fully Kṛṣṇa conscious. Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura prays: “When, O when will that day be mine, offenses ceasing, taste for the Name increasing. When, O when will that day be mine?” Surely all success is only the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 22; Denmark/Copenhgen – Slovenia/Padayatra

Wherever I go, my main concern is how best to serve the Vaiṣṇavas. This is the purpose of visiting these places – to serve the Vaiṣṇavas. To bring an added touch of Kṛṣṇa’s mercy. All this is possible only by Śrīla Prabhupāda’s guidance. Therefore, please, keep your mind focused on his lotus feet by always remembering the mission of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Glorify Kṛṣṇa, serve Kṛṣṇa, give Kṛṣṇa to others. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 23; Slovenia/Padayatra

I really need to read. Anyway, Kṛṣṇa has given me this great opportunity to preach Kṛṣṇa consciousness, so in that way I am both happy and very fortunate. Yet, my mind is never fully satisfied until I can absorb it in reading Śrīla Prabhupāda’s books. Śrīla Prabhupāda said: “I have written these books for my disciples.” I have hope I will soon reenter the realm of philosophy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 24; Slovenia/Padayatra – Ljubljana

Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Prabhu Nityānanda Śrī Advaita Ācārya Gadādhara Paṇḍita Śrīvāsa ādi gaura bhakta vṛnda. All glories to Their lotus feet. May They remember me by giving me Their mercy. I am a beggar and They have exactly what I require to become rich. *Premā pumartho mahān*. His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda ki jay! Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 25; Slovenia/Ljubljana

Lord Caitanya’s mercy came in rivers of nectar in the ecstatic chanting of Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtana*. Devotees here really like kirtan. Śrīla Prabhupāda has created this wave of love of God and it is engulfing everyone who is of the quality of non-jealousness. May we always appreciate and glorify the gift of Bhakti bestowed upon us by His Divine Grace. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 26; Slovenia/Ljubljana

A full day and tomorrow is even more full. Śrī Kṛṣṇa is very merciful. Still, balance is desired. All glories to His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. His house has many rooms with many devotees, all chanting and dancing. Jai Nitāi Gaura Haribol. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 27; Slovenia/Ljubljana

Māyā is strong because our desire is weak or perhaps we are too careless due to some false pride. One must be extremely careful in interacting with the opposite sex. One must not be self-assured or inattentive. It causes one to become weakened and can lead to a fall. Conscious and cautious. Always remembering Kṛṣṇa and using intelligence. Śrīla Prabhupāda gave us everything, we need only to apply it. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 28; Slovenia/Ljubljana – Austria/Vienna – Ekādaśī

By pulling the strings too tight, they become susceptible and will break. If too loose, there is no sound. Fortunately, Śrī Kṛṣṇa showed special mercy and kindness. The tuning was becoming tight and it started to fray. Our service is to travel and preach and we will continue until it is clear that Śrī Kṛṣṇa wants something else. In all cases, Śrī Kṛṣṇa says: “Just depend on Me.” It is hard to always remember to depend on Kṛṣṇa, but that is what we want to do and what we must do. Prthu Prabhu has done much important service for Śrīla Prabhupāda and is capable of doing much more. Dear Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, please, if You so desire, help him regain his health. Śrīla Prabhupāda is carrying Lord Nityānanda’s mercy, please bestow some of that mercy on Prthu Prabhu, if You so desire. May we all celebrate Lord Caitanya’s victory in bringing Kṛṣṇa consciousness to the entire world. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 29; Austria/Vienna – Poland/Woodstock

Great to be with HH Lokanath Swami again, along with many other wonderful devotees. I hope I can be of some service. Please, Lord, use me as Your instrument to spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness. I am useless. Śrīla Prabhupāda is trying to create some usefulness. I am his servant. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 30; Poland/Woodstock

Transcendentally funky and always fresh, Śrī Kṛṣṇa’s name is our life, our goal, the only thing that is valuable. All glories to the Holy Name. Hare Kṛṣṇa. And all glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who is personally present in the form of his devotees, they live only to serve him. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 31; Poland/Woodstock

This festival is powerful. Factually, very many persons are greatly touched by Kṛṣṇa’s holy name. Great preaching. Indradyumna Maharaj is undoubtedly a great soul determined to spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness in a selfless way. Śrīla Prabhupāda is blessing all of us who seriously take up the mission of Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 1; Poland/Woodstock – Germany/Heidelberg

Lord Nityānanda and Lord Caitanya are very, very kind and merciful, and if we are claiming to be Their devotees, we must try our best to represent Their kind mercy. This is our concern. How to fully surrender to Their will and show compassion to the fallen conditioned souls of which we were once and are now hardly much better, but we have become fortunate by the kindness of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 2; Germany/Heidelberg

Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu is very merciful. Although, I like to complain about not finding enough time outside of my service for necessities. Today I read *Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta*, spent time on the computer, chanted three extra rounds and did two programs. How is it possible without Kṛṣṇa's, Lord Caitanya's blessings and arrangement. We must continue and push on not becoming lazy, morose or dissatisfied. Everything is meant to be offered to the Lord in devotion for His pleasure. We must always remember why we are doing what we are doing; it's for His pleasure and for the mission of spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness worldwide. To remain fixed in this consciousness requires a lot of prayer and a lot of determination. But His happiness is ours and we are striving to come to that platform. I have a long, long way to go. Therefore, Śrīla Prabhupāda, we seek your causeless mercy and blessings. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 3; Germany /Heidleberg

It seems I am too attached to sense gratification and things going according to my plan. Anyway, I pray to Śrīla Prabhupāda to help me develop genuine devotional qualities and an acceptable devotional mood. I am puffed-up and not aware of the needs of others. Perhaps I can become more sensitive. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 4; Germany/Heidelberg

I seem to like to make people laugh. I do it often during lectures, at least when I am in that mood, it naturally comes out. But then again, the subject matter is serious. It is helpful to use humor as a preaching tool and not distinct from the lesson which will divert attention away from the seriousness of the subject. I can only pray to become more humble and dedicated to serving the Vaiṣṇavas. Śrīla Prabhupāda is very kind and so are Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva and His wife Lakṣmīdevī. I humbly pray that They overlook my offenses and allow me to offer some simple service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 5; Germany/Heidelberg

The devotees here are very kind, sweet, and although it has a ways to go, it is moving in the right direction, slowly but steadily. Vipula Prabhu and Mother Syamasundari are dedicated to preaching Kṛṣṇa consciousness and Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityānanda are pushing Their movement on. By the grace of Guru, Kṛṣṇa is revealed. Śrīla Prabhupāda is always with us, if we always remember his words and desires, then all success will manifest. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 6; Germany/Heidelberg – Abentheuer – London/BV Manor

Today I felt like the jackal who was rescued by Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī. Śrī Rādhā of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Madan Mohan blessed me unlimitedly with Her specially sweet mercy. It was amazing how I felt Her mercy and blessing carrying me through

the day. I know we shouldn't accept service from Śrīji. Sanātana Gosvāmī mildly reprimanded Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī when he unknowingly accepted *bhoga* from the hands of Śrīji, but it came on its own accord. How best to reciprocate? Hopefully, Śrī Kṛṣṇa will teach me. Śrīla Prabhupāda has given us the essence, Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa in Śrī Vṛndāvana-dhāma, now it is up to us to become qualified. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 7; London/BV Manor

Śrīmatī Rādhikā's mercy continues to inundate my life. It is sweet, pleasing and very powerful. All glories to Vṛṣhabhānu-nandinī, we take shelter at Her lotus feet, begging to remain there eternally. Another of Śrīla Prabhupāda's special gifts to the world. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 8; London/BV Manor – Birmingham/Ratha-yātrā

Lord Balarāma stole my vision, my mind, as He gave His most merciful *darśana* today at the Ratha-yātrā. If I could only lock my vision on His lovely transcendental form, then all my desires and more would be simultaneously saturated in complete loving satisfaction. All glories to Lord Balarāma. Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī is continually taking care of me in Her loving motherly way. Śrīla Prabhupāda, we pray to understand more on how to serve you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 9; London BV/Manor

Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gokulānanda, Sītā Rāma Lakṣmaṇa Hanumān, Śrī Śrī Gaura Nitāi of Śrī Bhaktivedanta Manor have given me shelter under Their lotus feet for a few days and it has proven to be very, very sweet and heart fulfilling. Tomorrow begins travel once again. Always praying, begging for the mercy of the Lord, please, allow me to render some service to my spiritual master so he may be pleased upon me and bless me with the mercy of Śrī Vṛndāvana-dhāma. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Jay Jay Śrī Rādhēeee Śyām.

August 10; London/BV Manor – Italy/Prabhupādadesh

I see the challenges. The question, or concern, is to be able to adjust, adopt and become unaffected by cultural differences and not gravitate towards my own material characteristics born of the same. It requires a lot of introspection and a lot of sense control, and perhaps a lot of situations of apparent misunderstandings to learn. Anyway, Kṛṣṇa says in all situations to depend exclusively on Him. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, remembering to hold tightly to your instructions is my hope of success. Going inward and less outward. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 11; Italy/Prabhupādadesh – Ekādaśī

Tonight, HH Sacinandana Swami took everyone to Śrī Vṛndāvana-dhāma. In the mood of *mañjarī-bhāva*, we performed service to Rādhā Kṛṣṇa through *Jhulan-yātrā*. Sweet, lovely, virtually ecstatic. *Ānanda*, everyone wants *ānanda*. Only

the Vaiṣṇavas know what is *ānanda* and how to get it. Service to the lotus feet of the Divine Couple Śrī Śrī Rādhā Govinda in Śrī Vṛndāvana-dhāma. We beg, pray, aspire only for that realm of existence. In one of his prayers, Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura prays: “O when, when will that day be mine, offenses ceasing taste for the Holy Name increasing. O when will that day be mine?” Śrī Vṛndāvana-dhāma ki jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 12; Italy/Prabhupādadesh

Lord Nityānanda is giving signs. Slow down, or if you want to go at an accelerated speed, you need to become more detached from sense gratification. This festival is a great opportunity to move forward. I pray to my spiritual master for his mercy in helping me make progress. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 13; Italy/Prabhupādadesh

I had planned to visit Pāṇihāṭī festival in Atlanta GA this year, but it didn't happen. By Lord Nityānanda's mercy, we received the shelter of this *utsava* here at Prabhupādadesh. HH Jayapataka Swami is unbelievably merciful and the epitome of service to the Vaiṣṇavas. All glories to his lotus feet. And to Śrīla Prabhupāda who has broken open the storehouse of mercy of Lord Caitanya and is profusely distributing it everywhere. This Hare Kṛṣṇa *mahā-mantra* is capable of making the whole world happy. Only then will the Vaiṣṇavas' desire be fulfilled. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu ki jay.

August 14; Italy/Prabhupādadesh – Virareggio/Ratha-yātrā

We must carefully think upon a very important question. Which Lord is more merciful – Lord Caitanya or Lord Jagannātha? Having presented the question, we can understand that these two Lords are one and the same. Jai Śrī Gaura, Śrī Kṛṣṇa, Śrī Jagannātha. By the mercy of Gaura, one comes in contact with unlimited forms of that mercy. Therefore, all glories to Lord Jagannātha who is revealed to us by Lord Gaura – the beginning and end of all mercy. Śrīla Prabhupāda ki jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 15; Italy/Villa Vrndaban – Terni/Mrtyuhara's Home

A person becomes great when he sees only the good qualities of others. Although the person may have very little, still a great person magnifies the goodness of others. This is not blindness, but the same as an expert geologist can find gold buried within stone. When you love God, you see God everywhere. By His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy, we hope to attain this most precious vision. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 16; Italy/Terni – Mrtyuhara's Home

Probably one of the most scenic areas I can remember when traveling in Europe. Śrī Kṛṣṇa tells how insignificant is His material energy and yet so powerful.

“With a tiny spark of My splendor I maintain and support this entire cosmic creation.” Imagine the opulence of Śrī Kṛṣṇa. We remain bewildered by the greatness of His existence. Yet, He is extremely kind that He makes Himself easily available through His holy name. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtana* and all glories to that person who gave the world the mercy of Śrī Kṛṣṇa’s holy names. May we remain fixed at his lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 17; Italy/Terni

The happiness and satisfaction one experiences when one completes his service, or rather when he is absorbed in service, is what we aspire for. Śrīla Prabhupāda has given so many ways to serve and satisfy Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Why do we look elsewhere? Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 18; Italy/Terni – Assisi – Bergamo – Villa Villaggio Hare Kṛṣṇa

Today we met Brother Stephen at Assisi when visiting the tomb of St. Clara, St. Francis’s first woman disciple. These Christians have a profound sense of dedication to Christ. If only we ISKCON devotees could have that intensity of devotion to follow Śrīla Prabhupāda, then the world would be dancing in ecstasy. All glories to the spirit of preaching boldly the message of Śrī Kṛṣṇa that Śrīla Prabhupāda gave us. Purity is the force. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 19; Italy/Bergamo – Villa Villaggio Hare Kṛṣṇa

So much to do, so little time. Over-endeavoring, or just bad planning, or Śrī Kṛṣṇa’s mercy to keep you from being lazy and spaced out. Whatever it is, we are happy to have it. Śrīla Prabhupāda gave us so much. Someday we will be able to do everything. That time is our return back home, back to Godhead. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 20; Italy/Bergamo – Villa Villaggio Hare Kṛṣṇa

HH Bhakti Tirtha Swami’s illness is impacting the entire movement in various ways. For me, it is helping me prepare for the same. Śrīla Prabhupāda gave us everything, he even taught us how to die. Die before you die. Live for the future, be here now. Hare Kṛṣṇa. All glories to the lovely Lord of Śrī Vṛndāvana-dhāma, Śrī Śrī Rādhā-ramaṇajī.

August 21; Italy/Bergamo – Villa Villaggio Hare Kṛṣṇa

The final day, each visit is becoming shorter. It looks like the community is moving forward. I humbly pray that the devotees work together in a spirit of cooperation, friendship, with enthusiasm to serve the mission of Śrīla Prabhupāda and Lord Caitanya. When devotees remain free from conflict, it will be a great achievement. Love and trust are difficult, but that is what it means to practice properly. Love and trust Kṛṣṇa and His devotees. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 23; Switzerland/Zurich – Italy/Prabhupādadesh

I missed yesterday's entry. Just trying to serve Śrīla Prabhupāda, but I am so unqualified and attached to sense gratification and material comforts, how will I ever be able to serve nicely? I have actually lost the mood of surrender. I must pray to regain whatever little surrender I once exhibited. I do not want to lament my situation, it is another type of self-indulgence and self-pity. I just want to please Śrīla Prabhupāda and Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi. I must travel, yet I can't. Lord, how can I please You? Praying for Your guidance and mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 24; Italy/Prabhupādadesh – Pula/Croatian Camp

Praying for a more surrendered mood, a more humble attitude, a mood of giving, an attitude of service. Time is Kṛṣṇa, give yourself in that way to the devotees. Be kind, serious and careful of loose talk. Joking is appreciated only when carefully applied to the circumstance. Rest early. Pray to Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva for His mercy and protection, to Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī for Her unlimited kindness and to Śrīla Prabhupāda to preach boldly, effectively and steadily. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 25; Pula/Croatian Camp

The power of praying. We don't actually know its effects. Śrī Kṛṣṇa allowed me the opportunity to be able to serve the devotees. That is His special kindness. I would be satisfied to have such opportunities daily. The devotees here are very eager for Kṛṣṇa consciousness, sweet and have nice attitude of friendliness. Śrīla Prabhupāda's family is wonderful, we just need to learn how to become proper family members. All glories to Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityānanda who are like the Sun and Moon arising over the horizon of Gauḍa-deśa, dissipating the darkness of Kali-yuga with the Sun of the Holy Name. *Śrī kṛṣṇa saṅkīrtana param vijayate*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 26; Pula/Croatian Camp – Ekādaśī

"Truth spoken concisely is true eloquence." Today is Ekādaśī and I usually eat only fruits on this day. But today, out of social pressure, or rather my refusal to follow what I knew was correct, I went beyond. So be careful, be Kṛṣṇa conscious. Be Prabhupāda conscious. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 27; Pula/Croatian Camp

Quantity? Śrīla Prabhupāda said: "A little bit of purity is more valuable than a lot of impurity." I must try to simplify my life and focus more on quality. Seems impossible. But that is just another foolish statement. We want what Śrī Kṛṣṇa and Śrīla Prabhupāda want of us. We pray for that understanding. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 29; Italy/Prabhupādadesh – Śrī Balarāma Jayantī

All glories to those devotees who never let go of the lotus feet of Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Their association is more valuable than all the wealth in the world, for

they can bring you directly to the lotus feet of Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Lord Balarāma's Jayantī. Śrī Baladeva, we worship Your sweet lotus feet. Hey, Balāi, please allow me to someday be eligible to receive Your association. An impossible request, but by Your mercy anything becomes possible. All glories to the embodiment of Baladeva's mercy, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 30; Italy/Prabhupādadesh – Croatia/Valtura

Sasha and Antonio's Gaura-Nitāi Deities – *abhiṣeka*. The Lord's mercy, blessings and arrangements brought a very auspicious ceremony. When Śrīla Prabhupāda was leaving Australia, he prayed to the Deities: "Please, forgive them, they are so inexperienced." We need to train our devotees on how to do things no matter what it is. It is evident that training is needed, practical, philosophical, etc. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 31; Croatia/Valtura – Karlovac Farm – Dharma Vatsalah's

A test of tolerance. If we could fully imbibe Śrī Śikṣāṣṭaka#3 into our mood of devotion, then what else is there to aspire for. Humility means having the facility to see Kṛṣṇa always. Tolerance means purification, the ability to push on. Pridelessness is the ultimate detachment. Giving respect to all is the way to live happily. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name, the desire to chant comes by the grace of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 1; Croatia/Dharma Vatsalah's – Karlovac – Zagreb

Interesting day from many angles of vision, but *sādhana* was weak. Nice attendance in class. *Prasādam*, always a challenge. *Sannyāsa* means to accept what the Lord offers as His merciful arrangement. Health is a concern, quantity the deciding factor. Good day for reading, tomorrow will be different. Hang on to Śrīla Prabhupāda's lotus feet, lotus instructions. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 2; Croatia/Zagreb

Brahmacārīs need training, encouragement, direction. The basis of all *aśramas*, a dying phenomenon. Śrīla Prabhupāda's teachings generally are meant for everyone, but specifically for development of renunciation, especially *brahmacarya*. All glories to Lord Caitanya, the emblem of the pure devotees and the epitome of real renunciation. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 3; Croatia/Zagreb

A day of reading, writing, *japa*, two classes, two kirtans. Māyā is strong. One must be careful to avoid the mode of passion that can result in being tired and pushing oneself to do more and more. Always remember Kṛṣṇa, never forget Him, especially in Croatia. This place is a real test. Śrīla Prabhupāda always said: "Kṛṣṇa consciousness means fighting Māyā." Zagreb is a battlefield.

Kṛṣṇa, please, help me to always remember You with devotion. Jai Śrī Rādhē. Śrīla Prabhupāda *ki jay*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 4; Croatia/Zagreb

The last two days' programs were less intense, therefore I am starting to feel a little more Kṛṣṇa conscious. Sufficient reading, writing and *japa* time. Tomorrow, we move again and so regulation is upset again. That is my offering to the Lord. A life of travel and trying somehow to inspire others in spiritual life. By the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda we are going on. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 5; Croatia/Zagreb – Hungary/New Vraja Dham

At the lotus feet of Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Śyāmasundara and all Their wonderful devotees headed by Sivarama Swami. Please, allow me to dive very deeply into Your mercy, dear Lord. The devotees here are ecstatic. There is no doubt that Śrīla Prabhupāda is very pleased with this project. The spiritual world has manifested by the mercy of my senior Godbrother Sivarama Swami. All glories to his lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 6; Hungary/New Vraja-dhama – Janmāṣṭamī Mahotsava

Probably the most devotionally focused temple I have ever experienced. Śrī Śrī Rādhā Śyāmasundara absorbing the love and attention of all Their devotees. Sweet. We can only glorify and appreciate His Holiness Sivarama Maharaj, for what has manifested here as New Vraja-dhama is a beautiful offering to Śrīla Prabhupāda and an oasis for those aspiring for serious devotional service. We take the dust of Maharaj's feet on our heads as a means to become true devotees of Rādhā Kṛṣṇa in Śrī Vṛndāvana-dhāma. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 7; Hungary/New Vraja-dhama

Śrīla Prabhupāda's Vyāsa-pūjā ceremony, 108th anniversary.

Purifying! I can only state once again my appreciation for Śrīla Prabhupāda and my commitment to his service renewed. All glories to that special soul who has brought joy to millions of unfortunate souls who would never have changed but by his grace. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, I am slow and perhaps it is no longer a valid excuse, but I will never stop trying to serve you although I am so unqualified. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 8; Hungary/New Vraja Dham – London/BV Manor

Learning a new dance step. Vaipayana Prabhu, my instructor. Śrī Kṛṣṇa loves to dance, Śrī Rādhā is expert and trains others. Dancing for Kṛṣṇa. Singing for Him. Eating for Kṛṣṇa. Joking for His pleasure. Vṛndāvana, a place of love, joy, eternity. Far, far away from this world of birth and death. Kṛṣṇa's abode. Our destination. Our home. Śrīla Prabhupāda showing the way. Somehow! Always remember Kānāi with Bhakti. All glories to Rādhā's love for Kṛṣṇa. All glories

to Kṛṣṇa's love for Rādhā. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda's compassion upon us very fallen souls. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 9; London

Another phase of preaching is concluded. Today is the last full day in Europe. Approximately 2½ months. The beginning and the end were rocky, the middle was unbelievably great. One must accept both and learn from both, especially how to always remember Kṛṣṇa in all circumstances. His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda especially taught that principle. *Yena tena prakāreṇa manaṇ kṛṣṇe niveśayet*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 10; London/BV Manor – Chicago – Ekādaśī

One can be certain that Ekādaśī and travel go ill together. Something will go wrong. It did. Of course, Ekādaśī is under Kṛṣṇa's control, therefore there is always a spiritual reason. Śrīla Prabhupāda, I pray for the necessary enthusiasm and determination to persevere despite all setbacks, dry periods and general Māyā. Your mercy is all I am made of. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 11; Chicago

Early *japa* gave the day a successful beginning. May we continue in this way by the grace of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Māyā is alert to find out your weaknesses. Always remember Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 12; Chicago

It seems the Sunday attendance is becoming less. This temple has very gorgeous and steady Deity worship. Śrī Śrī Kiśor-Kiśorī seem to be getting good care. The concern is that temple participants, guest and regular devotees are not developing. Spiritual training and education fix one in pure devotional service. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 13; Chicago

Feeling disoriented, spaced out. Perhaps, if I take full shelter of the merciful lotus feet of Lord Nityānanda, I will become purified and focused. Śrīla Prabhupāda is the embodiment of Nitāi's compassion. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 14; Chicago

There is a feeling of satisfaction upon completing emails and letters. Especially letters. Preaching through writing. Purification of the mind and senses. Another feature of Kṛṣṇa consciousness and Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 15, Chicago

A brief stay, off again, travel and preach. I look forward to the association of great souls such as HH Bhakti Caru Maharaj, HH Niranjana Maharaj, HH

Jayadvaita Swami and many others. May my enthusiasm for preaching increase to new heights. Actually, everything rests on that enthusiasm. Śrīla Prabhupāda, that is our prayer. Enthusiastic service to spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Many challenges await, let them come. Ours is a life of challenge and adventure in the spirit. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 16; Chicago – New Vrndaban

A festival in honor and glorification of Śrīla Prabhupāda. From my experience, they are very few. I pray I can contribute in a meaningful way to the glorification of His Divine Grace, our Lord and Master. He saved countless souls, this very poor fellow is one of them. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. May we enthusiastically sing your unlimited glorious qualities. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 17; New Vrndaban

Carefully controlling the mind and speech, this is what is needed. Due to too much change in travel, it has become more difficult to control the senses. Regulation is just an idea. Praying for the mercy. Wonderful day in glorification of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 18; New Vrndaban

The love of the devotees is my stamina. The Holy Name – my only hope. My wealth is my full faith in the process of Bhakti and my realizations are the best when they reveal the greatness of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa

September 19; New Vrndaban

Although it is not reflected in my previous diary entries, the past three weeks have been a very difficult period for me in executing my service. I had “down” or hard periods before, but lack of enthusiasm has accompanied this period which has added to the difficulties. I pray to regain enthusiasm and intelligence in the execution of my service. I blame, or rather attribute these difficulties to changes in schedule, diet, mostly just prolonged travel. How to overcome my present situation without changing my service requires a great surge of commitment. Anyway, as Kṛṣṇa says: “Just depend on Me.” What else or who else can offer assistance. We are trying to serve the Lord and no doubt He is helping. Can we recognize and take His help? That is the struggle. One thing for sure; I need to be much more careful in the association with the opposite sex. This is a weak spot and needs careful attention. Also in speech, a more reflective mood. In *japa*, a more determined effort. In study, a more forced attempt. In *prasādam*, a more renounced activity. In prayer, a more fervent plea. In travel, a more cautious trek. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 20; New Vrndaban

Sense gratification is the cause of all suffering. Stop trying to satisfy your senses and you will be more Kṛṣṇa conscious. It is easy to fall into an unhealthy pattern. It is hard to reverse the pattern. Practice with knowledge and detachment. With the weapon of knowledge slay this enemy of self-realization. Lust, the eternal enemy of the soul. Pride, its counterpart. Partners in the crime, trying to divert the soul away from God and into material energy. The humble teachings of *Gītā* given to us by Śrīla Prabhupāda. Meditate on these instructions and know them to be your real and only source of success in devotional service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 21; New Vrndaban – Śrī Rādhāṣṭamī

The day was fulfilling because of the association of Varsana Maharaj. His classes, his sweet association, realizations in Rādhā Kṛṣṇa's *līlā* and his abode in New Vrndaban altogether made Rādhāṣṭamī a very sweet day. Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī is gently but firmly telling me, you are not to take it easy. This life is not yours. Do the needful to maintain body and soul, but enthusiastically travel and preach the message of Mahāprabhu. Wanting to slow down can just be a symptom of Māyā. Renunciation is good and necessary, but don't renounce service. Dear Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, please, guide me and protect me. Keep me always engaged in Your service with love, without pride and with compassion. Śrīla Prabhupāda is carrying Your mercy in his heart and distributing it with his life. All glories to Śrīmatī Bhakti-devī. Jay Jay Śrī Rādhee Śyām. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 22; New Vrndaban – Pittsburgh

Yes! No doubt, immediate kindness, love, care, mercy, Mother's love strong, our strength. Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī is our very dear eternal Mother who we serve and assist in bringing Her and Kṛṣṇa together in loving pastimes. This is our goal, and in our service it is to uplift the conditioned souls. It is the same, uniting *jīva* with Bhagavān representing Śrī Rādhā who exhibits Her mercy in various ways, but most directly in the embodiment of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for giving us all this and more. Why are we always complaining? Well, it is due to our ungrateful nature of not really understanding and using the gift you bestowed. Rādhārāṇī ki jay. Mahārāṇī kij ay. Varsane vali ki jay jay jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 23; Pittsburgh – Boston

Again my luggage was lost, luckily only for a few hours. What is Kṛṣṇa trying to tell me? Tomorrow we begin a 3-day commemoration festival in celebration of Śrīla Prabhupāda's arrival in America on September 17th 1965 in Boston. It is interesting to note the day corresponds exactly to the day in 1965. Friday September 17th 1965 – Friday September 17th 2004. Dear Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, most kind and compassionate Mother, may You bless us with a strong desire

free from personal interest to glorify, honor and warmly remember Your most dear servant, our beloved spiritual master Śrīla Prabhupāda. As he himself prayed admitting his inability to spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness in the West, may we also humbly pray to offer some service at his lotus feet for the pleasure of the Vaiṣṇavas and for the benefit of all. “O brothers, I emphatically declare only when Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī has become pleased with you will your devotional service become successful.” I am full of lust, envy, illusion and many other bad qualities, but I am trying to offer some service. Please, accept my insignificant offering. Thank You very, very much. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 24; Boston

Very interesting discussions. Papers presented by Ravindra Svarupa Prabhu, Premananda Prabhu, Nīmai Nitai Prabhu on ISKCON and Śrīla Prabhupāda. My dull brain was slightly affected. I have a long way to go. Always praying to be the humble, yet determined, surrendered disciple of my eternal spiritual master. May we glorify him both in words and through our service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 25; Boston

The more we hear about, speak about, remember and glorify Śrīla Prabhupāda, the more we appreciate him, follow him and receive Kṛṣṇa’s merciful blessings. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, there is no one like him, he is one of a kind. A *mahā-bhāgavata*. All glories to his lotus feet. May tomorrow be an even grander celebration, glorification. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 26; Boston

I can’t remember when I took milk on three consecutive nights. Preparing for the milk fast which begins on the 28th. By Kṛṣṇa’s grace, my schedule is starting to develop. Although the thought of travel is not very attractive, it’s starting to become since I started to gain some regulation. Anyway, I must continue to preach and for the most part travel is necessary. Stay longer and go to fewer places. So far, that is not always possible or practical. Today we concluded our festival on Śrīla Prabhupāda’s arrival and I was fortunate to be able to offer some service. Hopefully, Śrī Kṛṣṇa, or rather Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, will continue to bless me and grant me mercy. As Śrīla Prabhupāda wrote in his prayers – To the Lotus feet of Lord Kṛṣṇa: “Only when Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī is pleased with you will your spiritual life be successful.” We constantly beg, plead, cry for Her mercy and the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 27; Boston

– Śrīla Haridāsa Ṭhākura’s Disappearance Day

Staying in one area for a greater length of time allows one to focus on reading, chanting, absorption in devotional activities. Travel automatically, especially in Kali-yuga America, thrushes one into the passionate mode. At best, one has to

make a concerned effort to prevent the passion and ignorance modes from affecting oneself. If one is engaged in Kṛṣṇa's service, it is all equally transcendental. One has to be able to remain fixed on Kṛṣṇa and devotional service in any and all situations. Carefully controlling the mind and senses and focusing on Kṛṣṇa and His name. 'Always remember Me' is the voice of *Bhagavad-gītā*. The *Viṣṇu Purāṇa* is clear, any other thought is the greatest mistake. Guru and Kṛṣṇa – two transcendental teachers. Serve the instructions of the Guru, receive the mercy of Kṛṣṇa, chant Hare Kṛṣṇa, Śrīla Prabhupāda's most important instruction. Today is Śrīla Haridāsa Ṭhākura's Disappearance Day. By his mercy we are gaining strength in our *japa*. May his mercy increase unlimitedly, as the glories of the Holy Name are unlimited. Nāmācārya Śrīla Haridāsa Ṭhākura ki jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 28; Boston

One should constantly meditate on the mercy of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu and enthusiastically serve the orders of Śrīla Prabhupāda. This is the formula for success. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 29; Boston

Success! Except for a few persons, I managed to keep my birthday unknown here. A devotee should not want recognition, adoration, unnecessary attention and praise. *Amāninā mānadena* is what we must strive for. Difficult! Yes, getting out of the material world is difficult. Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet are our only aspiration, goal and source of life. It is a process of begging for the mercy. Therefore I beg to become more and more selfless. I am lazy, prideful and self-centered, how will I ever succeed? Your mercy, O Lord, is everything, therefore I am hopeful. Śrīla Prabhupāda taught that 'impossible' is a word in a fool's dictionary. Jagāi and Mādhāi were converted into saints. Therefore we have hope. Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu, Śrī Nityānanda Rāma ki jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 30; Hartford

There really isn't anything outstanding to write about. Perhaps what I need is to pray to improve my consciousness in devotional service. Too much of something, too little of something else. Unbalanced, but somehow going on with determination. Dear Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, please help me to understand what I have to do to improve. You are my object of worship and my protection in all situations. Your mercy is what I aspire for. Our success in worshiping Śrī Kṛṣṇa and pleasing Him is solely and totally in Your hands. Please, be merciful to this fallen lazy fool and have Your Śrīla Prabhupāda continue to direct me in practice and give me the ability and courage to accept his merciful guidance. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Jay Jay Śrī Rādhēe Śyām.

October 1; Hartford – NY/Bhaktivedanta Ashram-26, 2nd Ave

Śrīla Prabhupāda, please help me to develop complete dependence on Śrī Kṛṣṇa, this is the central point of everything you accomplished. Oh, such happiness, such freedom from false ego, such an achievement. “Always remember Me, always depend on Me. Love Me. Glorify Me.” Kṛṣṇa, we want our life to be a perfect offering of love to Your lotus feet, but we are so unqualified, therefore if You like, please make me qualified to become Your unalloyed servant. Śrīla Prabhupāda, you are our inspiration; success depends solely on pleasing you. Tomorrow I will face a difficult test. Please, give me the devotion, intelligence, whatever necessary to be your selfless representative. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 2; NY/Bhaktivedanta Ashram – Edison New Jersey

After two days of very scattered *japa*, I feel a little weakened. I am beginning to understand more how essential regular *sādhana*, and especially *japa*, is for one’s spiritual strength. I pray tomorrow I will be able to chant more attentive rounds in greater time periods. It was very nice to meet with Kirtanananda Swami. My heart goes out to him and my admiration for him has increased. A special prayer to Lord Kṛṣṇa, Śrī Śrī Rādhā Vṛndāvana Candra, for Their causeless mercy upon him. May Śrīla Prabhupāda and Their Divine Lordships bestow befitting blessings upon him. A very dear and special son of Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to the causeless mercy of the Lord. May all conditioned souls come to Kṛṣṇa consciousness, including me. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 3; Edison NJ – Towaco

Padam padam yad vipadām – danger at every step. While speaking about death from the 2nd Chapter of *Bhagavad-gītā* at the Edison Sunday program this evening, Kṛṣṇa allowed a man, very elderly, to have an attack during my talk. As of now, it is unknown if he lived or not, but the incident quickly put everyone into the proper mood, including the speaker. Like a drop on a lotus leaf tottering, this life can be finished at any moment. We must live each moment as if it were the final one. Always remember Kṛṣṇa. Always remember Śrīla Prabhupāda’s instructions. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 4; Towaco – Visit to Mother

It is always difficult to stay with my mother, as the conversation normally revolves around the mundane. Yet despite this, I strongly feel the time I take to push my mother closer to God is well worth it. Śrī Kṛṣṇa seems pleased, His inspiration is strongly felt. For a preacher, or one who is aspiring to be one, every living entity is a candidate for Kṛṣṇa consciousness, even one’s own mother. Śrīla Prabhupāda encouraged his disciples not to neglect their parents. Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu gave a strong example by how kindly He treated mother Śacī. No doubt she is an eternal perfected being, but His care for her was

complete. We can only do the needful given the time available. Whatever is offered is important, as the results are up to Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 5; Towaco – Shroudsberg/Bhattacharya's Home

One important quality of a Vaiṣṇava is that he is always willing to learn. One can learn through different mediums, just as when one speaks he also learns. Always, wanting to be eager to speak is good and desirable when the subject is Śrī Kṛṣṇa or devotional service. And hearing is also necessary, reading is hearing and hearing from others also is hearing. So one should act according to time and place and always be willing to learn more in order to improve one's devotion to Śrī Kṛṣṇa and one's service to others. *Śravaṇam* is very essential, it is the basis of everything. It is interesting to note that Śrīla Prabhupāda very often spoke on *Bhagavad-gītā* 7.1 in which Kṛṣṇa stresses the importance of hearing from Him as the means to know Him. *Śravaṇam kīrtanam kṛṣṇa smaraṇam*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 6; Shroudsberg/Bhattacharya's Home – Gita Nagari

Finally got to meet with HH Bhakti Tirtha Swami. Śrī Kṛṣṇa sometimes places His devotee in very trying circumstances. We can learn from others the philosophy, the living philosophy. Preparing for death, that is what it is all about. *Ante nārāyaṇa-smṛtiḥ*. "Remember Me, always." That is what Śrīla Prabhupāda is speaking in all his discourses. Always remember Kṛṣṇa. Always chant Hare Kṛṣṇa. All penances, austerities, good work, mantras, studies, everything we do must lead us to always remember Kṛṣṇa. That is the ultimate religious principle and the purpose of the human form of life. Kṛṣṇa, because I love You, I want to always serve You and remember You. In order to do that, I need Your mercy, please help me. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 7; Gita Nagari

Spending quality time with HH Bhakti Tirtha Swami. It is very nice and edifying for me. I pray I can be more of a servant, rather than one who is being served. Lord, You can do anything and I have seen and experienced over the years how this very low insignificant fool has been able to act on Your behalf only by Your mercy, therefore Your mercy is everything. "With Your mercy what is the use of others, without Your mercy what is the use of others." Śrīla Prabhupāda is the embodiment of Śrī Nityānanda's mercy. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 8; Gita Nagari

Humility, the skin that gives protection to the fruit of Bhakti as it ripens. Our Kṛṣṇa consciousness is nurtured, protected, developed and reached to perfection only when one is constantly and successfully cultivating a spirit of humble, unpretentious devotion to Śrī Kṛṣṇa. How to become humble? Well, it can

develop in different ways. Perhaps the most effective is when one is forced and learns from that experience, along with the joy and knowledge that come with the experience. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is deep and humility takes one into its depths. Śrīla Prabhupāda is great, humility helps us to experience his greatness more and more. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 9; Gita Nagari

A very interesting and edifying day in the association of HH Bhakti Tirtha Swami. My appreciation toward him renewed and expanded. His realizations are interesting and spiritually enlightening. May His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda give Maharaj his special care and compassionate love. His service is needed, but we have been instructed to offer our prayers accordingly. Therefore, we pray for the best for ISKCON devotees and the pleasure of Śrī Kṛṣṇa. All glories to the sweet but very mysterious flute player of Śrī Vṛndāvana-dhāma, Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 10; Gita Nagari

Life is many things, one thing to learn is its many lessons. I pray that I learn what is correct and useful for Kṛṣṇa consciousness. One thing for certain is that prayer is always needed. What can one do to prepare for death? Always remember Kṛṣṇa. Śrīla Prabhupāda's simple, but very powerful message. *Yena tena prakāreṇa manah kṛṣṇe niveśayet*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 11; Gita Nagari – Shroudsberg/Bhattacharya's Home

When I left HH Bhakti Tirtha Maharaj, I was reflecting on when I will see him again or will I. There is a possibility he will leave his body, but then why would Kṛṣṇa take such a spiritual warrior. We can come up with many reasons and rationalizations. But Kṛṣṇa always does the best for everyone. Still, we pray he stays and if he does, no doubt his experience will transform his preaching to a more realized platform. It's all about internal purification, exchanging love with the Lord. Preaching and spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness is the highest expression of love and compassion and the most desirable form of service in the present reality. Whatever I can do to help spread Lord Caitanya's movement that is what I want – full surrender, not conditions. Let me be an instrument to raise others to the platform of loving and serving Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 12; Shroudsberg/Bhattacharya's Home

Yes, the Holy Name! Everything one can seek out in life and more, the satisfaction and pleasure the living entity is searching for is all found in Kṛṣṇa's holy name (*nāma-rūpa*). Therefore we continuously offer *daṇḍavats* and words of gratitude to His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda for emphasizing the glories of and the importance of chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa.

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare*

October 13; Towaco

All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Everyone wants happiness, knowledge and mercy, yet no one really knows what it is and where to find it. The people of today are ignorant of spiritual life and stubbornly attached to their ignorance. If only they could discover the mercy of Śrī Śrī Gaura Nitāi, then all their hopes for happiness and mercy would be fulfilled beyond their expectations. Śrīla Prabhupāda, in giving this movement to the world, gave everything desirable through the mercy and life of Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu. O Gaurāṅga! *Bhaja gaurāṅga kaha gaurāṅga laha gaurāṅgera namo re*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 14; Towaco

The last two days provided immense opportunity for reading. Now all of my complaints are gone or should be. Balance for me is key. I must continue to pray, especially to Śrīla Prabhupāda for his guidance in order to understand how to serve Śrī Kṛṣṇa each moment. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa's holy name, our only means to success. Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Śrī Nityānanda Rāma ki jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 15; Towaco

Svarūpa lakṣaṇa. In all cases, in every situation, at every minute, one must remember Kṛṣṇa and depend on Him. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is a matter of constant practice, following scriptural directions and conduct that is conducive to devotion and devotional service. Today was a test, whether I passed or not only Paramātmā knows, but at least I am still here to write about and reflect on it. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Yes, that is correct, he is all glorious and we get a glimpse through our own attempts to preach Kṛṣṇa consciousness. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 16; Towaco – Chicago

I have returned here for a longer period. By Kṛṣṇa's and Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy, I hope to strengthen my *sādhana*, service and Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Man proposes God disposes. If it is the will of the Lord. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 17; Chicago

Śrīla Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvatī Thākura said, and Śrīla Prabhupāda repeated, that the only lack in the world is Kṛṣṇa consciousness. This is becoming more and more apparent to me. How Kṛṣṇa consciousness is the panacea for all problems is evident when we understand what it is and how badly we need it. All glories to those great souls whose lives are absorption in the Lord's lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 18; Chicago

More satisfying is to do everything in the proper mood with the maximum concentration and thoroughness. One is never really satisfied by just completing a service as he is when the service is done nicely with complete attention. Śrīla Prabhupāda gave the world the means to obtain the lotus feet of the Lord in full devotion with love; now it is up to us to take it. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 19; Chicago

There is no end to preaching and the preachers seem to have unlimited endurance. But let's find a balance. I pray for the mode of goodness to manifest. Śrīla Prabhupāda gave us everything, it's up to us to apply it. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Today was a full day. I am grateful.

October 20; Chicago

What am I supposed to say, nothing is coming. Śrī Śrī Rādhā-ramaṇa has graciously and generously entered my thoughts. Perhaps there is nothing more wonderful for me. Actually it is true. All glories to Śrī Śrī Rādhā-ramaṇa, who so kindly appeared for His pure devotee Śrīla Gopāla Bhaṭṭa Gosvāmī just to satisfy his desires for loving service. Similarly, Śrīla Prabhupāda has appeared in our life by the grace of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Govinda just to give us the glorious opportunity for devotional service. We are soooo fortunate and supremely blessed. Truly blessed by the best. Śrīla Prabhupāda ki jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 21; Chicago

I must be very careful as my nature can lead to unnecessary association with the opposite sex. A devotee cultivates humility and meekness and women are naturally attracted to such moods. But for one in the renounced order of life and trying to cross over the ocean of birth and death it is dangerous to be a little inattentive in such association. We pray for the mercy of Lord Nityānanda for complete shelter at His cooling lotus feet. Śrīla Prabhupāda is the embodiment of Lord Nityānanda's mercy. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, please constantly be our guide. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 22; Chicago – Nityananda Prana's Home

We are trying to apply the essence of Vaiṣṇava surrender in all our activities. To always depend on Kṛṣṇa's mercy and to always remember Him. Simply said, very difficult to achieve. Conditioned souls like to feel independently successful, important, in charge. This is Māyā. Māyā is subtle and she doesn't give in easily. Only His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy, which is the embodiment of Lord Nityānanda's mercy, can save us from illusion. Selfless service to the devotees and compassion to the conditioned souls. I can speak lofty, but I am far from it, determined to do things my way. May Śrī Kṛṣṇa's way become my way. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 23; Chicago – Ekādaśī

A special opportunity to absorb ourselves more in Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Ekādaśī, known as the mother of devotion, very auspicious. Reducing bodily requirements and chanting brings great advancement and renews one's enthusiasm. All glories to Ekādaśī-devī, one of our many merciful mothers given to us by our merciful father Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 24; Chicago

Preaching means to glorify Śrī Kṛṣṇa and His devotees, to connect one with devotional service, to awaken one's attraction for Kṛṣṇa. It helps to purify the speaker, listener and the audience. The essence of all auspicious acts, the direct way to exhibit compassion. It pleases Kṛṣṇa and it purifies the entire area. Preaching is the essence, books are the basis, utility is the principle, purity is the force. Śrīla Prabhupāda is a spiritual genius. How deep and clear his knowledge and understanding are. We are always learning more and more about the greatness of this truly great personality Śrīla Prabhupāda – my eternal spiritual master. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 25; Chicago

When loving sentiments appear, one doesn't want to or can't even think of anything else. All else becomes pale, dry, meaningless. We can learn how to awaken our love for Kṛṣṇa by hearing about the love of others toward Śrī Kṛṣṇa. When we hear about the pure love of the residents of Śrī Vṛndāvana, its force acts powerfully upon our mind and heart. All glories to the residents of Śrī Vṛndāvana-dhāma. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, an eternal resident of Śrī Vṛndāvana-dhāma. His intense separation and love for Kānāi brought him back into His presence in Śrī Goloka Vṛndāvana. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 26; Chicago

Austerity can either help to situate one better in Kṛṣṇa consciousness or make one's heart hard. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, my intelligence is small, therefore I surrender it in your service. Please guide me, help me understand your direction. Devotional service is all we aspire for. Help us to understand the principle of favorable and unfavorable. We depend on you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 27; Chicago: Kārttika Month

When I honestly examine myself, I realize I have not the slightest love for Kṛṣṇa. I am attracted to Him, but it's all self-satisfaction. When we read of the *gopīs'* love for Kṛṣṇa, we get a slight understanding of the nature of real love, although we are so far, far away. We can only go on serving Śrīla Prabhupāda and hope that he is pleased with us and by his mercy develop some real love for Kṛṣṇa. Hoping without any trace of success. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 28; Chicago

It is phenomenal how many persons in America are ripe for Kṛṣṇa consciousness. If we (ISKCON) were more organized, surely the results would be like the 70's, even better. The lack is on our part. For now we try to inspire people to be Kṛṣṇa conscious from where they are. Lord Caitanya's eagerness to capture the conditioned souls is unimaginable. It is strong. We are seeing how He is ready to empower the slightest effort to reach out. The question is how can we, as an institution, become more connected with Lord Caitanya's desire and make it happen. Śrīla Prabhupāda did so much and the same mercy is still available. It is up to us to purify our hearts and desire only what Lord Caitanya desires. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 29; Chicago

Nothing coming, so I will not try to fake it. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. By the way, a college class came to the temple tonight. A little challenging, but on the whole nice. One girl, blind, she seemed very interested. She asked about being born with physical defects. Bad karma. The question was sensitive. Whenever we get a chance, preach, and when we are not preaching, we are eager for the next opportunity. Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityānanda are very, very merciful. Proof is the fact I am still going on by Their and Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 30; Chicago – Milwaukee

Perhaps the first time I have done a program in Milwaukee. The city is a holy *tīrtha* being the Janmāṣṭamī of His Holiness Jayapataka Maharaj. The desire to preach is strong. Although previously I have been more fully engaged in preaching, now the desire seems to have become stronger. That is a positive sign and by Śrī Kṛṣṇa's and Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy the opportunities will come. I hope I can please Śrī Kṛṣṇa and Lord Caitanya by rendering some insignificant service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 31; Milwaukee – Chicago

This is the auspicious month of Karttik. How to best honor this month? Always be eager to sing the beautiful glorification of the Lord, Śrī Dāmodarāṣṭaka. Another wonderful feature of Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy. He has presented Śrī Vṛndāvana Kṛṣṇa in all of His glory and attractive pastimes. Time is not able to accommodate all that is available. We can hope to return, connected to His wonderful *līlās*. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 1; Chicago

Kṛṣṇa is providing opportunities to preach. I hope, by the grace of Śrīla Prabhupāda, it will continue. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 2; Chicago

My enthusiasm for preaching is high. Śrī Kṛṣṇa's and Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy. I hope it increases more, the feeling is purifying. But more important is to soon dive deeply into the preaching. Although something is happening, the present is for internal purification and health rejuvenation. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 3; Chicago

When one forgets Kṛṣṇa or forgets to cultivate the qualities of a Vaiṣṇava, he becomes subjected to the mode of passion which causes offenses and misjudgment. The greatest anomaly is to forget Kṛṣṇa for one moment, says the *Viṣṇu Purāṇa*. *Yena tena prakāreṇa manaḥ kṛṣṇe niveśayet* and remembering the instructions of Śrīla Prabhupāda by regularly, daily, reading his books. The medicine and cure. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 4; Chicago

Since beginning *Kṛṣṇa Saṅgati*, compiled and written by H.H. Sivaram Swami, I am coming to the understanding that one must – in order to make necessary spiritual advancement – hear about, glorify and remember the super-excellent pastimes of Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa in Śrī Vṛndāvana-dhāma with His topmost devotees. Following in the footsteps of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu, we eagerly accept this service with great anticipation. All glories to Śrī Kārttika vrata. All glories to Śrī Śrī Rādhā Dāmodara and all glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who has given us everything, along with entrance into Rādhā Kṛṣṇa pastimes in Śrī Vṛndāvana-dhāma. We pray for the qualification to enter that most esoteric place. We are without qualifications, but have great hope. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 5; Chicago

At times, my mind overpowers me for a few moments, which at the time seems like an eternity. Mostly it complains that things are not the way they should be, either with me or with the temple. We want to make a difference through change and improvement. As the saying goes: “To know what one can change and what one cannot and to discriminate between both”. It remains a problem as long as I am not using time to fully engage progressively in Śrī Kṛṣṇa's and Śrīla Prabhupāda's service. Everything is the arrangement of the Lord. How to be Kṛṣṇa conscious in each situation is the struggle of a lifetime. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who is the master of this art. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 6; Chicago – Bloomington – Chicago

The mindset of the *mañjarī gopīs* is to arrange for others to be with Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Preaching is that mood wherein one receives the fulfillment of his heart by connecting others to the path of devotional service, to the lotus feet of Śrī Hari. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who has opened the door to Śrī Vṛndāvana-dhāma, being an eternal resident of that same abode. Please, give me shelter at

the lotus feet of the residents of Śrī Vṛndāvana-dhāam and engage me in Their service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 7; Chicago

Dear Lord, please, help me to remember You more and more. I can only feel happy and satisfied in thoughts of You. Śrīla Prabhupāda has given us the process and the mercy, yet we pray also for Your mercy. I need You only, nothing else can satisfy my heart and mind. This is Your mercy, You took everything away and left me with only You. Now please help me to fulfill that desired goal. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 8; Chicago – Ekādaśī

There is nothing like the holy name of Kṛṣṇa. I am beginning to get a glimpse of this profound statement by Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura. Śrīla Prabhupāda has brought Gaurāṅga's and Nitāi's mercy in a very powerful form – Śrī Nāma Prabhu. I fall flat in utter submission with unending gratitude at the lotus feet of Kṛṣṇa's holy name. May I never forget it for a moment. Hare Kṛṣṇa.



November 9; Chicago

This year starting on the 6th of September, which was the Appearance Day of His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda, we are commemorating the 108th anniversary of Śrīla Prabhupāda's appearance in the world. From here on, let us increase our Prabhupāda consciousness, especially our appreciation of all that His Divine Grace represents in our lives, which actually is everything. We will come closer to him through remembrance and glorification, but especially by becoming more fixed in carrying out his preaching mission with his spirit of compassion and sacrifice. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 10; Chicago

It is impossible for a bird to reach to the unlimited sky, yet the limit of the mercy of Śrī Caitanya and Lord Nityānanda surpasses the expansiveness of the sky. In our most fallen and worthless position, we know that this disqualification is the qualification for accepting the unlimited flow from the unlimited ocean of Gaura-Nitāi's *krpa*. Simply by uttering His name with devotion one accumulates immense spiritual credits. Yet another feature of Śrīla Prabhupāda's gifts, but an essential feature. Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi – all glories to Their mercy upon the three *lokas*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 11; Chicago

The day started out with the merciful glance of Śrī Nityānanda Rāma. Auspiciousness and blessings followed throughout. Śrī Kṛṣṇa is very merciful, yet at times His mercy comes in gigantic waves. Today the waves were very pleasing and regular. Only a fool will not worship Śrī Kṛṣṇa after hearing about Him. Kali-yuga is an ocean of faults, Śrīla Prabhupāda has appeared as the cooling moon from the unlimited ocean of Śrī Kṛṣṇa's compassion. By remembering Śrī Kṛṣṇa always and serving Śrīla Prabhupāda, all auspiciousness appears. The ocean of devotion is unlimitedly deep. We want the desire to dive deeply, submerged in pure happiness. All glories to Śrī Caitanya and Śrī Nityānanda. Śrīla Prabhupāda ki jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 12; Chicago

Dear Kṛṣṇa, help me to think of You more, serve You and Your devotees more and chant Your name more and with increased devotion and give up attachment to sense gratification. I know I am asking for a lot, but perhaps You can grant something, for You are the Master of all mystic power and Your pure devotees are very, very kind. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 13; Chicago

Thank You for helping to see my Māyā a little clearer. Everything is coming by way of Your mercy through Your mercy representative Śrīla Prabhupāda. Now I pray for determination that is born of devotion. Like a child always asking, perhaps someday I'll be grown up and act and speak without personal motivation. Anything and everything is possible only by Your mercy. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 14; Chicago

I really don't want to manage Chicago temple, yet I cannot sit back and not notice mismanagement or lack of management. In this constant dilemma, I pray for your guidance, dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, as you have dealt with this problem continuously. And I pray to see all situations with a calm, cool expression, never intolerant, but yet intolerant of allowing Māyā to take over. I would really like to

perform *brahminical* service, but the Chicago temple situation is pushing me hard towards a mode of passion. I seek Your remembrance in all situations. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 15; Chicago – Śrīla Prabhupāda’s Disappearance Day

By the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda, we are lifted away from Māyā. Today we were able to feel His Divine Grace’s mercy. We are fervently praying for the desire and intelligence to daily access such mercy. The mode of passion is very dangerous, avoid it by all means. Keep careful control of your mind and senses and always try to remember Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Chicago Temple is a different place, as it requires maximum attention and much care. Preaching is our life, may I continue to wax this desire. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, please ready our minds to accept your legacy totally. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 16; Chicago

For the first time we welcomed a group of 25 5th grade children from a special school known as Waldorf, founded by Rudolph Steiner, an associate of Annie Besant of the Theosophical Society. As their teachers explained, they emphasize teaching through stories and learning by allowing the heart to open. The kids were great. I told the story of Prahlāda Mahārāja and Lord Nṛsiṁadeva. They were very sharp and eager to learn. I was astounded by their knowledge. They chanted together perfectly the *mahā-mantra* without seeing it. Truly incredible. I hope to write a small report about the experience. Child is the father of man. Innocence when spiritually awakened is very attractive and pleasing to the mind and heart. Śrīla Prabhupāda is with us directing his movement accordingly. All glories to His Divine Grace. May we get more and more opportunities for preaching and the spiritual strength to do it. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to your lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 17; Chicago

The mind guides the sense and ultimately the soul to either sense objects or devotional activity. Guided carefully by the intelligence, one is engaged nicely in spiritual activities. But at times, the restless mind dictated by the false ego overrules the intellect and brings the soul more into matter. One must be very diligent and perform only those activities which keep the mind subdued and connected to spiritual intelligence. The consciousness of the cook affects the *prasādam*. Although subtle, this aspect is very significant, as even a slight trace of Māyā can lead to a big fall down. It is razor’s edge – always. One must always remember Kṛṣṇa and Śrīla Prabhupāda’s life saving, soul saving instructions. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 18; Chicago

One month in Chicago, soon it will be on the road again. By Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy, we are getting the good fortune to be able to act as his representative although we are unqualified to spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Again we aspire to offer suitable prayers at his lotus feet to become a more effective instrument. Why do something half-way? It is desirable to be able to perfect something in life that will be of service to others. Let it be the desire to change persons to become devotees of Lord Kṛṣṇa. Please, grant this benediction if You so desire. Signed a useless nonsensical person, a dwarf trying to catch the moon. *Mūkham karoti vācālaṁ paṅguṁ laṅghayate girim yat kṛpā taṁ ahaṁ vande śrī-gurum dīna-tāraṇam*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 19; Chicago

Śrī Kṛṣṇa's pastimes are the quintessence of devotional life. According to one's purity, he can bathe in this unlimited unfathomable ocean of divine nectar. Our service to the spiritual master (Śrīla Prabhupāda) allows us to taste the nectar of Kṛṣṇa-līlā. Ordinary persons or even religious scholars remain oblivious to what they are reading and studying. Licking the outside of a honey jar. To actually be qualified, one must be free from all traces of envy. Kṛṣṇa is the only enjoyer and we are meant only to assist Him in His enjoyment. This is our enjoyment. Trying to position oneself as the object of enjoyment nullifies the possibility of receiving real enjoyment. Humility, pridelessness, tolerance, concern for others' spiritual welfare – ornaments necessary to receive the nectar. This process, as Śrīla Prabhupāda said, is a shoreless ocean. We have to sincerely want to dive into it. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 20; Chicago

The Chicago preacher is returning – Chicagomauli is at it again. Like the early days. The ocean has not the least bit deceased. In fact, it has expanded. But how to preach in such a way that people will move forward. That is the concern. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy is powerful. Our conduct, as much as it is selfless, will allow the message to take hold. Kṛṣṇa consciousness, it is all-attractive. Lord Kṛṣṇa is the attractor of everyone. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 21; Chicago

Seminar on the mind, two sessions. Mother Sri Guru's and Vraja Mohan Prabhu's place. Preaching to yoga students. Preaching is always available, always, one has to desire it. Occasionally I gravitate to the mood of a *bhajanānandī* being somewhat of that nature. Still, we must try to extend Śrī Kṛṣṇa's and Lord Caitanya's mercy to the conditioned souls of Kali-yuga. By the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda, we are able to have some effect and by his pleasure our enthusiasm is increasing. To preach is difficult and ultimately dangerous as Māyā attacks harder and more subtly. But we want to love Śrī

Kṛṣṇa by serving Him in a way that He wants. Lord Caitanya is Lord Kṛṣṇa and He has descended along with Lord Nityānanda, the original spiritual master, Lord Balarāma. Their mission is our life. We pray with all our heart to be able to remain fixed in service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 22; Chicago

– Gaura Kiśora Dāsa Bābājī’s Disappearance Day - Ekādaśī

Gave the class. We want to preach more often, more effectively. Although feeling unable to improve, slowly something is developing. My certainty is strong on the philosophical and general points, but still need to be more authoritative. Preaching is an art, it is not just repeating, but convincing others to change, improve. Purity is the force, but how to develop more purity? Well, that can be hard to understand. Possibly more quality in *japa* and more proper use of time to really want to surrender more. Health is a consideration, the idea is not to give it too much attention or beyond what is absolutely necessary. Today I felt that, just like my Guru Maharaj, my best years are still ahead. Let us see what Śrī Caitanya has planned for me. I am trying to surrender everything, but still holding back. I need stronger faith. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 23; Chicago

Whether it is easy or hard, pleasant or unpleasant, whatever the mindset or situation, always remain enthusiastic. The mind will dictate, complain, feel this or that. Never mind, just remember Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Continue serving with a desire to please, and with Śrīla Prabhupāda guiding we are secure. In Kali-yuga the boat is on rough water, but Śrīla Prabhupāda, the expert captain, is taking us across to the shore of Kṛṣṇaloka. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. May we always act according to his perfect instructions. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 24; Chicago

Lord Kṛṣṇa, perhaps it is Māyā who created a major change in the weather just at the time of my first attempt to travel in five weeks, which is taking me some distance from Chicago. This has happened previously many times. Anyway, in all cases Śrī Kṛṣṇa says: “Just depend on Me.” To endeavor and remember Kṛṣṇa is our means of operation, the best way of serving Him. His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda taught us everything, it is up to us to remember. *Smaraṇam śrī kṛṣṇa*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 25; Chicago – Columbus

Śrī Kṛṣṇa forced me to become humble and take shelter in a real way. That’s His mercy. Material nature will react. One must be wary and careful. Now I am on the road once again, at least for the weekends. I need to readjust and become more attentive to detail and to the needs of others. Praying fervently at the lotus feet of my spiritual master, His Divine Grace Abhay Caraṇāravinda

Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda Thākura, to help me always remember Śrī Kṛṣṇa and His divine instructions. And to take this opportunity to pray to His Divine Grace to bless all those who asked of me blessings accordingly. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy names. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 26; Columbus

Rādhe-Syām Rādhee-Syām Rādheee-Syām Rādheeee-Syām. Syām Syām Rādhe Rādhe – Hare Kṛṣṇa. His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda, all glories to his sweet divine lotus feet. Gaurāṅga-Nitāi. I am feeling separation from Kṛṣṇa's and Lord Caitanya's *līlās*. I need to include statements of *līlās* in my talks. This is our hope, our real life. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 27; Columbus

Feeling the need to get absorbed in Caitanya *līlā*. Hungering for reading time. Praying not to become attracted by Māyā in the form of women. Śrīla Prabhupāda said unless you become a cent per cent devotee, Māyā will crush you to powder. Māyā is very strong and subtle. Please give your mercy, Śrīla Prabhupāda, protect me from Māyā and give me the understanding how to avoid Her allurements. Praying not to become a casualty. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 28; Columbus – Chicago

If we weren't trying to preach, what would we do? We would be lost and absorbed in accepting and rejecting. Preaching is the essence, also the essence of austerity. Not that we are performing any sacrifice, but to be effective is very difficult. I pray I can use my time wisely for serving Lord Caitanya and trying to be compassionate to all others. I am basically useless, but Your desire, dear Lord Caitanya, to spread Your *saṅkīrtana* mission is so strong that You are willing to use this insignificant flea. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, the embodiment of compassion. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 29; Chicago

Riding the waves of constantly changing schedules. The *Gītā* says one should not be attached to the ordinary course of events. Even to regulation, nothing. Only attachment is to Śrī Kṛṣṇa, particularly by chanting His holy names. Praying to chant Nitāi-Gaura and meditate on Their mercy. They are so kind and Śrīla Prabhupāda is the embodiment of Their mercy and kindness. As the conclusion to this entry, we pray to please give HH Bhakti Tirtha Swami Your special mercy by allowing him to stay with us, if You so desire. Your will is ours, we are seeking Your will in this prayer, therefore we pray for Your full blessings upon this wonderful and compassionate devotee. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 30; Chicago

If one is always careful to practice humility, it is unlikely one will commit offenses. Śrīla Prabhupāda gave the formula for becoming Kṛṣṇa conscious. Of course, he said different things at different times, but when it comes to getting down to the essence – try to love Kṛṣṇa by chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa, follow the rules and regulations and avoid offenses. A concise formula. Chant without offenses and carefully follow the principles. There are 64 listed in the *Nectar of Devotion*. We pray for the mercy, for it makes everything easily executable. As we began this entry, we will also end. Be humble – chant Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 1; Chicago

Lately Śrī Kṛṣṇa is giving me ideas, inspirations, yet somehow I can't seem to embrace them enough to act on them. I am probably the foremost of procrastinators. I always find some excuse to put things off, I don't change much. To improve, one needs to act on inspirations. Stuck in a certain routine could be a sign of insincerity or lack of faith or it could be a way of carefully approaching the science of Bhakti-yoga. Discrimination is essential, being more adventurous without forgetting Kṛṣṇa. Explore Kṛṣṇa consciousness by being attached more to Śrī Kṛṣṇa, less to regulation. It's a fine line. Śrīla Prabhupāda's encouragement is our agent of assurance and comfort. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to Śrī Śrī Kīśor Kīśorī. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 2; Chicago

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, we have the good fortune to be instrumental in planting some Kṛṣṇa conscious seeds in a fertile area. Fargo, North Dakota. We seek your guidance, empowerment and blessings for maximum success. Without your mercy there is no other available. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 3; Chicago – Fargo/North Dakota

Vraja Mohan Prabhu and this lowly creature have descended onto the city of Fargo or “go far-North” – Dakota – an agriculture town. It is interesting to see how Indians have spread themselves everywhere and in number. Perhaps it is Lord Caitanya's arrangement for spiritualizing the United States. But getting Indian people to accept Kṛṣṇa consciousness is difficult. Cultural, religious mish-mush soup – kitri. Anyway, because they accept everything, they will also accept Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Śrīla Prabhupāda is tracking them wherever they go. All glories to His Divine Grace. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 4; Fargo/North Dakota

Kṛṣṇa consciousness is amazingly wonderful because it is all about serving Śrī Kṛṣṇa and He is amazingly wonderful. Syamasundara Prabhu would say: “Just watch the magic.” Yes, it's magic, Śrī Kṛṣṇa's magic performed under the guidance of that great magician Śrīla Prabhupāda. The show will astound you,

just chant Hare Kṛṣṇa with faith, that's your way in. Once experiencing the magic, you will never look anywhere else. All glories to His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 5; Fargo/North Dakota

When one's heart becomes soft, melted by the love of the Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa, one's life is perfect. My heart and mind are steel-framed. Trying to give, but never really giving, I remain lost. Envious, unable to do anything significant, I can only lament my situation. My godbrothers and other devotees are able to serve nicely by reaching many conditioned souls – it is glorious. Śrīla Prabhupāda is empowering anyone who will take it. But I am unable due to my lack of faith and laziness. Not eager to serve, but eager to be served and respected, therefore my situation is unfortunate, perhaps more unfortunate than that of the materialist who hasn't received the mercy. This fallen soul is in the best situation, but unable to benefit. What can I do, where can I go? I just hope it is not too late for me to change. An old dog remains the same. Śrīla Prabhupāda, help me to become a real devotee. Your mercy is all that I have. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 6; Fargo/North Dakota – Chicago

By the absolute mercy and kindness of those two transcendental brothers, Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi, we had success in planting the seed of Kṛṣṇa consciousness in a few persons in Fargo. Śrīla Prabhupāda has adopted the compassion and the eagerness of Gaura-Nitāi and has allowed us disciples to act on his behalf, but actually it is all happening by His Divine Grace. We are very happy to have been an instrument. We pray those seeds grow into blossoming flower trees of devotion to Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa. May we continue to seek out opportunities for spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness. A devotee is *para-duḥkha-duḥkhī*. Aspiring to first become a devotee, then perhaps I will be able to acquire some devotional qualities. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 7; Chicago

The divine appearance day of HH Śrīla Radhanath Maharaj – a glorious occasion. The entire world is benefitted by his appearance. A very special soul – no doubt! Shrouded in the humility and friendliness of a Vaiṣṇava, his greatness is immense. Not having the required *puṇya* to again get his association, I can only curse my misfortune. Yet, in this separation, the feeling of love and appreciation is nourished. Śrī Kṛṣṇa is kind, He has given more service than I can perform. I pray I can free myself from all unwanted desires and attachments and learn the lessons that HH Radhanath Swami is constantly emphasizing by his life, actions and *vākya*. Be the humble servant of the servant of the Vaiṣṇavas. The glory of Śrīla Prabhupāda is enhanced as we become humble, compassionate Vaiṣṇavas. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to HH

Radhanath Swami on his appearance day and always. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Begging for the mercy.

December 8; Chicago

Without getting absorbed in devotional service, specifically in thoughts of Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa, it has become difficult to remain enthusiastic. Then it becomes more or less just like duty. But as Śrīla Prabhupāda taught and as we desire, love of Kṛṣṇa is our only reason to continue. It is love and love only that is Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Love for Śrīla Prabhupāda. Love for Śrī Kṛṣṇa. It is desirable, it is natural. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 9; Chicago

Bhakta Phil's program, good energy, transcendental. Lord Caitanya and His transcendental brother Lord Nityānanda make everything auspicious. Their mercy is the mercy we need. They are not at all miserly. On the contrary, They are forcing it upon anyone who looks in Their direction. Śrīla Prabhupāda is able to attract everyone. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 10; Chicago

Rādhā, Queen of devotion. Embodiment of all love, Kṛṣṇa is the object of everyone's love. Rādhārāṇī attracts Kṛṣṇa alone. We can only be successful by serving and pleasing Śrī Rādhikā. Her mercy is our only hope and ultimate success. *Rādhe jaya jaya mādharma-dayite*. All glories to Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī and Her love for Kṛṣṇa. May Śrīla Prabhupāda help me to understand more and surrender more to this most perfect and gloriously outstanding path of *prema-Bhakti*. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Jay Śrī Rādhe.

December 11; Chicago – Cleveland

Lord Kṛṣṇa told Arjuna four things: "Think of Me, become My devotee, worship Me, offer your homage to Me, then I promise you will come to Me." Śrī Kṛṣṇa is true to His promise. Śrīla Prabhupāda is Kṛṣṇa's pure devotee and he has extended His mercy in many ways. We aspire to be a mercy representative of the Lord according to our capacity. But in any case, we are simply an instrument. We pray to become a better instrument. But what does that mean? Śrīla Prabhupāda and Śrī Kṛṣṇa will show the way. The way of pure Bhakti, a path difficult to achieve and difficult to traverse, but the only path worth aspiring for. Dear Kṛṣṇa! Save me from Māyā. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 12; Cleveland – Chicago

It is 1:30 a.m. and I just returned from Cleveland. Preaching in the United States can be very arduous, inconvenient, to say the least, and exhausting. But because it is necessary, and most importantly Lord Caitanya's desire, we happily look forward to serving by preaching. Śrīla Prabhupāda set a precedent that no one

can equal. We are his dedicated disciples, so in our very small and insignificant manner, we are trying. As he said: “Do what I am doing.” It’s only Śrīla Prabhupāda’s mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 13; Chicago

Somehow by your mercy, Śrīla Prabhupāda, I continue on with little, if any, accomplishment in my effort to spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness. I don’t seek to accomplish big feats. Perhaps I’m not following your instruction: “Shoot for the rhino.” Being stuck in a sort of comfort zone or a mode of service that doesn’t allow me to seek ways to expand and increase, I pray always for your guidance and an opportunity to make a difference. What can I do without your mercy? What can I do with your mercy? Your mercy is equally available. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 14; Chicago

Rādhā Kṛṣṇa – Kīśor Kīśorī – so sweet, so kind, so wonderful to see. A feast for our eyes and hearts. We are so ungrateful. The world is going to hell, calamities everywhere. Śrī Kṛṣṇa protects His devotees, this we can see clearly. We want more devotion. Śrīla Prabhupāda, save us from ungratefulness and self-complacency. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 15; Chicago

Lord Kṛṣṇa says in *Bhagavad-gītā*: “The senses drag the mind of a man to their objects despite him having great intelligence.” Sense objects are stumbling blocks, but only if we contemplate them. They are part of the illusion, one must rise above them and become Kṛṣṇa conscious. Practice detachment, determination, refusal to submit to the mind’s demands and attachments. By the continual mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda, we are somehow going on. All glories to the Holy Name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 16; Chicago

My mind is becoming more of a rascal. It likes to drift away from the lotus feet of the Lord onto sense gratificatory thoughts. The more we hear on how the uncontrolled mind is one’s worst enemy, the less we trust it. It can take you to hell and subject you to Māyā. I sincerely pray for Your complete protection. There is no other hope. I am desperately begging You for anything You can offer to free me from this rascal mind. I am at Your’s and Śrīla Prabhupāda’s lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 17; Chicago – New Orleans

“One who sees Me in everything actually sees.” I pray to be able to serve the devotees with enthusiasm. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Difficult day, but profitable in that Śrī Kṛṣṇa allowed me to understand a certain *anartha* that was growing. Trying to be a hero, you may become a zero, if it is not Kṛṣṇa’s plan or

if you are not careful to do the right thing in the right way. Good intentions must be accompanied by proper action. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 18; New Talavan

The power of prayer, the glorification of Śrīla Prabhupāda and the adherence to his instruction. The conviction born of knowledge and the remembrance coming from hearing. All these combined to produce what seemingly was a successful presentation on Vaiṣṇava etiquette. But the bottom line is that Lord Caitanya is so mercifully that even a flea like me can somehow offer some service to push on His mission. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. May we continue to enliven the devotees. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 19; New Talavan – New Orleans

Kṛṣṇa, help! Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi of New Orleans are fully manifested in Their personal presence. Most extraordinary forms of mercy, compassion, joy, ecstasy. The Lord is sooooo nice and when He reveals Himself then everything becomes perfect and complete. Śrīla Prabhupāda is guiding our lives and showing where we should go. Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi, They are the most magnanimous. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 20; New Orleans – Chicago

Flying around again. Trying to preach, more like staying engaged in devotional service. It's hard to see results. Śrī Kṛṣṇa is pleased by sincere devotional service, nothing material or pretentiously performed will attract the Lord. We want to fully absorb ourselves in His service. We need the mercy, the association of advanced devotees. This week will be different. Humble before the Lord, fool before one's guru, servant of the Vaiṣṇavas, eager to spread His glories to others. Śrīla Prabhupāda, we pray for your mercy, beg for your mercy. *Laulyam* – intense greed is the price. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 21; Chicago – Gītā Jayantī

Read the verses in the *Bhagavad-gītā* alone in my room. It is more spiritually beneficial in a group, but in order to honor this special day and please Lord Kṛṣṇa we took the opportunity. Let us always choose devotional service over sense gratification and pray to Śrīla Prabhupāda to increase our enthusiasm for devotional activities. Hearing and chanting the glories to the Lord and His devotees. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 22; Chicago

Decisions, decisions, decisions, so many possibilities. What is the priority, not what we like. Health is high on the list, preaching is topmost. Śrīla Prabhupāda, help me to clearly understand how best to execute my service for the pleasure of you and Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa. We humbly take shelter at your lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 23; Chicago

Can't seem to utilize the mornings effectively. A lot of time misspent. Probably If I could rest earlier, it would develop nicely. Not possible? Strive for regulation, don't be attached. Attached to Kṛṣṇa and His devotional service. Attached to pleasing Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hearing his glories and preaching to others. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 24; Chicago

A life of an itinerant preacher poses the problem of where to put one's time and energy. Preaching, of course, no doubt. But then there is the other stuff, arrangements, study, health care, *sādhana*, associating with devotees, so many extras or additions – all important. Use your intelligence by trying to serve in the best possible way and depend on Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy is our only hope. Again I became angry in front of the Deities just before *guru-pūjā*. Should I continue to be so concerned? Yes! But restrain the anger, it is not at all good. I apologized, but it has happened more than once. I pray to become a better all around devotee. His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda said there is no limit to Kṛṣṇa consciousness, just like there is no limit to how much Māyā can kick one. Please, Lord, help this fool become humble and free from unnecessary anger. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 25; Chicago – Christmas

A quite one, hardly spoke with anyone. One must learn to be content with whatever situation one is in, be conscious of Kṛṣṇa and understand that for a devotee all situations are favorable as long as we seriously take shelter of Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Yes, the Holy Name, there is nothing in all the fourteen worlds except the holy name of Kṛṣṇa. Hare, Kṛṣṇa, Rāma. All of one's aspirations are fulfilled in these three Names. Chant, chant, chant. One should constantly associate with Kṛṣṇa's name. Christmas, as most people celebrate, is a farce, an offense in whose name they celebrate. Real Christmas is devotion to Kṛṣṇa and His perfect son Jesus. Tomorrow, their celebration becomes an episode of suffering. Devotion to the Lord is found exclusively in congregationally chanting His holy names. Śrīla Prabhupāda ki jay.

December 26; Chicago

If in a given day one person takes up the chanting of Hare Kṛṣṇa, then our day is perfect. It is all Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy, we are simply his instruments. One must know this factually, theoretical knowledge is not acceptable. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 27; Chicago

When everything is taken away due to the force of time, all that will remain is Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Why not make it our only possession even while we are still surrounded by the fortifications of our accumulated objects of desire. When

Kṛṣṇa's name is all that remains, then we are truly possessed of the greatest good fortune. Śrīla Prabhupāda's success was his faith in spreading the chanting of Kṛṣṇa's names, our success is in wholeheartedly accepting the mercy. Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu, Śrī Nityānanda Rāma ki jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 28; Chicago

Guarāṅga Mahāprabhu, Śrī Nityānanda Rāma ki jaya. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 29; Chicago

Yena tena prakāreṇa manan kṛṣṇe niveśayet. Always remember Kṛṣṇa with love, with attention. If Kṛṣṇa wants one to fall, he will fall. If Kṛṣṇa wants to empower someone, he can perform great and glorious deeds. Bhakti is the path of faith. *Śraddhā* – firm faith. Śrī Kṛṣṇa will give me all protection, He protects what I have, carries what I lack. Faith is powerful, very, very powerful. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, I pray that soon my desire to preach will once again become my only desire. Total absorption in giving Kṛṣṇa consciousness to others. May a drop of your compassion fall upon this struggling *jīva*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 30; Chicago – Śrīla Bhaktisiddhanta's Disappearance Day

The world, especially the Far East, is undergoing tremendous sufferings and hardships. Tsunami, a term naming an underwater earthquake, has claimed hundreds of thousands of lives and left many millions displaced and homeless without food, shelter or medical care. Lord Kṛṣṇa says: *duḥkhālayam aśāśvatam*, but we don't fully understand the impact of these words. Certainly those victims of the earthquake do. We humbly offer our heartfelt prayer to the Lord for His mercy upon those souls and the countless others who are suffering due to ignorance. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, on this most blessed occasion of the disappearance of your Guru Maharaj, we pray for yours and his combined mercy to push us forward to become a more selfless servant with clearer direction on how best to serve. I lack many of the necessary qualities. Therefore, I pray to develop those attributes that are pleasing to you and Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa. I am useless, but praying to become more useful. Today we gloriously celebrated by remembering the glories of Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Mahārāja. Thank you for this special opportunity, we fervently beg to always be eager to hear and chant his unlimited glories. More blessed than heaven, sweeter than May. His Divine Grace Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Gosvāmī Mahārāja. All glories unto his lotus feet. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 31; Chicago – Minneapolis

2005, trying to be alive. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

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January 1; Minneapolis

Marathon program, nine hours of seminars, discussion on *Nectar of Instructions*, verses 2 and 3. By Śrīla Prabhupāda's and Lord Caitanya's mercy everything went nicely. Tomorrow we conclude the topic. Always refreshing to review. NOI is essential for all devotees. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 2; Minneapolis – Chicago

Rādhe jaya jaya mādharma-dayite, gokula-taruṇī maṇḍala-mahite. All glories to the embodiment of *kṛṣṇa-premā* Śrī Vṛṣabhānundanī Śrī Rādhe. All love is found in Her, by Her mercy only we enter in the loving mood of Vṛndāvana. May She always be the object of my meditation and Her mercy my only shelter. O Rādhe, who else can compare to You, Śrī Kṛṣṇa agrees. He Rādhe, please, make me Your maidservant. We derive great happiness in thinking of You and chanting Your holy name. Another feature of the grace-filled gifts of His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. *Rādhe jaya jaya mādharma-dayite.* All glories to Her lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 3; Chicago

There are five very potent forms of devotional service. Chanting the Holy Names, associating with and serving Vaiṣṇavas, worship the Lord in His *arcā-vigraha* form, hearing *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* and residing in a holy place. The *ācāryas* have boiled the essence even further to the essence of the essence. Chanting the Holy Names and associating with and serving Vaiṣṇavas. Śrīla Prabhupāda has given everything, it is incumbent upon the devotee to gain a clear understanding and apply. The other limbs of Bhakti enhance the sweetness of these and add their own special flavor. "Always remember Me." Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 4; Chicago

Every once in a while I get this feeling of being overwhelmed with service and responsibilities. Lately I've experienced it less, still it has a way of producing the mentality of being the controller and the performer. Hopefully I can remain fixed in my service and not lose thoughts of the lotus feet of Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Forgetting Kṛṣṇa makes everything unpalatable and arduous. My dear Lord, I only want to remember Your lotus feet, chant Your holy name and serve other living entities as my service to Your perfect pure representative Śrīla Prabhupāda. His service is my happiness. All glories to His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda! Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 5; Chicago

My preaching is beyond my realization. Still we must speak not only for others' benefit but for oneself, as we are to imbibe what we are saying. When repeating Śrīla Prabhupāda, there accompanies a feeling of satisfaction. That is best, and when we repeat with realization, transcendental knowledge is awakened. The lotus feet of Śrīla Prabhupāda is the real and only shelter. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 6; Chicago – Ekādaśī

My dear sweet most attractive Lord, if You are pleased by my attempts to serve, only then am I happy. Please, give me the necessary faculties to always want to remember You and to remember You. Śrīla Prabhupāda has given us so much, what more can we ask for. It all culminates in serving and offering loving devotion to Your extra sweet lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Jay Jay Śrī Rādhēēēēēēē Śyām!

January 7; Chicago – Denver – Boulder

What will I do here? All success comes when You, my dear Lord, are pleased. So please help me to remember You more and more and in that way perhaps I can offer some meaningful service in pushing on this Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement. All glories to the success behind and in front of everyone – His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 8; Boulder

Nice program, interesting group of people, quite diverse. I should strive to be more enthusiastic by putting more attention and time in preparing for my classes. Why do things half or even ¾? Put your heart, mind and soul into all that is being offered, try harder, it is an emergency, people need direction, care, etc. Śrīla Prabhupāda's purity inspired him to higher and higher efforts to spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Māyā says, "Take it easy," Kṛṣṇa doesn't. Śrīla Prabhupāda tried hard, depended fully on Kṛṣṇa and spread the chanting and the glories of the Holy Names. All glories unto his lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 9; Boulder – Denver

To go “back to Godhead” is not a cheap thing, it is the ultimate achievement of life. Your purports, dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, guarantee it when taking up the service of preaching to the conditioned souls. Śrīla Prabhupāda, I want to offer more of what you gave until my life is totally surrendered in loving devotion at your lotus feet. Nothing else is the goal of life, nor do we want anything but to please you and develop our love for Lord Kṛṣṇa. I am foolish and uncontrolled. Please, help me overcome the bad qualities that drag me from serving you fully. Praying to be able to please you and Lord Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 10; Denver – Sister’s/Santa Rosa CA

The illusioned living entities suffer from a severe case of myopia. Like a donkey who can only see the dangling carrot. The desire for sense gratification narrows and stunts one’s intelligence and the ability to see beyond the dangling carrot. It is the duty of those who have received the vision from the enlightened souls to help to remove the carrot and replace it with the Creator of the carrot. One who knows Kṛṣṇa knows everything. There is nothing else to know. Knowledge of the illusion is not knowledge. Śrīla Prabhupāda is the giver of that knowledge and it is up to those who have received the knowledge from Prabhupāda to distribute it freely. That is the only real welfare work for the people of the world. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 11; Sister’s/Santa Rosa CA

Agnideva Prabhu’s, Govinda’s restaurant seems very successful. An interesting visit. My blood sister is also my God sister. No doubt Lord Kṛṣṇa is a very big part of her life, although she is not aware how much. God is so great and mysterious. Every living being is intimately connected to Him and yet remains ignorant of that connection. He is the Master of all mystics and the perfect Artisan of love. His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda saved us from this illusion, I only want to help others. Please, help me engage in preaching Your message until my last breath. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 12; Sister’s – San Jose CA

We pray for Your mercy to be able to realize that all success comes only when You are pleased. The highest religious principle is to remember You while rendering loving service at Your lotus feet. All glories to His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 13; San Jose CA

Lust, Lord Kṛṣṇa explains, is seated in the mind, intelligence and the senses. It is the eternal enemy of the soul, because it keeps the soul from associating with the Lord. It is the enemy #1. How to defeat this demon? Regulation and knowledge.

When the soul's innate attitude of service to the Lord is transformed into the propensity for sense enjoyment it becomes lust. We seek your mercy, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 14; San Jose CA

It seems or, rather, it is impossible to be fully immuned from material contamination with such close contact. Travel, unregulated schedules, varying diets, changing atmosphere, the only constant is inconsistency. In that arena our only savior is the Holy Name. All glories to the holy name of Kṛṣṇa, it is our life, our only hope, our only *sādhana*. It is everything. It is Kṛṣṇa in the most accessible way. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, help me to always remember to chant Hare Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 15; San Jose CA

Struggling to think of something to write. By remembering the Supreme Personality of Godhead's wonderful pastimes one is purified within and without. All glories to Kāliya Kṛṣṇa. May He dance in my heart purifying it of all poisonous contamination. The mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda is the object of our meditation. Śrīla Prabhupāda *ki jay*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 16; San Jose CA

Vaisesika, Akruranatha, Doya Niddhi, Satyadeva, Navadvipa, Ananda Maya, Mother Kunira and Mother Jaggtarini are a few of Śrīla Prabhupāda's disciples – godbrothers and godsisters – I met while here. Today we spoke on Lord Kṛṣṇa subduing Kāliya serpent. A very instructive pastime. One must give up envy and become a humble servant of the Vaiṣṇavas. *Sannyāsa* means complete dedication of body, mind and words in the service of the Supreme by preaching Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Wherever we are directed by the Lord, we are duty bound to be an instrument of His compassion. Nothing selfish can remain. If we keep this foremost, always striving for perfection in attaining this mood of service, then perhaps we can offer our activities unto Your lotus feet, knowing we are trying to be what You expect us to be – a sold out servant in loving devotion. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for bestowing this Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement on the world. You are Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu's perfect representative. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 17; San Jose – Boulder

Śrī Kṛṣṇa is always fully caring for His devotee. I pray to understand how best to respond to His loving care. The deeper one goes in Kṛṣṇa consciousness, the more one can see Lord Kṛṣṇa's hand in everything. Śrī Kṛṣṇa is perfect in all situations and beyond. Perfection in devotion is to hold very tightly unto the lotus feet of His pure representative Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to those truly

great personalities who brought to the world the medicine for all ailments, *śuddha*-Bhakti, nothing less will suffice. Hare Kṛṣṇa

January 18; Boulder – Chicago

A brief stay, then off to India on Saturday. The mind looks for stability, routine, order. Not possible. In Kṛṣṇa consciousness, surrender to the will of the Lord is the only stability, order. I hope to maintain a determined effort despite the austerity of travel. Perhaps the saintly association of HH Radhanath Swami, HH Lokanath Swami and other devotees will keep me enthusiastic in my service to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 19; Chicago

Quit complaining, be grateful, you deserve worst, Śrī Kṛṣṇa is very kind. You're only getting a tiny reaction from your activities. A little inconvenience, for such a reward. Śrīla Prabhupāda is the special friend of Lord Kṛṣṇa, his favor goes a loooong way. All way to the top. Back to Godhead. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 20; Chicago

Connecting "loose ends". India in four days. My world changes radically once again. The activity is the same. Trying to distribute the message of Lord Caitanya. Association with advanced souls will again be constant. Śrīla Prabhupāda gave us a great family. But as family members often do – they disagree. Anyway, when we work together in a cooperative way – then there is grand success on all levels. My prayer is to fit in somewhere in the association of my godbrothers and others. It is all Śrī Kṛṣṇa's kindness. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 21; Chicago

The mind achieves stillness only on the transcendental stage. The living entity achieves peace only when it is in full service and surrender to the Supreme Lord. The heart achieves happiness only when the Lord is pleased. The final destination means to be situated eternally at the Lord's loving lotus feet in full devotional service. Always remember Kṛṣṇa and never ever forget Him. Always chant His holy names. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 24; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Due to an intense travel, I neglected to write entries the last two days. The present concern is how best to use the time available in spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, your mercy alone is our guiding light, our strength, our victory. All glories to you and to those devotees who keep you foremost in their hearts and in their lives. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 25; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Lord Caitanya's mercy has returned in a big way. Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī is Śrī Vṛndāvanēśvarī. Her pleasure is our only aim in life. Close to 3,000 persons

came, took *darśana* and enthusiastically participated in the *puṣyā-abhiṣeka* of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha. Spectacular, spiritually powerful, a synergy of devotion focused on the pleasure of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha. HH Radhanath Swami's devotion is truly amazing, as the number and quality of festivals are steadily increasing. All glories to his lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 26; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir – Solapur

A little inattention can be the cause of so many difficulties. Always remember Kṛṣṇa and Śrīla Prabhupāda's eternal instructions. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 27; Pandharpur

Seminars – Purity is the Force. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, please accept my most humble obeisances at your lotus feet. I have very little, if any knowledge on purity in devotion, yet the Vaiṣṇavas have asked me to speak on this subject. Please, enlighten me with the proper words, both for my own advancement towards purity and for the pleasure of the devotee. Thank you very much. All glories to your lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 28; Pandharpur

The deities Śrī Śrī Rādhā Pandharinātha are very, very beautiful. They are similar to Śrī Śrī Rādhā Śyāmasundara of Vṛndāvana. Every Deity in the Society adds to the glories of His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda, as it was this great saint who has brought Kṛṣṇa consciousness to every town and village. All glories unto his lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 29; Pandharpur

We are hearing how important Śrīla Prabhupāda's books are. From all angles of execution in devotional service, the books play a very important role. Read, study, follow, distribute them. Apply their teaching in all aspects of life. It is obvious from my personal observation that I need to read and study more regularly. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda's books, especially *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* and *Śrī Bhagavad-gītā*. Hare Kṛṣṇa. *Nectar of Devotion* and *Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta* are no less important.

January 30; Pandharpur

The restless dissatisfied mind – always unhappy. Never listen to your mind. Kṛṣṇa, please reveal how best and where I can serve You best. I seek Your pleasure as the goal of my activities. How will Śrīla Prabhupāda best be pleased? Hare Kṛṣṇa. Thank you.

January 31; Pandharpur – Arawade

Today I had the extremely rare good fortune to take the *abhiṣeka darśana* of Śrī Vitalanātha. Śrī Kṛṣṇa as a little boy accepting the service of being awakened,

bathed, fed, clothed and worshipped. So very special, so very sweet. By placing my polluted mind at His lotus feet I felt the greatest mercy enter into my life. At that time I prayed to be a better and more surrendered preacher. The Lord can fulfill all desires, yet my body seems to be dragging me down. It gets tired easier and my mind is a rascal trying to figure out devotional service. What to do, after all these years not able to make any real progress. Perhaps this prayer is most important. Śrīla Prabhupāda, please fix my mind on your service and on your orders, and with great determination and proper deliberation – fight. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 1; Arawade

Struggling to stay engaged in Your service. Mind and senses have their independent ideas. What can be gained by giving up, and what can be lost by trying hard. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy is everything. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 2; Arawade

Simple living, village style. An opportunity for regulation, at least up till now. Late night program. Giving is what it means to accept *sannyāsa*. Give Kṛṣṇa consciousness as best as you can, as much as possible. What you are attempting to give, that knowledge is coming by the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda. We are only his servants. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 3; Arwade – Kohlapur

Some intestinal problem, loose motions, in the local jargon. Seems to be clear now. Battling with how best to balance health with service. Assimilation into Indian atmosphere is slower than expected. Devotees are kind and have gone out of their ways to assist. Śrīla Prabhupāda, a kind friend to all. My eternal spiritual master is loved by many. How fortunate we are to have met him. Although personally I had very little, if any contact. Now he exists, stronger than ever in my life as we seek to glorify and serve him. Hare Kṛṣṇa. All glories to the real friend of all – Śrīla Prabhupāda.

February 4; Kohlapur

My annual visit to Kohlapur always includes a visit to Mahā-Lakṣmī Mandir, the eternal consort of Lord Nārāyaṇa. Nārāyaṇa Sūrya visited just a few days ago 31st to 2nd to give His wife His personal *darśana* as She performs Her service of giving Her merciful *darśana* to all that come. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, his glories are being revealed more and more through his devotees. We will never reach the end as it is like a virtual ocean of nectar. Śrīla Prabhupāda *ki jay*. Mahā-Lakṣmī *ki jay*. Pure devotional service *ki jay*. Hare Kṛṣṇa *mahā-mantra ki jay*. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu *ki jay*. Śrī Nityānanda Rāma *ki jay*. Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī's love for Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa *ki jay*. All glories to all Vaiṣṇavas *ki jay*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 5; Kohlapur – Chinhcali village – Ekādaśī

Patiently awaiting Your mercy, absorption in service. Now adjustment, mental, physical. Hope to be of some use sooner or later. No real reason to be concerned. I really don't see how to be able to take advantage of Your kindness, mercy. By Śrīla Prabhupāda's desire to spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness we are making some small effort. Thank You! Today Your kindness was strongly felt. All glories unto Śrī Śrī Kiśor Kiśorī.

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare*

Śrī Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu ki jay.

February 6; Chinchali – Belgaum/Ratha-yātrā

Special day, special association, the Lord and His pure devotees. Śrīla Radhanath Swami and Śrīla Lokanath Swami chanting, dancing, *prasāda*, all centered around the beautiful forms of Lord Jagannātha, Subhadrā-devī, Lord Baladeva. HH Radhanath Maharaj gave a powerful lecture and led kirtan. It was like old times and even better, as he spoke about his life as a child growing up in America. With me he shared the intimacy of his early years. As a pure devotee his entire life is all part of his relationship with the Lord as it unfolds into pure devotional service. All glories to Lord Jagannātha as He brings His devotees and many others together to hear and chant His glories and the glories of Śrīla A.C. Bhaktivedanta "Swami Mahārāja". Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 7; Belgaum

One must constantly cultivate humility, tolerance, pridelessness and chant the Holy Name. This is the path of success and what Śrīla Prabhupāda and all the *ācāryas* are teaching. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 8; Belgaum – Kohlapur

Śrī Kṛṣṇa has ways to make you take shelter of Him. We don't always recognize them, still they are always working. "Always remember Me, with surrender, with devotion, with desperation." Śrīla Prabhupāda, help me to always remember Kṛṣṇa and His instructions coming through you. The activity of the moment can and does absorb one's consciousness, but still always remember Lord Kṛṣṇa by chanting His holy names. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 9; Kohlapur – Pune/Rādhā Kuñjabihārī Mandir

Today I had a realization of my own impurities and *anarthas*. I have been hearing about them and meditating on these characteristics, but today I was able to see more clearly. Unalloyed service is the antidote. Personal gain and distinction are only by-products of Bhakti. They are meant to be used for Kṛṣṇa's service. We are meant only for Śrī Kṛṣṇa's pleasure. To come to that platform is our aspiration. Can we be totally sold out, surrendered, free from any

tinge of personal gain? It is only through mercy. Therefore we turn to Śrīla Prabhupāda for spiritual strength and pure desire. Desire to desire to become totally selfless. It is rare, but it is possible through proper *sādhū-saṅga* along with the mercy of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī. When Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī becomes pleased with you, only then is your spiritual life successful. All glories to Govindānandinī. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 10; Pune/Rādhā Kuñjabihārī Mandir – Nigri

I think it would be nice to spend some quality time in India. Once I get accustomed to this pace, environment etc., it is most pleasing spiritually. Where to put my time? It is a problem, so many requests, so many places in need, yet others are nicely flourishing. The world is full of opportunities for preaching. Full employment for the traveling preachers. Śrī Śrī Rādhā Kuñjabihārī have strongly captivated my mind, no doubt. They are extremely attractive and very merciful. May They continue to remain in my heart and mind. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, whose mercy has given the entire world Rādhā Kṛṣṇa in Their beautiful and merciful forms. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 11; Pune/Rādhā Kuñjabihārī – Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

A difficult morning, but a lot of mercy from Śrī Śrī Rādhā Kuñjabihārījī. It is becoming very, very difficult to travel and preach, but yet I must continue. I only seek your mercy, Śrīla Prabhupāda, in the form of the intelligence on how best to use time. Without your continuous kindness I can't go on. Begging for your mercy from the core of my being. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 12; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir – Cross Maidan 2005

Opening, grand success. Śrīla Prabhupāda is pleased! His devotees worked hard and now the results. Thousands coming to hear the Holy Name, taking Kṛṣṇa *prasādam* and hearing lively discussions. No doubt an ocean of mercy. Śrīla Prabhupāda – re-lived. His Holiness Radhanath Swami, a spiritual giant. The fight to save the souls in Kali-yuga. Mumbai, the heart of Kali in India. Demonic culture is launching its attack in this grand city. Cross Maidan 2005, a chance to push back Kali forces and awaken the light of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Our prayer is that each night becomes even more spectacular. Dear Kṛṣṇa, please, save them. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 13; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Wonderful Vaiṣṇava association includes nice kirtans, lectures, *prasādam*, verified by the grace of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda. All glories to his mercy upon the world. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 14; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

When a man becomes proud of material possessions or position, his abilities or intelligence, then he is placed in a dangerous position. Material nature will then

cause him havoc. Similarly, a devotee must always be meek and humble despite all the favor shown to him by the Supreme Lord. “Pride goeth before the fall.” To seek the path of a humble servant it is the path of success. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, your mercy is all I am made of. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 15; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Dear Lord, I am very low, envious, fallen and proud. But although it hasn’t happened yet, I hope to become purified and fixed in Your service. I need to work on myself yet simultaneously preach, being very concerned with others. Perhaps only patience is necessary as I embark on a mentality conducive to Your loving service. With Śrīla Prabhupāda’s mercy anything is possible. I still have hope, but time is running out fast. Pleading for Your kindness upon me. Śrīla Prabhupāda *ki jay*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 16; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

We received a very honorable guest. The Supreme Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa and His pleasure energy Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī. May They along with Śrīla Prabhupāda bless us with Their loving mercy. Jay Jay Śrī Rādhēeee Śyām. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 17; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

An interesting day. Quality association with Śrīla Prabhupāda through *Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta*. With Bhavananda Prabhu (ACBSP) through his wisdom and experiences. Dear Kṛṣṇa, what can I do for You, please help me to understand. A continuation of the same or a qualitative leap into the unknown. Perhaps as we continue to reflect and pray it will be clearly understood. Do I have what it takes to do what I am destined to? I pray only to please Śrīla Prabhupāda and to develop love for Śrī Kṛṣṇa in Vṛndāvana. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 18; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

By spreading Kṛṣṇa’s holy name Śrīla Prabhupāda established Kṛṣṇa consciousness worldwide. That process is always the best. Somehow or other get people to chant Hare Kṛṣṇa and if they can develop faith in Kṛṣṇa’s name then the Name will bring them to the perfectional stage of life. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 19; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

All glories to Kṛṣṇa’s holy names. All the great successor *ācāryas* have shown us the exclusive position of Kṛṣṇa’s holy name. Śrīla Prabhupāda’s success in spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness was mainly due to his emphasis on spreading Kṛṣṇa’s holy names. All glories to the Holy Name, it is the cure, the medicine for all ailments caused by Kali’s influence. It is the life of Bhakti, the essence of *sādhana*, the bliss of the chanter’s heart and the happiness of his mind. May we always take exclusive shelter of Śrī Kṛṣṇa by chanting His holy names. My only shelter. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 20; Mumbai

The last night of the Cross Maidan Festival. No doubt a grand success. Tens of thousands received Kṛṣṇa's mercy in various ways. Śrīla Prabhupāda's contribution in spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness worldwide was heard, as his legacy expands. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to HH Radhanath Swami. I pray to develop a stronger desire to preach and be an instrument for His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy. I am low, envious, greedy and always absorbed in my own mind. Lord Nityānanda saved Jagāi and Mādhāi, perhaps He can save me. Tomorrow we will experience His mercy full force. All glories to Lord Nityānanda and Lord Caitanya. They are our life and soul, our everything. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 21; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

– Lord Nityānanda's Appearance Day

His mercy is complete, most sweet, a grand treat saving us from the street of pain. Thank You, sweet Nitāi, ecstatic Nitāi, Nityānanda Prāṇa. Save me, make me more serious, more enthusiastic to serve You and Your devotees. Thank You for everything. Please, give me Your special mercy as I attempt to pass a *śāstric* test. You know everything. Please, help me to remember You always. Śrī Nityānanda Rāma *ki jay*, Śrī Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu *ki jay*. Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha *ki jay*. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa, the cowherd boy of Śrī Vṛndāvanadhāma. Jay Jay Śrī Rādhēee Śyām. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 22; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

By transcendental knowledge the soul becomes nourished, by renunciation of sense objects one becomes satisfied. The intelligence is the factor which connects the soul to God. Cultivate things favorable for devotional service and reject things unfavorable. In the area of preaching this principle must be followed. Those who want *punya* from serving Vaiṣṇavas are of meager intelligence. Be diligent with this principle of favorable and unfavorable. Travel is necessary, so is also cultivation of proper hearing and chanting. Balance must be maintained as the principle. Śrīla Prabhupāda is a *nitya-siddha* living entity. His sacrifice started when he agreed to come to this material world to show compassion to the fallen conditioned souls in this age. Lord Kṛṣṇa's special mercy is His sending His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda to the material world to save us. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 23; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Śrīla Prabhupāda has requested his disciples to write at least one paragraph each day on our devotional service, realizations, reflections etc. In this way I have instituted this daily journal. It seems what I am struggling most with is steadiness in devotional activities. Being a traveling preacher, continuous regulation has only been a dream. Of course, one must not be attached to

regulation. One must be attached only to what is best to serve the Lord. Striving for regulation is the closest we can come to achieving it. One must never give up on striving for regulation but foremost is what serves Lord Kṛṣṇa best. Ideally they go together, as witnessed in the life of His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. In my situation, without an assistant, I must arrange my schedule and travel to be done in the most simple yet efficient manner. The challenge is constant. Praying at the lotus feet of Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi, desiring Their mercy, I continue on with great hope. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 24; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha
– Narottam dāsa Ṭhākura’s Appearance Day

By the mercy of Narottama dāsa Ṭhākura, whose mercy is great, we experienced complete satisfaction by narrating his activities. Although we are saturated with imperfections and bereft of any of the necessary qualifications, still his mercy carried us to great joy. As a result we have obtained a greater eagerness to speak about him and learn more about his qualities and activities. These great souls are our forefathers in devotional service, they are our real family. We give all credit to Śrīla Prabhupāda, as this is just another feature of his great gifts to the fallen souls in this horrible age of Kali. All glories to Śrīla Prabhuāpda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 25; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

The highlight was in honoring HH Bhakti Tirtha Swami on his birthday. So refreshing, so sweet. A tribute to a soul who has given everything to Śrīla Prabhupāda and Lord Caitanya. A preacher, a warrior, a good friend. All glories to HH Bhakti Tirtha Swami Maharaj. All glories to all the Vaiṣṇava devotees of Lord Caitanya headed by Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 26; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Tonight I met a person who has truly imbibed the essence of devotional service. He relishes serving and especially serving Vaiṣṇavas. Śrīla Prabhupāda has said that the more one is servant, the more one is exalted. True happiness is being the servant of the servant of the servant of Kṛṣṇa’s servants. Perhaps someday I can genuinely aspire for that position. The perfectional position in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 28; Vṛndāvana

Evening train travel, I forgot to make yesterday’s entry. But here I am in Śrī Vṛndāvana-dhāma. The abode of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī. Although it is Varṣāṇā, yet Śrī Vṛndāvana is the place of many wonderful pastimes. I hope I can offer some service. The concern is to be conscious on how I am using time, and not to waste it unnecessarily. Service is our concern, time is the means, Bhakti our focus, chanting our constant activity. Śrīla Prabhupāda’s mercy, our only hope. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Jay Jay Śrī Rādhē.

March 1; Śrī Vṛndāvana – Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta's Appearance Day; Gaur Govinda's Disappearance Day

Full day in glorification of great souls. The *dhāma* enhances the auspiciousness of the celebrations. It seems like Śrī Kṛṣṇa, or perhaps Śrī Rādhā, are filling the days with activities. This is the most desirable opportunity available, as life is short and time is valuable. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa's holy name. All glories to Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Śyāmasundara, Kṛṣṇa-Balarāma and Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi. We are begging for Their mercy in the form of service. Service to the Dhāma, service to the Vaiṣṇavas, service to the Lord and His holy name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 2; Śrī Vṛndāvana-dhāma

Raval, Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī's birthplace. All glories to Varṣāṇāvanavi-devī, the beloved of Śrī Kṛṣṇa. One can never understand the glories of Her lotus feet. Janmāṣṭamī celebration is simply a festival leading up to Rādhāṣṭamī. This mentality is reflective of the true servants of Śrī Rādhā. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 3; Śrī Vṛndāvana-dhāma

Unless we are eager for devotional service, we will never understand why things are the way they are. When one is properly engaged in devotional service there cannot be any more desirable situation. Lord Kṛṣṇa is nondifferent from His service. Chanting the Holy Names, service to the devotees, hearing and reading the message of Śrīla Prabhupāda. So nice – Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Only fools and unfortunate rascals cannot appreciate such happiness. Śrīla Prabhupāda is giving, so we will take our share and distribute the rest, which is sufficient to drown the entire world in unlimited bliss. Kṛṣṇa consciousness – the way of life for future generations. Let's help build that reality. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 4; Śrī Vṛndāvana-dhāma – Vṛndā-kuṇḍa, Nandagram

Although the weather gave us forced austerity as it rained heavily, it was Vṛndādevī's mercy that allowed us to develop the necessary humility to approach Her lotus feet. Such a rascal I am. Attached to sense gratification and my limited concepts. Fallen as I am, I pray to Śrīla Prabhupāda and to Lord Kṛṣṇa to purify me from all material desires, misconceptions and attachments, then perhaps one day I will reach the path of steady Bhakti. Thank You, Vṛndādevī, for Your special mercy upon this lost soul. I pray You will accept me as one of Your many servants. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 5; Śrī Vṛndāvana-dhāma

Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī is Vṛndāvanēśvarī. All the affairs of Śrī Vṛndāvana are completely under Her care. We aspire to become the servant of the servant of Her servants. May we fully absorb the sweetness of devotional service under Her care in Śrī Vṛndāvana-dhāma. Śrīla Prabhupāda, you carry Śrī Vṛndāvana-dhāma to the whole world. Very few fortunate souls can actually go there. I dare

to express my desire to be one of them. All glories to Śrī Śrī Rādhā Śyāmasundara. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 6; Śrī Vṛndāvana-dhāma

Don't try to see Vṛndāvana with your eyes. Try to serve Śrī Vṛndāvana with your heart. Śrīla Prabhupāda's presence here is very strong. Śrī Kṛṣṇa is mercifully engaging me in His service. Although I am not going outside the temple area much, I am happily experiencing Rādhā's mercy through preaching. All glories unlimitedly to Śrī Vṛndāvana-dhāma and to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Vṛndāvana-dhāma is a spectacular feature of his unlimited mercy and compassion. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 7; Śrī Vṛndāvana-dhāma – Ekādaśī

The last full day here. Tomorrow on to Śrīdhāma Māyāpur. Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī's *kṛpā*, Śrī Vṛndāvana-dhāma. If I could stay longer, I would seek to go deep into the mood of the Dhāma. Śrī Kṛṣṇa is so kind to have let me stay this long. My first visit since 2002. This evening's Gurukula program was very nice. I have very little realization, but I pray that Śrīla Prabhupāda's leading devotees continue to develop the proper mood which will be pleasing to the whole world. A grand task, especially in the age of Kali where everything goes down. Life is short and is becoming even shorter; time continues its march. Perhaps by the mercy of the great souls I can offer some meaningful service of what remains of this drop sliding off the lotus leaf. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 8; Śrī Vṛndāvana-dhāma – Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Māyā attacked. Traveling from Dhāma to Dhāma proved to be dangerous. Always remember Kṛṣṇa and then you never leave the Holy Dhāma of the Holy Name. The always available Dhāma. That Dhāma that fulfills all of one's spiritual desires. All glories to the holy name of Kṛṣṇa. When chanted by pure devotees, it brings one directly to Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Śrīla Prabhupāda's lotus feet and Kṛṣṇa's names – our abodes in this world of madness. Please allow me to serve Your holy name at every moment. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 9; Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Dear Lord, any mercy You can push in this fool's direction I will eagerly accept. Thank You for allowing me the association of HH Radhanath Swami. I have had much of Maharaja's association in the past, yet each experience is always so filled with Śrī Kṛṣṇa and His mercy. Śrīla Prabhupāda, help me to understand and carry out my service in a way most pleasing to you and simultaneously effective in preaching Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Help me to see what I need to do to become more Kṛṣṇa conscious and more enthusiastic about preaching. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 10; Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

A slight decline in health, possibly due to some offense. Anyway, Kṛṣṇa, Śrī Caitanya, is most kind and merciful. Taking His intelligence we can soon again chant and dance with full enthusiasm. Śrīla Prabhupāda's *kathā* has helped me appreciate, remember and worship His Divine Grace with greater attention. Another person, another opinion, so many opinions. We accept the Supreme authority in every case. Knowledge is coming from Him in disciplic succession. This is the perfect process of authenticity and understanding. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 11; Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Today the devotees honored the disappearance of Śrīla Tamal Krishna Goswami. My health took a sharp decline, therefore I was not able to take part. This life is *capala sukala*, a drop on the lotus leaf ready to fall at any given moment. Life means preparing for death. Lord Kṛṣṇa says: "Remember Me." Can we fully absorb our mind in Śrī Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet? Die before you die. Prepare yourself for the inevitable. We are not afraid, only desiring to follow His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda's instructions. My dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, Lord Caitanya, Lord Nityānanda and all of Your eternal associates, Śrī Śrī Rādhā Mādhava, please help me fix my mind on You exclusively. We do not aspire for any other boon. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 12; Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Hearing about Śrīla Prabhupāda from his disciples and from His Divine Grace strongly increases our love for him and helps to keep him more in the center. That is essential to maintain and expand the movement. Love, cooperation, care, concern, kindness, our relationship with Śrīla Prabhupāda depends on our relationship with each other and vice versa. Such a great personality. Three categories of inconceivability: Kṛṣṇa's qualities, Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī's love, Śrīla Prabhupāda's compassion. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 13; Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Śrī Pañca Tattva, the personification of the Absolute Truth in five features, have appeared by Their own causeless mercy to inundate a flood of love of Themselves which is like no other in the history of this planet. Today They demonstrated a drop of that mercy – which is enough to drown the entire world – by accepting service from Their loving servants in the form of a spectacular and very sweet *abhiṣeka* festival. This foolish soul received Their mercy. May the Pañca Tattva be ever fixed in my mind and heart. Śrīla Prabhupāda has mercifully opened up a festival of spirituality. All glories to His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. May we serve him and increase our loving appreciation more and more. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 14; Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

When the *ācārya* leaves, then all sorts of deviations come from within and attack from without. As the legacy of Śrīla Prabhupāda lives on and expands in various ways, his legacy must be protected with firm determination. When Śrīla Prabhupāda announced that to take up spiritual life means literally to declare war on the illusory energy, we didn't know fully what it actually meant and how that war would manifest. To fight for Śrī Kṛṣṇa is glorious, to fight to keep to the path of Śrīla Prabhupāda is very, very satisfying. All glories to His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa

March 15; Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Thanks to the mercy of Śrī Pañca Tattva coming through my godbrother Bhuvanesvara Prabhu we received *mahā-prasāda*. In Śrī Māyāpur-dhāma the mercy of Lord Caitanya and His associates is very powerful. We pray to be attached to Them, Their service and Their mercy, as we are befitting to receive. In Śrī Māyāpur-dhāma the supreme mercy is the chanting of the Holy Names. All glories to these two powerful forms of mercy. May we be eager to accept and distribute both. Today my prayer to Śrīla Prabhupāda was immediately answered. How compassionate and kind is Guru Maharaj, being aware of how desperately we need his mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 16; Śrīdhāma Māyāpur – Parikrama

I lead kirtan at Dhameśvara temple. Merciful Gaurāṅga is more so at this temple in Koladvīpa. A walking austerity, the purification we require. Śrīla Prabhupāda so amazingly established ISKCON as part of Śrī Māyāpur-dhāma. The locals are really appreciative and taking advantage in different ways. By Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu's mercy we are getting the mercy of His holy *līlās*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 17; Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

In this life I have given only two *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* classes in Mayapur, both during Gaura-Pūrṇimā festival time. Tomorrow I am scheduled for another. A real test, therefore I pray to you, dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, reservoir of all knowledge and mercy, to allow me to speak in such a way that I can make a difference in the lives of at least a few. It is all in your hands, I am your surrendered servant. At best, I can simply be an effective instrument for your mercy. Please, allow me to offer this service in the mood of complete surrender. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 18; Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Māyā is the energy of the Lord which captures the living entities into thinking and acting separately to gratify the senses. Sense gratification is a sorry state of affairs. Locked into this illusion, the living entity cannot even slightly comprehend the reality of spiritual pleasure. *Jagat-guru* Śrīla Prabhupāda, the

revealer of Māyā's workings, clears the path of this illusion by enlightening the living being with transcendental knowledge. He, the embodiment of Lord Nityānanda's mercy, is our only shelter. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 19; Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Love of God is mercifully offered to those who in Śrī Vṛndāvana-dhāma smear its dust on their bodies, as it is known that Śrī Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet sported in all of Śrī Vṛndāvana-dhāma. Śrīdhāma Māyāpur's gift of the Holy Name anoints one's soul with that same love to those absorbed in chanting. In Purī the most sought after form of mercy is the *prasādam* of Lord Jagannātha which can do the same as mentioned in the other Dhāmas. Śrīla Prabhupāda is the dispenser in all places worldwide. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 20; Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

A full day, tomorrow even more so. I pray to fulfill my Ekādaśī promise to Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī. Her remembrance brings me great happiness. Another wonderful aspect of Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy. Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa in Śrī Vṛndāvana-dhāma. The three are inseparable. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 21; Śrīdhāma Māyāpur – Ekādaśī

Congregational preaching. I met the lady who wrote a book entitled *Free to Preach*. Determination is so beautiful. Śrīla Prabhupāda is the epitome of this quality. Determination is the feature of one's will to achieve the goal. Because the goal is Lord Kṛṣṇa, His desire will undoubtedly prove successful. *Niścayā* – fixed in determination. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 22; Śrīdhāma Māyāpur – Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

The spiritual potency in its feature of attraction is creating the mood of separation for Śrī Pañca Tattva, Śrī Śrī Rādhā Mādhava Aṣṭa-sakhī, Śrī Bhagavān Nṛasimhadeva. Remembrances of Their transcendental forms continually flash in my mind. At this moment I can only think when will I return to that Holy Dhāma, the *janma-sthāna* and *karma-sthāna* of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu and the beautiful towering monument of Śrīla Prabhupāda's *puṣpa-samādhī*. "Bombay is my office, Vṛndāvana is my residence, Māyāpur is my place of worship." All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 23; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu is entering into our life more and more each moment as we are readily awaiting His glorious Appearance Day. Our hearts are praying that they can be a fit place for His lotus feet. Śrī Kṛṣṇa's love for His devotees and their love for Him is the essence of all truth, all knowledge and the ultimate principle of existence. All glories to Śrī Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, the greatest of all givers of great gifts. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 24; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Preparing for the Appearance of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu. May our hearts be worthy. May our minds be eager. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 25; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir – Gaura Pūrṇimā

I was fortunate to be able to offer Gaura *ārati* to Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi, Rādhā Gopīnāthajī, Śrī Nāthājī. Feeling lot of tiredness due to eating before resting. This will change, although it may be difficult. The Lord is very, very kind and He manifests His kindness through His pure devotees. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to HH Radhanath Swami Maharaj. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 26; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

A continuous festival. Lord Caitanya is at every moment bringing auspiciousness and great joy into the lives of His devotees. What need is there for any other Lord. Bringing with Him as gifts for everyone His own *kṛṣṇa-premā*. A verse in *Caitanya-caritāmṭa* mentions He is garlanding the entire universe with the fullness of Rādhārāṇī's love. May we eternally remain a beggar at His lotus feet aspiring for those qualities that make our begging noticeable. All glories to Lord Nityānanda and Lord Caitanya. All glories to that person they chose as Their head postman, my eternal spiritual master, His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 27; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

The sweetness of Kṛṣṇa consciousness continues to increase at Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir. Śrīla Prabhupāda sits smiling, satisfied, with great pleasure seeing the devotion of the devotees. HH Radhanath Maharaj gives himself to everyone in spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness and pleasing the devotees. It is a special place. May we serve the devotees at Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha more and more. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 28; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

By the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda I completed 32 rounds of *japa* today, making up the rounds I missed during the festival days. Reading days, rest days, preaching days – seems like the way to complete our desired goals. The real goal is to be Kṛṣṇa conscious. In that I have a long way to go. Only when I carefully control the mind and senses by directing them towards Śrī Kṛṣṇa, Lord Caitanya, then the objective of my devotional service will be readily achieved. Practice, practice, practice. A lifetime of practice to achieve the goal. Hare Kṛṣṇa. *Ante nārāyaṇa-smṛtiḥ*.

March 29; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

We are feeling a renewed sense of happiness, satisfaction and good fortune. Kṛṣṇa's holy name and Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu's love have entered into our life. The only thing missing – and it is not a small thing – is how to be an enthusiastic, effective instrument in spreading the mercy to others. Our constant prayer to Śrīla Prabhupāda is: "Please make me an instrument of your mercy." We offer this humble prayer at your lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 30; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Tonight the devotees held their annual program to honor, glorify, worship and bathe Śrī Śrī Lakṣmī-Nārāyaṇa. The event is focused on building stronger friendship and relations with the people from the surrounding areas. Many came including the police chief of Bombay along with his wife and other respectable gentlemen. HH Radhanath Swami Maharaja's deep understanding of the mood of a Vaiṣṇava preacher is attracting various types of persons to take part in Śrīla Prabhupāda's and Lord Caitanya's *saṅkīrtana* movement. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to HH Radhanath Swami Maharaja. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 31; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Feeling strongly the desire to preach. Being here is wonderful and enlivening, but I feel I'm not sufficiently fulfilling my service to Śrīla Prabhupāda by serving his mission. Anyway, patience is needed and soon the opportunities will increase. All glories to the devotees of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha, headed by His Holiness Radhanath Swami Maharaj. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 1; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Śrī Lalitā-devī and Śrī Viśākhā-devī have made Their transcendental appearance at Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir to assist Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī in Her loving service to Her Lord Gopīnātha and to give pleasure to Their devotees. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who has opened the door to Goloka Vṛndāvana, inviting the spiritual world to descend upon the planet ISKCON. All glories to HH Radhanatha Swami for so humbly being the perfect instrument in fulfilling the desires of Śrīla Prabhupāda and the previous *ācāryas*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 2; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

We welcomed Śrī Śrī Lalitā Viśākhā to the altar – devotees return. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 3; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Today we honored Jananivasa Prabhu on his Appearance Day. The calendar date is March 19th, *tithi* is today. When we honor devotees in ceremony, a genuine appreciation develops towards their devotional character and natural spiritual qualities. Our dedication in serving Vaiṣṇavas increases by learning about the qualities of certain Vaiṣṇavas. Appreciation and gratefulness are the thoughts of

those who understand the glories of devotional service and the rarity of those who practice sincerely, seriously. Another great gift of Śrīla Prabhupāda. As he himself writes: “I have established this Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement in order for devotees to exchange the 6 loving relationships.” Purport to verse 4 of *The Nectar of Instructions*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 4; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

A garden brings forth flowers and flowers are pleasant to see and smell. The children of “Gopāla’s garden” school are pleasant to see and fragrant with Kṛṣṇa-Bhakti. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda and all glories to His Holiness Radhanath Swami for extending the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda in a variety of fragrant and colorful ways. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 5; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir – Ekādaśī

Two and a half months have passed. It is time to leave Mother India, Śrī Bhāratavarṣa, and once again enter the front lines. I am looking ahead with eagerness. If there is nothing to die for, there is nothing to live for. Śrīla Prabhupāda lived and died for us. We must take that into our heart holding it very sacred. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 6; Mumbai/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir – London/BV Manor

I pray that I can be of some useful service to the devotees. To please the devotees is the perfection of service and to disappoint or fail to offer anything significant is the worst possible situation. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, we are only your servants, and if you make me dance, then only will my presence be beneficial. I am begging for the desire and for your mercy. All glories to Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gokulānanda, all glories to Sītā Rāma Lakṣmaṇa Hanumān and to Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 7; London/BV Manor

I feel useless but hopeful. As time goes on, I am seeing so many defects in my devotional service. I beg, plead and sincerely pray to my eternal spiritual master Śrīla Prabhupāda to guide me on the path of devotion to Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa. How can I serve best and overcome my many faults. I am your servant eternally. All glories to you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, you are always here to guide and correct us. I need your merciful guidance. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 8; London/BV Manor – Italy/Villa Vrindavana

May the glories of Śrī Kṛṣṇa’s holy name be always on my mind and heart. Śrīla Prabhupāda’s mercy is very, very strong coming through his representatives. All glories to the Vaiṣṇava devotees of the Lord. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 9; Italy/Villa Vrindavana

I pray from the core of my heart for the strength and mercy needed in order to remain enthusiastic, determined and patient on the path of Bhakti. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, I am very fallen and low minded, but have great hope to advance in the ability of taking full advantage of your mercy. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the devotees. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 10; Italy/Villa Vrindavana

A full day. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy.

April 11; Italy/Villa Vrindavana

Jay Jay Śrī Rādhē. Wonderful to see the Lord in His Deity form so happily appearing before us and accepting our love and service. An extra special feature of Divine mercy descending through the agency of the most merciful Śrīla Prabhupāda. We are incapable in reciprocating such a great gift. Nāma and Deity: Lord Kṛṣṇa's double mercy in this most difficult age for spirituality. All glories to His lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 12; Italy/Villa Vrindavana – Bergamo/Villa Villaggio Hare Kṛṣṇa

How much spiritual power and potency Śrīla Prabhupāda has in transforming such a wretch as myself into an aspiring devotee seeking only the shelter of devotees and devotional service. It is totally incredible to understand how his alchemy is working on our dull bell-metal brain. Śrīla Prabhupāda, you are one of the greatest persons to ever set foot on this earth planet. May your glories continue to expand our awareness of your true greatness. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 13; Italy/Bergamo/Villa Villaggio Hare Kṛṣṇa

Procrastination is my mode of worship, planning, postponing, never fixed. A trait I've always had. I must plan everything carefully, otherwise the material energy will imperceptibly create ways to waste value time. Every moment in Kṛṣṇa consciousness is precious. Life is ticking away "Both with the rising and the setting of the sun another day is lost and one is closer to death, except for one who engages himself in hearing the message of the all-good Personality of Godhead." (SB 2.3.17) Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, you have given us everything; it is up to us to use it properly, wisely. We pray for that intelligence and the intelligence to always remember Śrī Kṛṣṇa. *Yena tena prakāreṇa manah kṛṣṇe niveśayet.* Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 14; Italy/Bergamo/Villa Villaggio Hare Kṛṣṇa

The long term goal is to develop our pure love for Kṛṣṇa. Short term goals are stages of advancement towards the long term goal. What are my short term goals? One – to always remember Kṛṣṇa. Two – to serve to the best of my ability at every moment. Three – to be available as much as possible to help

others. Four – to endeavor to chant purely. Five – to read and study regularly each day Śrīla Prabhupāda’s books. Six – to become more efficient in chalking out my travel schedule. Seven – to overcome the tendency to procrastinate (almost the same as #2). Eight – to be humble despite our feelings and circumstances. Nine – to remember His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda more and more. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 15; Italy/Bergamo/Villa Villaggio Hare Kṛṣṇa-Prabhupādadesh

Material tendencies are starting to creep in. Be more careful in eating and how to conduct your daily activities. Being here in Prabhupādadesh is a boost. I hope I can serve the devotees and be less concerned with other things. Reading Śrīla Prabhupāda’s books pleases Śrīla Prabhupāda and connects us strongly with him and his mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 16; Italy/Prabhupādadesh

Time marches on – inexhaustible time, invincible time, insurmountable time. “As a herdsman moves his herd from one pasture to another, so the Supreme Lord in the form of inexhaustible time herds living entities as His pastime.” (From SB’s 10th Canto). A sign of the time, the breakdown of the body. Travel makes a man old. It is time to rejuvenate in order to keep going. Although always traveling, His Divine Grace would take occasional rest from his hectic travel schedule. The plan is to go on longer and stronger. Perhaps we can slow down enough in order to keep going. In all cases, Lord Kṛṣṇa says: “Depend on Me.” Dear Kṛṣṇa, help me to serve better and always remember Your pure devotee, His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 17; Italy/Prabhupādadesh – Śrī Rāma-navamī

A full day of Rāma-kathā. More than I expected, much more. The mercy of the Lord is so wonderful. He allows us, although we are very unqualified, to speak a small tiny fraction of His unlimitedness. Today this bird was finding great pleasure in trying to fly into that unlimited sky. All glories to His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 18; Italy/Prabhupādadesh – Slovenia/Ljubljana

When visiting different temples, opportunities regularly come inviting me to visit other places and temples. This evening an offer came to come to Vṛndāvana and teach Bhakti-śāstrī. Sounds inviting, challenging. Whether it will manifest is entirely up to the pure devotee Śrīla Prabhupāda. I am hanging on trying to find time to read your books. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 19; Slovenia/Ljubljana – London/BV Manor

By the mercy of His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda, I have enough engagements in devotional service and by the mercy of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu and His associates, I am able to find the enthusiasm needed to keep pushing on. By whose mercy will I find the required time to regularly read the books? That I am praying for. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 20; London/BV Manor – London/Soho St.

Kṛṣṇa is sweet! Anywhere you bite you can get that sweet flavor. Lord Caitanya, Lord Nityānanda are Śrī Śrī Kṛṣṇa Balarāma giving love of God freely to anyone and everyone. I also want it, but due to pride I can't get it. What to do? Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, you are Nitāi's pure representative, petition Him on my behalf, I need His mercy or else I will die. Jai Śrī Gaurāṅga-Nitāi. Jai Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 21; London/Soho St. – London/BV Manor

Tonight was part II of the talk on the sweetness of Śrī Kṛṣṇa. What do I know about that subject except that I am attracted to Him. His sweetness attracts everyone, including this poor unfortunate soul. Tomorrow we fly to America. I pray that I am able to develop the determination and enthusiasm to serve despite all difficulties. Śrīla Prabhupāda, you are all that we need, so please give us your mercy and please especially give your mercy to all that devotees who have petitioned me, I can only pray to you on their behalf – whatever they need to progress in becoming Kṛṣṇa conscious and spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness. All glories to your continual kindness and patience, dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, without which we all totally lost. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 22; London/BV Manor – Chicago

I am back. What will be my focus? Śrīla Prabhupāda, I surrender to your loving care. Please guide me. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 23; Chicago

Śrīla Prabhupāda tells us that our position is to dance with Kṛṣṇa in the spiritual world. *Ānandamayo 'byāśāt*. But we stubbornly choose to become a dancing dog in the hands of illusionary forms that promise happiness but give only suffering and embarrassment. We want to dance with Kṛṣṇa once again. All glories to the Holy Names that accompany us in that eternal dance of Love. May we never forget Śrī Kṛṣṇa's names even for a moment. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 25; Gita Nagari

I neglected to write an entry for yesterday. Travel takes its toll. We are churning the topic of guru and it is giving added food for thought. The devotees seem morose; obviously this is normal due to the circumstances. If we can please Śrīla Prabhupāda that is perfection. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 26; Gita Nagari - Chicago

Travel at this point in time is becoming a dirty word. We need to settle into a routine. Kṛṣṇa, Lord Caitanya, is very, very kind and merciful, providing everything needed to make travel and preaching as smooth as it could be under the circumstances. We are grateful for Their allowing us to serve. All glories to Mahāprabhu's and Nītāi's causeless mercy upon this useless but trying to be useful fallen soul. Śrīla Prabhupāda has taught us to fight and fight we will. To fight on behalf of the Lord is glorious, honorable. We pray for the enthusiasm to push on more and more. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 27; Chicago

A full day; tomorrow will be more so. HH Radhanath Maharaj will arrive. Devotees and others will gather – *sādhū-saṅga*. Our dear Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 28; Chicago

One should carefully control his mind and senses and speech. Speaking truthfully and beneficially, avoiding speech that offends, regularly reciting the scriptures. Austerity of speech especially in this age is very difficult. Fortunately we have been supremely blessed by the holy names of Śrī Kṛṣṇa and can relish His association eternally. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for allowing me to sing the *guru-vandana* prayer. All glories unto you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 29; Chicago

To try and glorify great devotees is simultaneously an easy and difficult affair. Easy because there is so much that can be said and difficult because it is impossible to properly put into words their deeds and qualities. Śrīla Prabhupāda gave us the association of these personalities to inspire us in our sojourn back to Godhead. Their association and service to them is our success. All glories to the assembled Vaiṣṇavas. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 30; Chicago

Māyā, the illusory energy, is Kṛṣṇa's eternal energy. It is Divine and very very powerful and very subtle in its movements. If a devotee gets lax or comfortable, Māyā can easily enter. Lord Kṛṣṇa says: "Always think of Me." *Satatam*. Śrīla Prabhupāda is teaching us how to overcome Māyā's influence. Chant Hare Kṛṣṇa. Hari Bol.

May 1; Chicago

This is a humble but desperate request to please allow me to serve in the best and most effective way. Devotional service is our very life. And Śrīla Prabhupāda and You, Kṛṣṇa, are the epitome of it all. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 2; Chicago

Success in devotional life is not judged by how much one does, but more by how one is serving in a mood of devotion. One moment of full Kṛṣṇa consciousness is more valuable than millions of moments of so-called successful accomplishments in forgetfulness. Always remember Śrī Kṛṣṇa with love. His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda's instructions must be understood and applied at every moment. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 3; Chicago

32 rounds, Ekādaśī tomorrow. I am always concerned whether I will complete the numerical vow; it would be wiser to concern myself with its spiritual quality. Lord Kṛṣṇa's name is Kṛṣṇa, it is no less powerful than Śrī Kṛṣṇa Himself. They are identical. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for giving the supreme mercy, Kṛṣṇa's holy name. All glories to the Holy Name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 4; Chicago – Ekādaśī

Very sleepy start. My rounds were difficult up to # 25, insufficient rest. Ekādaśī – fruit and milk, much easier to live and serve on. Ekādaśī – “Mother of Devotion” Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura addresses her. May we give up desires for sense gratification and accept some austerity. Reading is less, tomorrow travel to New Vrndaban. This is an opportunity to catch up on reading and resting, maybe. Try always to please Śrī Kṛṣṇa and glorify Śrīla Prabhupāda. Kṛṣṇa consciousness, a life of progress towards eternal happiness and full knowledge. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 5; Chicago – New Vrndaban

It is always special for me to come to Śrī Śrī Rādhā Vrndāvana Candra's home. New Vrndaban. So many exalted Vaiṣṇavas. I am both happy and a little concerned that my behavior is not so *pākā*. Think before you speak, think before you act and respond. Careful control of the mind and senses allows one to always think of You, my dearest Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa. All glories to His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 6; New Vrndaban

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare*

There is nothing in the three worlds as the holy name of Kṛṣṇa. Especially when chanted by the pure souls in pure devotion. All glories to the Holy Name. The scriptures glorify You to no end. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda who gave the spreading of Śrī Kṛṣṇa's name his prime focus. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 7; New Vrndaban

A tribute to a great soul, one who is truly compassionate. He always had time and is very kind. Fixed like a rock in his service and always eager for kirtan. Our heart is saddened knowing that he has left us, meaning he will soon depart. Safe and successful trip, Maharaj, into the arms of His Divine Grace, our eternal spiritual master Abhay Caranāravinda Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda. All glories to his loving mercy. Jay Jay Śrī Rādhe Śyām.

May 8; New Vrndaban – Gita Nagari

Today we all were able to come together and with HH Bhakti Tirtha Swami. His heart opened our heart as we felt greater appreciation for Śrīla Prabhupāda's gift of the association of devotees. All glories to devotee association and the chance to serve the mission of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Hare Kṛṣṇa

May 9; Gita Nagari – Chicago

Today, possibly the last day I will be with HH Bhakti Tirtha Swami in this lifetime. Soon – only Lord Kṛṣṇa knows – he will depart. Prayfully to be with Śrī Kṛṣṇa in Śrī Vṛndāvana-dhāma. A strong lesson comes upon us of how temporary everything is and how merciful the Supreme Lord is. We owe everything we have to Śrīla Prabhupāda. May our life be a constant dedication to his service and the service of Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi. *Vijayate śrī kṛṣṇa saṅkīrtanam*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.



May 10; Chicago

A moment's association with a pure devotee of Lord Kṛṣṇa is powerful and able to purify one of all sinful reactions. Today we had the good fortune to hear *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* class from HH Jayapataka Swami. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy comes in a myriad of forms and the association of senior devotees is foremost. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda! Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 11; Chicago

Fighting to catch up on correspondence and other needed services. Fighting to keep my attention on You. Kṛṣṇa consciousness means to struggle, but in all circumstances depend on the Lord for victory. Śrīla Prabhupāda fought for us and we are expected to fight on behalf of others' benefit. We are very tiny and easily overwhelmed. Please, Lord Baladeva, help me to always remember You with loving devotion. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 12; Chicago

A roller-coaster of preaching is about to begin. Please, dear Kṛṣṇa, help me to remember You always. Śrīla Prabhupāda has given the formula. Don't forget that in every situation we depend on Him. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 13; Chicago

Protection of the women class is the foundation for a peaceful society. When women are unprotected and left to struggle, generally the whole society becomes unstable. Where are the saintly leaders of yore? We pray for the propagation of religious principles through good leadership. Śrīla Prabhupāda wanted that we target important people. If a society's leader becomes Kṛṣṇa conscious, Lord Caitanya's movement will take a great leap forward. It is possible. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 14; Chicago

A solid day of preaching, three programs, this is the nectar. We need to see how to always be in the mood of spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Actually it is all Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 15; Chicago

By absorbing oneself in the mercy of Śrī Pañca Tattva one can experience an inundation of happiness, knowledge and a desire to get more and more of Their merciful association. Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya, Prabhu Nityānanda, Śrī Advaita, Gadādhara, Śrīvāsa ādi gaura bhakta vṛnda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 16; Chicago

As I am writing I am listening to HH Bhakti Tirtha Swami Maharaja's narrating how the great souls leave the world. It is glorious. I am preparing my consciousness for that time when I will also leave. It is inevitable and desirable, we want to be ready. Most important is to learn how to fully love the Lord, yet we also desire to love His energy seeing every living being as His pure part and parcel. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, please help me to appreciate and awaken my genuine affection for this soul known as Bhakti Tirtha Swami, my friend, older godbrother and instructor.

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare*

All glories to pure devotional service and those persons who have achieved that state of existence. Bhakti Tirtha Swami Maharaj *ki jay*.

May 17; Chicago

On the road again. With the departure from this earthly realm nearing for Śrīla Bhakti Tirtha Swami, each day is planned accordingly. The Supreme Lord is all-good and completely perfect. Success means to try one's best to understand the plan of the Lord and act accordingly. Śrīla Prabhupāda physically present would make everything clear. In his manifestation of *aprākṛta*, to know exactly how best to serve requires deeper contemplation and reflection. Nothing is lacking, only our sincerity. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 18; Chicago – Columbus

To see faults in others is easy and natural for a proud fellow. To always look for good qualities and to magnify them is the quality of a Vaiṣṇava. *Adoṣa-darśī*. One who doesn't see others' faults. I need to work on that. To simply present philosophy with little realization is not so great. But being the humble servant of the Vaiṣṇavas and others, as taught by Śrīla Prabhupāda and Lord Caitanya, is truly laudable. As one who is seen by others as a leader, it is important, essential to develop those qualities that make up a leader. Kindness, concern, compassion, resourcefulness, enthusiasm. Kṛṣṇa consciousness, such a great science, lifetime in the making. Each moment is as valuable as the next. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 19; Columbus – Ekādaśī

32 rounds! By the sweet mercy of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī. All glories to Her lotus feet, which are worshipped by Śrī Śyām Himself. O Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, save me from wasting time, help me to focus on the Holy Name more and more and to understand how best to serve whereby Śrīla Prabhupāda is satisfied. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 20; Columbus

It is very nice, edifying to be in the association of Devamṛta Swami. Witty, interesting, powerful, serious, a storehouse of wonderful qualities. If I could only learn how to appreciate great souls. Śrīla Prabhupāda has given the world unlimited spiritual gifts and the association of saintly persons is highest on the list. All glories to *sādhū-saṅga*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 21; Columbus – New Vrindaban

Śrī Śrī Rādhā Vṛndāvana Candra appeared especially lovely at Their *śayana-ārati*. Very, very sweet, petite, heart-melting – spiritually satisfying to the mind and heart. Since Kirtanananda Swami left the management, the situation has always been somewhat unstable. Still Śrī Śrī Rādhā Vṛndāvana Candra appear ever more fresh and spiritually delightful to my mundane vision. I end this entry

with a special prayer to His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda to bless me to take maximum advantage of tomorrow's Appearance Day festival of Śrī Nṛsiṃhadeva. Thank you, dear Śrīla Prabhupāda. We owe you everything. Trying to be your ever grateful servant. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 22; New Vrindaban – Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva's Appearance

All glories to the sweet love between Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva and Śrī Prahlāda Mahārāja. Our most heartfelt appreciation for a very wonderful day of glorification of the Supreme Lord in His *adbhuta* incarnation. Śrīla Prabhupāda, praying that by your mercy I can receive the intelligence to always act and speak for the benefit of others and for the glorification of the Supreme Lord. I am low and without intelligence, I need your mercy. All glories to Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva, the most wonderful Lord, and Śrī Prahlāda, the purest devotee. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 23; New Vrindaban

“Man proposes and Kṛṣṇa disposes,” meaning ultimately it is the Lord that is the Supreme Controller. A sincere devotee wants only to act to please the Lord and His devotees. No personal motivation, although we have desires to see things go in a certain way, still if it is different than what Lord Kṛṣṇa wants we reject it. Today I prayed once again for my cherished desire that is to never forget Śrī Kṛṣṇa, and Lord Kṛṣṇa through His energies is helping me to fulfill that desire even though it may mean reverses. Śrīla Prabhupāda is always available to give us the hope and strength we need and not to allow us to become diverted or fallen. Let's see what I can offer in my upcoming days in Śrī New Vrindāvanadhāma. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 24; New Vrindaban

A somewhat difficult day. An attack by a newly developed allergy. Fruit sugar. I've been eating figs for years without any problem; suddenly I break out in severe redness with increased bodily heat. Of course there is no loss, just another form of Śrī Kṛṣṇa's mercy severing my attachments for figs. Anyway we can reflect on our good fortune and in that way accept it as another form of purification. Śrīla Prabhupāda is so kind. I am praying fervently for his protection in the present difficulty. I hope to overcome this by increased reading and preaching. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 25; New Vrindaban – Butler/Pennsylvania

A special day. A visit to “the beginning of the place it all began”. We visited the YMCA where Śrīla Prabhupāda spoke. 30+ devotees came together to commemorate the historical place. Varsana Swami, Bhakti Vaidurya Madhava Maharaj and myself all spoke on Śrīla Prabhupāda. Professor Larsen, the professor who hosted Śrīla Prabhupāda in his class, came and graced the occasion. A *harināma* procession to the place where Śrīla Prabhupāda stayed.

Sterling Apartments, the former residence of the Agarwals. The entire day culminated with a gathering in Pittsburgh at Śrī Galim Prabhu's home. Śrīla Prabhupāda's gift of Kṛṣṇa consciousness cannot be evaluated in its all-encompassing nature of bringing the living beings to their perfectional stage. A sincere disciple is one who accepts the mercy and then plans how to give it to everyone. We are destined to continue until the entire world will know and accept the glories of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu and His associates. We must fix our minds on Śrī Kṛṣṇa's names and fight to distribute them everywhere. All glories unlimitedly to His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda, the founder-*ācārya* of the movement of spiritual realization which is destined to save the world in its darkest hour. Let us not consider limitations when preaching Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 26; New Vrndaban

I am not ready for New Vrndaban and New Vrndaban is not ready for me. Perhaps someday I will be able to offer some significant service. My nature is not to push and it appears theirs is not to ask. Perhaps in another way I can serve Śrī Śrī Rādhā Vṛndāvana Candra and Their residences. I leave it up to His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 27; New Vrndaban – Gita Nagari

How can I serve better, more and with devotion. Real Kṛṣṇa consciousness. A family, each playing his particular part. When we try to be something we are not or more than we are, it creates problems and a fall down. Kindness is foremost. I value you more than I value myself. That is really what it means to be a Vaiṣṇava. Śrī Prahlāda Mahārāja, the perfect Vaiṣṇava, is labeled "the best". Compassion is his concern for others. All glories to Śrī Prahlāda Mahārāja. Tomorrow I am required to speak some of the unlimited glories of this *mahā-bhāgavata* devotee. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, only by your mercy is it possible. All glories to you! Hare Kṛṣṇa.

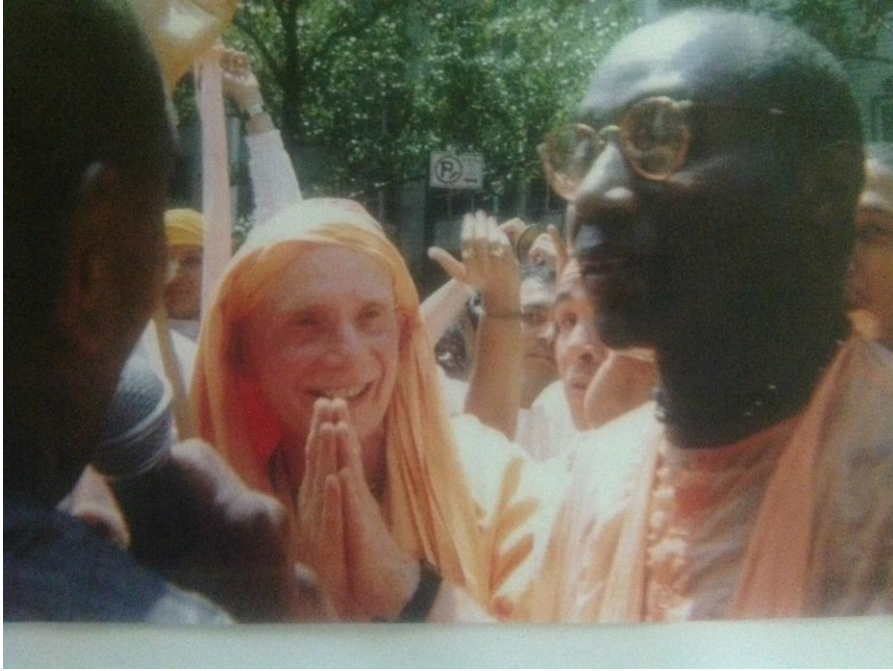
May 28; Gita Nagari

My diet is unbalanced, especially morning *prasādam*. Uncertainty, results are less than satisfactory. Weakness, tiredness. Diet has changed sooo many times. Can't seem to find the fixed pattern. Śrīla Prabhupāda said: "Humans are grain eaters. If they want fruit, then eat only that." I can see that it is easier just to depend on Kṛṣṇa's arrangements. Continuing to try to perfect every aspect of Kṛṣṇa consciousness activity, along with *prasādam*. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa's holy name. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 29; Gita Nagari

Interesting day. One side to another, a roller-coaster of emotions, a variety of experiences, a wealth of knowledge disseminated. HH Bhakti Tirtha Swami, a

legend while still amongst the living. A lovely person, a complex person, a caring person, a dedicated person. May Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī bestow Her sweet blessings on this special soul. From the bottom of society to the top of spirituality. An amazing life. May Śrīla Prabhupāda fulfill all his desires. All glories to Śrīla Bhakti Tirtha Swami, a person I have known, but simultaneously haven't really known. A dear godbrother, a guide, a friend, a dancing partner. May Śrī Kṛṣṇa give him that mercy he is asking for. Although I cannot ask the Supreme Lord and His pure devotee for anything, still in this case I feel impelled to ask such things. Thank you, Maharaj. I pray we will meet again. With love, your servant. Hare Kṛṣṇa.



May 30; Gita Nagari

A beautiful day. Attributed solely to the kind mercy of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda.

May 31; Gita Nagari

Today we said goodbye. Many, many wonderful years together. Sweet times, difficult times, bewildering times. A variety of emotions and spiritual joy. Maharaj, you were always giving, I was mostly taking. My heart is like stone. You gave your last words to me from your heart, a heart filled with love and appreciation. I could not reciprocate your loving emotions. I just accepted your love. Please, Maharaj, keep me in your prayers. Praying that I will someday become a sincere and compassionate devotee as you. I will always remember you with great happiness. I know that Lord Kṛṣṇa is bringing you to a place where you can continue to serve the mission of Lord Caitanya. How could you possibly do anything else. I love you, although I have difficulty in expressing that love. My heart is filled with memories of our times together. I pray we will

meet once again to continue our friendship in service to Śrīla Prabhupāda. While you are still physically present, I pray that Kṛṣṇa will fulfill all your desires and take you back to His sweet lotus feet. All glories to that person known as HH Bhakti Tirtha Maharaj, a great devotee of his Guru Maharaja, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for he has made his guru's teaching understandable and applicable to a broad mass of people. With love, eternally, your servant and friend. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 1; Gita Nagari – Chicago

Another day filled with thoughts of you. Your writings and the writings of others filled with many words glorifying your unlimited kindness and complete surrender. Gone out of my sight, but you will always remain fixed in the memories of my heart. Again thank you, Maharaja. I love you, what can I say, only that you love everyone. May all your desires be fulfilled completely and unlimitedly. All glories to your service to Śrīla Prabhupāda and Lord Kṛṣṇa. All glories to you! Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 2; Chicago – Ekādaśī

Śrīla Prabhupāda writes: “By regularly hearing the glories, pastimes of Kṛṣṇa in Vṛndāvana one becomes eligible to enter into that realm upon leaving his body.” Śrī Kṛṣṇa's *līlās* are very, very sweet and relishable. One can enter deep into spiritual consciousness by hearing and chanting Śrī Vṛndāvana-*līlā*. May Śrīla Bhakti Tirtha Swami Maharaj find the path to Vṛndāvana smooth, delightful and quick. Śrīla Prabhupāda is the topmost of all great Vaiṣṇavas. His glories only are worthy to be sung by purified men who are expert in relishing transcendental mellows. Śrīla Prabhupāda, we will never ever fully understand your glories. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 3; Chicago

Patience, tolerance, thoughtfulness, understanding of time, place, circumstance, a desire to serve nicely, pleasingly, remembrance of the Supreme, cultivating the mood of concern for others are some points on how to be always striving in the right direction. Śrīla Prabhupāda tolerated countless unbelievable and very trying circumstances. That was one of his outstanding characteristics that lead to success. Lord Kṛṣṇa says: “In all circumstances always depend on Me.” Always! In all circumstances! Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 4; Chicago

Māyā is very strong. Śrīla Prabhupāda said: “The problem with you Western disciples is that you do not fear Māyā enough.” *Padam padam yad vipadām. “Duḥkhālayam”* Kṛṣṇa says. Always remember Kṛṣṇa. Always be careful. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 5; Chicago – Hartford

Nice program. People here seem to become more serious. A little inattention and Māyā catches one. America, land of enjoyment of the senses, there is no limit. Only the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda can protect one. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, give me a strong attitude to serve the devotees, preach and show compassion to the conditioned souls. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 6; Hartford – Boston

By our efforts we attempt to offer some insignificant service and by that service the devotees and others become pleased and they show their pleasure. That expression of kindness is sufficient to enthuse us to want to serve more and more. A devotee is not dependent on results, but when it comes in the form of appreciation, fulfillment or effecting a change in someone, then we know that Śrī Kṛṣṇa is pleased, and when Kṛṣṇa is pleased, there is nothing more to aspire for. Each time we quote Śrīla Prabhupāda it brings greater appreciation for the subject matter and establishes its authority. We are insignificant, but somehow we are trying by his mercy. All glories to Śrī *harināma-saṅkīrtana*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 7; Boston

Tejas Prabhu has a lot to offer about Śrīla Prabhupāda's instructions on *varṇāśrama*. I want to take this opportunity to pray to the Supreme Lord to empower his work with all success. We, as a society, must adopt Śrīla Prabhupāda's program for self-sufficiency and teach it to the world. This feature in spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness is its heartbeat. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 8; Boston

Māyā is strong and very sneaky. Without my awareness, she has entered my consciousness. I recognize her. It appears to be a little difficult to get her out. Let us see the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda and the power of Kṛṣṇa's holy names. Kṛṣṇa, help! Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 9; Boston

Always be on guard not to fall into Māyā's trap. When apparently it seems to be going smooth or easy, then one should be extra cautious and especially vigilant. Always remember Kṛṣṇa. This is the only safe situation. Lord Kṛṣṇa says in all cases "remember Me." Śrīla Prabhupāda says: "Don't be lost to Kṛṣṇa." *Kṛṣṇa mātā, kṛṣṇa pitā, kṛṣṇa dhana-prāṇa*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 10; Boston

Two and a half hour drive each way to a college campus program. Two people showed up besides us; the organizer along with one young lady who knows a devotee's father who lived in temples and is chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa. The program was a grand success as it helped bring her closer to Kṛṣṇa consciousness and

devotees planting seeds for her future. Preaching is always auspicious. As Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī said: “If no one comes, preach to the walls.” Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for the opportunity to preach on your behalf. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 11; Boston – New York/Ratha-yātrā

Jagannātha-deva, Baladeva, Subhadrā-mayī *ki jay*. Another spectacular Cart festival performed to please His devotees and to enact His pleasure pastimes. Śrīla Prabhupāda *ki jay*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 12; New Jersey/Devakinandana’s

Śrīla Prabhupāda, please save me from falling too far into Māyā and help me to get out. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 13; New Jersey/Devakinandana’s

Mother’s day tomorrow. An austerity that I am not looking forward to. Perhaps if I see it from the proper spiritual perspective that this can be an offering of service to assist this soul who is known to me as my biological mother. In order to do that, I must be constantly aware of what I am doing and why. Everything depends on Śrī Kṛṣṇa’s mercy coming to us through the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda. It is going to be difficult. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, help me always remember why. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 14; New Jersey/Devakinandana’s – Ma’s – Yasodadulal’s

A very intense desire to spread Lord Caitanya’s message overcame every part of me. I pray for the avenue to bring my desire into action. Lord Kṛṣṇa, You are the perfect Mystic and do everything perfectly. By Śrīla Prabhupāda’s devotion everyone will get Your mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 15; New Jersey/Yasodadulal’s – Amrtananda’s

The path of pure Bhakti is narrow, like a razor’s edge. Māyā’s winds are whipping violently, making our trek very difficult. The stick of mercy provided by Śrī Kṛṣṇa in the form of the spiritual master’s guidance is our constant meditation and only hope for success. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, never allow me to forget your instructions even for a moment. We desire only pure devotional service. May we always speak the Truth, without fear, not patronizing anyone’s materialistic outlook. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 16; New Jersey – Towaco/Ma’s – Devakinandana’s

A full day, an effort to get back into the preaching mood. I need to feel I am doing the service that’s geared for my *aśrama*. If Śrīla Prabhupāda is pleased, there is nothing else to aspire for, strive for. Preach, preach, preach – become addicted to preaching, get back into the fire. Dive in; it burns, but it’s purifying. Remain fixed in your service. Dear Kṛṣṇa, help me to focus on serving You

through preaching. Don't be lazy, be Kṛṣṇa conscious. Preach the glories of the Holy Name. Śrīla Prabhupāda said: "Love for Śrī Kṛṣṇa is best shown when one wants to spread the glories of the Lord." Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 17; New Jersey – Devakinandana's – Atlanta GA

Situated at the lotus association of His Holiness Jayapataka Maharaj. I pray I can be of some significant service to him and all the Vaiṣṇavas. Śrīla Prabhupāda, please give me the opportunity to be able to see and to take advantage of the chances to serve on this wonderful and auspicious occasion of Śrī Pāṇihāṭī-mahotsava. All glories to Śrī Śrī Rādhā Madan Mohan, Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi, Śrī Jagannātha-deva, older brother Baladeva and younger sister Subhadrā-devī. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 18; Atlanta GA

A shower of mercy bestowed by Lord Jagannātha and Family. Former temple president Balabhadra Prabhu said it is the best Ratha-yātrā he ever experienced here. Śrīla Prabhupāda is giving the merciful opportunity to directly serve and please the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 19; Atlanta GA – Cidā-dadhi Utsava

Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu, Nityānanda Rāma, Śrī Advaita Ācārya, Śrī Gadādhara Paṇḍita, Śrīvāsa Paṇḍita, Gaura Bhakta Vṛnda. Śrī Nityānanda Rāma, Śrī Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu *ki jay*. All glories to the ISKCON devotees of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu headed by the *cidā-dadhi ācārya* Śrī Jayapataka Maharaj. They have spread the glories of Mahāprabhu and Śrī Nityānanda Prabhu to the Westerners by performing this most holy festival in New Pāṇihāṭī-dhāma. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, whose visit to Atlanta brought all-auspiciousness to this remote corner of the world so far away from Śrīdhāma Māyāpur. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 20; Atlanta GA

Chanting, dancing, feasting and philosophy. Such a simple, yet pleasurable way to practice loving devotion to the Supreme Lord. May Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityānanda and Śrīla Prabhupāda be especially kind upon this fallen soul who is illusioned by his fallen condition by thinking himself alright. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 21; Atlanta GA – Chicago

Back at the lotus feet of Śrī Śrī Kīśor Kīśorī. Perhaps it's only geographical, hopefully I can never leave. Kṛṣṇa consciousness means to be connected to Śrī Kṛṣṇa in all aspects of life. Śrīla Prabhupāda wanted Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura's books translated into English for his disciples. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 22; Chicago/Subuddi Kṛṣṇa's Home

Śrī Śrī Rādhā Śyāmasundara, Śrī Jagannātha, Baladeva, Subhadrā-devī, Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi. All very attractive, special. This man and his wife are saints, special souls. Lord Caitanya's movement is comprised of personalities with very extraordinary spiritual qualities. He and his wife are amongst the many. Śrīla Prabhupāda has assembled an array of personalities who will be instrumental in ushering in Lord Caitanya's Golden Age, every town and village worldwide. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtana*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 23; Chicago/Balaram's Home

Bhakti Vijnana Swami's sweet devotee association. We once again visited the Russian *yātrā*, which is very similar in mood of the early days of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Complete surrender, great hardships, austerity. A diamond is made by pressure. May Śrīla Prabhupāda bless us with the fighting spirit, it is so satisfying. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 24; Chicago

On the road to Cleveland. Lord Jagannātha is very merciful. I pray to be absorbed in His service with love. Śrīla Prabhupāda gave the world Lord Jagannātha and His Ratha-yātrā. The unlimited mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda's astounding contribution to the spiritual upliftment of the world. May we be intelligently engaged in His service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 25; Cleveland – Ratha-yātrā

Lord Jagannātha is very beautiful, Lord Balarāma is very merciful and Subhadrā Mahārāṇī is making all proper arrangements for devotional service and Śrīla Prabhupāda is leading the way. I want to become a better and more dedicated preacher. All glories to the Holy Names. There is no other benediction in this age that can compare to the chanting of the *mahā-mantra*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 26; Cleveland/Agni Hotra's Home

This morning's *japa* was a little special as my mind kept gravitating on thoughts of HH Bhakti Tirtha Maharaj. Our times together, and how I wasn't able to actually see the quality of devotion of this specially empowered soul. Now, although we are physically separated, I am feeling his presence. Śrīla Prabhupāda is calling him; this was indicated to me by His Divine Grace this morning during *japa*. I have no doubts about it. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mission is much bigger than what we can estimate and his reasons for calling Maharaj are not fully understood. His time is nearing, his caretakers are giving him very little time. Maharaj! Go through that door into Kṛṣṇa's arms. Back to the spiritual world or with Śrīla Prabhupāda's traveling road show purifying the conditioned souls severely affected by Kali-yuga's presence. My humble prayer for your ultimate success. Your life is glorious and your death is equally glorious, as you

are teaching us in both. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, for what it is worth, please accept this simple prayer and give HH Bhakti Tirtha Swami, your special son, your full mercy. All glories to the devotees of Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu in which that soul known in this world as HH Bhakti Tirtha Maharaj is glorious and loved by all true Vaiṣṇavas. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 27; Agni Hotra’s Home – Gita Nagari

A glorious event, the departure of Śrīla Bhakti Tirtha Swami Maharaj. May Śrīla Prabhupāda bestow his full blessings on this special soul. No doubt, by his life and his departure he was truly a spiritual warrior. I love you, Maharaj, and hope some day we will be together once again. Thank you very much. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 28; Gita Nagari

Gita Nagari to me means HH Bhakti Tirtha Maharaj. He is still with the devotees and his presence is very powerfully felt. Śrīla Prabhupāda wanted Gita Nagari to develop in a certain way. Farming, self-sufficiency. This was also the desire of Śrīla Bhakti Tirtha Maharaj. I humbly pray that there will be a serious plan to fulfill his desire. “It must be done.” Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 29; Gita Nagari

The arrival of HH Bhakti Charu Swami has made this gathering most auspicious. The gathering included also HH Varsana Swami, whose sweet humble presence and deep realization of *bhāgavata-siddhānta* inspire the heart and mind of all those who hear him speak. Difficulties, adversities bring sincere souls closer together in the service of Śrīla Prabhupāda and Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 30; Gita Nagari

A very difficult time for the disciples and followers of Śrīla Bhakti Tirtha Swami. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, give us your mercy and the intelligence to be able to uplift these devotees and push them forward in their devotional life. Your mercy is everything. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 1; Gita Nagari – Ekādaśī

By the grace of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, I was able to fulfill my vow of 32 rounds. If I can be determined for this, why not in other services. Determination requires intelligence. Lord Kṛṣṇa says: “I am the intelligence of the intelligent.” Śrīla Prabhupāda, we need your mercy at every moment in order to serve in the best way possible. All glories to Kṛṣṇa’s holy name. All glories to the mercy of Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 2; Gita Nagari

The disappearance festival of HH Bhakti Tirtha Swami. A grand celebration to honor the departure of a truly great personality. Maharaj, I love you very much and will try my best to show that love by serving your disciples in any way I can. I am not very Kṛṣṇa conscious. I aspire for improvement. I hope I can find that improvement by learning to love others as you do. All glories to you and thank you very, very much for sharing Kṛṣṇa consciousness with me, especially by dancing in kirtan. When seeing Śrīla Prabhupāda in Gita Nagari, so content, smiling, no doubt it is due to your pure devotional service. All glories to the great souls who sacrificed everything for the upliftment of the conditioned souls. You, Maharaj, are one such personality. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 3; Gita Nagari – Washington D.C.

Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, open up the door for more and more preaching. All glories to you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 4; Washington D.C. – Ratha-yātrā

Many thousands of people got to see Lord Jagannātha. Although they are unaware He is God, it has changed their life for the better. Śrīla Prabhupāda has given the Western world the opportunity to receive this special *darśana*. May these fools and rascals become normal. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 5; Potomac – Washington D.C.

In the *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*'s 7th Canto are Prahlāda Mahārāja's prayers to the Lord. Prayers of wanting to be an instrument in saving the fallen conditioned souls by giving them devotion to Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Prahlāda's compassion is immeasurable and beyond human intellect to understand. If we could obtain just a small drop of that quality of compassion, then we could actually offer something significant in devotion. Vāsudeva Datta Ṭhākura is an incarnation of Prahlāda Mahārāja's compassion. HH Bhakti Tirtha Swami, a reservoir of kindness, born of the compassionate spirit of Vāsudeva Datta. We bow down with great humility and prayer at the lotus feet of such an exalted Vaiṣṇava and beg to be engaged in the service to their servants. Śrīla Prabhupāda stands high with the qualities of Śrī Prahlāda and Lord Nityānanda. We are so small and insignificant in our devotional service, but yet greatly hopeful of improvement. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, please keep your guiding eyes and hands on our lives always. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 6; Potomac

– Disappearance of Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura/Gadādhara Paṇḍita

Chanting the glories of the Lord and His pure devotee brings happiness to the heart and mind and awakens attraction to serve the Supreme Lord. By the mercy of the great souls such as Śrīla Prabhupāda we have been blessed by this rare

opportunity to hear and chant and simultaneously relish these narrations. May we find more and more opportunities to engage in these acts of devotion. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 7; Potomac – IFAST

Dragging through the days. Māyā is strong. When Māyā looks good, know you are in trouble. The body of a woman is not attractive, it's only the illusion of happiness, so-called pleasure. It represents suffering. Always remember that those who have a material body are suffering because of it and others are foolishly thinking, "If I could only enjoy that body." The illusion of a fool. Matter is always a source of suffering. Only when used in Kṛṣṇa's service is it beneficial. Always remember Kṛṣṇa. Always. There is no other way, no other way, no other way. *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* given to us by His Divine Grace – our escape out of the illusion. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 8; Potomac – IFAST

What can we offer but our desire to serve in the form of trying to be an instrument to bring the fallen souls closer to Your lotus feet. It is only Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy and compassion that is inspiring us to continue despite our inability to do anything significant. And so we are trying in some way to preach, to heal, to help. We are only satisfied if you are pleased by our humble offering unto your lotus feet. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, keep pushing me to surrender more, to serve without personal motivation. Your mercy is all I am made of. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 9; Washington D.C. – IFAST – Boulder CO

I was so happy to see Guna Grahi Swami upon arriving in Boulder. Such a great devotee. Forgiveness also means not doing it again. We must also forgive ourselves for all our defects, deficiencies and stupidity, but most important not repeat the same over and over again. Śrī Kṛṣṇa is forgiving, still we will feel distant from Him by acting wrongly. Śrīla Prabhupāda was very tolerant and forgiving, although he was subjected to so many hardships and transgressions due to our neophyte mentality. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 10; Boulder – Denver – Ratha-yātrā

Today I felt especially favored by the mercy of Lord Jagannātha. Jay Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 11; Denver

As one slows down by seriously cultivating Hari Nāma, the abnormal gives way to the normal. Śrī Kṛṣṇa is so merciful. He even attracts one in an abnormal state which makes his state transcendental. Śrīla Prabhupāda, I hope some day I can truly develop the devotional qualities that are the innate qualities of the pure

souls and thus become actually normal by becoming a transcendental lover of Kṛṣṇa. Such hope is necessary to achieve the goal. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 12; Denver

Preaching in Denver has a special flavor in that many of the congregation and temple devotees are Westerners from America. Although a devotee does not discriminate on who is fit and unfit to hear, still Śrīla Prabhupāda came to America to preach to the Americans and he expected us to do the same here. Matt and Jackie, a very nice young American couple seriously interested in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. May Kṛṣṇa bestow His blessings on them and their yet to be born child. Śrīla Prabhupāda is the full embodiment of Lord Caitanya's and Lord Nityānanda's mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 13; Denver – Boulder

Devotees here are sweet. Denver devotees are a little less and at times difficult to work with, yet they work hard. Vaiṣṇava *seva*, the heart of the Lord. We are utterly unqualified, but by attempting to serve the Lord's parts and parcels we please the Lord. Dear Kṛṣṇa! I am trying to become a devotee of Your devotees. Śrīla Prabhupāda served with every bit of his strength, words and life. We are somehow trying to assist him in spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 14; Denver – Boulder

In the *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* it is stated: "Both with the rising and setting of the sun another day is lost and one is closer to death, except for those who engage in hearing the message of the All-Good Personality of Godhead." When that message is heard from the lips of a pure devotee of the Lord, such as Śrīla Prabhupāda, the message has tremendous power and awakens the desire to serve the Lord. *Guru-mukha-padma-vākya*, *cittete kariyā aikya*, *arā nā kariha mane āśā*. We must give everyone the opportunity to hear the message of Śrīla Prabhupāda. We desire only to be his perfect messenger. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 15; Denver – Canada/Toronto

Massive *harināma*, 94 devotees, Friday night in downtown Toronto. Lord Caitanya fully blesses any attempt to perform *harināma*. It was truly the mercy of Gaura-Nitāi coming through His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda. All glories eternally to this greatly empowered soul. May we humbly pray and beg for this (his) mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 16; Canada/Toronto – Ratha-yātrā

I was able to use my energy to serve the Ratha-yātrā. Although insignificant, it was for me satisfying. Lord Jagannātha, Lord Baladeva and Subhadrā-devī are extremely merciful and always reciprocating the love of Their devotees in a wonderful way. What can we say about Śrīla Prabhupāda, he is a Vaikuṇṭha

man. Never was he a resident of this horrible place. He came on the order of the Lord and is still with us. All glories to perhaps one of the greatest saints that ever lived. Because he has demonstrated his greatness in numerous ways, we could boldly say there is none that can compare to him. With great happiness and respect we take shelter of him and his words of enlightened wisdom. Our fortune knows no limit. May I always be aware of his mercy. He has destroyed the effects of Kali with a simple wave of his hand. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 17; Canada/Toronto – Ratha-yātrā festival – Niagara Falls – Ekādaśī

Lord Kṛṣṇa says in *Bhagavad-gītā*: “Know that all opulent, beautiful and glorious creations spring from but a spark of My splendor.” Everything has meaning when it is seen in connection to its source – Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Niagara Falls are wondrous when knowing that they are insignificant compared to the One who has made it happen. “You should see the Artist.” I had the privilege and good fortune to meet with Mr. Joseph O’Connell, a scholar, supporter of ISKCON, traveler in India and Bangladesh. Nice man, very intelligent, a sincere well-wisher, and had the special fortune to meet Śrīla Prabhupāda, and always spoke highly of His Divine Grace’s qualities and character. Today was a very full day, being Ekādaśī, yet I was able by the special mercy of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī to complete my chanting vow and beyond. Otherwise how is it possible! Śrīla Prabhupāda has many titles, but ‘a friend to all’ is very inclusive. Representing the Supreme Friend of all friends, Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Śrīla Prabhupāda is always very concerned for the welfare of all. We are eager to learn more about him and especially serve his lotus feet eternally. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Also had the special fortune of having *darśana* of Mother Hladini’s Jagannātha Deities along with the many other memorable experiences. A most incredible day. Jay Jay Śrī Rādhē Śyām. Jagannātha, Baladeva, Subhadrā Mahārāṇī *ki jay*. Gaura Premānande.

July 18; Canada/Toronto – Chicago

A long day. Śrīla Prabhupāda is merciful. Please, keep me going according to your will. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 19; Chicago

I am beginning to realize the truth of the statement that: “The more one learns, the more one realizes how little his knowledge is.” People in the material world are misers. Lost to themselves, they prefer to remain misers thinking they are all right. Many can factually experience the futility of their activities, yet they continue unabated to delve in the puniness of material activities and topics. They are truly misers depriving themselves and others of the awaiting fortune of their own pure nature. Their lives are pitiable, yet they revel in the illusion of false hopes. Why? Perhaps it might be said they are just unfortunate. As a worm enjoys his stool like existence, so these souls in human form have fully accepted suffering as enjoyment, such is the power of Māyā. Let us pray they will

someday be free from this illusion and agree to be ‘illusioned’ by Truth, Kṛṣṇa’s internal energy – *Yoga-Māyā*. Śrīla Prabhupāda’s words, books, life example, legacy is their only way out of this suffering. By the Grace of Śrī Kṛṣṇa there is hope. Let us be a force of hope in their life. All glories to His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 20; Chicago

Śrī Kṛṣṇa descends in the form of His name. Śrī Kṛṣṇa descends in the form of His own devotee. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda and all glories to devotional service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 21; Chicago/Śrī Guru and Vraja Mohan’s Home

Great program. Mother Draupadi invited her acupuncture patients. 9+1 new person. All over 40 years of age. Simple lecture, basic, everyone seemed to like it. Some even chanted in kirtan. We pray to Śrīla Prabhupāda for more of these opportunities to reach the conditioned souls. We also pray that Mother Śrī Guru comes forward to preach, preach, preach. She has the desire and the qualification. Dear Lord, please, remove the obstacles. Thank You, dear Lord, for listening to this prayer. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 22; Chicago

One must be alert not to consider oneself advanced or ‘safe’ just because one is receiving honor, attention, praise, facility and gifts. These are all external to Bhakti and can cause one to fall if seen as the fruit of Bhakti. The real fruit is our attraction and eagerness to chant Kṛṣṇa’s name and render service to the conditioned souls. Māyā is always alert, be careful, be enthusiastic, remember Śrī Kṛṣṇa always. Śrīla Prabhupāda, with your mercy what use is others and without your mercy what use is others. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 23; Chicago

Getting ready to once again chant and dance in the path of Śrī Jagannātha-deva, Baladeva and Subhadrā-mayī. Detroit is the place. I pray for the ability to absorb myself in these pastimes and serve the Vaiṣṇavas. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is sweet provided we are always conscious of Śrī Kṛṣṇa and how to serve Him and His devotees. May we always feel the presence Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 24; Chicago – Detroit/Ratha-yātrā

A rainy one, purifying. Whatever the Lord does is perfect. Jay His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 25; Detroit – Chicago

Perhaps having too many books to read, projects to interact with, places to go and just in general spiritual desires to fulfill is just another distraction from the

goal of becoming Kṛṣṇa conscious. I am quite slow in action and always want to put quality into everything I do, especially in dealings with others. Therefore I pray to Śrīla Prabhupāda with all my heart to help me to understand clearly what is essential and what is just extraneous. We want to do more and more, this is a fact, but due to my continuous traveling I am only able to focus on a few services. Anyway Kṛṣṇa consciousness is always joyfully preformed, but one must be careful not to over-endeavor. Praying sincerely for Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy and guidance. I am at your lotus feet eternally. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to Śrī Śrī Kīśor Kīśorī. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 26; Chicago

By the mercy of the great souls we can somehow continue on. I was fortunate to receive the special association of HH Radhanath Maharaj. I pray to understand just how valuable such association is. When one is too much absorbed in one's own self, one cannot appreciate what is appreciable. I was fortunate to reap benefit. Service to great souls is great service. All glories to HH Radhanath Maharaj. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who has created this wonderful society of devotees. May we always take full advantage of *sādhū-saṅga*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 27; Chicago

Śrī Guru's programs are increasing and developing into successful preaching endeavors. We sold 3 SSR's hardback and one new person received chanting beads. Lord Caitanya's mercy is gradually increasing; soon it will engulf the world and simultaneously Western materialistic society is showing clear signs of crumbling. It will fall as history has proven. Demonic culture is doomed. We are in race to get as many souls to the save shore of the lotus feet on Śrī Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu. May we access as much mercy as we can accept. The presence of Śrīla Prabhupāda is felt more and more each day. All glories to His Divine Grace! We pray to keep chugging along. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 28; Chicago

I'm starting to read regularly and pray for the mercy of Gaura-Nitāi I can continue. *Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta* is so wonderfully presented. A masterpiece of Vaiṣṇava literature. Śrīla Prabhupāda's purports are very interesting, informative and full of nectar. All glories to the devotees of Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu along with His associates. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 29; Chicago

There is so much to Kṛṣṇa consciousness. A full life of variety, unlimitedly absorbing and uplifting. Out of everything, the name Kṛṣṇa reigns supreme over all. All glories to Śrī Nāma Prabhu, whose feet can save all souls in this age of Kali. The Name is Śrī Kṛṣṇa in pure sound. Sweet, powerful, satisfying. All glories to the one who brought the Holy Name, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Guru gives

nāma to *bhakta* – *bhakta* chants *nāma* and achieves all perfection. Śrīla Prabhupāda, you have done wonders, you created attraction in our minds for Śrī Nāma. Thank you very much. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 30; Chicago

Lord Balarāma, the remover of obstacles, the possessor and giver of spiritual strength, the object of worshipable meditation for His devotee. Please, relieve us from false pride, attraction to women and wealth, longing for recognition and the foolishness that is produced by these *anarthas*. May we always remember the Holy Name and the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 31; Chicago

Bolo hari bolo. Jay Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy names.

August 1; Chicago

Cleanliness is Godliness. The temple of the Lord is non-different from the Lord's body. Dear Lord, how can we get Your temple up to standard? It would be very enlivening to have a grand cleaning marathon. Now it remains only a dream. Perhaps someday the US temples will be places that the general populace is eager to visit. Śrīla Prabhupāda is giving us much, how much are we using? All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda! Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 3; London/BV Manor

No diary entry yesterday, interrupted by my night flight to London. My heart is dry and hard like a stale piece of pumpernickel bread. No flavor. Anyway, if I am going to do something while in Europe, I am going to have to focus 100% on the need of the time. Yes, travel is difficult, but don't dwell on the difficulties, it only makes it more so. Accept your service to Śrīla Prabhupāda with joy and with Kṛṣṇa conscious enthusiasm. Polish Woodstock – I'll give it everything. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is beautiful; Māyā makes everything out to be the opposite. Always preach, use every moment to serve. Never consider what and how much you are getting, only what and how much you are giving and how to do more. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 4; Poland – Woodstock Festival

It's happening. Great preaching, great association, great *prasādam*, great service. Śrīla Prabhupāda only thought big. HH Indradyumna Swami is following in his footsteps. Preach and give all you can give. All glories to Lord Caitanya's mission, it is transforming the most degraded, unattractive people to become lovers of Kṛṣṇa – the attractive to all. All glories to the holy name of Lord Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 5; Poland – Woodstock Festival

I did something today I never did before. I lead kirtan, *bhajana*, for 3 hours. How is it possible? By the mercy of the Holy Name coming through Śrīla Prabhupāda. Whatever little effort we make in Kṛṣṇa consciousness, the Lord's merciful devotee greatly expands it. O Kṛṣṇa, I am so fallen, attracted to the form of illusion known as women. I need your mercy to break this illusion which is not so severe, but it exists and it must go. Let me become 100% attracted to You, Your service and Your great devotees. Then I may have a chance to make it in this lifetime. Another topic – the Polish people, especially the youth, appear to have fairly good karma. Many like the devotees just upon seeing them. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 6; Poland – Woodstock Festival

3 ½ hours – questions and answers, 4 ½ hours – *bhajan*s, a Ratha-yātrā and the extra special mercy of Lord Jagannātha made the day. Śrī Vṛndāvana-dhāma. His Grace Dina Bandhu Prabhu sang a beautiful Vṛndāvana *bhajana*. All glories to the Woodstock gathering, it is as beneficial for the devotees as it is for the festival goers. Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura is on record saying Russia and Prussia [parts of Poland] will be the first countries outside [of India] to become Kṛṣṇa conscious. Lord Caitanya has His plan and it is happening. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtana*. May Śrīla Prabhupāda continue to shower Lord Caitanya's mercy on this most insignificant and fallen soul. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 7; Poland – Woodstock Festival – Germany/Heidelberg

Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi of Heidelberg. Very, very pleasing to see, very, very merciful and of course most beautiful. Dear Lord, having taken shelter at Your lotus feet, give me the opportunity to render some small service in helping to push forward Your mission and the life's desire of His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. Please, always help me to remember how small and insignificant I am and to be cautious and conscious to practice the proper etiquette and behavior of a Vaiṣṇava, especially when it comes to interacting with women devotees. My simple nature can get me into trouble in that area. Simple here means, do what is proper, say what is appropriate and beneficial. Always a razor's edge, be careful. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 8; Germany/Heidelberg

There is a general mood of respect, care, concern and age-old etiquette throughout European culture. Although materialistic, it still has more of a personalistic flavor with social interaction as opposed to the US where people are generally friendly but not much else. When carried into spiritual life it makes a nice foundation to build Kṛṣṇa consciousness upon. In other words, the selfish enjoying spirit so prominent in America is more refined in the European culture when taking into consideration the tradition and respect for others, especially

superiors. Perhaps that is why many ISKCON *sannyāsīs* prefer to preach in Europe rather than America in that the people are easier to work with and more inclined to follow enlightened leadership. In America the same advantage is there with the Indian community. But Śrīla Prabhupāda emphasized preaching to the natives. Anyway, easy or difficult is overcome with enthusiastic determined efforts to take on whatever challenges may come. All glories to the preachers of Lord Caitanya's army, especially HH Śrīla Bhakti Tirtha Swami Maharaj, whose personal presence we greatly miss. May we always remember him in loving devotion. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 9; Germany/Heidelberg

The words of Śrīla Bhakti Tirtha Swami came to mind. In essence, try to deal with each devotee with kindness, encouragement and inspire friendship and devotion in them. There are many great devotees doing great service. Not everyone can be on the topmost category with preaching and spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Do what you can and try to increase accordingly. Māyā has many tricks and to imitate others can and will cause falldown. Quality is more important. Be cautious and Kṛṣṇa conscious. Do your best and leave the rest to the Supreme Lord. Always praying for the blessing of Śrīla Prabhupāda in the form of the intelligence to serve nicely and steadily. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 10; Germany/ Heidelberg

Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi of Heidelberg, very, very merciful and filled with *kīrtana-rasa*. A festival for the mind and eyes, always blessing the devotees. Special Deities. What can I say. They are my very life and soul. Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu, Śrī Nityānanda Rāma. Their mercy is complete. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. The greatest gift is always with us. A devotee in ISKCON is most fortunate. Let us help to make others realize the greatness of this most precious gift. Please, keep me at Your lotus feet free from any offenses. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 11; Germany/Heidelberg – London/BV Manor

My health is becoming more and more precarious. I really need to get strict on certain parts of life, such as needed rest, restricted diet and controlled speech. Sugar, milk products should be significantly reduced along with certain fruit. Either you do the needful or be forced by circumstances – take your choice. Māyā is strong, be intelligent, pray to His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda for guidance. Dear Kṛṣṇa, I am Yours, please lead me back to You in loving devotional service. Humility is first. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 12; London/BV Manor

Seeing Lord Rāma today was for me a very uplifting experience. He is so much there in His Deity form, amazing to behold. All glories to Sītā, Rāma, Lakṣmaṇā and Hanumān. All glories to pure devotional service. Kṛṣṇa's holy name is our

main focus and life. All glories to great souls headed by Śrīla Prabhupāda, who made the path accessible. Today we received the news of a car crash. One devotee was killed, another seriously injured. Returning from the Los Angeles Ratha-yātrā, an unfortunate accident. My deep and heartfelt prayers to the devotees and especially to Mani Bandhu Prabhu, who lost his life. May Lord Caitanya and Śrī Nityānanda Prabhu bestow Their special mercy upon him. He is my friend and I am sad he is no longer with us. Tonight I spoke about death as I was invited to a departure ceremony of one elderly Indian Mataji; 72 years, cancer. The family is big and as normal needing spiritual guidance in this difficult time. Death, it will come. Lord Kṛṣṇa, may He always be with us. There is only life when Kṛṣṇa is there. Chant the Holy Name and live eternally within that sound vibration.

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare*

August 13; London/BV Manor – Soho

I need to surrender more by becoming enthusiastic to preach and teach. Going on but without enthusiasm is not very enlivening. One should (must) accept the circumstances given by the arrangement of the Lord and remain peaceful and satisfied. Preaching means austerity, either accept it or withdraw from the battle. Dive deeply into the Holy Name and service to others. His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 14; London/Soho St.

Dear Lord Balarāma, I know You are the Supreme Personality of Godhead, but You are also the original spiritual master and the source of all spiritual strength. As one who is very much in need of spiritual strength, I fall at Your lotus feet with great devotion and with desire to receive Your mercy. Please do not reject this somewhat spiritually destitute and desperate person. I am Your servant, please pick me up and carry me with You so I can serve You more and more. I am lost, You are my only hope. Please, uplift me and guide me. I need Your loving mercy and protection. Falling down at Your lotus feet in the form of my eternal spiritual master and father Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Jay Śrī Rāma.

August 15; London/Soho Street – BV/Manor

Spoke on demonology for the *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* class. A verse on demons and demigods churning the milk ocean. I observed that most of the devotees are unaware how the demons are operating. Using mind control and propaganda through advertizing, along with many other avenues. To take up Kṛṣṇa consciousness means declaring war on societies' accepted values. Śrīla Prabhupāda was extremely bold in exposing this demonic Māyā. We must always be careful not to be affected or victimized by the polluted atmosphere.

The only hope, the mercy of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu coming in the form of chanting the Hare Kṛṣṇa *mahā-mantra*.

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare*

Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu *ki jay*.

August 16; London/BV Manor

Today a realization came to me during *japa*. One should aspire to make others happy no matter what the hardship or cost to oneself. Love is giving without expectation. Śrīla Prabhupāda said this ISKCON movement will become successful when we have the quality of devotees that are willing to give their lives in order to show compassion to the conditioned souls. Something to aspire for. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 17; London/BV Manor

– Rūpa Gosvāmī’s and Gaurīdāsa Paṇḍita’s Disappearance Day

Following in the footsteps of Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī, we carefully try to execute the process according to his direction coming down through Śrīla Prabhupāda. We are known as *rūpānugas*, followers of the teachings of Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī. We beg for his mercy, especially today on the holy occasion of his disappearance, along with the mercy of Śrī Gaurīdāsa Paṇḍita, a resident in the eternal pastimes of Gaura-Nitāi. With great souls such as these we are fully blessed and fully able to reach the goal by their mercy. All glories to Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gokulānanda, Śrī Śrī Sītā Rāma, Lakṣmaṇa, Hanumān. All glories to the process of pure devotional service. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 18; London/BV Manor – Italy/Villa Vrndaban

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare*

All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda and all the wonderful devotees of ISKCON. I hope I can be of some service in these next few days.

August 19; Italy/Villa Vrndaban – Balarāma-jayantī

With the divine presence of HH Jayapataka Maharaja everything becomes wonderful. Today we experienced the supreme mercy of the Supreme Servitor, Godhead – Śrī Balarāma. All glories to His lotus feet. May His qualities and activities become fixed within our heart. His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda is my only hope. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 20; Italy/Villa Vrndaban – Ratha-yātrā in Vireggio

Lord Jagannātha, Lord Balarāma, Subhadrā-devī, no doubt one of the greatest blessings that have come to the Western world. Śrīla Prabhupāda is bringing Śrī Vrndāvana-dhāma to the masses. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 21; Italy/Villa Vrndaban

Lord Kṛṣṇa encourages His devotees to always become dependent upon Him. “Easier said than done.” The false ego as ‘I am the controller, enjoyer, doer’ keeps one in illusion, unable to fully depend on the Lord and His mercy. One must practice, continuously, as Lord Kṛṣṇa tells Arjuna in the Bhagavad-gītā. And one must do it by constant practice of Kṛṣṇa consciousness and detachment from sense gratification, constantly endeavoring to remember Śrī Kṛṣṇa and being conscious of the need to depend on Him. This was Śrīla Prabhupāda’s constant meditation. Kṛṣṇa consciousness means to practice. Get into a regular schedule. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 22; Italy/Villa Vrndaban – Prabhupādadesh

An intense day. Satisfying, no free time. Mercy of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Vraja Sundara as we attended *maṅgala-ārati* and the morning program for the first time in 5 days. Śrīla Prabhupāda has given us the process, therefore just follow and cultivate the correct attitude and mood of devotion. As we follow, the mercy is readily available. Therefore in our case we need extra mercy. *Hā hā prabhu koro dayā, deho more pada-chāyā*. We are begging, pleading, Gurudev, please, save us who are fallen in this material ocean of repeated birth and death. *Gurudev! kṛpā-bindu diyā*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.



August 23; Italy/Prabhupādadesh

As we move on in years, our body becomes more and more a place of suffering. Of course, this is the actual nature of the material body. By keeping our hearts and mind on the spiritual world and tolerating the inconveniences of existing in this world, we are trying to serve and remember the Supreme Lord and His devotees. All glories to those devotees who have reached the Supreme destination. May they bestow their merciful kindness upon us in order for us to achieve victory in the goal of life. *Prema pumartha mahān*. Jay Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 24; Italy/Prabhupādadesh

Gaurāṅga and Nītāi. Two Lords – double the mercy. How can you double the unlimited? The unlimited is being dispensed by Two, perhaps Three. Śrīla Prabhupāda has packaged it attractively for the Westerners. Both contents and label are very attractive and desirable. Chant, dance and take Kṛṣṇa *prasādam*. What more do you want. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 25; Italy/Prabhupādadesh – Slovenia/Ljubljana

A humble prayer of the heart. “May we receive the full mercy of the Appearance Day of Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa by fully engaging in the transcendental topics of the Lord.” Śrīla Prabhupāda *ki jay*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 26; Slovenia/Ljubljana – Śrī Kṛṣṇa Janmāṣṭamī

Today we received extra special mercy. In celebrating the Appearance Day of Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa we experienced the mercy of Pañca Tattva also – Janmāṣṭamī doubled. Everything is coming by the grace and mercy of His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 27; Slovenia/Ljubljana – Śrīla Prabhupāda’s Appearance Day

I’m struggling to serve you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. The task seems difficult, but I know that your mercy can make it possible. Therefore, on this auspicious occasion of your appearance, we pray for your mercy so we can become better and more dedicated servants. Our devotional offerings are poor, but we still remain hopeful and dependent on your mercy for improvement. Signed – Your servant who doesn’t want to waste any time. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 28; Slovenia/Ljubljana – Croatia/Zagreb

It is a transcendental experience to stand in front of Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nītāi in Zagreb. Their picture adorns my bookshelf in Chicago, but being in Their presence was a powerful experience. I humbly, with great enthusiasm, take shelter of Their lotus feet and pray I can offer some meaningful service to Their devotees and others. I am afraid of Māyā and also afraid of being too afraid of Māyā wherein I neglect my service of preaching to others. Therefore, Śrīla

Prabhupāda, I now humbly beg for the intelligence, determination to be able to balance both. Your mercy is my only hope. Śrīla Prabhupāda *ki jay*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 29; Croatia/Zagreb

We should be very enlivened to be able to have our contaminations revealed. But some really hurt. Tonight Śrī Kṛṣṇa, through a devotee, made me realize how much was lost by not fully appreciating HH Bhakti Tirtha Swami, especially in his final days with us. It hurt because it was true. My envious and fault-finding mentality deprived me of the deeper friendship and association of HH Bhakti Tirtha Swami. I sincerely hope I can get over this ignorance and truly see the greatness of this soul. At times I have many realization of how compassionate and how Kṛṣṇa conscious you are. I miss you, Maharaj, and I would do anything I could to meet you again. Perhaps I can show my love for you just by serving and assisting your disciples and by recalling our wonderful times together in Gita Nagari. Śrīla Prabhupāda attracted many great souls, you are one of them. I offer my humble obeisances to your many glorious qualities, especially how you showed your love for others. Lord Kṛṣṇa is showing me this more and more. Thank you, Maharaj, for your friendship and care upon this proud soul who thinks he knows so much but actually knows very little. All glories to our dear eternal father and master, Śrīla Prabhupāda.

August 30; Croatia/Zagreb – Ekādaśī

Japa – very difficult. 32 rounds, quality was low. All advancement depends on chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa and pleasing Śrīla Prabhupāda with our service. I am begging to become a better devotee. It is difficult to make qualitative leaps, but it is possible by the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Zagreb is always a challenge and this time it was no less. I pray I can be of some useful service. Our movement needs a lot of strengthening. I am meant to serve by helping to spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness. My prayer needs strength. Help me to overcome what I need to advance. Your mercy is all that I am made of. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 31; Croatia/Zagreb – Slovenia/Ljubljana

Time flies, no doubt; the end of another month. The future is just a dream, present is rapidly coming and going, the future will soon become the past. Live in the present, the present is the only time. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is now, Śrī Kṛṣṇa's name is ever fresh. Looking for a time and place for rejuvenation, travel stopped, fixed in a schedule, catch up on reading, writing, reflecting, regenerating. A duty of a *sannyāsī*. *Cāturmāsya*. We'll keep going, no stopping. Don't neglect your duties in the present, give all you can and more. That's what we want to do. At times, we dream of an upcoming break. Will it ever happen? It must. An investment into the future, said Giridhari Prabhu from Prabhupādadesh. He is right, how to do it. Still be here now. Śrīla Prabhupāda's movement is now. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is now. In all cases just depend on Śrī

Kṛṣṇa. Śrīla Prabhupāda, I humbly beg for your mercy to continue with renewed enthusiasm. Please, don't forget this fallen soul. I need your mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 1; Slovenia/Ljubljana

Tonight we honored HH Bhakti Tirtha Swami. The third time in less than 2 weeks and the second time within the last 3 days. Each time I felt closer to Maharaj. Thank You, Maharaj, for all your kindness, mercy, friendship and guidance in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. I will always remember you with happy memories. I want to be with you once again. Please, make me qualified to receive your special association. You did so much to spread Śrīla Prabhupāda's movement of ISKCON. We eagerly look forward to remembering you more and more. All glories to Your lotus feet and, please, forgive me of all my silly offences as I lack the qualities of a true devotee. Śrīla Prabhupāda, please renew my enthusiasm and dedication in your service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 2; Slovenia/Ljubljana – Maribor – Ljubljana

The devotees put on a public program in Maribor, short, sweet and attractive. These types of programs can be adopted in the US. My mind is a little wild, gravitating towards sense objects, and hard to control. Perhaps too much opulence in eating. Sugar, maybe. Śrīla Prabhupāda, I pray for your guidance and correction. The razor's edge. The greatest pitfall is to think you are OK or to give up the fight. Devotional service must be performed with enthusiasm and a desire to increase. Tomorrow, a new battleground, perhaps a little more difficult. I look forward to the challenge. Thank You very much, dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, for this opportunity to serve. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 3; Slovenia/Ljubljana – Switzerland/Zurich

When you slip, you must get up. *Yoga-kṣemaṁ vahāmy aham*. Lord Kṛṣṇa takes care. But don't slip, it's not possible, the task is difficult. The idea is not to go down, to fall. I long for the day to be fixed in my *sādhana*. Intelligence is better than action. Śrīla Prabhupāda is merciful. He is asking: "Be merciful and give Kṛṣṇa consciousness to others." We are trying. It is up to Him to make us successful. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 4; Switzerland/Zurich

Full day, no pressure, the long run, a lot of mercy. Four talks, three main ones. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy. Can I be strong? Tomorrow a lot of service. It was nice to be with Madhava Prabhu in kirtan/*bhajana*. The taste for the Holy Name was awakened. Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtana ki jay*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 5; Switzerland/Zurich – London/BV Manor

Special day! Lord Jagannātha's mercy. Full morning program, full evening program. Few, yet very sweet hours with HH Radhanath Swami Maharaja. Anil

Agarwal's home. 150+ devotees. Maharaj is looking good, giving his mercy to everyone. It is really hard to understand how great he is. But he is truly great. One's character is the most important, without character everything else is simply decoration. My character needs improving. Śrī Balarāma kills Romaharṣaṣa Sūta because of the absence of real devotional qualities. It's not like the dramatic actor who learns his part. Vaiṣṇava qualities must eventually take root in the soul. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy is everything. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 6; London/BV Manor

As our affection continues to grow toward Śrī Kṛṣṇa, it also naturally develops towards all living beings. For a spiritual master that could get mixed up and be dangerous with the interaction of the opposite sex. Be careful. Be controlled. Be Kṛṣṇa conscious. Śrīla Prabhupāda has given the formula that was spoken by Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu: *Tṛṇād api sunīcena, taror iva sahiṣṇunā, amāninā mānadena, kīrtanīyaḥ sadā hariḥ*. Śrīla Kṛṣṇadāsa Kavirāja Gosvāmī explains that one must string this verse on the necklace of the Holy Name and wear it as one's ornament. My dear Lord, I need, plead for Your mercy.

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare*

All glories to the chanting of the Lord's holy names. Jay Śrī Kṛṣṇa!

September 7; London/BV Manor – Leicester – London/BV Manor

Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya, Prabhu Nityānanda, Śrī Advaita, Gadādhara, Śrīvāsa *ādi gaura bhakta vṛnda*. Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi most merciful, they are the most needed in this confused age of Kali. Practically there is no other hope. Always remember merciful Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi and Their associates. The residents of the spiritual world are descending on the order of the Lord for the sole benefit of saving the lost souls in this most darken age. They are the light within the darkness.

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare*

And Śrīla A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda is Their representative. The carrier of Their mercy. All glories to His Divine Grace. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 8; London/BV Manor – Soho Street

I am getting sufficient opportunity to preach. Keeping focus on the essentials is my greatest challenge. Māyā wants to divert my attention by presenting opportunity for distractions, visual, mental, spiritual, etc. Keeping the essence foremost is my service to others and the strength I need to execute it. A fighter needs to stay in shape. Keeping spiritually fit can be difficult. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy is strong and we are praying for his direction in our service. Chant better rounds, read sufficiently, don't try to be a hero, just try to remain

steady. The weekend is upcoming, a very full one. Dear Lord, I need your mercy to continue with enthusiasm. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 9; London/Soho Street – BV Manor

Intense day, saved by the Holy Name. Kirtan is our life. Śrīla Prabhupāda has offered so much. Kirtan is one of the best, actually the best of all processes. One must fully surrender to the Name, that is Caitanya's grace. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 10; Brighton Beach Ratha-yātrā – London/BV Manor

We gain greater appreciation, renewed spiritual sentiment when we hear how others are glorifying and expressing their gratitude to Śrīla Prabhupāda. It is the most effective way to renew our love and commitment. The Pandava Sena group amazed me with their love for and dedication to Śrīla Prabhupāda and ISKCON. It is easy to become routine and forget how everything is a product of Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, our love for you is our connection to our service. Please always do what is necessary to help me to always remember what you did to start and spread this movement and how by your mercy it is going on and expanding in many ways. I am fallen yet filled with pride. I need to become a genuinely sincere serious devotee. You have brought me this far; please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, keep your merciful glance upon me so I may make a difference in the lives of others. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for inspiring the youth to surrender so completely. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 11; London/BV Manor – Śrī Rādhāṣṭamī

Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī's mercy is flowing like raging rivers coming from the ocean – Kṛṣṇa-sindhu. Śrī Kṛṣṇa the point, *sindhu* the unlimited ocean of Kṛṣṇa's mercy. He came to this earth in the form of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu who is the embodiment of the ecstatic love that Śrī Rādhā has for Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu is eager to give Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī's love to the entire world in the form of this *hari-nāma-saṅkīrtana*. *Ānandāmbudhi-vardhanam*. Just taste and you will be captured. Śrī Kṛṣṇa's transcendental qualities and Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī's love for Kṛṣṇa are not possible to comprehend, understand or fully experience. It is *acintya* and will remain so. Some fortunate souls can get a tiny glimpse into this most secret realm, but only by the special mercy of the Divine Couple and the mercy of Their representative Śrīla Prabhupāda who is the *jagat-guru* of this age. May we continue to do what we can to serve, surrender and fully develop our love of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Kṛṣṇa. All glories to the Divine Couple of Śrī Vṛndāvana-dhāma, Śrī Śrī Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 12; London/BV/Manor – Italy/Pisa – Matsya Avatar's Home

A break from the normal course of rapid preaching. A visit with Matsya Avatar Prabhu in Pisa. This week is a little different schedule. Italy – travel and Kṛṣṇa's service. The Holy Name is my only shelter, hope and happiness. All glories to

Śrī Nāma Prabhu and to Śrīla Prabhupāda, the giver of Śrī Nāma to the fallen souls in Kali-yuga. It's their only chance to be rescued from the all-devouring destructive atmosphere of this age. Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtanam*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 13; Pisa/Matsya Avatar – Terni/Tribandi Prabhu

A very full day. To be with Matsya Avatar Prabhu and to see, experience and be able to enter into his world is a truly wonderful experience. Such a first class Vaiṣṇava. Culture, learning, compassion, personal care and concern, generosity. Ideal *ācārya*, wonderful family. A truly amazing person. I am a frog next to him. I truly appreciate his hospitality, friendship, but most of all his successful preaching on behalf of Śrīla Prabhupāda. A visionary in spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness. May Śrīla Prabhupāda continue to bestow his merciful blessing on Matsya Avatar Prabhu's attempts to spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness and may Śrīla Prabhupāda give him full strength and enthusiasm to continue. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 14; Italy/Terni – Rome – Ekādaśī

Any travel seems to be disorienting. I need to stop for a while, yet it will be at least two more weeks of travel. I hope I can maintain a healthy service attitude. Looking for something outside of my service that is not easily attainable may be a waste of time and a distraction. Rest, reading, descent rounds, healthy *prasādam*. The only guarantee is the mercy of the Lord. We pray for that mercy and the mercy of His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. Rome – a real challenge. Keep up the kirtan, that is the medicine in this fallen degraded age. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 15; Italy/Rome

– Appearance of Lord Vāmanadeva and Jīva Gosvāmī

Morning class on Lord Vāmanadeva, evening Śrīla Jīva Gosvāmī. Purification of the mind and heart by hearing and chanting the glories of the Lord and His pure devotee. This is the formula, this is the medicine to counteract the evils of Kali. The world again has become blinded, clumsily chasing after sense gratification and riotous living. The only hope, the Holy Name. Let us fight to spread love of God and respect for each other. Śrīla Prabhupāda, please keep us focused on the goal and the correct means to get there. Conscious of Śrī Kṛṣṇa, cautious of Śrī Māyā. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 16; Italy/Rome

Sensuality pervades this city. Everywhere it smacks you, reaches out to grab you, goes out of its way to allure you. It is hell. History repeats itself as gross sensuality only leads to degradation which inevitably brings destruction. We study history but hardly learn anything. We see it only as an exercise in academia and not as something that applies to the here and now. Lord Caitanya has tricked the conditioned souls to accept spirituality cloaked as entertainment – chanting, dancing and tasting. All they have to do is try it with faith and they

are saved. Saved from the fate of misery and death. “The Bones Church”. Bones of monks long gone decorating the walls, a place of worship, it speaks a powerful message. Time – the force of invincibility. Taking the present into a completely different dimension. The end of the body, the beginning of eternal life for those who live and serve in pure devotion to the Lord. Why waste time in something that is designed to waste time and only gives illusionary satisfaction. Māyā’s illusions are very powerful. But they remain only an illusion. I reemphasize my prayer. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, let me have the ability to use every moment in pure devotion to you and never become illusioned by Māyā. The body is slowly diminishing but the soul is ever fresh. Your mercy is all we are made of. Not only bones but pure love for Kṛṣṇa and His parts and parcels. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 17; Italy/Rome – Sicily/Catania

Lord Kṛṣṇa says in *Gītā*, lust is our eternal foe. Never ceasing to attack within and without. It is very strongly displayed in Italy. Practically everywhere lustful displays, shops, billboards, people, the only protection is the mercy of Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityānanda. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, help me to always remember to call out for Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi. They are our only shelter in this dark age and are very very kind and easily available. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 18; Italy/Sicily, Catania

A very enlivening Sunday feast program. Although tired, Śrīla Prabhupāda, I somehow felt your mercy pushing me on. I am lazy, critical and always prone to mental speculation and am only motivated by self interest. I try to be a real devotee, but it seems to be beyond my reach. It takes enthusiasm and firm faith to remain fixed. With constant change and fighting the misery of *ādhyātmika* I realize it is only your constant mercy that keeps me going. Śrīla Prabhupāda, thank you for being with me. I need all the mercy you can give, I am fallen and don’t know what to do. Please, keep me in the corner of your lotus feet. It is only by your mercy I can continue. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 19; Italy/Sicily, Catania

Every day is unique. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is interesting, exciting, unpredictable, educating and purifying. Tomorrow we again hit the trail. Last stop in Italy. Sicilian people are wild, sweet, lovely and a little crazy. Śrīla Prabhupāda has done wonders, a spiritual bonanza, a powerful force. Lord Caitanya’s desire and mercy. Can we continue to ride the waves of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Life is not just one way. Libras especially need balance. I seek balance in an unbalanced lifestyle. It is my way of surviving. Looking for that internal mood more, but sometime the external is uplifting. It is giving Kṛṣṇa consciousness to others. That is what it is all about. Internal and external come together in the spirit of

preaching. Keep the fires lit, it is eternal. Surrender is the only way. We seek the strength born of Your mercy, that is our success. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 20; Italy/Sicily, Catania – Bergamo/Villa Villaggio Hare Kṛṣṇa

Śrī Śrī Rādhā Ramaṇa. So sweetly beautiful. Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī is graceful, very merciful, delighting to be with Śrī Śyāma. An ocean of wonderful spiritual qualities. The savior of Candramauli Das – Swami. I hope and pray I can be of some meaningful service to each and every devotee. This is my prayer at the lotus feet of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 21; Italy/Bergamo – Villa Villaggio Hare Kṛṣṇa

A lesson in humility. I wish I could do better, yet I always need to be corrected from my deviant mentality by Your mercy. I will continue to be like that until I no longer seek my own satisfaction rather than offering everything I do in service to You. By the kindness of Your pure devotee Śrīla Prabhupāda we are gradually learning the lesson we need to learn and moving on to our next level of purification of the heart. I fear, dear Lord, of falling back, lust is getting stronger. Māyā is cheating me to believe lust is love, but it is only a trick. Real love is for the soul, not for the material body. We are seeking our own consolation rather than giving consolation to others. But I still have hope. I know the process of love and loving You is perfect as it is the embodiment of Your pleasure potency Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī. My humble prayer is to always try to be more conscious of You as service to You and others. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 22; Italy/Bergamo – Villa Villaggio Hare Kṛṣṇa

O Lord, either I am sentimentally oriented, loaded down with a lusty attitude or hard, insensitive and determined to follow a path chalked out. Anyway, if I can practice more and more to remember You, perhaps I will be able to remain steadily fixed on Your service. You know all my weaknesses and so does Māyā. I only know that I have to depend on You in all circumstances. Please, help me to develop the proper mood with concern and compassion without falling into a misplaced sentiment of frivolous activity. One can only be pure in mind when pure in action and one can only be pure in action when they are pure in their bodily activities. One should take one day to assimilate the new environment before beginning a full program of activity. We are trying to follow in Śrīla Prabhupāda's footsteps, but we are not Śrīla Prabhupāda, not nearly. We require the help available. It is a fight to stay fit to help others also. Somehow we are going on. Śrīla Prabhupāda *ki jay!* Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 23; Italy/Bergamo – Villa Villaggio Hare Kṛṣṇa

The association of great devotees makes everything in Kṛṣṇa consciousness truly wonderful and complete and their separation brings great unhappiness. When Lord Caitanya asked Śrī Rāmānanda Rāya: "What is the greatest unhappiness?"

Rāmānanda Rāya replied: “I know of no greater unhappiness than the separation from the devotees of the Lord.” Their presence is almost or as good as Kṛṣṇa’s because they carry Śrī Kṛṣṇa in their heart of hearts. Tonight again we were privileged to speak on, glorify and remember the activities and character of Śrīla Bhakti Tirtha Swami. He is still with us in remembrance. As time goes on, I hope that I can come closer to this great soul. He gave me so much, perhaps I can somehow reciprocate the love and care he gave. Vaiṣṇavas never die, they disappear only to appear somewhere else to do the same, most probably in a greater way. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for creating such a wonderful family. I hope I can someday truly enter into the mood of a real Vaiṣṇava. I have a very long way to go. But anything is possible with the mercy of Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi coming through your merciful hand. Śrīla Bhakti Tirtha Swami Maharaja *ki jay*. All glories to the great devotees of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 24; Italy/Bergamo – Villa Villaggio Hare Kṛṣṇa – London/BVM
The devotees of Villa Villaggio Hare Kṛṣṇa exhibited special kindness and mercy upon this fallen and useless soul. That is the major force in keeping me alive in my service. I pray to be able to become more focused in Vaiṣṇava *seva* and selflessness. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare*

September 25; London/BV Manor

All glories to the holy name of Kṛṣṇa. “When the name Kṛṣṇa enters on to one’s tongue, one desires millions of tongues, and when the name Kṛṣṇa enters the ears, one desires millions of ears, and when it enters the courtyard of the heart, it conquers over the mind and all the senses become inert.” What glorification can even come close to the glories of the holy name of Kṛṣṇa? Śrīla Prabhupāda was successful because he spread the glories and the chanting of the Holy Names everywhere. That remains the foremost pillar of all success. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtanam*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 26; London/BV Manor

The completion of yet another segment of traveling and preaching in Europe. Interesting seven weeks. Many very wonderful events, programs, moments. Association with devotees was exceptional. Traveling in Europe was fairly smooth. By Śrīla Prabhupāda’s and Kṛṣṇa’s grace, something was accomplished to further Śrī Caitanya’s movement, if only to leave a favorable experience of Kṛṣṇa consciousness to others. I bow my head in complete humility as I offer the results of my activities in devotion at the lotus feet of the Supreme Personality of Godhead and pray to be forgiven for my offences in this endeavor. May I always be granted the opportunity and privilege to continue to

serve in this way until, at least, the end of this body. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtana*. Śrīla Prabhupāda *ki jay*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 27; London/BV Manor – Chicago

Despite all of the hardships, mental and physical disturbances, I am happy and honored to be able to offer some service in the form of assisting my glorious spiritual master, who underwent many many more and greater hardships, in his mission of reclaiming the fallen souls and in inspiring those already on the path to continue with great hope and fervor. I am very insignificant and lacking good qualities, always affected by the six *anarthas* and prone to innumerable mistakes. But I am grateful for this opportunity to preach and will again resume my program of traveling and preaching, the cherished duty of those in the *sannyāsa āśrama*. For now I will try to rejuvenate and regenerate by the mercy and permission of my spiritual master and Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 28; Chicago – Ekādaśī

34 rounds, no food, only water. I began the 3rd Volume of *Bṛhad-Bhāgavatāmṛta*. Pure nectar, deep understanding of Kṛṣṇa in Gokula Vṛndāvana. Gopa Kumāra's pure and innocent loving attraction for Śrī Gopāla. After examining myself thoroughly, I conclude there is very little, if any, qualification for achieving the spiritual world. If I am going to make it, it will only happen by the unlimited kindness of my eternal spiritual master; therefore I purely seek to satisfy him in all respects. Dear Kṛṣṇa, save me from myself, my own worst enemy. Your mercy is all that I am made of. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 29; Chicago

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, some souls are sincerely looking to me for spiritual guidance, surrendering their hearts and minds to my guidance and instructions. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, I am totally unqualified for such a position of great and grave responsibility. I am feeling a little fearful that I may not be able to give them what they seek. Only by your mercy, guidance and strength is it possible. Actually, they are your disciples, as you said once: "Everyone is my disciple, some know it, some don't." Please, help them progress on the path towards full Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Your mercy is great and has proven to perform amazing miracles. I am falling at your lotus feet with great humility and submission; please give me the necessary spiritual strength and intelligence to guide these souls in the best way. Actually it is only up to you, I have no power except what you give me. Please, give me what I need to be an instrument to save others and bring them to your lotus feet. All glories to you, Gurudeva. You have Kṛṣṇa, I am running after you crying – Give me Kṛṣṇa! Please.

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare*

Full faith in the name of Kṛṣṇa is the topmost of all knowledge.

September 30; Chicago

Perhaps the best part of the day was association with Yashua. He is really developing into an effective and enthusiastic preacher. Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta said: “One who has life, he can preach.” Chicago is an important temple, perhaps one of the more important temples in America that can yield very satisfactory results in spreading Lord Caitanya’s movement. The only impediment is our own limited thinking. Sometimes it is necessary to take bold steps in order to break out of the routine status quo based on what is easy and standard. Śrīla Prabhupāda, please continue to shower your blessings on this young enthusiastic *brahmacārī* and, if you so desire, empower him with your special mercy. He brings life to all of us here in Chicago. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 1; Chicago

Be more careful with exactness in your diet and other activities. Māyā is very strong, tricky, subtle, very hard to detect. Always remember Śrī Kṛṣṇa! Never get into the OK mood. You are about to die, time is short. Be wise, be careful, be Kṛṣṇa conscious. Pray always to Śrīla Prabhupāda for his guidance. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 2; Chicago

Riding the waves of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Māyā is always trying to enter, making the boat rocky or even sinking it. Protection by Guru and Kṛṣṇa and the merciful Vaiṣṇavas is the only hope. We want to give, not just being protected. Serve with love, devotion, concern, in the proper understanding of relationship. Both Śukadeva Gosvāmī and Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa showed by example how to properly greet and relate to different classes of people. Be conscious and cautious, be Kṛṣṇa conscious and Māyā cautious. Cultivation of the qualities of a devotee and a corresponding mood. Kṛṣṇa, save me! Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 3; Chicago

All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa’s holy names, our only shelter in this world of madness and utter chaos. One becomes sane only by chanting and then one can gradually become fixed in the real goal of life – devotional service to Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Switching gears from constant travel to a more secluded lifestyle in Chicago temple has been slow. Transition is gradual and I am not sure how it is manifesting. I am learning more and more to take shelter of Śrīla Prabhupāda and his mercy. My feet are slipping and not sure of my direction but I have full faith in Śrīla Prabhupāda. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, allow me always to remember to pray to you for guidance. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 4; Chicago

The topic of Vaiṣṇava *seva* came up in class, which is the way to please Lord Kṛṣṇa and receive His mercy so one can relish chanting the Holy Names.

Fortunately, I was able to offer some service in this respect. Śrīla Prabhupāda's teachings are perfect and complete. *Yasmin vijñāte sarvam evaṁ vijñātaṁ bhavati*. When you know Lord Kṛṣṇa, then all else is automatically known. To know Śrī Kṛṣṇa means to love Him, and pleasing Him is focused mostly on pleasing His devotees. Śrī Kṛṣṇa's love is equal but displayed accordingly. Everything about Śrī Kṛṣṇa is the essence of perfection. But what excels is His love for His pure devotees. The heart of Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Jay Jay Śrī Rādheee Śyām, Jai Śrī Vṛndāvana-dhāma. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 5; Chicago

Nothing profound; just the desire to always remember You by chanting Your holy names.

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare*

This world is compared to a place of pilgrimage for crows. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy is the only way out. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 6; Chicago

Gerald Schutt, a former prison inmate that I have been writing for a few years came to the temple. Practically speaking, out of all the inmates who practiced Kṛṣṇa consciousness while in prison and then released, he is the only one that seemed to be serious enough to continue. Let us humbly offer our prayers to Śrī Kṛṣṇa and Śrīla Prabhupāda to continue to bestow Their blessing upon this soul. Māyā is very, very strong, therefore he needs much mercy to continue to practice Kṛṣṇa consciousness and remain aloof his past bad habits. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 7; Chicago

Śrīla Prabhupāda, please give me the ability to understand how best to serve here in Chicago temple. I pray for your mercy and expert guidance. Thank you, Gurudev. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 8; Chicago

By the end of each day I am always tired. Perhaps it is due to the computer. The mercy of the great souls is always the medicine. Śrīla Prabhupāda is very merciful, especially in this day and age when practically everything depends on mercy. In Kali-yuga all good qualities are greatly reduced. Praying very hard for Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy. It is my only hope. We're riding on the edge, but hopeful. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda! Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 9; Chicago

Tonight I received special mercy from Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī. Her garland was given to me. I felt my whole day became perfect upon receiving this very special mercy. I am either proud or overwhelmed by lust, either side I become a victim

of illusion. Please, Lord, help me always remember You and be detached from anything of this world including what I think and do. Die before dying. Die to the illusion and always remember Śrī Kṛṣṇa are the immortal words of the *ācāryas*. Śrīla Prabhupāda has given us the process in a very easy to execute package. Always remember Kṛṣṇa by always chanting. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 10; Chicago

Humility, pridelessness, tolerance and respect for others are the qualifications essential in order to be able to properly chant the Holy Name. A constant cultivation of devotion to the Guru and Kṛṣṇa along with meditating on developing these beautiful qualities. Devotion is beautiful and humility is its inner and outer substance. Just like the skin of a fruit that protects the fruit along with being the inner sweetness of that fruit. May Śrīla Prabhupāda be pleased with our attempt to serve by preaching Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 11; Chicago

Sometimes I am inspired to write, other times not. Śrīla Prabhupāda instructed his disciples to everyday write down realizations. My realization is that I have none other than firm faith that if I remain steady in my service someday I will experience that consciousness which is called Kṛṣṇa consciousness. I have hope but no qualifications. My only qualification is the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda which has been experienced by many as very, very deep and complete. All glories to His Divine Grace by whose mercy I have developed some attraction for Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 12; Chicago

In order to justify one's inability to practice within ISKCON, one must continuously find fault in order to convince oneself as being right. ISKCON is Śrīla Prabhupāda's body and anyone who leaves the body of the spiritual master and accepts another's is offensive. The relation with the spiritual master is eternal. Why would anyone want to put someone else before Śrīla Prabhupāda? They say they are following, but a tree is judged by its fruit, and usually a fruit turns rotten after being on the tree for a while. In due course of time those who have accepted a substitute for Śrīla Prabhupāda will eventually fall away from that. The problem is in them, not in ISKCON or Śrīla Prabhupāda. Please, dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, help me so that I can become deeper in my devotion and in my service to you and Lord Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 13; Chicago – Ekādaśī

Even though it can be a little difficult, because of the mind's wanderings, I am very happy I made the vow of chanting 32 rounds on Ekādaśī. Actually this chanting should always go on. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is always wonderful as Śrī Kṛṣṇa is the Wonderful of the wonderful. Always full of newer and newer

experiences of knowledge and joy. Today I was able to absorb myself in two important subjects – the Holy Name and Śrīla Bhakti Tirtha Swami. Maharaj is truly a compassionate devotee of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Such love and concern for others is rarely seen or even understood. Maharaj, I don't want to ever forget you, and I hope and pray that as time goes on I can once again enter into your divine association and again share the happiness of Kṛṣṇa consciousness that I once received by your merciful association. I apologize for all my stupidity and numerous offences and my lack of real appreciation for what you did and are still doing to reach the hearts of so many by your love for Lord Kṛṣṇa and your compassion for them. Maharaj, I look forward to the time we can again chant and dance together. It will no doubt take me many lives to catch you, but by your mercy I know it is possible. All glories to Śrīla Bhakti Tirtha Swami Maharaja, a pure example of devotion to Śrī Kṛṣṇa, Śrīla Prabhupāda and all others. Please, accept my most humble obeisances from my heart. Thank you, Maharaj. I love you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 14; Chicago – Detroit/Devasadhana Mandir

A brief excursion to a very special ceremony for a very special son of His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda and a dear and very senior godbrother, a most concerned and compassionate soul. May we, with the blessings of the great *ācāryas*, sufficiently give honor, respect, appreciation, gratitude and love for Śrīla Bhakti Tirtha Swami, a very rare and beautiful soul. Please give us the power to fully appreciate him. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for creating so many dedicated devotees. We offer our most humble obeisances at your lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 16; Detroit/Devasadhana Mandir

Missed yesterday's entry, a few late nighters. Special ceremony for a very spiritually unique person – Śrīla Bhakti Tirtha Swami. Śrīla Prabhupāda is very kind and merciful and his mercy is displayed in many unique and amazing ways. The gift of transforming conditioned souls into pure devotees is very rare, yet never fully appreciated. To have the association of HH Bhakti Tirtha Swami was, is, something very special, beneficial. I eagerly look forward for the mercy of being with him once again. I am sure it will happen, and we humbly and fervently pray for it. Maharaj, you loved everyone and everyone loved you. I am on that list, waiting to again be with you. From the core of our being we offer you our most humble and grateful obeisances. Thank you, Maharaj. I love you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 17; Detroit/Devasadhana Mandir – Chicago

Beginning of Kārttika, the month of Dāmodara. What *vrata* can we do? I must offer something for the purification of my restless mind and heart. Śrīla Prabhupāda is very powerfully present in his *mūrti*. His presence is amazing.

Any fool can get a glimpse, it is so exact. This process of chanting the Lord's holy names is the only hope in this age of Kali in order to push back the negative influences of the age. All glories to the holy name of Kṛṣṇa. My life, my existence, my everything. The Holy Name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 18; Chicago

We want to take the opportunity to offer our humble prayer at the lotus feet of Śrīla Prabhupāda and dear Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa for the improved health of HH Indradyumna Swami. Our prayer is that You allow him to serve here many, many more years. He is rendering very valuable services in giving Lord Caitanya's mercy to numerous conditioned souls and is continuously a truly valuable inspiration for all devotees in ISKCON. This is our humble prayer submitted at Your lotus feet. Thank you, Maharaj. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 19; Chicago

Śrī Śrī Rādhā Dāmodara, Śrī Kārttika Vrata. Śrī Ujeśvari *ki jay*. All glories to the month of Dāmodara wherein Lord Kṛṣṇa is worshipped with great loving devotion by His devotees in the mood of a child stealing butter. Śrī Kṛṣṇa's pastimes are all very wonderful and full of joy to behold. They charm the heart and illuminate the mind with loving devotional sentiments. We also worship His internal pleasure potency Śrījī. It is Her month and it is very auspicious. May Śrī Śrī Rādhā Dāmodara and Śrīla Prabhupāda bless everyone with pure devotion to Them. All glories to that transcendental butter Thief. May our heart become soft like butter so Dāmodara Kṛṣṇa will want to steal it. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 20 Chicago

All I can think of at this time of writing is the kindness and mercy of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī. Rādhe Rādhe Rādhe Jai Jai Jai Śrī Rādhe. May Śrīla Prabhupāda, our eternal loving master and expert spiritual guide, continue to give us the sweetness of Rādhārāṇī's mercy, which is the highest mercy available. Although unqualified, we are eager to receive it. All glories to Śrījī, the perfect emblem of pure devotion to Kānāi. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, for he has opened the doors to the spiritual world Śrī Goloka Vṛndāvana. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa of Vṛndāvana, the object of all Vraja residents' meditation and devotion. May we some day enter into that realm of pure devotional service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 21; Chicago – Narottama dāsa Ṭhākura's Disappearance Day

In reading back over my writings when traveling, the prayers for mercy and direction and whatever else was needed to carry on my service were offered with much depth of feeling and helplessness. Yes, one can get comfortable and then illusion dictates that everything is all right except that you forget what it means to always depend on Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Śrīla Prabhupāda, please place me in a more serious mood of devotion, conscious of the value of every moment and

determined to become always dependent on your mercy and Lord Kṛṣṇa's. Today we honor the Disappearance Day of Śrīla Narottama dāsa Ṭhākura. We pray to this very, very great soul for the humility it takes to attract the attention of Śrī Kṛṣṇa and to execute our service properly. All glories to Śrīla Narottama dāsa Ṭhākura. Please, bless me to love Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 22; Chicago

The residents of Śrī Vṛndāvana-dhāma can be said to be the actual devotees. Their love for Śrī Kṛṣṇa is unparalleled. When we read about the symptoms of their love, we are totally unable to comprehend it. What is our chance to develop that love which is the goal of all yoga and is fully pure and free from any personal consideration. We only pray for the mercy of our Guru Maharaj, who is an eternal resident of that realm, who by his causeless mercy will elevate our lives. The Holy Name is everything. May we become madly attracted to chanting. When the Holy Name gives His mercy then we have a chance. All glories to Nam Prabhu. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 23; Chicago

A devotee must constantly cultivate those qualities conducive to pure devotional service. Humility being foremost, and Lord Caitanya exalted it. As the saying goes "There is no other way." Whatever one may do should be done as an offering to the Lord, for the glorification of the Lord and the pleasure of His devotees. As long as some selfish motivation remains, it is not actually devotional service. To offer means for the pleasure of others. I am quite crude and prone to loose behavior. Praying to Śrīla Prabhupāda, as I offer my most humble obeisances at his lotus feet; please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, give me your mercy. Help me avoid becoming falsely enamored by the success which comes from your mercy. All glories unto you, the only savior of the fallen souls in Kali-yuga. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 24; Chicago

At the present, I am trying to clean up, catch up, straighten up, build up, strengthen the physical, the spiritual. A time for reflection, rejuvenation, reexamination and mostly rededication to the service of Śrīla Prabhupāda. I pray to become strong in dealing with various situations that arise and to develop the necessary qualities that are conducive to remembering Lord Kṛṣṇa, especially humility and tolerance. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is wonderful provided it is carefully executed according to the instructions and directions of Śrīla Prabhupāda and the Lord. Most important is developing a genuine taste for hearing and chanting the glories of the Lord. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa's holy names. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 25; Chicago

Act locally, think spiritually. Always remember Śrī Kṛṣṇa and fight on behalf of Truth. Spiritual Warrior, one who acts to protect others from decay and destruction. America's time is running out. I will not be so foolish to say soon or when, but the tide is taken its toll. The lives of many are being crushed by this morally bankrupt, spiritually empty land. How long will it continue, we never learn from the past. A fool is one who has to suffer. One who is intelligent can see what will unfold. Chant the Lord's holy names and speak on behalf of the Lord and His pure representative. The more we become Kṛṣṇa conscious the more we are released from the bad effects of the immediate and then more we are able to help others. Śrīla Prabhupāda is Karuna Guru, and we, his disciples, followers, are asked to carry on the legacy. How to fight for Śrī Kṛṣṇa, that should be our concern. Taking help from the previous *ācāryas* we beg for their mercy and guidance, that is our plan of action. Their mercy, our endeavor. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 26; Chicago

Be very, very careful and keep good watch on your mind, using the senses only for serving the Lord and His devotees. Māyā is very tricky and very subtle. She can present illusion, wrong action as right. *Tṛṇād api sunīcena*, this is the mood a devotee continuously cultivates. As Rūpa Gosvāmī says and Śrīla Prabhupāda emphasizes – always see how one's time is being used. Not a single moment wasted, yet free from the effects of the passionate mode. Always remember Me, Lord Kṛṣṇa says. That is our focus. Serve Śrī Kṛṣṇa, remember Śrī Kṛṣṇa, treat His devotees and others properly, correctly, with concern born of the mood of service in devotion. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 27; Chicago

Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam, Vaiṣṇava association, kirtan, *japa*, *prasādam*, Kṛṣṇa as *arcā-vigraha*, Tulasī, Śrīla Prabhupāda, special Vaiṣṇavas. A virtual festival of spiritual variety, all fully manifesting the joy of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. And especially, as today began with a special *darśana* of Kiśor's lotus feet. Appreciation, gratitude, reciprocation, devotion, diving deep into the nectar of Kṛṣṇa consciousness, no compromise, always remember Kṛṣṇa. Jay Śrīla Prabhupāda! All glories to Lord Jagannātha, Lord Baladeva and Subhadrā-devī! Śrī Śrī Nitāi Gauracandra *ki jay*. Śrīla Prabhupāda *ki jay*! Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 28; Chicago

A time to reflect, evaluate, reevaluate and prioritize. Kṛṣṇa conscious practice is not simply following a pattern of activities and thoughts. It is a dynamic ongoing internal process of purification that requires constant attention to all aspects of one's environment, association, needs. Remembering Kṛṣṇa always gives one the discrimination and intelligence to act and speak beneficially and concisely.

As long as we are solely focused on ourselves we can understand very little of how to be Kṛṣṇa conscious. Service means to serve in such a way as the object of your service is benefitted maximally. Śrīla Prabhupāda said a devotee is conscious and cautious. Conscious of Kṛṣṇa, cautious of not falling in Māyā. Think before you speak. Action and reaction is there in all species. Spiritual intelligence is reflective and all encompassing. Ultimately what is favorable, do it. What is unfavorable avoid it. Kṛṣṇa conscious means always conscious of Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 29; Chicago

A dear godbrother Yasomatinandana Prabhu from Ahmedabad is here. It is nice to have the association of senior godbrothers. Yasomatinandana Prabhu had much association with Śrīla Prabhupāda and likes to speak about and quote His Divine Grace. I am down to my last week before traveling and trying to catch up with back services and build my energy and health. Chicago temple is in no way ideal for physical rejuvenation but it does afford me some flexibility. Catching up on services centers around being in Chicago. This week is four days of festivals, so let us see if I can remember Śrī Kṛṣṇa by practicing the qualities necessary which affords one His remembrance. Bowing down with all humility at the lotus feet of my eternal spiritual master His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda, I take that dust on my head and pray never to be separated from his causeless mercy. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 30; Chicago

Vijayate śrī kṛṣṇa saṅkīrtanam. Gaura āraṭi, Mahāprabhu is worshiped. Fully absorbed with full energy in worshipping Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu and Śrī Nityānanda Rāma and chanting Kṛṣṇa's holy name. *Kevala ānanda-kanda.* All glories to the *saṅkīrtana* of the Holy Name. Śrīla Prabhupāda has given entrance into Goloka-dhāma and into the bliss of Hari Nāma. May we be eager to take part in chanting and dancing of Kṛṣṇa's holy names. Jay Jay Śrī Rādhēee Śyām.

October 31; Chicago

The holy names Kṛṣṇa, Rāma, Hare, virtually a festival of spiritual power and blissfulness. All glories to the Holy Names for They always elevate those who are seriously chanting to higher and a more realized platform of knowledge with devotion. We humbly yet desperately offer prayers at the lotus feet of Śrīla Prabhupāda begging for the mercy of Kṛṣṇa's names. All glories to the Name. Everything and more is found in Kṛṣṇa's name. May I become madly attached to chanting. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 1; Chicago – Dīpāvalī

Today is Dīpāvalī. The celebration of the return of Lord Rāmacandra to Śrī Ayodhyā. The residents of this magnificent city put lamps in every house to joyously welcome the return of their King Śrī Rāmacandra. I was given the opportunity to worship Lord Rāmacandra by chanting His holy names and glories as part of this evening's program. *Śrī rāma jaya rāma jaya jaya rāma śrī rāma jaya rāma jaya jaya rāma. Raghupati rāghava rāja rāma, patita-pāvana sītā-rāma.* All glories to Śrī Rāmacandra, Sītā-devī, Śrī Lakṣmaṇa and the glorious and powerful Hanumān. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda for blessing us with this glorious occasion of the life and pastimes of Lord Rāmacandra and His associates. Jay Śrīla Prabhupāda. Today is also the celebration of Śrī Kṛṣṇa stealing butter – Mākhan-cora. Śrīla Prabhupāda mentions in the *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* these Vṛndāvana pastimes of Lord Dāmodara took place on the Dīpāvalī day. Jay Mākhan-cora. Jay Jay Śrī Rādhē Śyām. Jay Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi. All glories to the Supreme Lord and all glories to His wonderful and glorious *līlās*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 2; Chicago – Govardhana Pūja

Śrī Giridhārī, Śrī Govardhanadhārī. Please, don't let us forget the most beautiful and deep meanings connected with this most auspicious Personality Gīri Govardhana. May my spiritual master bless me with the proper attitude to worship You. All glories to the best of all mountains, Girirāja. He serves Kṛṣṇa, Balarāma and the cows by providing for all Their needs. Girirāja Mahārāja *ki jay!* Haridasa-varya *ki jay!* Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 3; Chicago

It is very wonderful that practically each day since his departure I hear about, read about, think about and reflect on His Divine Grace Bhakti Tirtha Swami. He was a powerful figure in my life and remains so after his departure. I have one regret; that I wasn't able to fully appreciate or even recognize the extraordinary qualities of this special soul. It is like that with human nature, that transcendental personalities are rarely fully appreciated and honored when physically present. But as devotees aspiring for transcendence we should mold a clear understanding. Or as Lord Kṛṣṇa says: "I hid the great qualities of my pure devotees for fear of having to serve all those who are worshipping and serving them." Lord Kṛṣṇa has no fear, but He is not so cheap as to give Himself so easily. But one who loves Śrī Kṛṣṇa's intimate servants gets the special favor of Kṛṣṇa. Therefore Śrī Kṛṣṇa at times hid their qualities. Bhakti Tirtha Maharaja was very diverse and easily misunderstood. But if you were humble and had time, you could learn a lot about that person who lived and breathed for the welfare and happiness of others. All glories to that special soul whom I had the good fortune to be with. I now only seek to develop real and genuine love and appreciation with the greatest respect. I also want to develop that same mood of

constant thought toward my eternal spiritual master and guide His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda, who saved me from gliding down to hell. All glories unto his most merciful lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 4; Chicago

With all humility and with as much devotion as we can access, please, dear Lord, may we daily try to honor Your very, very dear devotee, our spiritual master and eternal father and guide His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda – no doubt one of the greatest saints ever to place his merciful feet on Mother Bhūmi. We can never do enough, yet by Your mercy we can act as Your instrument to offer greater and greater honor to such a special soul. Such saints are Your very heart and the only true saviors of the souls of this world. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 5; Chicago – Śrīla Prabhupāda’s Disappearance Day; Tirobhāva of His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda

By the extreme kindness and mercy of Śrī Śrī Kīśor Kīśorī we were able to experience happiness and a deep sense of connection with His Divine Grace. Glorification of great souls is the greatest service. May we deeply imbibe the spirit of service and surrender to His Divine Grace and work even more diligently to do whatever we can to push on Lord Caitanya’s and Śrīla Prabhupāda’s mission of saving the conditioned souls. And may we develop the humility to bow with deep appreciation to His Divine Grace and access the tolerance to accept whatever adversity comes our way in the course of events. Along with the pridelessness necessary to feelingly offer heartfelt prayer and the proper respect and care of others. Today was a very beautiful day. May we remember His Divine Grace with great attention born from humility and gratitude and pray for his mercy to forgive all our oversights, stupid mistakes and offenses we have committed in the course of our feeble attempt to serve. All glories to that truly great personality, His Divine Grace, most merciful and greatest of all learned men, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 6; Chicago – Boston

The day after Śrīla Prabhupāda’s festival we travel out. Two weeks in Boston. Nice program this evening, nice discussion afterwards. There are many curious and eager people, but rarely do you find a person willing to surrender to Kṛṣṇa or even able to. The age is bad and Kṛṣṇa consciousness (ISKCON) temples are weak. Somehow we are continuing to try to entice, induce some serious souls to come to the stage of surrender. Every once in a while it happens and it is very, very satisfying. May Śrīla Prabhupāda bestow his mercy on that street lady who asked us to pray for her. Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi are very, very kind and merciful and Śrīla Prabhupāda is Their foremost representative in this age. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 7; Boston

24 rounds today. I started at 10.00 am. Chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa brings such satisfaction and many ideas for service. It also helps uproot and bring repressed feelings to the surface. Today my mind scanned the landscape of Chicago ISKCON and its gradual moving away from Śrīla Prabhupāda's direction for serving in the temple and vision for preaching. Questionable leadership, paid *brahmacārīs*, an overload of storage and general uncleanness. No supervision for daily activities and food cooked for the Deities that is difficult for devotees to eat. Too spicy and sometimes cooked with synthetic oils. A general atmosphere of apathy for hearing and chanting and not much interest for *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* classes. A congregation that has very little understanding of the distinction between Śrīla Prabhupāda's teaching and the general Hindu *dharma*. Temple spokesman not versed in the philosophy. And a general mood of mismanagement. Despite all these apparent drawbacks, I love the place mostly because Śrī Śrī Kīśor Kīśorī are very, very personal and extremely merciful and captivatingly beautiful. Lord Balarāma is truly amazing. And Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi are always pushing us for kirtans. A truly wonderful temple. But I would pray that things will change and a first class standard of service and enthusiastic participation can manifest. Therefore I end this writing with a humble prayer at the lotus feet of His Divine Grace. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, save Chicago ISKCON and inspire others to do the same. This is our humble plea. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 8; Boston

Whether we accomplish, a lot or a little, or whatever happens on that day, because we are trying to serve, the day is wonderful. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is so nice. There are some who claim allegiance to Śrīla Prabhupāda and his society, yet are regularly engaged in topics and activities that are not directly devotional. Unless we regularly hear, chant and associate with devotees in a mood of caring, sharing, friendship and love, we have missed the whole point. It is all about purification, not about complaining, arguing, criticizing, defeating and just plain dwelling at what they want to do or see happen. Better to chant Hare Kṛṣṇa and take Kṛṣṇa *prasādam* and be happy. For many this is a very difficult service. Kali is strong and he has successfully diverted many minds away from these very basic but very essential practices. Simple for the simple, complex for the complex. Perhaps we are witnessing what this statement is really all about. We take full shelter of Kṛṣṇa's holy names and pray for the mercy of the previous *ācāryas*. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who told and taught us the difference between the honey bee and fly. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 9; Boston

Śrīla Prabhupāda revealed to me that preaching to and somehow just assisting and serving the devotees here at the temple is important. I was not seeing the

importance of just focusing on the temple and the devotees. Of course, I would still like to reach out to people in general in different ways. The Lord helped me to understand to some degree that ‘You do what you are doing and always be aware of how to increase, improve.’ Māyā is very tricky and one has to learn carefully how to discern between Māyā and Kṛṣṇa. Constant prayer, eagerness to serve and not wasting a moment. More determination and careful attention to be constantly thinking about Kṛṣṇa and how to serve best in every circumstance. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. I say that from the depth of my being with all attention and devotion. Śrīla Prabhupāda, we belong to you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 11; Boston

My dearest Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa, I am addressing You directly only because I am fearful or being attracted by something or someone else. Many stalwarts have fallen from the path because of attraction to women or money, or both. You know my nature and my heart. Please, help me to become more and more attracted to You, fixed on You, know only You and especially to give all my affection to You. I am worried that I may also be deviated by some sentiment or because of inattention or failure to act properly. The only remedy is that You please don’t let me divert my attention away from You for even a moment. I am fallen, but somehow You have captured my heart. Please, please, please, don’t let me get away from You. You have the power to do anything. Please, please, allow me to love only You. This is my humble, but somewhat desperate prayer. May His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda, Your pure devotee, my eternal spiritual master, help me to always love only You. I am afraid of Māyā. Please, save me and attract me to Your lotus feet more and more each moment. Thank you for hearing this prayer. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 12; Boston – Ekādaśī

– Disappearance of Gaura Kiśora Dāsa Bābājī

How can I develop my service in such a way that it will help others to become Kṛṣṇa conscious or more Kṛṣṇa conscious. Just to give a lecture or talk on a subject really is insufficient to be labeled as preaching. One must speak according to time and circumstance with a clear understanding of how to present the message. Quality is success, that quality of devotion that reaches the heart and inspires the mind to act. Preaching is an art and must be carefully presented with authority, relevance and conviction. Rather let me focus more on how to make the message meaningful. Taking example from others, understanding what is needed and how best to apply it. Śrīla Prabhupāda has given the foundation, he has asked us to fill it in. His mercy is our driving force. Careful hearing and attention to detail is preliminary. Conviction and purity is our success. All glories to the Holy Names. May we always remain fixed on chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa. Hari Bol. Jay Jay Śrī Rādhēeee Śyām.

November 13; Boston

A devotee tries to make good of an apparent negative situation, a disturbance in the normal course of events or any situation which is undesirable. By succeeding, it brings great opportunity for Śrī Kṛṣṇa's mercy to manifest. When forced, it is not as beneficial as when one voluntarily takes on austerity. Lord Kṛṣṇa says: "In all cases just depend on Me, remember Me." I pray I can be more conscious of the need to always depend on Śrī Kṛṣṇa. That is one of the most important instructions given by the spiritual master. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, I am feeling much less enthusiasm. Please, correct my mentality and revive my enthusiasm and determination to serve and to preach. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 14; Boston

Today is the calendar date of Śrīla Prabhupāda's departure from our vision. We were given the opportunity to present Kṛṣṇa consciousness to a large group of college students. A very favorable professor, many good questions. I could do this kind of preaching always. Reaching the youth of America with this message paves the way for a significant change in the direction of society. They are the future leaders. We pray for the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda to increase our enthusiasm and determination to preach. The body is giving more and more disturbances, but never mind – we must tolerate and continue preaching Kṛṣṇa consciousness everywhere and anywhere. It is the only need of the time and the only thing that can make a difference in the lives of this crazy, misdirected, immoral society. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, give us the strength to push on with renewed vigor. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 15; Boston

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, it is only by your mercy that we, your disciples, are able to continue to preach Kṛṣṇa consciousness. How is it possible, only by causeless mercy. We have no qualification and very little desire. You said you are pushing us, so continue to push although we may resist – it is necessary for others to somehow or other get Lord Caitanya's mercy. By the mercy of Śrī Guru a dumb man can recite beautiful poetry, a lame man can cross over mountains and a blind man can see the stars. You have opened our eyes with the torchlight of knowledge, now we must try to open up others'. Give us the desire and the intelligence to be your representatives. Thank you for this glorious opportunity. This material world makes no sense and we aren't trying to find something here. We want Lord Kṛṣṇa and we want to give Kṛṣṇa to others. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 16; Boston

Sometimes we are feeling Your sweet mercy and at other times the mercy comes differently. In either case, it is Your loving hand. I look forward to becoming more and more eager to serve despite how the mercy comes, to become a

spiritual warrior who is always eager to serve in every situation. This prayer of St. Francis from Assisi is most appropriate:

Where there is: hate bring love / anger – forgiveness / criticism – praise / lust – restraint / despair – hope / loss – gain / forgetfulness – remembrance / selfishness – gratitude / boredom – enthusiasm / laziness – resourcefulness / hurt – healing. And most importantly, the glorification of Kṛṣṇa’s mercy is fully manifested in the instruction of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Without Śrīla Prabhupāda we are nowhere spiritually. His mercy has opened up the flood of mercy from the reservoir of mercy Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu.

*Pañca-tattvātmakam kṛṣṇam bhakta-rūpa-svarūpakam,
bhaktāvatāram bhaktākhyam namāmi bhakta-śaktikam*

All glories to Śrī Pañca Tattva. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 17; Boston

College preaching, very rewarding. This is the feature of Boston area. Śrīla Prabhupāda visited MIT on May 5th 1968. 37 ½ years later, I got the opportunity to follow in my spiritual master’s footprints. Approximately 15 students attended a lecture on “Material problems, spiritual solutions”. All problems arise due to acting independently from Śrī Kṛṣṇa and His Divine will for humanity. If only society could recognize this, then the program for positive change would begin. Preach, preach, preach and think and work hard to do whatever is necessary to reach these fallen souls who, sorry to say, are victims of a misguided civilization that propagates profit over people and ease over austerity. Śrīla Prabhupāda, please continue to push me to take up this service with renewed energy and unbreaking determination. By your grace and merciful direction anything and everything is easily executed. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 18; Boston

Offering one’s mind to Lord Kṛṣṇa in devotion. The senses will inevitably follow. The body is gradually breaking down, the mind is still clear although distracted at times by fantasies of sense enjoyment. Catching the rascal is easy, but keeping him under control is a chore. The mercy of Lord Gaurāṅga is powerful. I must always cry for that, then He helps immediately. He is soooo kind. What keeps me going is His mercy coming through Śrīla Prabhupāda. Otherwise I have no strength to do anything. OK, Boston, two more days, can I make it? Māyā is always knocking. Keep the door bolted shut with the mercy of the Holy Name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 19; Boston

Lord Jagannātha’s mercy, kindness carried me through today. During *japa* I became strongly attracted to seeing the beautiful, transcendental form of Lord Jagannātha. Feeling His mercy we were able to serve without interruption, a full

day of preaching and devotee association. If only I could surrender my rascal mind completely and everyday absorb myself without attachments to results or seeking personal consolation, then I would be able to become a little Kṛṣṇa conscious. Śrīla Prabhupāda is pushing me, therefore I pray for Śrīla Prabhupāda to keep pushing me. This body hasn't got long to go, perhaps sooner than expected, so let me follow in the footsteps of these great souls and absorb myself in spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi *ki jay*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 20; Boston – Hartford

American people are looking for something to fill in their life. Something is missing, it's obvious, it's becoming more apparent to them. Can they accept the message of Kṛṣṇa consciousness? I think it is very possible. It is up to us to be surrendered, available and able to speak in such a way that will open up their heart and mind. Śrīla Prabhupāda said preaching means to tax one's brain on how to deliver the message. Tonight Niranjana Swami and myself presented a joint lecture. Many good points, discussions, absorbing. His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 21; Hartford – Boston

The more I understand the subtleties of material contamination, the more I become aware that I am covered by them. The more subtle, the harder to detect. Therefore one must always cry, beg, plead, aspire only for mercy. Our only qualification is mercy. Fortunately Śrīla Prabhupāda and Lord Caitanya are extremely merciful. But in understanding how one is dependent on receiving mercy, one should act as an instrument for that same mercy to others, for it is in giving that one receives. It is simultaneous, the ability to give depends on how one is able to receive the mercy, but at the same time the act of giving generates a flow of mercy that is greater than the capacity of the giver. That is Lord Caitanya. And He demonstrated it – His mercy – on Jagāi and Mādhāi. All glories to the merciful reservoir of all mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 22; Boston – Gita Nagari

Niranjana Maharaj is such a wonderful devotee. A person who emanates that magnetism of a great soul, you just want to be around him. I arrived at Gita Nagari for a three day stay. My humble prayer – dear Lord, Śrī Śrī Rādhā Dāmodara, please make me an instrument of Your compassion. Somehow empower me to do something to help the devotees here. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, you have so many temples, projects and devotees. Each one is important, a piece of Lord Caitanya's movement. We feel strongly about wanting to help each of them in any way possible. We are tiny and insignificant, but You have already shown that you can make the insignificant do something worthwhile. Your Gita Nagari project is important. Perhaps I can help. Thank you for the opportunity. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 23; Gita Nagari

A close call with death, that is what is being concluded or discussed. Smoke, suffocation. Painless death, but a very undesirable way for a devotee to leave the body, being unconscious, not thinking of Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Parabrahman Prabhu left the world in his sleep, a heart attack. Of course, everything that occurred is not known. Śrī Kṛṣṇa takes His sincere devotees in the best way. The fact that I did have a brush with death is good in that perhaps it is time to get really serious. Time is valuable, time is short. Whatever I need to become pure let it come or go accordingly. This world is only suffering, but real suffering is one's separation from Dear Lord Kṛṣṇa. Therefore 'always remember Śrī Kṛṣṇa, never forget Him' is the essence of all activities. Therefore only by the mercy of the Lord coming through Śrīla Prabhupāda is any success attained. The supreme mercy of pure loving devotion is so far beyond my ability to understand, therefore I humbly beg for the understanding and especially the desire to attain it. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 24; Gita Nagari – Thanksgiving Day

This celebration day actually means to give thanks to the Supreme Lord. Every day one should do this, but at least certain days are set aside to offer gratitude toward the Supreme. We have so much to give thanks for. We are suffering in this world and yet we want to increase those same activities that cause suffering. Lord Kṛṣṇa's mercy and kindness is that He is always trying to pull us out of this world of sufferings and bring us to devotional service. Causeless mercy warrants gratitude in return. Thank You, Lord Kṛṣṇa, for not allowing us to run from You and play illusion's games. Being in Gita Nagari for these last two days has shown me how badly devotees in general need guidance, leadership, training, discipline. How will our temples really develop without it? There is so much work and perhaps the most needed work is to train devotees to be leaders. Śrīla Prabhupāda lead us and taught us to take on more and more responsibility. Be responsible and teach others. Boil the milk, otherwise soon it will be only water. Śrīla Prabhupāda, please, guide us accordingly. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 25; Gita Nagari – Harrisburg

I am getting somewhat affected by the mode of un-enthusiasm. Need to kick my self into gear, reading, regulated habits. Soon the return to Chicago. Perhaps I can rejuvenate or possibly become affected by mismanagement or I could absorb myself in hearing and chanting. In any case, I need to push a little bit harder, reduce sense gratification and read more. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, I need your mercy. Please guide me according to how best I can serve now and in the future. Thank you very much. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 26; Harrisburg – Chicago

The health is becoming fragile once again. It seems my physical situation is affected by my spiritual strength. Stop traveling for a while, read, rest, chant, reduce eating, reduce pushing. Emphasize the internal. Being in Chicago will once again awaken a desire for improvement from the position of inside-out. Less external, more spiritual performance. In any case, try to develop more dependency on Śrī Kṛṣṇa by remembrance of Him more and more. Perhaps I can offer more pleasing and steady service to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Everything depends on his mercy. This is a fact. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 27; Chicago – Disappearance Day of Śrīla Narahari Sarakāra

All glories to Śrīla Narahari Sarakāra who was very intimate with Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu, being Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī's friend in Vṛndāvana named Madhumati. The lives of the great souls are so full of deep meaning and devotion. Devotion is so beautiful, it blooms like a fragrant lotus flower captivating one's entire being. To be devoted to Śrī Kṛṣṇa and His devotees, nothing higher, better or even more desirable. Śrīla Prabhupāda has opened up the spiritual world with all its variegatedness, enough to captivate one eternally. Why do we still look toward the things of this world, which are utterly tasteless? It's just a bad habit that won't go away. Kick them out with the enthusiastic chanting of Śrī Kṛṣṇa's holy name. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa's holy name! Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 28; Chicago

Enthusiasm for chanting Kṛṣṇa's names;

Determination to continue to chant despite obstacles;

Patience for the Holy Name to manifest His mercy;

Faith that if I just continue to chant that is perfection;

Attachment for chanting at all times;

Discrimination in selecting those items favorable for chanting;

Association with persons eager to chant;

Compassion towards others by giving them the opportunity to chant;

Knowledge of the glories of the Holy Name;

Interest in hearing about these great souls who chanted with faith;

Praying for Lord Caitanya's mercy in order to chant with devotion;

Eagerness to speak to others about the glories of the Holy Name;

Appreciation for the gift of the Holy Name;

Accepting the guidance of Śrīla Prabhupāda as we chant Kṛṣṇa's names;

All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtanam*. *Nitāi-Gaura premānande*

Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare

Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare

November 29; Chicago

Nāma-ruci – chant as much as you can and then more.

Vaiṣṇava-seva – follow Śrīla Prabhupāda’s instructions and seek opportunities for serving devotees.

Jīva-dayā – preach, preach, preach.

Śrīla Prabhupāda has opened up the door wide by tirelessly giving Śrī Kṛṣṇa’s mercy. It is up to us to take as much as we can handle. It is unlimited. Lord Kṛṣṇa loves His pure devotees unlimitedly. Because of that we are blessed by the Lord if we simply try our best to follow. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. *Gaura premānande*. Hari Hari Bol. Hare Kṛṣṇa

November 30; Chicago

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, your ISKCON is a branch of Lord Caitanya’s tree that is spreading its leaves, fruits and flowers worldwide. Capturing the hearts and minds of many, along with important and prestigious persons. One of your glorious sons, HH Bhakti Tirtha Swami Maharaja, has recently departed from our association to join you wherever you are to continue to spread Lord Caitanya’s mission. This I am certain of. His life on earth was amazing, glorious and attracted many souls to your movement. He influenced many important people in society. The list is long. Like the sun he gave warmth and happiness to many. This is very evident. Yet some small minded persons who claim to be your followers are unable to appreciate or even try to properly evaluate his life. As the scriptures warn, one cannot know the mind and heart of a great soul. What I know for sure is that Śrīla Bhakti Tirtha Swami was a raging river of compassion and a friend to everyone, always seeking to make a difference in bringing Kṛṣṇa consciousness to others, big or small or in between. Perhaps, Śrīla Prabhupāda, by your inconceivable potency you can help these unfortunate and misguided critics see a little of the beautiful sunlight that emanated from Bhakti Tirtha Maharaj. You are always guiding us individually and as a movement. Please, open these owl-like critics to the truth of this wonderful son of yours whom you personally blessed with great affection, and prevent them from poisoning the hearts and minds of the innocent devotees who may come in contact with their blasphemy. My heart and mind is disturbed by their words, as are many others. Let truth prevail and darkness dissipate. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for kindly listening to my prayer. All glories to your lotus feet and all glories to your ISKCON which as you said “will save the world in its darkest hour.” Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 1; Chicago

It appears more like trying to get things done than doing things for Lord Kṛṣṇa’s pleasure. Quality: the expression of devotion when performed for the pleasure of the Lord frees one from egoistic pursuits. Chicago temple atmosphere can be difficult or rather unenthusiastic. The mood here is one of doing rather than service in devotion. Perhaps I am too critical, but it is evident that energy

directed for preaching is very, very low. Śrīla Prabhupāda, save Chicago devotees and make them the object of your mercy. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 2; Chicago

The glories of the Lord's holy names are understood and conveyed to others by the great souls. Hearing their honey-laden words opens our hearts for acceptance of the Truth. How glorious are Śrī Kṛṣṇa's names. They are as glorious as Him, as He reveals Himself through Them when properly heard and chanted. From the Name one can enter into the *līlās* of the Lord. If we try to meditate on a *līlā* we will fail. When we purify our heart and life through His names then Śrī Kṛṣṇa's pastimes will open up Their door of mercy. Yes, all glories to the Holy Name, whose glories are as unlimited as the One who is named. Śrīla Prabhupāda has made our life worth living, knowing that we are obliged to do the same for others. Spread the teaching of Mahāprabhu and His true followers and always chant Kṛṣṇa's holy names. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy names! All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtanam*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 3; Chicago

Time moves on, it waits for no one. It is swift. Time is defined as insurmountable, imperceptible, all powerful – Lord Kṛṣṇa Himself. We sometimes look forward to the future. That may be alright. But that may also cause us to not be fully in the present. Lord Kṛṣṇa and Kṛṣṇa consciousness are available now. 'In the future' means to live in the medium of mental speculation – *manodharma*. Be here now. Śrī Kṛṣṇa says: "Always think of Me." Not later, but now, and also later. Life as we describe it in the modern sense is simply steeped in passion and ignorance. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is pure goodness. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who taught us to serve Śrī Kṛṣṇa now, completely. The mercy is always available. How much will you get?

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare*

The Holy Name is the full mercy. *Satataṁ kīrtanam kṛṣṇa*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 4; Chicago – Cleveland

Kṛṣṇa! Save me, please, Śrīla Prabhupāda! Save me, please. Being in Cleveland without the proper association is dangerous, as this we have experienced many times and thus are continually subjected to Māyā's kicks. Preaching is supposed to be an act of compassion, but if the preacher falls down then what is the benefit. Therefore, Kṛṣṇa! Save me. Śrīla Prabhupāda! Save me. I need your protective mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 5; Cleveland

Chanting the Hare Kṛṣṇa *mahā-mantra*, 26 rounds practically without a break, some small break to worship Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva. Enthusiasm is the life of the

devotee. We must always be enthusiastic no matter what. Enthusiasm, determination and patience, chanting and reading, associating with devotees and being strict in following the process given by Śrīla Prabhupāda. That is the formula for progress provided we avoid offenses, especially to the devotees. *Tṛṇād api sunīcena taror iva sahiṣṇunā amāninā mānadena kīrtanīyaḥ sadā hariḥ*. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtanam*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 6; Cleveland – Chicago

Read Śrīla Prabhupāda's books if you want to develop your preaching more and more. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 7; Chicago

As soon as one surrenders and accepts the Lord's mercy in the form of devotional service and tries his best to serve despite the difficulties and hardships, then there is an automatic decrease in the difficulties and hardships. Surrender, Surrender, Surrender. Always be in that mood. The rest is up to Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Praying for the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda for others. Tonight we had an unhappy experience being with Mother Draupadi who is undergoing much distress. Our humble prayer of the heart is to bring the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda and Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa into her life more and more. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, please, bestow your all-powerful mercy on Mother Draupadi. May the impediments in her life be removed so her spiritual progress can continue. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for listening to this prayer. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 8; Chicago

I begun the *Śikṣāṣṭaka* seminar. A few devotees seem to appreciate it. A small turn out and the weather is snowy. I want to put my heart into the presentation. Kṛṣṇa told Arjuna: "Fight for Me." Do it as an offering to Their Lordships Śrī Śrī Kiśor Kiśorī. Four days left before departure. I pray for the best use of the remaining time. Śrīla Prabhupāda, please, guide me in your service. I am unintelligent and always prone to easy life. Keep me focused on Śrī Kṛṣṇa's holy name. All glories to you! Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 9; Chicago

Why does the foolish living being continuously look toward the future for whatever he is looking for? Even so in Kṛṣṇa consciousness, it is 'later'. What about now? Lord Kṛṣṇa is always the same. Live in the moment. We must die in the moment, why not live in it. Living and dying for devotee is the same, or at least it should be. Think of Śrī Kṛṣṇa and serve Him now. Now is the only time and thoughts of Lord Kṛṣṇa are always now, not later. Begging for the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda, praying to always seek his guidance in all situations and eagerly hear his words. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 10; Chicago

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, please inspire me to enthusiastically take part in celebrating Lord Kṛṣṇa speaking the immortal truth to Arjuna known in this world as *Śrī Bhagavad-gītā*. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 11; Chicago – Gītā-jayantī

Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for arranging and inspiring me to be absorbed in Lord Kṛṣṇa's immortal words. Each contact with *Śrī Bhagavad-gītā* brings much spiritual happiness and deepens one's attachment for relishing its meaning over and over. Hopefully I can deepen my practice of Kṛṣṇa consciousness now being in contact with Kṛṣṇa's powerful instructions. Śrīla Prabhupāda, you have given us so much, yet are not nearly able to find the time for everything, but at least by your mercy we can delve deeper into what you have given us in the form of *Śrī Bhagavad-gītā*, *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* and *Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta*. Thank you for these superlative gifts of transcendental knowledge. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 12; Chicago

By your mercy, Śrīla Prabhupāda, I am on the road again. India – two+ months. We humbly, sincerely offer a prayer that we can factually offer some meaningful service and not waste time to try and enjoy spiritual life. Service to Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa is our very life and soul, and our only activity. All glories to Śrīmatī Bhakti-devī. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 13, 14; Travel

No entry.

December 15; Mumbai/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Travel to India has been fraught with difficulties. Lost luggage, difficulties in general. The arrival to a holy place increases one's appreciation of the mercy given and engenders the weary traveler. All of a sudden, life has again become simple. Appreciation of devotee association, relishing scriptures and chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa. Conversely, health is more fragile. By the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda in the form of his directions I feel comfortable in my service. Still the effects of travel are upon me, and soon they will dissipate, I hope. Remembering the lotus feet of Śrī Śrī Kīśor Kīśorī in love – a prayer of happiness. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 16; Mumbai/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Tomorrow the devotees here will honor a very great and special son of His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda. By the mercy of Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa we will be able to speak those words that are deeply seated in our heart. There is where I want to speak from, from the heart. Śrīla Prabhupāda, please, bless me with the proper words. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 17; Mumbai/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Association in a powerful atmosphere, as Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir provides maximum opportunity for spiritual elevation. The glorification of the Lord and His pure devotees are the essential principles of Bhakti. May we take full advantage of such a supreme arrangement of mercy and dive deeply into the spirit of devotion and service. Śrīla Prabhupāda has given everything, we need only to have faith and an eagerness to reach out for it and spread it to others, an act of devotion fueled by a spirit of compassion. All glories to His Holiness Radhanath Maharaj, who is perfectly following Śrīla Prabhupāda in thought, word and action. May we derive knowledge and inspiration from his pure example. Jay Jay Śrī Rādhē Śyām. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 18; Mumbai/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Hearing and chanting the glories of the Supreme Lord in association with seriously minded saintly persons is the greatest treasure in this age of Kali and worship of the spiritual master and the pure devotees are the means for gaining release from Māyā. Śrīla Prabhupāda *ki jay*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

**December 19; Mumbai/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha
– Bhaktisiddhānta's Disappearance Day**

His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda is the embodiment of his Guru's mercy. Two great souls together, the essence of pure Bhakti. I take shelter of their divine lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 20; Mumbai/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Tomorrow we begin traveling to Tirupati. A very important holy place. Then two+ weeks to holy places with kirtans, *pravacans* and association of many wonderful devotees and much travel. Can I do it? Physically it remains to be seen. Spiritually it is full. Soon I must fulfill a health requirement by stopping somewhere for at least two weeks to build up the health. Why not! To live longer? No, but to become able to continue with maximum vigor in serving the devotees of the Lord although very unqualified. Man proposes and Śrī Kṛṣṇa disposes. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, grant me the understanding of how best to serve your mission until this body is no longer capable. All glories to devotional service, the internal energy of the Lord and source of unlimited knowledge and pleasure. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 21; Mumbai/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir – Tirupati

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, a disciple always wants to serve his best in each and every situation. My prayer is to give me the enthusiasm, intelligence and determination to serve for your pleasure and the pleasure of all the Vaiṣṇavas. *Vaiṣṇava-seva, nāma-ruci, jīva-dayā*. Your mercy is all I am made of. I also pray to my worshipable and adorable Lord Śrī Baladeva to provide spiritual

strength. To please the Vaiṣṇavas is a great achievement. All glories to this South Indian Yatra. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 22; Tirupati

It is an experience of a lifetime just to be here. Tomorrow, by the all-merciful grace of the Lord and not by our own effort, we ascend to the lotus feet of Śrī Bālājī, Śrī Venkateśvara. All glories to His lotus feet. All glories to the previous *ācāryas*, for they have chalked out the path of pure devotion by their words and life and now they have also given us the opportunity to follow. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, my eternal master and spiritual guide. May we become successful by your mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 23; Tirupati

Today was one of the most spiritually powerful experiences in this life. The merciful, glorious, rare, special, amazing, unique *darśana* of Śrī Bālājī – Venkateśvara. I will write about today in a separate heading in my travel logue. Very special day. I want to cherish these memories throughout the remaining moments of this life. All glories to Śrī Bālājī, the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Śrīla Prabhupāda visited here in April of 1974. May his blessings and instructions continue to spread further and further until every person in existence has received some portion of that mercy. Thank you very much, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for the opportunity of eternal life and service to Śrī Śrī Rādhā Kṛṣṇa of Śrī Vṛndāvana-dhāma and to all Their merciful expansions. Especially, deep appreciation to HH Radhanath Swami, who is making your mercy travel far and wide, infecting the hearts of many, many souls. May he live a long and healthy life. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 24; Tirupati – Kancipuram

The path of pure devotional service is not without obstacles. Today was one such day. A devotee always remembers Lord Kṛṣṇa in all circumstances and does his best to serve accordingly, all else is up to Śrī Kṛṣṇa. His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda has opened up the entire spiritual world with the master key of his exemplary pure loving devotional service. We need only to hold on tightly to his lotus feet and pray to become the humble servants of the Vaiṣṇavas. I take this opportunity to renew my initial prayer upon beginning this Yātrā – how can I serve the best. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 25; Kancipuram

Today we greatly benefitted from hearing the pastimes of Śrī Rāmanujācārya and tomorrow HH Radhanath Maharaj will continue these narrations of pure nectar. This is all due to the mercy of His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to his mercy upon these fallen souls of this world. Perhaps some day I will be grateful for all the mercy given. I easily forget my good fortune thinking

I deserve more, but it is all just a creation of the restless mind, which is always restless until it is fixed on the Lord's lotus feet. May I become a pure devotee and render some real service. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Śrī Rāmānujācārya Mahāśaya *ki jay*. Śrī-sampradāya *ki jay*. Śrī Lakṣmī-devī *ki jay*. *Samavetā bhakta-vṛnda ki jay*.

December 26; Kancipuram – Rāmānujācārya Janmāsthān; Śiva-kāñcī

Śrīla Rāmānujācārya is truly an extraordinary, great Vaiṣṇava. His glories are unbelievably great and many of his devotees are great saints. May we continue to be attracted to hearing and chanting his glories along with the glories of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 27; Kancipuram – Śrī Raṅgam – Ekādaśī

My humble vow to Śrījī was easily completed by Her divine blessings. Travel on Ekādaśī is always fraught with difficulties. Who would imagine that the engine on the train we are traveling would fail. Generally unheard of. Of course, to expect the unexpected is to be certain. Anyway, death can also come in the least expected way and time. Are you ready? *Kīrtanīyaḥ sadā hariḥ*. Serve the instructions of Śrīla Prabhupāda and chant the Holy Name. *Nāma-ruci, jīva-dayā, vaiṣṇava-seva*. All glories to Śrī Raṅgam-kṣetra. May we immerse ourselves fully in its glories. Hare Kṛṣṇa. *Śrī kṛṣṇa śaraṇam mama*.

December 28; Śrī Raṅgam-kṣetra

So beautiful, Raṅganātha's smiling lotus face, a most superb form of Lord Mahā-Viṣṇu. His lotus feet are powerfully attractive. What an amazing *darśana*! I can still visualize His form even now. I am very eager to return for more of His mercy, provided that He is still willing to bestow it upon this most useless and unworthy soul. I want to see that smiling face with those two beaming lotus eyes again and again. Today was also very historical as the Śrī-sampradāya honored the followers of Lord Caitanya in grand ceremony as HH Radhanath Swami Mahraj was given a grand royal reception with many ceremonial dresses. As this was happening, I was thinking how pleased is Śrīla Prabhupāda seeing one of his disciples performing this great service by bringing these *sampradāyas* closer together in Vaiṣṇava union and service. All glories to HH Radhanath Swami. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. May the transcendental form of Śrī Raṅganātha remain ever fresh in my mind and deeply embedded in my heart. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 29; Śrī Raṅgam-kṣetra

Lord Caitanya has returned to Raṅgam-kṣetra. The devotees of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha are revisiting Mahāprabhu's supreme mercy with *harināma-saṅkīrtana* and the hearing of His glories. By the mercy of His pure devotee Śrīla Radhanath Swami everything desirable of Lord Caitanya's mercy is available. *Harināma, vaiṣṇava-seva, hari-kathā* and the mercifully powerful *darśana* of Śrī Raṅganātha. May Śrīla Prabhupada feel great happiness knowing

his movement is reaching more and more conditional souls. When the entire planet is chanting and dancing in the ecstasy of Mahāprabhu’s mercy, only then will the Vaiṣṇava’s desire be fulfilled. Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtana ki jay*. Śrī Raṅga-kṣetra *ki jay*. Gaura *premānande*. Śrī Nityānanda Rāma *ki jay*. Śrīla Prabhupāda *ki jay*. Radhanath Swami *bhakta vṛnda ki jay*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 30; Śrī Raṅgam-kṣetra

It is virtually impossible to fully understand or even account the significance of today’s events. All I can say is that Lord Caitanya’s movement took a great leap forward. The coming together under the banner of *harināma-saṅkīrtana* – Gauḍīya and Śrī Vaiṣṇavas. It is historically monumental and very pleasing to His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. This is only due to the empowered devotional service of HH Radhanath Maharaj. All glories to his lotus feet. As a very, very great Śrī Vaiṣṇava today said: “May Radhanath Swami live for more than 100 years and bless everyone with his pure devotion to Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa.” I only pray to be able to witness and somehow assist in this wonderful *saṅkīrtana* movement of Mahāprabhu. May the blessings of Goloka-dhāma reign down on all those souls who are dedicated to spreading Lord Caitanya’s message throughout the world. Nitāi Gaura *premānande* – Hari Hari Bol!

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare*

December 31; Śrī Raṅgam-kṣetra – Rāmeśvaram

We will finish out this year in the Holy Dhāma of Rāmeśvaram in the association of HH Radhanath Maharaj and 2000 devotees of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha. We will begin 2006 here. Let this holy place provide the mercy for a successful year of Kṛṣṇa conscious preaching and spiritual elevation. In all situations we seek the blessing of Śrīla Prabhupāda and the previous *ācāryas* and with their blessings and mercy and the mercy of this very holy abode we will be successful in the quest of personal and extended purification. All glories to Śrī Rāmacandra and His personal associates. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

