

GBBM Monthly Newsletter (September 2022)

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them."

Ephesians 2:10

Dear brethren in Christ,

Greetings from India and the US (Sujitha and I landed in NY 9/20/2022). The heat wave in India finally broke, and all are thankful for the cooler weather.

During the monthly Church Planting Pastor's (CPP) meeting we discussed planning details for GBBM's upcoming 20th anniversary celebration in January. We expect 2,000 believers to attend the event. We are so thankful to God for His grace and provisions during the past two decades. We are excited as we plan to reflect and celebrate God's miraculous blessings in the Banjara villages. We are also excited to see where our Good Shepard will lead us going forward.

Aletheia Banjara School (ABS) had very good August student attendance with an average of 340 of 384 enrolled students attending school each day..

This month's newsletter contains several praise offerings and prayer request. It is amazing to witness God answering so many prayer request and turning these issues into opportunities to praise Him and share stories of His grace with others. As you will see in our monthly report, God continues to open new doors for our CPPs with 302 people accepting Jesus as Lord and Saviour, and 13 new believers baptized. We thank God for all HE is doing among the Banjara people.

Sujatha and I are in the US. We plan to visit partner churches and friends to provide updates and raise support for GBBM CPPs and ABS student scholarships.

Thank you for joining hands with us as we share the good news with the lost Banjara people in the remote villages of India.

Pastor K S Naik

Church Planters Activity Update

	Key Growth Areas - 2022	August
01	Villages Served (Monthly) 374 Total Villages	346
02	New Villages Reached (Updated Quarterly)	-
03	People Hearing the Gospel (Total Presentations)	3,919
	a. People Hearing the Gospel (First Time)	1,988
	b. People Hearing the Gospel (2 or More Times)	1,931
04	People Accepting Jesus Christ as Saviour	302
05	Active Bible Study Groups	124
06	Children Being Ministered To (Monthly)	2,721
07	House Churches	136
	a. House Churches (< 10 Baptized Believers)	72
	b. House Churches (> 10 Baptized Believers)	64
08	Believers Attending Worship (Weekly)	2,128
09	Monthly Offering / Collection (Indian Rupees)	32,344
10	Pastor Assistants/Leaders in Training	137
11	New House Churches (Updated Quarterly)	-
12	Baptisms	13

GBBM Praise & Prayer Request

Praise GOD:

1. In spite continuous challenges in the State of Telangana and growing Christian opposition, GBBM Church Planting Pastors were able to share the Gospel with 3,919 people, 302 accepted Jesus as their personal saviour; and 13 new believers were baptized.



2. Krishna, a cancer patient given no hope for recovery from doctors, is continuing to receive strength from the Lord. Villagers believed he was dead when a GBBM CPP and a few church members visited Krishna in June. To everyone's surprise God has



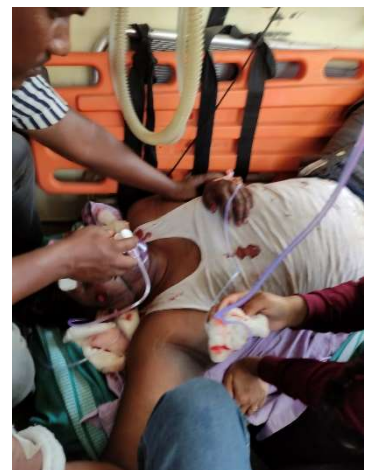
enabled him to breath well. Krishna started attending church, worshipping the Lord, and learning the Word of God. Krishna is now able to eat, walk and is returning to his normal life. He was able to ride his motorcycle for the first time in three years and is even able to go to the field and milk his cows. *His entire village believes this recovery is only possible because of Jesus.* We praise God for strengthening Krishna and softening the hearts of the villagers. Continue to pray, God willing, for his complete healing.

3. Vitamin D3 Tablets A group of believers provided the GBBM CPPs with 8,000 vitamin D3 tablets. Half of the tablets were donated, and the rest were provided with a 75% discount. We thank God for this provision.



Prayer Request:

1. Abhinandan is the brother-in-law of GBBM CPP Raghu David. He was seriously injured in a traffic accident and admitted to a hospital in Bangalore. Please pray for a quick recovery.



2. Pray for the Banjara people: September and October are celebration months for the Banjara people. During the extremely popular Dasserah festival most families sacrifice an animal to their favourite goddess. Several hundred thousand animals will be sacrificed during the festivals. The festivals are a gathering time for friends and relatives. The celebrations are often a time for overindulgence in alcohol consumption. Please pray that God would open the eyes and ears of these non-believers and allow them to meet the True God who does not need sacrifices because He came as the only needed Sacrifice.



3. Pray for Pastor Naik & Sujatha's trip to the US.

ALETHEIA BANJARA SCHOOL UPDATE

Teachers' Day Celebrations:



Celebrated Teachers Day on September 5th.

Boys Brigade India – New ABS Member Enrolment Service:

ABS was honored to host Mr. Hee Mang, General Secretary of BB Asia. Mr. Mang conducted Basic Training for the ABS officers.



The Boys' Brigade (BB) is an international Christian youth organization, conceived by Scottish businessman Sir William Alexander Smith in 1883 to combine drill and fun activities with Christian values.

The stated object of the Boys' Brigade is "the advancement of Christ's kingdom among Boys & Girls and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-respect and all that tends towards a true Christian character." We are excited to witness the impact God will have on the ABS students through this program.