



## GBBM Monthly Newsletter (December 2022)

*“But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love Him.” 1 Corinthians 2:9*

Dear Brethren in Christ,

I am writing this letter with mixed emotions. We are very excited and grateful as we reflect on God’s amazing work among the Banjara people during 2022. At the same time, we are grieving the loss of four brothers from Harvest Church Memphis. These men were called home after a plane crash in Texas on January 17th, 2023.

Harvest Church has been a blessing to me, Sujatha and GBBM for 9 years. Sujatha and I knew all those lost in this tragic event: Bill Garner (Executive Pastor), Steve Tucker (Elder), Tyler Patterson and Tyler Springer (church members).

Bill Garner, who we called Uncle Bill, holds a special place in our hearts. He visited India a couple of times and was the legal guardian for our children when they were in the US attending French Camp Academy. Bill loved the Banjara people.

The GBBM family and the ABS school staff and students have been in prayer for the families and loved ones of these men. We have also been praying for Pastor Kennon Vaughan; for God’s healing hand to be on him as he recovers from his injuries from the crash.

In India, Christian opposition continues to increase. Another church building was vandalized by an angry mob in January. Read more at:

[http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/96685171.cms?utm\\_source=contentofinterest&utm\\_medium=text&utm\\_campaign=cppst](http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/96685171.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst)

With all that happens in our lives, we know we can be comforted because we know that God is good. He was very gracious in blessing our efforts to reach the Banjara people with the good news of Christ during the Christmas season.

During December, over 13,000 people heard the Gospel, nearly 6,000 children attended Christmas Party Clubs, 397 accepted Jesus as Saviour and 39 people were baptised. During the Oct.-Dec. quarter, 24 new villages were reached, 4 new churches were planted, and 76 people were baptised. Also, I can't wait to update everyone on the glorious 20<sup>th</sup> GBBM Anniversary Celebration in next month's newsletter.

In closing out the last newsletter of 2022 on behalf of myself, Sujatha, the Church Planting Pastors, the ABS staff, our students, and our families we say thank you for your prayers, support, and encouragement; it is valued and appreciated. Thank you for partnering 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

	<b>Key Growth Areas - 2022</b>	Jan - Mar	Apr. - June	July – Sept.	Oct. – Dec.	<b>2022 Total</b>
01	Villages Served (Monthly)	304	374	396	420	<b>420</b>
02	New Villages Reached (Updated Quarterly)	30	70	22	24	<b>146</b>
03	People Hearing the Gospel (Total Presentations)	13298	9258	13,381	27,081	<b>63,018</b>
	a. People Hearing the Gospel (First Time)	6200	4382	6996	15,936	<b>33,514</b>
	b. People Hearing the Gospel (2 or More Times)	7098	4876	6,385	11,145	<b>29,504</b>
04	People Accepting Jesus Christ as Saviour	353	323	782	851	<b>2,309</b>
05	Active Bible Study Groups	20	71	124	124	<b>124</b>
06	Children Being Ministered To (Monthly)	1647	2378	2,435	4,058	<b>2,630</b>
07	House Churches	132	136	154	158	<b>158</b>
	a. House Churches (< 10 Baptized Believers)	79	72	90	94	<b>94</b>
	b. House Churches (> 10 Baptized Believers)	53	64	64	64	<b>64</b>
08	Believers Attending Worship (Weekly)	1665	1470	2,644	3,671	<b>2,362</b>
09	Offering Collection (Indian Rupees - Monthly)	67541	67408	98,379	169,136	<b>4,02,464</b>
10	Pastor Assistants/Leaders in Training	64	87	137	142	<b>142</b>
11	New House Churches (Updated Quarterly)	11	4	18	4	<b>37</b>
12	Baptisms	39	53	47	76	<b>215</b>

# GBBM's Praise & Prayer Request

**Praise God for:** Christmas Celebrations: The Christmas season is a very



good time to minister to the Banjara people. During December people are more open to Christian activities. GBBM uses this opportunity to reach people with the Gospel. We invite family members, local leaders, elected representatives and others to be our guest at Christmas celebrations provided by local believers. These regional celebrations allow us to

share the gospel to a large group without much resistance. This year, 13,345 people attended the Christmas meetings, 397 asked Jesus to come into their lives, 39 were baptised. Christmas gifts were presented to poor and widows.

**Christmas Party Clubs:** For last several years, GBBM is conducting Christmas Party Clubs for children during Christmas time. Every year in December our ministers gather children from the villages they serve and share the Christmas story and why did Jesus come to this world and what did he do for all of us. Last December 5,993 children attended CPCs and heard the gospel.



**The Fruitful Year of 2022:** We praise God for His Faithfulness in keeping us



well and allowing us to serve Him among Banjara People in India. During 2022, the Lord enabled GBBM CPPs to make 63,018 gospel presentations, reach 146 new villages, plant 37 new churches, and witness 215 baptisms. We praise God for all he is doing among the Banjara people.

## Prayer requests: Pray for:

Comfort for the families of Bill Garner, Steve Tucker, Tyler Patterson, and Tyler Springer



Recovery of Pastor Kennon Vaughan

## ALETHEIA BANJARA SCHOOL UPDATE



Aletheia Banjara School is doing well. Our 406 students and teachers are busy with classes. Christmas was celebrated grandly with fantastic choreographies and dances with hundreds of parents in attendance.



