

PASTOR BHEEMA NAIK

Church Planter Pastor



Ministry

Kingdom's Harvest Church Nalgonda Dist. Telangana State

Vision

- Win souls for Christ from the Banjara Community and others
- Approach neighboring villages and propagate the Gospel
- Accomplish the Great Commission – make disciples and baptize them (Matt 1:16–20)
- Play my role in bringing Banjara people to salvation
- Establish friendships with village heads to enable Gospel sharing
- Identify believers, encourage them to become disciples and serve the Lord Jesus Christ
- Engage in social activities (help obtain identity cards, ration cards, etc.), share Word of God
- Help solve general problems in the village

Situation

- People worship goddesses Kankali, Tolaja Devi, Yellamma and Kanumaremma.
- People practice the Muslim ritual Muharram and walking on fire is practiced
- Poverty rules everywhere in the villages
- Most people farm, when there is no rain, which is very frequent, villagers work as hired labor in neighboring villages.
- Generally, women who believe in Jesus do not wear bangles on their hands, a dot on their forehead, and sometimes do not wear the Indian symbol of marriage, a married woman without these ornaments is considered a widow. Because of this reason, many women are hesitant to follow Jesus
- Believers are not permitted to participate in village social functions
- Preachers are mocked and obstructed when sharing the Gospel
- Drinking liquor and physically abusing family members is very common
- My financial condition is very poor, the income from my plumbing work is very minimal
- Very difficult to rent a house
- People do not give plumbing work, if they know I believe in Jesus Christ
- Villagers treat the Christians as low cast people and do not allow them to mingle with other villagers

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Pastor Sion Raj, Shobha, William Carey, Victoria



Testimony

Childhood and Life

My father was the village head, his main source of income was manufacturing and selling illegal liquor. I was always a problem child and known for my bad habits and behavior. I ran away from home and became friends with thieves, and violent people. I engaged in robbery, violence and other crimes. I was arrested several times; police identified me as a habitual criminal. I had friends killed and barely escaped death. Because of fear, I returned home but did not change my behavior. My parents arranged a marriage hoping that I might change. I did not and eventually my wife left me, took our child and went back to her village. My bad habits continued; I was depressed, disheartened and cursed myself for being a dreaded person with no hope.

Introduction to Jesus

July 29, 1998, I saw a digital sign on a church that read: "Come to me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, I will give you rest" (Matthews 11:28). I read the verse again and again. I thought why I should carry all my troubles, sufferings and burdens, starving, and restlessness. I went inside, the person who met me noticed my terrible condition. They provided a bath, clean clothes and a meal. The Pastor comforted me and gave some books of testimonies of godly people and a New Testament Bible. I could not understand why these Christians extended compassion and love to me, which my fellow-villagers and even my village goddesses never did. It was amazing to know how people in Christ love others. Because of this love, I was fully convinced that Jesus Christ is the real God and is very compassionate towards sinners, even a sinner like me. After I accepted Jesus, I asked for forgiveness from my wife, parents, and relatives for all the terrible things I have done. They looked at me in disbelief, watched me closely as they noticed a dramatic positive change in me. I told them it is because I accepted Lord Jesus Christ and he changed my life. They were unhappy that I became a Christian but accepted me as the witnessed God's transformation of me. Gradually, my change and the Word of God made them believe in and accept Jesus Christ.

Baptism

Pastor Chandu advised me to attend the Bible College, I was baptized 12/19/1999.

Calling

I believe God saved me from physical death on two occasions, because He chose me to serve Him.



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