

B GANGARAJU NAIK

Church Planter Pastor



Ministry

Jesus Christ Prayer House Church and the surrounding villages.

Vision

- Preach the Gospel to Banjara people and non-Christians
- Win people for Christ
- Expand the ministry to nearby villages/thandas
- Assist in achieving the goals of GBBM
- With the help of the Holy Spirit share the love of Christ
- One-to-one sharing of the Gospel
- Approach villages through vocational trades and social activities
- Reach children by sharing Bible stories
- Gather village information and develop a good relationship with village leaders
- Provide social services: help the elderly and widows
- Share testimonies (mine and G2 Leaders)

“God miraculously saved and give eternal life to me and my family. I have tasted the love of Jesus Christ; how can I remain silent and not share the love of Christ?”

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Pastor Gangaraju, Neelamma, Esther, Deepak, Keerthana

Situation

- Rejection of Christians in villages is commonplace
- Christians are treated as untouchables and do not receive assistance offered to others
- Christian children in schools are ill-treated, mocked, and insulted
- Villages are scattered and it is very difficult to reach the villagers by foot
- Public transport is very inconsistent, and buses do not go to every village
- There is a lot of opposition against Christianity and to the Gospel
- We are frequently asked "why we you preaching a foreign God?"
- People believe they have enough gods and goddesses
- People say we have our own father, and we don't need another father
- Most of the time, while sharing the Word, we are mocked and threatened
- Illiteracy is an on-going problem
- Worshipping idols and offering animal blood sacrifices during festivals is common
- Banjara people need to break the sin cycle of drinking liquor, manhandling family members and engaging in relationships outside of marriage
- People are lost and need to hear and accept the Good News



Testimony

Childhood

I am from a small village with about 50 homes and three temples for Banjara deities. My parents, my four sisters and I were involved in farming, sheep trading, and collecting and selling wood from the forest for our income. My father died when I was a child which made day to day life very difficult. I started working in a lodge at the age of 15 years to earn money.

Introduction to Jesus

I was not concerned about life after death, sin, hell, and heaven. I heard about Jesus Christ and salvation but did not accept Jesus because I enjoyed my bad habits. After a few deaths in our village, I wondered if their souls went to hell or heaven. I recalled that those who do not believe in the Lord Jesus Christ will go to eternal hell and was very scared.

Pastor James shared that Jesus Christ died to save the world from sin and rose on the third day. My mother and a sister first accepted Jesus and influenced me. I read Ecclesiastes 12:7, "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it" and I believed it. Through the verse (John 14:6), "Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me" I was convinced that Jesus Christ is the true God and accepted Him as my personal Savior in January 2001.

Baptism

I was baptized August 15, 2002.

Calling

The Lord spoke to me through the scriptures Ezekiel 37:20-25 and I was convinced that the Lord was calling me to serve Him. I enrolled in school and completed Bible courses from 2001 to 2002. I started sharing the Word of God in November 2004 and saw the Lord provide immediate fruit as Mani and his mother accepted Jesus. In another village a couple that did not have children after seven years of marriage conceived and the Lord blessed them with children after I prayed with them. I have shared the Gospel with over 2,500 people and look forward to serving God and sharing the Good News with the Banjara people. The Banjara people are often very passionate about their gods and at times fanatic. This loyalty is often based on fear. Banjara people can become threatening and hostile, when I share the Word, but having known the truth and the way to salvation, the risk is worth taking to help the perishing Banjara attain eternal life through Christ Jesus.



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