

**PASTOR JOSEPH  
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**Church Planter Pastor**

“We realize the apostles faced many problems, but they did not fear, they spread the Word. We pray God gives us grace to continue His ministry and win Banjara souls.”



## Ministry

Emmanuel Bible Church, Station Ghappour

## Vision

- Though I am not a Banjara, God has given me the burden for the salvation of Banjara souls.
- Reach youth and young adults, they have great potential to reach families and neighborhood.
- Plant a new Church in each village
- Establish AWANA clubs to plant the word of God in the hearts of little ones.
- Conduct medical camps, pre-evangelism programs
- Use Chronological Storying to share the Gospel
- Show “Karunamayudu” (Man of Compassion) movie and other Christian films

## Situation

- Challenging to preach the Gospel in public
- Obstruction from village heads, drunken youth and village head priests
- Politicians are preventing us from preaching the gospel
- Unnecessary arguments from Banjara women
- Banjara believers are being treated as untouchables and not allowed to participate in public functions and other occasions
- Idol worship is widespread, people are not ready to accept Jesus (a new God)
- The propaganda of “When large number of Hindu gods are unable to help, how can Jesus Christ, a lone Christian God can solve problems?” discourages many
- Need mini-van to transport believers from place to place
- Need PA system, musical instruments, lights, generator, etc. to attract people in the villages
- A disparity between non-believer Banjara people and Banjara believers especially in richness with non-believers typically doing better as they have family, community and government support
- Christians are treated as outcast, often lose relationships with friends and family
- Difficult to rent a home as a Christian and you are subject to eviction from your home if you are a Christian.

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## Testimony

### Childhood and Life

I was born to a Christian couple but raised by my grandparents; they were idol worshippers and took me to Hindu temples to worship many gods and goddesses. I was not interested in Christianity until 5th Grade when I attend Sunday school and heard Bible stories and about Jesus Christ. They told us Jesus came to earth, shed His blood and died for our sins on the cross and rose from the dead on the third day. This revelation inspired me to go to Church and find out more about this Jesus. I attended 6th grade in a different village and lost the opportunity to attend Sunday school. I began to do unacceptable things with friends and my behavior worsened. I found 7th Grade to be very difficult. Each Friday, I observed a friend of mine not eating but continuously praying. He told me 7th Grade examinations were very hard and we need much knowledge to pass; He explained that every Friday he fasts and prays to Jesus so that God gives him enough wisdom and knowledge to prepare for the exams. I followed his example and completed 7th grade but then drifted away from the Lord.

### Introduction to Jesus

After high school, my mother was hospitalized with paralysis in her legs, hands and speech. Doctors felt she would not recover. We were very sad. My mother, a very strong Christian, conveyed a message to me through facial expressions urging me to pray for her and for the Lord's healing.. I fasted and prayed, to my amazement my mother started talking on the 3rd day, on the 5th day she moved her hands and legs and eventually was completely healed. Because of His healing miracle, I trusted in Jesus and the Word of God. I accepted Jesus Christ during a crusade in April 1997. I was moved by the Word of God from Revelation 3:15-16 and confirmed my confession. Jesus Christ has forgiven all my sins and promised that all who believe in Him will be in heaven for everlasting life.

### Baptism

I was baptized May 10th, 1997, by Rev GV Paul and then committed my life to the Lord.

### Calling

I did not plan to serve the Lord, but I was praying continuously for God's will. One day while praying, I witnessed a vision of flames falling down and heard a voice say the flames were the dying souls of non-believers. By the guidance of Holy Spirit, I consulted Rev GV Paul, who encouraged me to join in the ministry with him among Banjara people.



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