

LINGA NAIK

Church Planter Pastor



Ministry

Kingdom's Harvest Church in Gudebande Taluk area and surrounding villages.

Vision

- Share the Gospel, so not one Banjara person dies without knowing Jesus Christ
- Lead the youth to Christ
- Disciple and encourage new believers to live Godly life
- Preach the Gospel to those waiting for the bus
- Preach the gospel to all idol worshippers
- Conduct youth meetings
- Visit families regularly
- Provide Sunday School and Children Evangelism Programs

Situation

- Not having a facility suitable for worship can be an issue
- Idol worship is an on-going Banjara issue
- Because people live in poverty, traveling to attend worship meetings is often financially impossible.
- Head priests obstruct believers from participating in public functions and events
- Church planters and believers face stern opposition when conducting Gospel meetings
- People are discouraged from becoming Christians when asked "Why would you convert to the religion of an American God"
- Banjara believers are outcast, treated as separate people in the society
- Banjara believers are informed they may lose government assistance
- Opposition to spread the Gospel is increasing daily
- Threats, even death threats, are a common occurrence.
- There are many shortcomings, needs, etc., but above all is the disappointment of losing believers due to lack of funding to be able to meet with new believers and disciple them.
- But above all, we know the Lord's ways are wonderful.
- He chose me to serve Him even before the foundation of the earth was laid so I will continue to share the Gospel with the Banjara people.

“How can I remain silent and not preach the Gospel? I don't want any of my fellow Banjara people to perish. Come what may, I will continue to spread the living Word.”

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Linga and B Vanitha Naik



Testimony

Childhood

I grew up in a Banjara tribe under the influence of idol worshipping parents. I attended a government sponsored school away from my village. I develop very bad habits while at the school, stealing, drinking alcohol, skipping school, not studying, and was eventually suspended from the school. I did not get admission to other schools as I forged the school certificate, finally I was able to attend school at my home village.

Introduction to Jesus

One day, I was very surprised when I discovered my mother was a believer of Jesus Christ. Curious, I found a Bible and read Mathew 7:7-9 *Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: 8 For everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. 9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?* I started praying for our needs and God answered my prayers. I discarded my bad habits and started believing in Jesus Christ. As I read the Bible, I learned about Heaven and Hell and realized that I will go to the Hell if I don't put my faith in Jesus. I confessed my sins and accepted Jesus Christ as my personal savior.

Baptism

I was baptized December 25th, 2004, by Pastor Srinivas Naik.

Calling

I was growing in Christ day by day; Pastor Srinivas Naik called me and explained the importance of doing ministry for the Lord. After this conversation, I began to think and pray, asking if I should join the ministry. I spent time reading about Paul and was influenced by Paul as he left everything for the sake of ministry. Soon after, I began talking to people about Jesus Christ and sharing the Good News with those who did not know about Him. I strongly felt God's calling on my life and committed myself to His ministry.



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