

MAHABUBSINGH BHUKYA

God had plans for me to serve Him, to show the perishing Banjara the Way, the Truth and the Life (Jesus). I am privileged to be His servant and my reward is priceless.

Church Planter Pastor



Ministry

Kingdom's Harvest Church in Thripuraram and surrounding villages..

Vision

- Preach the Word of God to my Banjara community
- Desire is that every Banjara knows the truth and finds His path to heaven.
- Church planting in the Banjara villages
- Assist those with spiritual needs
- Construct a church in main location
- Spread the name of Jesus Christ as He is the only living and real God who saves people
- Help Banjara people overcome idol worship, superstition and black magic
- Provide AWANA games, annual medical care and children's camps to reach people for Christ

Situation

- Many bad habits have become very common place over the years (alcoholism, no interest in education, infidelity, etc.) making it difficult to break the cycle of these issues
- Non-believing Banjara people are unwilling to fellowship with believers, they even refuse to accept anything from believers
- Believing Banjaras are treated as untouchables and outcasts
- Non-Christian Banjaras will not participate in social activities, such as birthdays, marriages, etc., of the believers and do not invite the believers to any social functions
- Need a church building to keep the flock from moving to churches with buildings
- Providing services to the Banjara people (orphanage, shelter for elderly women) would build good will with non-believers and make them more willing to listen to the Gospel
- A vehicle is needed to move and bring together the scattered believers and gather for worship and other meetings
- Need a PA system to share the gospel when we gather a large crowd in a village
- Village heads obstruct relatives of the believers from having fellowship with them
- Poverty is a major issue for most families, at times people do not have the funds required to obtain life's necessities

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Pastor MahabubSingh, Rama, Charan and Divya



Testimony

Childhood and Life

My family was very poor. I lived with my parents, and we worked as farm labor for income. Because we were poor, I decided I wanted something better, I worked various jobs (politician, insurance agent, teacher, taxi driver) to succeed in the world and become rich. My family was passionate and proud of our religion. Idols were displayed in our house and had a stronghold in our hearts. We loved to perform Hindu rituals, sacrifice animals for our gods, and celebrate festivals.

I married Rama in 1998, we were blessed with a daughter in 2000 and life was very good. Gradually happiness and joy became disappointment and discouragement. Rama miscarried twice; I purchased a taxi and accumulated heavy financial losses. Our economic condition went from bad to worse.

Introduction to Jesus

I became friends with Pastor Laxman when he shared the Gospel in my village. We traveled together to villages; He shared the Gospel; while I sold insurance. I never paid attention to the pastor's message, and he never forced the Gospel on me. One day after drinking alcohol, I was surprised to find the pastor waiting for me. He knew I drank to drown my sorrows and live temporarily in a fantasy world of happiness. He gave me a Bible; asked me read about Jesus Christ, His love and sacrifice. Reluctantly and because of my desperate situation, I read the Bible casually. One day, I read in Mark 16: "He who believes and is baptized will be saved, but he who does not believe will be condemned". I realized I must confess my sins and ask Jesus to be my savior.

Baptism

I shared the wonderful story of Christ with Rama. Day by day we were strengthened in Christ, we confessed our sins, accepted Jesus as our personal savior and were baptized April 4, 2006.

Calling

One night in 2007 I heard a good friend call me from outside my home. I opened the door, but no one was there. He called again; I did not find him after searching thoroughly. This happened a third time with the same result. This incident took me to the scriptures regarding Samuel, who heard someone calling him thrice and realized God was calling and selecting him to serve as a great prophet. I realized my call was from God; I accepted the call committed myself to His ministry. I decided to serve my Banjara people who are dying without knowing Jesus Christ, the only savior.



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