

GBBM Monthly Newsletter (August 2022)

"Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction."

2 Timothy 4:2

Dear Brethren in Christ,

Greetings from India and the GBBM family. We hope that our friends and partners in the US have enjoyed the summer months and that our Lord has caused his face to shine on you and been gracious to you and that He has turned his face toward you and given you peace.

July was a rough month for GBBM as you will read below and in this newsletter.

GBBM Church Planting Pastors (CPPs) were frequently stopped and questioned when entering new villages. They were warned not to return.

India is celebrating its 75th independence anniversary with great fanfare, while there is no freedom of worship for Christians and other minorities.

A GBBM church was demolished by an angry, hater of the Gospel.

But we know while man is busy with his plans; God is working for our good. Many try to suppress the Good News, but God continues to open doors for the GBBM CPPs: 3,984 people heard a Gospel presentation, 217 people accepted Jesus as Lord and Saviour; and 17 new believers were baptized in July. While men may destroy a church building, we know He is the Rock the church is built on and we know that during tough times we can still praise Him, and Jesus will allow us to rest in His peace.

Thank you for joining hands with us as we share the good news with the lost Banjara people in the remote villages of India.

Pastor K S Naik

Church Planters Activity Update

	Key Growth Areas - 2022	July
01	Villages Served (Each Month)	374
02	New Villages Reached (Updated Quarterly)	-
03	People Hearing the Gospel (Total Presentations)	3,984
	a. People Hearing the Gospel for the first time	2,239
	b. People Hearing the Gospel 2 or more times	1,745
04	People Accepting Jesus Christ as Saviour	217
05	Active Bible Study Groups	20
06	Children Being Ministered To (Each Month)	2,467
07	House Churches	132
	a. House Churches with < 10 Baptized Believers	79
	b. House Churches with > 10 Baptized Believers	53
08	Believers Attending Worship in a week	2,129
09	Offerings Monthly Collection (Indian Rupees)	37,924
10	Pastor Assistants/Leaders in Training	64
11	New House Churches (Updated Quarterly)	-
12	Baptisms	17

GBBM Praise Items

PRAISE GOD for:

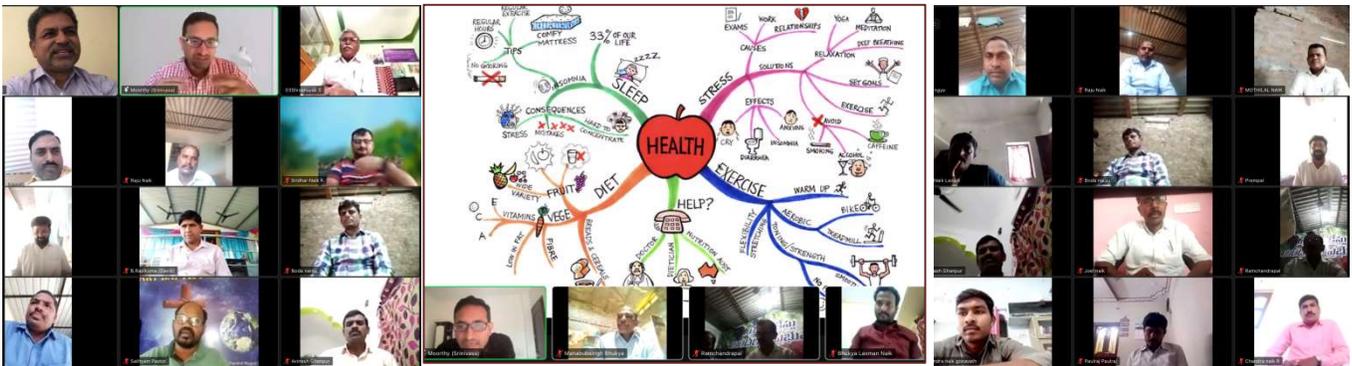
Despite continuous rains in the State of Telangana and growing opposition, GBBM Church Planting Pastors and Evangelists were able to share the Gospel with 3,984 people, 217 accepted Jesus as their personal saviour; and 17 were baptized.



2. Mamatha, a believer in one of the GBBM Churches in the Karnataka State, **gave birth to a pre-mature baby boy**. Doctors advised her to keep the baby in ICU for at least 6 weeks. Because of mounting cost, Mamatha left the hospital after two weeks. She asked for prayers from all GBBM churches and members. Mamatha and her son have been at home for over a month, and they are both doing very well. All glory and praise go to Jehovah-Rapha, The God that Heals.



3. The GBBM Church Planting Pastors recently attended a 3-day training session. Many of the CPPs have limited exposure to leadership, management, and organizational training. This training session will equip the men to think big, plan well and improve their organizational skills. The GBBM leaders enjoyed the class and look forward to using their new skills.



GBBM Prayer Requests

1. Church Hall Demolished: Opposition to evangelism and church planting is growing in most Banjara villages in all the States of India. GBBM CPPs are routinely confronted and questioned as they enter a new village. Despite the increased hostility the GBBM CPPs have started evangelizing in 100 new villages this year. A recent example of the rising hostility toward the sharing of the Gospel is the destruction of a GBBM Church at Jaukkalu, Ananthapur Dist. The church was



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demolished one night by a man who recently joined a group that strongly opposes the gospel work of the GBBM team. The man's brothers donated the land for the church, and the local congregation financed the building of the \$5K structure. Please pray for the safety of our team and brothers and sisters as Christian persecution escalates. Please pray for our brothers and sisters to stand firm in their faith and to understand the Jesus Christ is the Rock on which our faith rests and that no group of men can tear down what He has done.

2. Pastor Solomon Naik, GBBM CPP got his foot severely injured moving a water tank. The broken bones will require rest and recovery. Please join us in prayer for Pastor Solomon's healing.



3. Pray for people suffering from viral fevers due to the continuous rain.

ALETHEIA BANJARA SCHOOL UPDATE



- ABS has 385 students enrolled this academic year.
- Please Pray that the Lord will provide clear weather, and a good crop yield for the Banjara farmers so they can feed their families and our students.