



GBBM Monthly Newsletter (September 2023)

“For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the alter to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement.” [Leviticus 17:11](#)

Dear Brethren in Christ, greetings from India!

We don't know if we should weep for our brethren going through severe daily persecution in other parts of India or if we should be happy that we are not being physically harassed in our area. Manipur State has been in turmoil since May 3rd, 2023. Churches in north India are under attack, worship services are disrupted, leaders are beaten and arrested, and church building are demolished almost every day. In November, elections will be held in five India States. Indian Christian Leaders thought the attacks would diminish as elections approached but they are intensifying. Please join us as we pray for peace and the safety of our Christian brothers and sisters.

The GBBM CPPs and leaders have also experienced increased opposition in villages where we minister. We had to temporarily close 92 worship centres and are currently unable to minister in over 200 established villages. We praise God for the freedom to minister in 319 villages and conduct worship services in 72 villages. We are working on strategies to safely minister in all targeted villages.

2024 will be crucial election year for Indian Evangelical Churches. We pray that our Lord will provide the opportunity for people in India to freely hear the Gospel. There are hundreds of millions who need to know Jesus.

We praise the Lord for September's results. The GBBM team shared the Gospel with 7,799 people, hosted 1,716 children in programs, rejoiced as 200 people accepted Jesus, and 26 people were baptized.

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

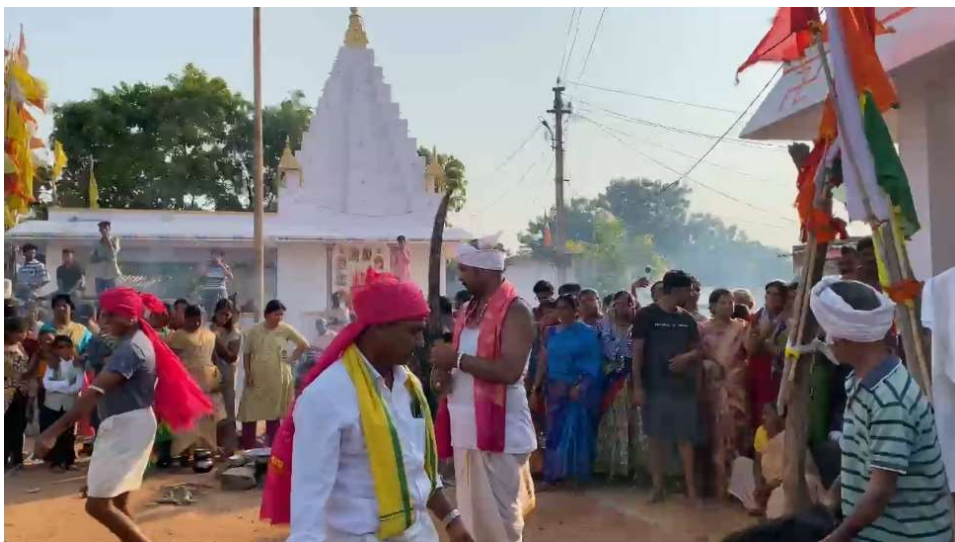
Pastor K S Naik

Church Planter's Activity Update

	Key Growth Areas - 2023	July	Aug.	Sept.	Total / Average
01	Villages Served (Monthly)	464	464	319	319
02	New Villages Reached (Updated Quarterly)	-	-	26	26
03	People Hearing the Gospel (Total)	6,817	7,930	7,799	22,546
	a. People Hearing the Gospel (First Time)	4,013	4,556	4,433	13,002
	b. People Hearing the Gospel (2 or More Times)	2,804	3,374	3,366	9,544
	c. Number of Gospel Presentations	2,683	2,955	2,137	7,775
04	People Accepting Jesus Christ as Saviour	215	268	200	683
05	Active Bible Study Groups	75	104	37	37
06	Children Being Ministered To (Monthly)	3,662	4,182	1,716	3,186
07	House Churches	163	163	72	72
	a. House Churches (< 10 Baptized Believers)	97	97	11	11
	b. House Churches (> 10 Baptized Believers)	66	66	61	61
08	Believers Attending Worship (Weekly)	2,037	1,859	1,453	1,783
09	Offering Collection (Indian Rupees - Monthly)	\$77,944	\$52,958	\$52,864	\$183,766
10	Pastor Assistants/Leaders in Training	98	137	80	80
11	New House Churches (Updated Quarterly)	-	-	2	2
12	Baptisms	14	24	26	64

Growing Christian Opposition in South India:

For most years, GBBM has experienced “limited” opposition as we share the Gospel. Since September 2023, our team is facing strong opposition in most villages where we minister. The enemy is gaining momentum. We started the year servicing 420 villages and have reached 125 new villages



YTD. I am very sad to report that we had to halt temporarily going to 226 total villages. Currently only 72 of our House Churches are actively functioning. Groups who oppose His Kingdom are actively opposing our gatherings. But we can have peace knowing that God is in charge, that Jesus has over come the world. We can remind ourselves and push forward because we know are living our lives according to his calling and for his Kingdom. In the midst of turmoil, we can praise God because He knows and loves us.

PRAISE GOD:

On Going Evangelism in Banjara Villages: GBBM CPPs and our members understand that the freedom of speech and secularism may soon disappear in India. We look for every possible way to share the Gospel with Banjara people. In this



process we use birthday parties, weddings & anniversaries and funerals to present Jesus, and the message of His Salvation. People are currently less receptive to hearing the Gospel. Very often they will not allow us to speak to them. GBBM believers often invite relatives and friends to their homes for the opportunity to share the Gospel. Venugopal and his wife recently invited 20 families to their house for the first haircutting ceremony of their twin sons. Hindus celebrate the hair cut as a ritual, but our believers use it to evangelise. GBBM CPP Sathyappa and others were able to share the Gospel during the event.

Prashanth Found a Wiser Way to Reach Children:

GBBM G2 leader Prashanth Naik recently found a way to reach children with the support of the local villagers.

Prashanth discovered that a government school had a teacher shortage. He decided to volunteer and teach a few hours per day. His service pleased the villagers and has allowed Prashanth to share the love of Jesus with the students.



PRAY to GOD For:

Bhulli Dharavath: GBBM CPP Mangya Naik was visiting a believer's family in Lalsingh Thanda. The family told Mangya about a woman suffering from paralysis with no support. Mangya and other church members raised money and took her to a hospital. Bhulli was previously bedridden but is now walking with a cane. She is now open to hearing the Gospel. Pray for the Lord to soften her heart so that she may know Christ and for her healing.



The Banjara People Group: Banjara people are idol worshippers and offer blood sacrifices to appease their deities. Festivals are held where thousands of animals are sacrificed. Many evil practices are often associated with their worship. They believe in witchcraft, demons, spirits, superstitions, and the worship of ancestors. Please pray that the Lord opens their eyes, ears, and hearts to accept His Good News.



CPP Sakram Naik: GBBM CPP Sakram is suffering from kidney failure. His condition is getting worse. No family member has come forward to donate a kidney. Typically, only the wealthier people in India have medical insurance. A kidney transplant cost between \$20-\$25K US Dollars which is not feasible for GBBM or Pastor Sakram. Please pray that the Lord heals Sakram or the He provides financial aid for the surgery.



ALETHEIA BANJARA SCHOOL UPDATE



ABS Teachers and Students are busy completing their lessons after returning from vacation. Teachers recently started special English lessons for the ABS students to help with their English skills.

ABS Teachers Visited Parents in their Villages:

ABS teachers recently visited villages and met with the parents of ABS students to explain their needed involvement to improve the student academic performance, we hope these meetings encourage the parents to take a more active role in the children's education.

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