



## GBBM Monthly Newsletter (March 2022)

Now this I (*Paul*) say,  
"he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,  
and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully".  
2 Corinthians 9:6

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I hope you enjoy this month's update and are inspired by the work God is doing among the Banjara people.

God has been very gracious in leading and blessing GBBM for 19 years. During 2022, GBBM leaders and members of the 121 village churches will be thanking and praising God Almighty for His faithfulness and provisions as we celebrate GBBM's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

God willing, GBBM plans to honour God during 2022 by sowing and reaping bountifully. Below are the 2022 ministry targets set by church planters:

- Share the Gospel with 100,000 people
- Reach 100 new villages
- Plant 50 new churches
- Baptize 500 believers
- Celebrate GBBM's 20th anniversary with 2,000 Banjara church members

On behalf of the GBBM team, I want to extend my gratitude to our partner churches and donors for your contributions (prayers, training, mentorship, love, and financial support) over the past two decades. Each of you has contributed to the discipleship activities that enable the sharing of the gospel, people being saved, churches being planted, and pastors being trained and sent. We can't imagine GBBM without you.

GBBM pastors and church planters are planning events to reach as many people as possible in 2022. Please pray for the success of these programs.

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

Yours in Him,

Pastor Naik

## Church Planter Activity Update

During GBBM monthly church planter meetings, each pastor shares ministry activity information for the villages they serve. January and February totals are presented below.

Key Growth Areas - 2022	January	February
Villages served	274	274
People hearing the Gospel	4832	4327
a. People hearing the Gospel for the first time	1767	2056
b. People hearing the Gospel 2 or more times	3065	2271
People accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour	134	104
Children attending ministry programs	1975	1453
House Churches	121	121
a. House churches < 10 believers	68	68
b. House churches > 10 believers	53	53
Believers attending worship in a week	1886	1785
Offering collected (Indian Rupees)	22,377	22,580
Pastor assistants/future leaders	53	53
New house churches	-	-
Baptisms	12	15

## Monthly Leader Training

**Community Health Evangelism (CHE)** (used in over 100 countries 400 organizations)

Forty GBBM leaders attended CHE training in February; the leaders were exposed to the CHE approach to church planting. CHE is a grass-roots movement that has revolutionized the way global missions is done around the world. It promotes Christ-centered holistic development through empowerment strategies that avoid unhealthy dependencies. CHE concentrates on long-term solutions that break the cycle of poverty and disease. The program is designed to train, equip, and empower people to grow and be accountable for themselves.

The current political climate in India requires “church-type” organizations to provide social programs. GBBM plans to utilize CHE resources to lovingly educate, assist and train the Banjara people to impact the serious issues of health, hygiene, nutrition, relationships, finances, discipleship, and leadership that are so prevalent in their day to day lives. During these activities GBBM church planters and members will love their neighbours, build trust, goodwill and share the gospel.

GBBM believes the Lord calls all ministering in his name to assist people physically, spiritually, emotionally, and socially when they are in need. GBBM plans to incorporate CHE activities as our team teaches that abundant life is found in our Lord Jesus Christ.



GBBM attendees at CHE training February 7-12, 2022, at Gurrapu Thanda.

## ALETHEIA BANJARA SCHOOL UPDATE

The government shut down schools (Covid) for 18 months from March 2020 to August 2021. During this shutdown, ABS teachers served the people by going into the villages to tutor the children. Community leaders appreciated this daring and loving act during a time of fear and uncertainty. This selfless activity created a great amount of good-will in the community enabling the teachers to minister to the spiritual needs of the students.

ABS reopened September 1, 2021 (shut down for a few weeks in January due to a Covid spike); our staff and students are very happy to be back in the classrooms.



ABS staff members



Students playing during break

## ABS SEMINAR FOR GIRLS

During February ABS provided a seminar for female students 10 years and older. The girls enjoyed fun activities and were taught several topics during the event.

Topics and videos shown included multiple topics including:

1. Purity
2. Proper hygiene
3. Self-protection (appropriate and inappropriate touching)
4. Issues with getting married at a young age
5. Their bodies are the temple of God; keep yourself holy, pure, clean



Dance break



Providing life lessons

We hope you enjoyed this month's newsletter and again thank you for your loving support of GBBM and the Banjara people.