

PASTOR NARSU BODA

Church Planter Pastor



Ministry

Immanuel Bible Church Cheruvukommu Thanda

Vision

- Share the gospel with the people in the villages in my mission area
- Share the gospel with my relatives and friends
- Raise up young leaders who follow Jesus and grow to share the Good News
- Plant home churches in all villages
- Approach villages heads and establish a relationship where they allow me to share the gospel message
- Engage children with games and sports, then share Bible stories with them

Situation

- I am single and seek your prayers to find an appropriate life partner so that both of us can serve the Lord.
- Threats make it difficult to preach the Gospel in public
- People reject the Gospel and Jesus because "they are foreign"
- Alcoholism is an ongoing and often accepted barrier to a good life and the acceptance of Jesus
- Banjara people are possessive of their faith, their Banjara gods and goddesses
- Personal financial problems are prevalent among GBBM pastors
- Lack of public transport is an issue that impacts my ministry
- People are deeply attached to their Banjara and Hindu rituals and festivals
- Poverty and illiteracy are ongoing issues
- Banjara people accept their fate in life and are reluctant to place their hope and faith in something or someone foreign to their belief system
- The Banjara people are lost and in need of the saving love and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ

“The thought of Banjara people perishing without knowing the Lord Jesus Christ has compelled me to spread the good news to them.”

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Pastor Narsu Naik Boda



Testimony

Childhood and Life

I was born into a staunch Banjara Hindu family; my parents valued religion and raised me to give total reverence to all Banjara gods and goddesses. My small village is in the country, people walk about 2 miles for public transport, work as laborers and are poor. Banjara religious festivals are filled with (singing, dancing, heavy liquor consumption, and animal sacrifice). Once, I attended a Banjara festival dedicated to a god celebrated across India, but not in our village. I constructed a temple and an idol of the god. My happiness had no limits as the entire village worshiped the idol.

Introduction to Jesus

Two evangelists came to our village proclaiming Jesus and His Gospel, but the Word was like the seed that fell on the stony places, and I reasoned, we have many Banjara gods, why do I need another? GBBM Pastor Laxman Naik visited our village and asked me; 'Who created the universe'? The query surprised me, and I asked him, 'Why should I be concerned? We have festivals, we perform and provide sacrifices to please our gods and we should be relieved of such unnecessary thoughts. He replied all should know the truth, and told me about creation, sin, punishment, redemption, and eternal life. I was not aware of these topics. Why didn't my elders, temple priests, and leaders tell me about these truths? Most concerning was that everyone on the earth is a sinner, destined to eternal death because of sin. Pastor Laxman gave me a Bible and asked me to read it. In Isaiah 43, I learned God created me, formed me, redeemed me, and called me by my name. This comforting verse promises that God knows me and loves me. This verse made me imagine life with Jesus, whose name I previously hated and refused to hear. I was 23 years old; I confessed my sins and I pleaded with Jesus to forgive my sins, trespasses and transgressions, as he promises. I read my Bible, meet with Pastor Laxman and my love for Jesus Christ my Savior continued to grow.

Baptism

The hardest part of my journey was telling my parents about my salvation. As anticipated, they were very furious that I accepted Jesus as my personal Savior. After convincing my parents I was baptized June 8, 2008.

Calling

While reading the book of Acts of Apostles, the life and commitment of Paul to spread the Gospel fascinated me and compelled me to share the Good News of Jesus with the Banjara people.



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