

GBBM Monthly Newsletter (April 2024)

“No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us.” 1 John 4:12

Dear Brethren in Christ, greetings from India!

I hope our friends in the US are doing well and enjoying the summer season. In southern and Central India, we have received some rain as the farmers are preparing to plant seeds. The northern India areas such as our capital, New Delhi, continue to experience extreme heat with little rain.

The general election process in India has concluded and while PM Modi’s party didn’t win an absolute majority, Modi was elected Prime Minister for the third time with the help of his allies.

The current environment for Christians and churches has not improved, with the election results, Christian persecution may increase in the coming years. While Modi being re-elected was not the result most Christians were praying for, we can still experience peace knowing that God is ultimately sovereign over all things.

We praise God for the ministry results in the month of April 2024. The GBBM team shared the Gospel with 8,013 people, hosted 2,592 children in programs, rejoiced as 375 people accepted Jesus, and 22 people were baptized.

GBBM is doing its best to reach children through VBS and children clubs. Please pray that the Lord protects the CPPs and volunteers as they go out for this ministry.

Aletheia Banjara School is closed for summer vacation till June 11th. Our 10th Grade students all passed and once again posted the best grades in our region. Please pray that our graduates have learned to rely on the Lord as they move forward with the next step of their lives after ABS. We praise God for our graduates and for two former ABS teachers who are re-joining ABS from June 2024.

Thank you for your continuous prayers and support.

Pastor K S Naik

Church Planter's Activity Update

	Key Growth Areas - 2024	April
01	Villages Served (Monthly)	295
02	New Villages Reached (Updated Quarterly)	-
03	People Hearing the Gospel (Total)	8,013
	a. People Hearing the Gospel (First Time)	5,108
	b. People Hearing the Gospel (2 or More Times)	2,904
	c. Number of Gospel Presentations	2,915
04	People Accepting Jesus Christ as Saviour	375
05	Active Bible Study Groups	63
06	Children Being Ministered To (Monthly)	2,592
07	House Churches	74
	a. House Churches (< 10 Baptized Believers)	13
	b. House Churches (> 10 Baptized Believers)	61
08	Believers Attending Worship (Weekly)	1,815
09	Offering Collection (in USD - Monthly)	942
10	Pastor Assistants/Leaders in Training	117
11	New House Churches (Updated Quarterly)	-
12	Baptisms	22

CPP's Monthly Meetings: The 35 GBBM CPPs are divided into four zones/regions. The CPPs meet monthly in the central office in Hyderabad for three days. The CPPs also meet one day each month to pray for each other and to discuss how they can support each other, share prayer request, and discuss issues and challenges and in different ministry fields. They meet each month at a different CPP's home for these meetings.

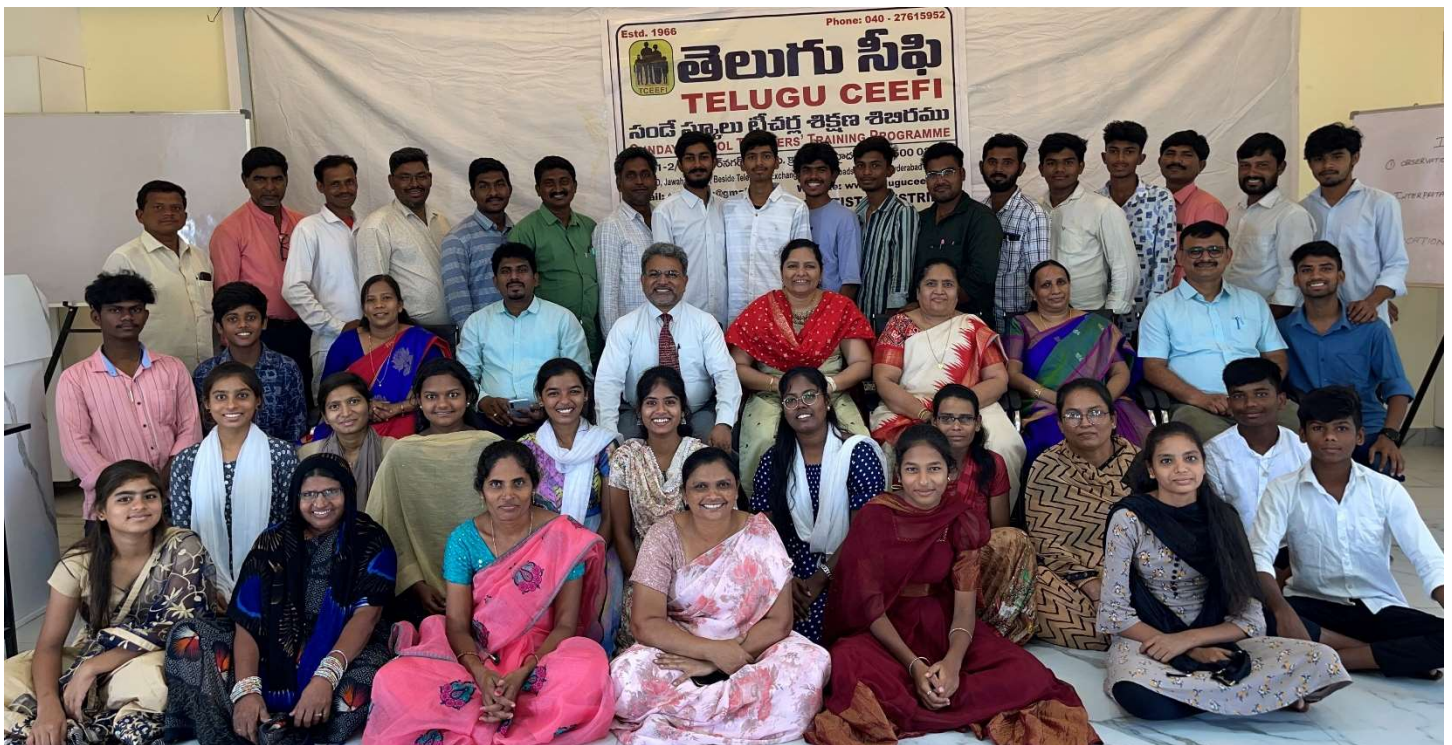


Things are getting Tough for Public Evangelism: As I have written for the last several months, the opportunity for public ministry in the Banjara villages is



increasingly difficult. We have noticed an increased amount of surveillance of the CPPs in many areas by the enemies of the Gospel. Our CPPs are trying to be more vigilant in executing their activities. The CPPs have focused on training and encouraging believers to share the Gospel with their families and friends.

VBS & Sunday-School Training: VBS and Sunday-School Teachers' Training was conducted by Telugu CEEFI (Christian Education Evangelical Fellowship of India) for the volunteers from GBBM Churches. GBBM plans to train more young leaders so that we can meet the needs of our house churches.

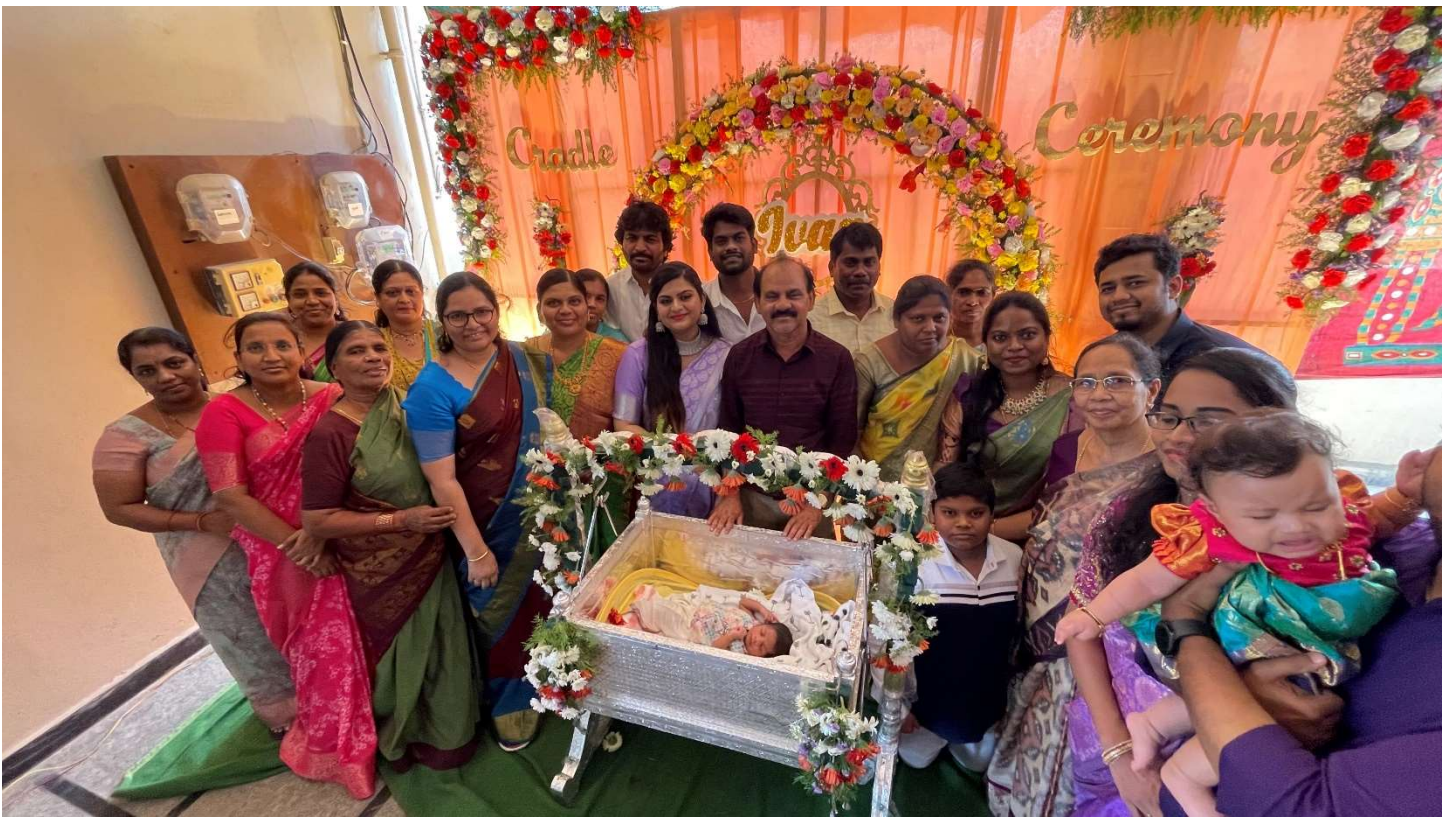


PRAISE GOD for:

Maadhuri, the miracle in her Life: Maadhuri, a teenager, was paralyzed from waist and down in 2013. Since the accident she was chair ridden with no medical recovery options. From the day she was paralyzed Pastor Sionraj, a CPP in their region witnessed to them about Christ, and the GBBM family started praying for this young lady. Madhuri was not healing but started developing her faith in Jesus. As her



faith developed, she also started seeing improvement in her health and slowly started walking with support. Through this event Madhuri and her family came to Christ. The Lord also blessed Madhuri as she married a childhood friend in 2022. This couple was blessed with a son April 7th, 2024. Madhuri and her parents chose to glorify God by testifying of His miraculous works and blessings during a baby dedication ceremony April 28th.



PRAY to GOD For:

The 4-14 Window (Children Ministry): Most mission-minded Christians are aware of ‘the 10/40 window’, a geographical region located between 10 and 40 degrees north of equator, where most unreached people live. Unlike the 10/40 window, ‘the 4-14 Window’ is demographic—the world of children between the age of 4 and 14. Overall, about one-third of the world’s population is below the age of 15. Eighty-five percent of people who become Christians do so between the ages of 4 and 14 years old. In the overwhelming majority, moral and spiritual foundations are in place by age nine. Fundamental perspectives on truth, integrity, meaning,

justice, morality, and ethics are formed at this early stage of life. It is therefore vital to reach children while they are young and equip them to make an impact throughout their lives. Hence, GBBM considers ministering to children vital and this age group is a focus of the CPPs during their time in the villages.

ALETHEIA BANJARA SCHOOL UPDATE

ABS was established in July 2009 by GBBM, an organization with an ardent desire to spread the Good News among the Banjara people and to bring them to the Lord and to help them grow in their faith in the Lord.

Vision Statement: *To develop passionate leaders who are adequately equipped academically, socially, physically, and spiritually to influence the world for Christ.*

Mission Statement: *Aletheia Banjara School offers Christ-centered education in a nurturing atmosphere which enables its students to develop their talents to their fullest potential for service in all areas of God's Kingdom. We know that every individual student is a unique image bearer of God, and we don't let any of them fall through the cracks. Our students thrive here both in classroom and many extracurricular activities.*



Outstanding Performance of ABS 10th Grade Students: The 2024 Aletheia Banjara graduates performed their best as ABS ranked number 1 in the region with 100% graduation rate. These students represent the 8th ABS graduating class.



Teachers Quarters Update: I am pleased to inform you that the teachers' quarters are nearing completion. The inside and outside walls are finished, and painting has been completed. Electrical and basic plumbing is finished. Doors and windows are ordered. Flooring is currently being installed. God willing, we believe that by end of August the work should be completed, and teachers should begin to move in. We are very excited to complete Phase 1 of this project.



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