



## GBBM Monthly Newsletter (February 2024)

**“O LORD, You are my God; I will exalt You, I will give thanks to Your name; For You have worked wonders, Plans formed long ago, with perfect faithfulness.”**

Isaiah 25:1

Dear Brethren in Christ, greetings from India!

We hope this newsletter finds our friends and partners doing well. In India, our state has not received enough rain. Water levels have depleted in reservoirs and a scarcity of drinking water is looming. Due to this severe drought, cost have increased, and people are struggling to purchase food. (price of rice has increased 25-30%). Please pray that the Lord brings April rain or early monsoons in May, so the situation does not get worse.

Most months I provide an update on the increasing Christian persecution in India as it seems to intensify daily. The GBBM Church Planting Pastors and church members regularly face increased opposition and difficulties when sharing the Good News of Jesus. As a result, GBBM has been working on improved methods and strategies to reach the unreached Banjara people group. GBBM will focus more this year on training believers to reach their neighbours through sharing the Gospel. GBBM will be using the TCT (Truth Centred Transformation) which is a good fit for our Banjara house churches. Please pray for the implementation of TCT Program for holistic discipleship.

Prime Ministerial elections will be held in seven phases between April 19<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>. The Indian Christian Church will likely go through severe persecution if the same party comes back to power.

We praise God for the ministry results in the month of February 2024. The GBBM team shared the Gospel with 7,420 people, hosted 1,244 children in programs, rejoiced as 225 people accepted Jesus, and 20 people were baptized.

Thank you for your continuous prayers and support.

Pastor K S Naik

# Church Planter's Activity Update

	Key Growth Areas - 2024	Feb.
01	Villages Served (Monthly)	357
02	New Villages Reached (Updated Quarterly)	-
03	People Hearing the Gospel (Total)	7,420
	a. People Hearing the Gospel (First Time)	4,600
	b. People Hearing the Gospel (2 or More Times)	2,820
	c. Number of Gospel Presentations	2,158
04	People Accepting Jesus Christ as Saviour	225
05	Active Bible Study Groups	37
06	Children Being Ministered To (Monthly)	1,244
07	House Churches	74
	a. House Churches (< 10 Baptized Believers)	72
	b. House Churches (> 10 Baptized Believers)	2
08	Believers Attending Worship (Weekly)	2,072
09	Offering Collection (in USD - Monthly)	\$723
10	Pastor Assistants/Leaders in Training	115
11	New House Churches (Updated Quarterly)	-
12	Baptisms	20

TCT Master Trainers' workshop for Module 1 was completed. 19 GBBM CPPs were trained. Pastor Sridhar Naik was appointed as Program Director.





## **PRAISE GOD for:**

**Venkatesh and Mounika for Trusting in God the Creator:** Venkatesh and Mounika, a couple from Rajya Thanda, encountered a difficult situation during Mounika's pregnancy. The doctors expressed concern about the baby's development,



CPP David Ravi Kumar with Venkatesh & Mounika, and their baby

predicting deformities and health problems. They suggested abortion as a precautionary measure.

GBBM CPP David Ravi Kumar encouraged the couple with the word of God and taught that God could do a miracle if they trusted Him. Venkatesh and Mounika were encouraged and choose to go against doctors advise. The local church rallied

around them, praying for Mounika and her unborn child. In an extraordinary turn of events, their prayers were answered. Against all odds, Mounika gave birth to a healthy baby boy, demonstrating their unwavering faith and the power of prayer. This heartwarming story demonstrates how hope and faith can defy medical predictions, resulting in miraculous outcomes.

### **Ganga Naik & Saroja Bai:**

Ganga Naik and Saroja Bai, an elderly couple from Ballekatte Thanda, are devout followers of Jesus. Their son Ashok hates Christianity and persecutes his parents with abusive language. He burned their Bibles and Christian song books because they choose not to give up their faith in Jesus and would not stop Church attendance. Ashok is currently threatening to



evict them from the home he provides if they continue to practice their Christian faith. Despite their hardships, Ganga Naik and Saroja maintain their faith and attend church

services on a regular basis. Please pray for their strength and courage in their unwavering devotion to Jesus as they face new challenges while remaining faithful.

## **PRAY to GOD For:**

**Harish who lost his wife Shireesha and going through furnace:** Harish and Shireesha, a devout couple from Palavalli Thanda, organized a Christmas celebration in their village to spread the love and Good News of Jesus. But a gang of antichristian villagers did not allow that to happen. They attacked the family and disturbed the celebration. The Christian couple was very disappointed. On January 22, 2024, a speeding truck collided with their autorickshaw, killing Shireesha instantly. Harish and his children survived with minor injuries. Harish brought his wife Shireesha's body to his village for a funeral, but because of their Christian faith, the village denied a respectful burial to Shireesha. Harish had to take her body to her mother's place for the service. Throughout this tragedy, Harish has maintained a strong faith in his Saviour. His family continuously opposes and questions his faith. Kindly uphold Harish and two little children who recently lost their mother.



# ALETHEIA BANJARA SCHOOL UPDATE

Aletheia Banjara School is thriving. As the academic year winds down in April, our teachers and students are fully engaged in their classes. Students are preparing for final exams, and teachers are working on final progress reports.

**Medical Camp:** A medical camp was held at Aletheia Banjara School in collaboration with The Lions Club Devarakonda which played a significant role in organizing this event. The medical team from Yashoda Hospitals Hyderabad used their extensive knowledge and experience to benefit the community. Numerous services were offered, such as health check-ups, blood pressure testing, blood sugar level assessments, ECG, eye



exams and distribution of basic medicine. The event promoted community bonding and increased awareness of health and wellness. Over 350 Banjara residents received medical care and guidance.



**Self-Governance Day at Aletheia Banjara School:** In observance of Self-Governance Day, Aletheia Banjara School (ABS) switched roles between administrators, teachers, and ABS students. The program had the students assume teaching and administrative roles; the student-teacher swap promotes empowerment and responsibility for the students. Students delivered inspirational speeches, led the morning assembly, and recited prayers. ABS students oversaw classes, devotedly and imaginatively taught multiple subjects including science, literature, math, and art. Student administrators managed attendance, records, and minor disciplinary matters in the school office. Students were also in charge of managing the lunch line and serving meals to students. The idea that every student has the capacity to lead, inspire,





and contribute was effectively reaffirmed by the occasion. The occasion serves as a reminder of the influence and accountability that students can have.

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