



GBBM Monthly Newsletter (October 2024)

“By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.” Hebrews 11:7

Dear Brethren in Christ, greetings from the USA!

Sujatha and I decided to extend our stay in the U.S. to meet with churches, organizations, and individuals; to thank our current sponsors for their support while establishing new relationships and donors for the ministry.

Christian persecution in India continues to escalate monthly and is becoming more common in the villages served by GBBM. During the month of October, CPP Chandra of Karnataka State was conducting a prayer meeting in one of the believer's homes when a group of over one hundred people from an anti-Christian group interrupted the service. This mob threatened and terrified the believers. They took CPP Chandra's phone and dragged him to the local police station. God saved CPP Chandra from arrest and imprisonment as an on-duty police officer who knew the CPP stepped in, released the pastor, and dispersed the crowd. We praise God for His interference and protection. Please pray for God's protection of the GBBM CPPs and church members who are ministering in the states of India.

We praise God for the results of October 2024. The GBBM team shared the Gospel with 7,978 people, rejoiced as 463 people accepted Jesus, and 15 people were baptized in October. These results continue to strengthen and encourage the GBBM team as we know that God's will shall be done, and that man's protest and threats will not stop the work the Lord has called us to do.

Thank you for your prayers and support for the GBBMI CPPs and staff. The prayers and gifts of God's people allow our staff to share the Good News among the Banjara people in the remote villages of India.

Pastor K S Naik

Church Planting Pastor Activity Update

	Key Growth Areas - 2024	October
01	Villages Served (Monthly)	261
02	New Villages Reached (Updated Quarterly)	-
03	People Hearing the Gospel (Total)	7,978
	a. People Hearing the Gospel (First Time)	4,599
	b. People Hearing the Gospel (2 or More Times)	3,379
	c. Number of Gospel Presentations	2,458
04	People Accepting Jesus Christ as Saviour	463
05	Active Bible Study Groups	45
06	Children Being Ministered To (Monthly)	1,535
07	House Churches	80
	a. House Churches (< 10 Baptized Believers)	19
	b. House Churches (> 10 Baptized Believers)	61
08	Believers Attending Worship (Weekly)	1,510
09	Offering Collection (in USD - Monthly)	13,0783
10	Pastor Assistants/Leaders in Training	80
11	New House Churches (Updated Quarterly)	-
12	Baptisms	15

Monthly Regional Meetings: GBBM CPPs are divided into four groups based on the geographical area they live in. Each group of CPPs meet in



one of the CPPs area to encourage their believers. During the day, CPPs meet to pray for and encourage each other. In the evening the local CPP gathers the believers in one the house churches to fellowship and share the Word.

Monthly Fasting & Prayer Meetings: GBBM encourages the members of our local house churches to fast and pray every Friday. Many people we share the Gospel with asks our members to pray for them.



Testimony of GBBM CPP B. Gangaraju:

Childhood: I am from a small village with about 50 homes and three temples for Banjara deities. My parents, four sisters and I were involved in farming, sheep trading, and collecting and selling wood from the forest for our income. My father died when I was a child which made day to day life very difficult. I started working in a lodge at the age of 15 years to earn money.

Introduction to Jesus: I was not concerned about life after death, sin, hell, and heaven. I heard about Jesus Christ and salvation but



did not accept Jesus because I enjoyed my bad habits. After a few deaths in our village, I wondered if their souls went to hell or heaven. I recalled that those who do not believe in the Lord Jesus Christ will go to eternal hell and was very scared.

Pastor James shared that Jesus Christ died to save the world from sin and rose on the third day. My mother and a sister first accepted Jesus and influenced me. I read Ecclesiastes 12:7, “Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it” and I believed it. Through the verse (John 14:6), “Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me” I was convinced that Jesus Christ is the true God and accepted Him as my personal Savior in January 2001.

Baptism and Calling: I was baptized August 15, 2002. The Lord spoke to me through the scriptures Ezekiel 37:20-25 and I was convinced that the Lord was calling me to serve Him. I enrolled in school and completed Bible courses from 2001 to 2002. I started sharing the Word of God in November 2004 and saw the Lord provide immediate fruit as Mani and his mother accepted Jesus. In another village a couple that did not have children after seven years of marriage conceived and the Lord blessed them with children after I prayed with them. I have shared the Gospel with over 2,500 people and look forward to serving God and sharing the Good News with the Banjara people. The Banjara people are often very passionate about their gods and at times fanatic. This loyalty is often based on fear. Banjara people can become threatening and hostile, when I share the Word, but having known the truth and the way to salvation, the risk is worth taking to help the perishing Banjara attain eternal life through Christ Jesus.

PRAISE GOD FOR:

Healing Narasimha: Narasimha and Saritha are husband and wife, both have completed their college educations. Their issues began when for more than eight



months Narasimha was unable to sleep. He constantly had a fear of death and felt that he could die within the next hour. They believed that someone used witchcraft to curse them. They borrowed thousands of dollars to spend on witch doctors but this did not resolve the issue and left them with much debt. GBBM has a house church in their village, so finally they came to the church a few weeks ago seeking help. The church members prayed for this couple and shared the Gospel. By the Grace of Almighty God, Narasimha overcame his fear of death and is able to sleep without interruption while enjoying the peace of Jesus. The couple is

growing in their faith and may soon get baptised.

Using Aruna's Engagement to Evangelise Her Village: Saankriya Thanda, home to a famous Hindu Temple, is a hard village to evangelise. After our CPP visits the village, a local Hindu priest goes to the families who heard the gospel and



threatens to expel them if they believed in Jesus. Aruna was the only believer in this village. With the support of her family Aruna showed her bravery by having a Christian engagement ceremony in the village. GBBM pastors and believers attended, worshiped Jesus and the Word of God was preached. Over a hundred people attended the ceremony. Please join us in prayer to the

Lord asking Him to bring the fruit out of the seeds sown in the hearts of the people.



PRAY TO GOD FOR:

Shivathmika's Healing: Nagu and Shanthi are GBBM believers. They are blessed



with two children. Shivathmika their four year old daughter was suffering from fever and hospitalized for over two weeks. After many tests, doctors believe she has bone marrow cancer. GBBM CPPs and believers are praying for this beautiful little girl that she will not have cancer. We pray that the Lord will intervene and either provide the

necessary treatment or heal her.

ALETHEIA BANJARA SCHOOL (ABS) UPDATE

Aletheia Banjara School is doing well. All the teachers and students are busy with their teaching and learning of second term lessons.



Pray for Anjali: Anjali is an former ABS student and the daughter of CPP Balu Naik. She is currently in her second year studying engineering. Anjali has decided that she wants to serve the Lord fulltime after completing college. While in college, she witnesses to her friends at the hostel where she lives.

Silas Bhukya is a fresh graduate from ABS. ABS sent him to Music Classes during the summer holiday. Silas is enrolled in a junior college and was selected to represent his college in an Inter-State Musical Competition. God blessed Silas with first prize in Keyboard Playing in his first competition. We praise God for the way He is using and blessing the ABS graduates.



Please join us in praying that the Lord provides His protection to ABS staff and students. We pray that our students experience the love of Jesus and accept Him as Savior.

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