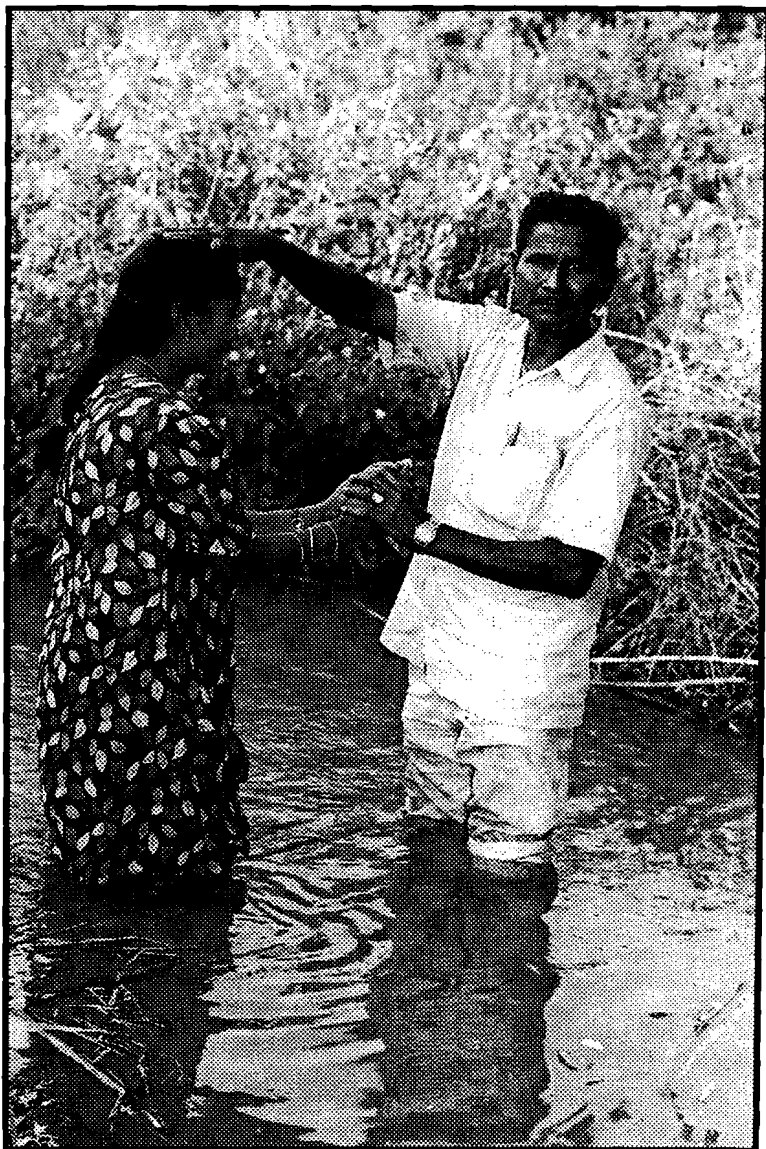


PROGRESS REPORT



National pastors around the world are struggling on a daily basis to have their most basic needs met. They have dedicated their lives to win lost souls to Christ, and they need the help and encouragement that your financial assistance would provide. Consider today how you can make an impact for eternity.

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MINISTRY INFORMATION...

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We believe that the training and subsidizing of national preachers is the most efficient and effective method of global evangelism. Thus we seek to raise prayer and financial support from believers in America, for God's servants abroad, who are actively involved in church planting and discipleship.

Selection of those we sponsor is dependent upon their doctrinal beliefs, need and reputation. We support only those who are serving by faith, never those who are waiting for a salary in order to serve. Worldwide, the average preacher in a third-world country needs as little as \$35.00 each month to support his family and ministry.

All those subsidized through this foundation are involved in church planting. Their various outreach ministries include: Bible translation and distribution, radio and television broadcasting, camps, Bible schools, outdoor and film evangelism, educational and health programs, blind, deaf and leper ministries, orphan and children's ministries, feeding centers and refugee ministries. The foundation also offers assistance in missionary training; and we provide mission trips for American believers who want to examine the ministries of the national preachers.

Current ministries available for support are:

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A Letter of Introduction...

What does it mean to us to be hungry? Does it mean that we have not had a snack between lunch and dinner, or maybe we forgot to eat lunch at all and now have a few "hunger pains"? I think to most of us, that would be the extent. I can well remember diets that drove me crazy because I was not permitted to "snack" between meals. This unbearable torture would lead me to cheat and sneak a candy bar or some other treat. I can hear you all say, "Been there, done that".

Well, to a national preacher, hunger is something entirely different. To them it means going days without food and watching their wife and kids do the same. I cannot begin to imagine the shame that a man feels when he sees his family go without food for even one meal, and so much more if it is for days at a time. To see the look of hunger in their eyes, or to hear the baby cry at the breast of a mother who has no milk to give, because she herself has not eaten for days. God help them, and God forgive us for not helping them!

In this special issue of our *Progress Report*, we are highlighting a number of preachers from India, all of whom have been waiting for support since submitting their application to us in 1995. During those years they have continued to serve faithfully, but they have also continued to suffer and watch their families suffer as well. It is my prayer, my hope, my pleading, that you will step forward to help and support one of these men, I don't want you to do this from an emotional standpoint, but my friend, as we read their applications, and know of their suffering first hand, I cannot help but be emotional. Forgive me, but understand.

I am not trying to lay a "guilt trip" on anyone, but we all know of ways in which we waste the funds we have been made stewards over. And when you consider that you can support one of these preachers for only \$35.00 monthly, and without that support they may literally

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starve to death...well, it makes me hesitate a moment to ask where can I scrape by to spare another \$35.00 each month to help one or two of these men.

As you read, I want to warn you first of all that these testimonies will bring you to tears, and they will cause you to bend your knees in prayer. My hope is that they will also cause you to reach for your checkbook, to do something about it. Further, I want to inform you that the first three testimonies you read are just for your knowledge. These are the type of men that we are asking you to support, but you cannot support the first three. They are all with the Lord. They all died due to their poverty. I just wanted you to know about them and to be able to ask yourself what I ask myself..."what could these men have accomplished if I had helped them in time?"

We have always based our ministry on the concept of raising individual sponsors for individual preachers. This has been our strength and it is what has set us apart from other ministries. We will continue to do that, but I am announcing to you, that due to the fact that we have over 500 applications for approved preachers, many of whom have been waiting four years for help, we are creating a fund for **Urgent Preacher Support** (UPS). This fund will be set up to receive any amount you and others choose to give. It will be pooled together and divided among the preachers who have no sponsor. This alone, no matter how small the amount, could be beneficial in saving the life of a preacher, his wife or child. We will still look for sponsorship for these preachers, and as you or someone else steps forward to personally sponsor one, he will be taken out of the pool and become "your" preacher.

You may have read our stories for years and intended to help. you may be new to our ministry. Either way, it doesn't matter. We must band together to do something, to do anything that we can do, to help our brothers in need, and may God have mercy on us if we don't.

Shame. I have felt it when I couldn't buy the present my children wanted for Christmas

because I didn't have enough money. I have felt it when I couldn't afford to stop at McDonald's and buy my family a hamburger. And I have felt it when the bill came for some worthless piece of luxury that I had committed myself to monthly payments for, when I didn't even remember buying this "needed thing" at the time the bill finally arrived. Yet, I have never felt the shame or pain, of watching my wife slowly starve to death. I have never felt the shame of wiping the sweat of malaria off my dying daughter because I didn't have the \$2.00 needed to buy her health back with a series of tablets. I have not felt their shame, nor can I comprehend it. What I can do is try to alleviate it, no matter what it may cost me to do so. Even if I have to miss a meal to do it. You can too, if you choose to.

Read the enclosed testimonies of men still living, still preaching, still in desperate need. Decide which one you want to commit to help on a monthly basis. If you want to support a preacher for \$35.00 monthly, then do so. If not, then just send a one-time offering to our **Urgent Preacher Support Fund** (UPS fund). We will help them as well as the families that were left behind as you enable us to do so with your gifts.

Yours for souls,

Jon Nelms

Note: All funds given to the UPS fund will go directly to preachers urgently in need of financial assistance. You may also send a one-time gift for the families of the three deceased pastors (please designate these funds to the India Widow Fund). These funds will be overseen by the National Director in India, who will help them to use these funds in the most effective way possible to provide an income for themselves and their children.



Preacher's Name: Kalla C. Babu (deceased)
Wife's Name: Ratnam
Number of Children: 3 (1 grown)
Country: India
Testimony:

I was born into the Hindu religion. Growing up, I mingled with Christians in my school and would occasionally attend churches with them. This upset my family as it could lead to them being banned socially from the community. Eventually, my parents drove me from their home. My Christian friends showed kindness toward me and helped me get a job. One day, I was attacked by my family's caste Hindus and I was injured. No member of my family visited me in the hospital. The only one who came was the sister of a friend of mine. This young Christian woman helped me and took great care in attending me. She later became my wife. When I was better, I went and visited Pastor Kumar and accepted Jesus as my Savior. Because of Jesus I lost my relations and relatives, because of Christ I was severely injured. But my faith towards the Lord grew day by day and I was called into His service and I obeyed it. Since then, I have started 2 churches and led 190 people to Christ. I have no income except for some offerings from my church which are around \$2 a week.

If you wish to help his family, please specify donation for India Widow Fund

Preacher's Name: Gella Israel (deceased)
Wife's Name: G. Krupamma
Number of Children: 2
Country: India
Testimony:

There are many castes in our village, we belong to the washerman's community called the "Dhobhis". Our profession is to wash the clothes. We are very low in the caste system. One day some Christians came to evangelize in my village, I went to learn more about the simple way of salvation through Jesus and accepted Him as my Savior. All my family members, my father, mother, my wife, my brother and sisters were very happy about my decision and they too confessed their sins and accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior. I began witnessing and at least 72 souls were saved. As a result, my house was set on fire by other members of my village. We escaped with only our lives. On account of Jesus Christ, we lost everything, but our faith grew. In spite of all these troubles we are doing the Gospel work and preaching to the villagers. They sometimes give food grains to us, but our help is meager. I have helped to start 3 churches and have led 175 people to Christ, as well as, train two men for the ministry.



If you wish to help his family, please specify donation for India Widow Fund

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Preacher's Name: Kundeti Moses (deceased)

Wife's Name: Jyothi

Number of Children: 2

Country: India

Testimony:

My name is Kundeti Moses and I was born in 1959, at Suryaraopet. We were Hindus.

During my college days on account of bad friends I stooped to bad habits such as drinking, gambling and immoral acts. I had great aversion towards Christianity and always hated the servants of God. When I was in University a Pastor named Israel visited our village and conducted a gospel meeting. I abused Pastor Israel and objected to his conducting the meeting in our village. During a dream one night I was made blind

and was told to apologize to pastor Israel. When I awoke, I had him come to my home and I apologized to him and then and there I confessed my sins and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Savior. I was baptized. I completed my post graduation classes and married. I got a job in the big city and after 4 days my Lord told me to do his service only. I am preaching not only in my village but also in surrounding areas. I pray the Lord to show me some sponsor to gear up my service to God in an elaborate manner....Please pray for me.

If you wish to help his family, please specify donation for India Widow Fund

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Preacher's Name: Cheppula Babu Rao

Wife's Name: Deenamma

Number of Children: 2

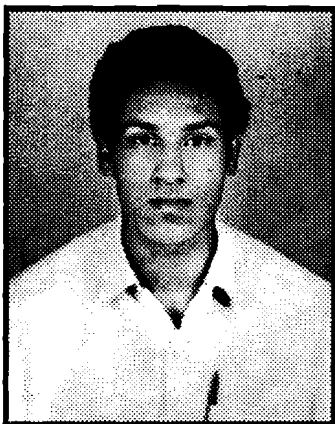
Country: India

Testimony:

My village is made up of people who have come there to work in the granite stone mines. My father was a supervisor at the mines and was wrongfully arrested when I was 17. The other workers made fun of me because my father was in prison. One day, I was so angry I could not control myself and I hit one of them on the head with a rock and killed him. I was put in prison for 14 years. While in prison, a pastor named Kumar visited many times and witnessed and taught the Bible. Finally, after much time, I believed what he taught and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior. When I was able to return to my village the people were afraid of me because I was a murderer. I began to preach to them about Jesus, they laughed at me because they had never heard of Him. A group of people came to kill me. I went out to meet them, trying to show them the love of Jesus. I asked if I could pray before I died, and I prayed for them. They could not kill me, but one man beat me badly. Some of the people got saved.



Number of Sponsorships Needed: 2



Preacher's Name: K. C. Shaji

Wife's Name: Single

Number of Children: none

Country: India

Testimony:

My family is Roman Catholic and I am the only one that is born again. I was baptized in 1989, and began to work for the Lord. I planted a church in Rajabadu and about 40 members are coming for worship. I have started two other churches and led about 400 people to Christ and have baptized 150. I work with three tribal groups: the Mannan, Muthuvan, and the Oralis. I speak English, Malayan, and Tamil. There are about 20 of us who work together to evangelize.

We distribute literature and hold open air evangelistic meetings. We also work with children to bring them to Christ and disciple them so they can have many years to live for Jesus. I continually work at training others to serve in ministry. Part of my daily schedule is visiting the sick in the hospitals and visiting with people in their homes.

My needs are simple, but I have no income at all. I live by faith in God to provide my needs. My house is made of bricks, bamboo and grass. Your support will give me a better standard of living and I will be able to help others also.

Number of Sponsorships Needed: 2

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Preacher's Name: Geddala Isaiah

Wife's Name: G. Mariamma

Number of Children: 3 (grown)

Country: India

Testimony:

I was raised in a nominal Christian family but the Gospel had no influence over me. As an adult, I worked as a policeman. Once day I became seriously paralyzed. When helped to my knees, I asked the Lord if He was pleased to heal me, I would use my new body to serve Him. He chose to answer my prayer, so I have been faithful to my word.



I have never attended Bible College, but I was disciplined for the ministry by the pastors in our fellowship. Now I help to pass my training on to other men. Most of my ministry is with the church people, but I also teach in the Bible school and do evangelistic work.

Since becoming a Christian, I have started 12 churches among the people who speak Telegu. Through my ministry I have also evangelized 66 villages and nearly 500 people have come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and many have been baptized.

My wife and I need more than we are receiving through occasional offerings as our members are able to help from their poverty.

Number of Sponsorships Needed: 2



Preacher's Name: Kathada Nares Kumar

Wife's Name: Kumari

Number of Children: 2

Country: India

Testimony:

I came from a Hindu background and was married to a Hindu bride. I had my own shop and had to travel to a nearby town from time to time. On one trip, the bus I was on was in an accident, and many (including myself) were injured. In the hospital, I received solace from a man in the bed next to mine. He was a Christian and would pray for me and tell me stories from the Bible. When we were discharged, I was very sad for our separation, but he gave me some tracts and told me to read them. I came to know

that he was a preacher of a large church, I went to visit him and learn more about Jesus. He led me to the Lord and Baptized me. He trained me to become a preacher. I returned to my village, closed my business and began preaching. At first I received opposition from my family and the village elders, but on account of the greatness of Jesus, they repented for their faults and finally they had belief in Jesus. In spite of many hardships and difficulties, and near starvation I am doing His service with great devotion and dedication.

Number of Sponsorships Needed: 2

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Preacher's Name: Chintaparathi David Raju

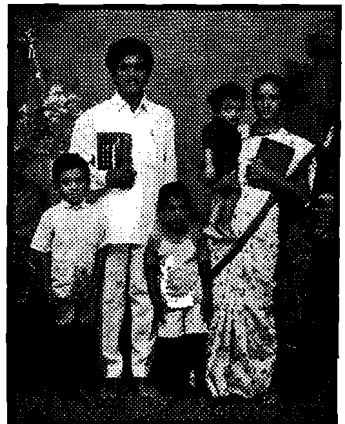
Wife's Name: Poorna

Number of Children: 3

Country: India

Testimony:

I was raised in the Hindu religion, worshipping Hindu gods and goddesses along with my family. My family and another family had a dispute and we were attacked and beaten. Both of my parents died and I was severely injured. None of my family members visited me except for some distant relatives that had been banned from our community because of their Christianity. They took me in as one of their own when I was able to leave the hospital. I came to realize that no Hindu god had saved me from danger and I realized that Jesus



saved me from the danger and comforted me through my distant relatives. I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Savior and was baptized. I later married a Christian girl suggested by my relatives. My father in law trained me in Gospel preaching. I went to my house in the village along with my wife and started a new life. I have been winning dying souls toward the Lord and wish to devote all my time towards Gospel work. I have trained 3 others for the ministry, have started 2 churches and won 195 souls to Christ.

Number of Sponsorships Needed: 2



Preacher's Name: A.V. Rajaratnam

Wife's Name: Krupa Ratnam

Number of Children: 3 (1 grown)

Country: India

Testimony:

I was raised in Christian family, but did not come to a personal knowledge of Christ until later in life. I was convicted of my sins and confessed. From that moment on, the Holy Spirit entered into me and guides me in the service of the Lord.

With the grace of God, I slowly started a small congregation where I am working sincerely and humbly. I have a University education and could get a good job, but I had no peace of mind in it. Now, I have become helpless, my

family needs food and clothing for which I have to depend on my congregation which is poor. The help that they give is barely sufficient to meet my needs. I work full-time in the ministry and have started 3 churches, trained 2 men for ministry and led 190 people to Christ. My family lives simply in a bamboo hut. We eat rice and fruits. I pray the Lord will provide a sponsor for me and bless me to get some support or help to meet the expenses like travelling, purchasing tracts, and my family's maintenance.

Number of Sponsorships Needed: 2

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Preacher's Name: B. David Raju

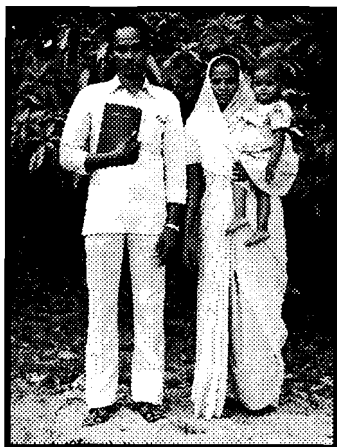
Wife's Name: Mary

Number of Children: 1

Country: India

Testimony:

I worked for the Indian Federal Government as a mailman. When delivering mail to a village one day, I came upon a meeting in the middle of town. It was a Christian meeting, and I was very much attracted by the speeches and messages of the pastor. After the meeting, I took one of the tracts that they were distributing and took it home and read it. I accepted Jesus as my Savior. My father, mother and even my wife objected. I was forcibly sent from my house and my wife went to live with her family. I continued to witness and took tracts with me to the villages as I delivered mail. Some Hindus reported this to higher postal authorities and I lost my job. Some days later, I was attacked and severely wounded. My wife heard of this and came to attend to me in the hospital, where she too accepted Christ as her Savior.



My trust and faith have grown and I have dedicated and devoted my life towards Gospel work. Since beginning my work, I have started 3 churches and personally led 155 souls to Christ Jesus.

Number of Sponsorships Needed: 2



Preacher's Name: Mandapalli Chinna Rao

Wife's Name: M. Esther

Number of Children: 3

Country: India

Testimony:

I was born into a middle class Hindu family. My father was a fitter and owned his own lathe machine. He trained me as a fitter and that is my job. My father was very ill and had a large medical bill. We borrowed money from a money lender and pledged our house which had belonged to my father's father and to his father before him.

When time came for this loan to be paid back, we did not have the money and we asked for more time but we were not given time beyond the deadline. I was very upset and could not tell my father because I knew he would be so sad to lose his house. A friend took me to a pastor's house and there we all prayed that the Lord would bless me and give me the money to pay this debt. The next day I was at my house and was very sad and gloomy, when the mailman came and handed over a registered letter which contained a check from the government for which I had been waiting for years. My joy knew no bounds. I believed that Jesus heard our prayers and received him as my Savior. I am leading others to Christ in my village and beyond.

Number of Sponsorships Needed: 2

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Preacher's Name: Bampa Lazarus

Wife's Name: Jayamani

Number of Children: 2

Country: India

Testimony: I was born into a Hindu family and I rigidly adhered to the Hindu traditions, customs and rituals. One day a friend and I went to a function in a nearby town. We went on his motorbike. We had some great distance to go and when we stopped by a railroad track, a man gave us each a tract. My friend ridiculed him and threw his down, but I put mine in my pocket and told him he should not act that way.

On our way home, my friend was driving the motorbike recklessly and fast. Soon we met with an accident. My friend got multiple injuries and his right hand was fractured. I had some minor injuries. This was all Providence. I was discharged the next day, but my friend was kept for a month in the hospital.

I remembered my tract and I read it and went to talk to Pastor Kumar, who had printed it and I received Jesus as my Personal Savior. After my friend was released from the hospital he came to me and told me that he had been arrogant and had been punished for making fun of religion. I told him about my salvation experience and he too received Christ. I now preach the gospel to others.

Number of Sponsorships Needed: 2



Persecution in India

During this past year, Christians in India have undergone persecution beyond what many of them have ever experienced. Within the last month or so, it appears that the government has intervened to help put a stop to it, but not before a great deal of damage was done. As with all things though, God has a way of using circumstances that seem damaging to us to bring about a greater good beyond our ability to understand. Persecution, however, is not the only trial that the Indian national pastors must face. Poverty, hunger, and even starvation are much more prevalent and perhaps more difficult to bear. To give you an idea of what is going on in India right now, read what some of the national pastors, currently sponsored by individual sponsors through Final Frontiers, have to say about the recent events in their own country and their day to day struggles.

“In India many preachers who are not having their support faced starvation. Especially due to the recent attacks on Christians by the non-Christians...Thank God, because of Final Frontiers many pastors like me are still working hard and spreading the Gospel... For Christ's sake, we are ready to face any problem and will stand as a witness for Christ. Last month, myself and my wife were going on our bicycle when the police forcibly took us to the Police Station and detained us for 2 days without any reason or without any case on us. We suffered 2 days without food even without a glass of water.... After we were released we came to know the reason for our detainment was that the brother of the Police Chief accepted Christ because of me.”

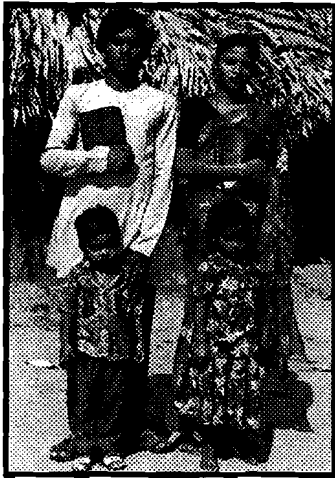
Another pastor writes, “In some places I was attacked, in some places they beat me and in one place they forcibly took my bicycle and bent it and broke it into pieces with iron rods as a punishment to me so that I will never preach again. Thank God, all these things increased my faith and patience to stand firm on my decision to stand as a witness for Christ.” Others write that they are grateful that they received their funds at all as they have heard that “many Christian preachers and missionaries are losing their mail now a days because the mailmen are non-Christians and with jealousy they are tearing up the letters.” Other letters tell of Christians' homes being invaded and looted, their Bibles and Hymnals burned and in some cases their young wives or daughters being raped. One pastor writes this of another preacher, “as a precautionary measure for the time being he kept all his belongings in the Church, thinking that the agitators would not burn the churches ... When the church was burnt the preacher's and all his family's belongings were set on fire. They have nothing but the clothes they wear. Please pray for them.” In many places anyone seen carrying a Bible was denied access to train and bus transportation and children of known preachers were

expelled from their schools.

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose”(Romans 8:28). This is a verse that, most likely, we are all familiar with, but let us take this opportunity to see it in action. “Every Christian was surprised by the attacks but the faith in them is increasing by these troubles. Even still in some villages people don't know who Jesus is. By these persecutions and troubles people are coming to me to know more about Jesus.” “...those village people until the recent attacks on Christians they have not heard anything about Jesus or about His simple way of salvation. Only after the attacks, only after the news spread through out the world and especially in everyday Indian newspapers and Indian T.V. news, then these people came to know about Christianity. When I went there everybody asked a lot of questions regarding Jesus Christ and His teachings.”

During a time of great physical need, many of the preachers in India gave of their own meager finances to help those who were in greater need, showing the love of Christ through their actions. One preacher writes to his sponsor, “In the recent months I have visited many houses of the Christians who lost everything in the attacks. One family lost their son, and one preacher's aged mother and father were beaten up severely and admitted to the hospital. There are a lot of sufferings which cannot be explained in words. The one thing I felt happy about is in this quarter I shared your support amount mainly to the tortured and persecuted Christian families.” Another writes, “I gave two pairs of my dresses to another preacher who lost all his belongings and my wife also gave her two dresses to the preacher's wife. We are poor but thank God that whatever we have, we are trained to share with our people”. It is worth noting that most preachers in India have only one or two “pairs of dresses” at a time; more than likely, this man gave sacrificially rather than out of his abundance. He continues to write, “In another house we gave a little money to buy rice and groceries for our members who are starving. Like this, I helped many, many needy and deserving people who became the victims of the non-Christian harassment. God helped me to share your support amount for these people. They are all praying for you with tears in their eyes.” Another pastor writes to his sponsor, “I helped with your money to rebuild a church which was destroyed... with your help, I arranged medical assistance for one of our preacher's young daughters who was raped...with your help I purchased clothing for one of our preachers and his family when they lost everything in the fire.”

The tragedy, despair and poverty in India is great, but nothing is greater than our God. No persecution is greater than the opportunity that it provides for God's love, provision, and mercy to be shown to the world. The financial and spiritual need in India is great, but God's provision is greater still.



Preacher's Name: Bonu Kumar

Wife's Name: Suvartha

Number of Children: 2

Country: India

Testimony:

After I became a Christian, I began distributing tracts in my village. When my landlord found out he was very angry and threw me out and took away my job. I had taken care of his sheep for him. Then he and the elders of my village beat me and sent me away. I had no food and was starving. I went to Rajamundry to see the Pastor that had led me to the Lord. He sent money to my parents and told them that I was at his church. I came to find out that a mysterious disease attacked the flock of sheep that I used to tend. Within 10 days the landlord had lost 30 sheep. He came to understand that God was punishing him for what he done to an innocent man like me. He along with the elders came to the church and confessed their sins and repented and accepted Jesus as their Savior.

I was offered a good job with a good salary, but I chose instead to be a full-time preacher. I have led more than 100 people to Christ and have taken up full-time Gospel work. I have started two churches.

Number of Sponsorships Needed: 2

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Preacher's Name: M. Raju

Wife's Name: Rajyalakshmi

Number of Children: all grown

Country: India

Testimony:

I lived in a tiny village named Koti Kesavaram. I leased some land and grew high breed grass for the cattle. Everyday I have to go to a nearby town by bicycle and sell the milk. All our village people worship hindu idols. One day while selling the milk, a young man gave me a tract. I kept it in my pocket and I read it at home. I was anxious to know about the tract and about the cross and about Jesus Christ. For that I went to the address which was printed on it. I met the pastor. He explained so thoroughly about the simple way of salvation thru the Lord Jesus Christ by His grace. Immediately I confessed all my sins and accepted the Lord Jesus as my personal Savior.

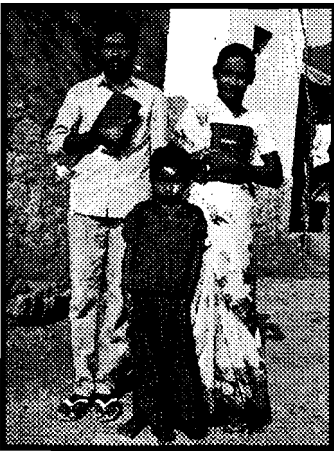


I was summoned to the central place of the village and was told not to worship Jesus, not to read the Bible and not to talk about Christianity to others. I told them I am Christian and I worship Jesus so I was sent out of the village. I lost everything due to my dedication to the Lord. I took my family to a far off tribal village to teach them. Slowly some tribals accepted Jesus as their Savior.

Number of Sponsorships Needed: 2

Preacher's Name: Bodoju Ratna Raju**Wife's Name:** B. Krupavathi**Number of Children:** 1**Country:** India**Testimony:**

I come from a very isolated and uncivilized village. However, I spent some time in the city at my uncle's house and received an education. While living there, I visited a Baptist Church and met the pastor to learn about Jesus. I accepted Him as my Savior and received baptism. All the people in my village have a great respect towards me. With the help of my tribesmen, I erected a small shed at the center of my village as a place to educate the children and male members of my village. Besides the basic education I give them, I tell them of the greatness of Christianity and read to them from the Bible. I have started 3 churches since beginning my ministry in my village and those in the surrounding area. My wife works with me in my ministry. We first met when she came to study at my school. She came to know the Lord through the teachings and accepted Christ after hearing Pastor Kumar preach. We live very simple lives, and rely on the forest around us for our livelihood. Our home is made of bamboo.

**Number of Sponsorships Needed:** 2**Preacher's Name:** T.V. Barn Boss**Wife's Name:** Mariamma**Number of Children:** 4 (2 grown)**Country:** India**Testimony:**

I was brought up in an orthodox Hindu family and was a devout follower. When I was 17, I began to associate with some Christian young men. We became close friends and I attended activities with them. I began to lose interest in going to temples and stopped worshiping Hindu gods. One day, at a youth retreat, I confessed my sins and accepted Jesus as my Savior. From that day on, my life was radically transformed. I started to evangelize from house to house and soon had a congregation of 60 members. I also evangelized on the street. One day, a woman passed by as we were evangelizing and stopped to listen for a while. She became very angry and began to curse at us and at Jesus, abusing us verbally and calling us untouchables. About two weeks later, my deacons and I rescued this woman from a man who was attempting to rape her. The incident opened her eyes and she repented and was saved. We later married. I am involved in training others for ministry and have planted two churches. I have led many lost to Christ.

**Number of Sponsorships Needed:** 2



Preacher's Name: Vairala Pethuru

Wife's Name: Santamma

Number of Children: 1

Country: India

Testimony:

I use to gamble a lot. My wife earned money to feed us as a farm laborer but I would take the money and lose it. I sold all the ornaments that belonged to my wife including utensils and I wasted it in gambling. I sold the property and the house and even our clothes.

One day the gambling was in full swing in the gambling den. There arose a dispute and one man pounced upon another and caused injury with a big knife and fled. I was so shocked I stood there without saying anything and it was

thought that I had done this deed. I was arrested and put in jail. Everyone believed that I had done this crime even my family.

One day a co-prisoner who is in for life, gave me a tract to read. He also comforted me by uttering some quotations from the Bible. It influenced me completely and I confessed my sins and accepted Jesus as my Savior. I observed that relief came to me. It was learned that I did not stab the man and I was released from prison. Instead of gambling I began to go from door to door and preached the gospel. I built a small church and 80 persons are coming to my church.

Number of Sponsorships Needed: 2

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Preacher's Name: Posupoyina Yesuratnam

Wife's Name: Appalamma

Number of Children: 2

Country: India

Testimony:

I have started 2 churches and led 135 people to Christ since becoming a Christian. I have also trained 2 other men to work in ministry as pastors.

Before receiving Christ and becoming a preacher, I was a fisherman and a staunch Hindu. Catching fish and selling them is not a regular income and it is a dangerous life and risk.

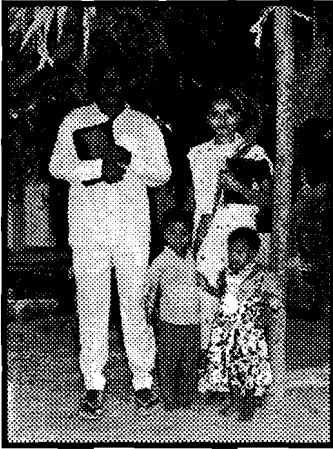
One day my boat capsized and I swam for hours but could not reach the bank. I was completely exhausted and thought that my end was near. I held on to a log but became unconscious.

Later I learned that I was saved by the pastor who belonged to the village and was far from my home. He got me medical aid and paid the doctor and prayed for me everyday.

His constant care and selfless service toward me during those days moved my heart like no other thing. Through this I received Christ as my Savior.

Number of Sponsorships Needed: 2





Preacher's Name: Kandilli David Raju

Wife's Name: Krupavathi

Number of Children: 2

Country: India

Testimony:

Before I was saved, I was a clothes salesman who travelled to villages by bicycle to sell the clothes house to house. I was a devout Hindu and worshiped idols. One day, I was in the village of Dommeru on a Sunday, attempting to do business. Hardly anyone was at home, and I found out that the majority of the villagers went to a nearby church which I was invited to attend by some of the villagers. After hearing the preaching, I decided to confess my sins and accept Jesus Christ as my Savior.

When I returned home, I shared with my wife what had happened, but she said "what is so special in it? Christian God is like all other gods". I invited a pastor to conduct prayers in our house and she refused to serve him any refreshments. As I began to spend more time witnessing, I neglected my profession. I had to sell my wife's jewelry to provide some income for us. Finally, my wife attended a church service and confessed before God. I work in full-time ministry and have no other source of income. Thank you for caring about the Christians in India.

Number of Sponsorships Needed: 2



Preacher's Name: Chekka Chittu Babu

Wife's Name: Manikyam

Number of Children: none

Country: India

Testimony:

One day when riding my bicycle after a very heavy rain, I fell into a drainage which was covered by water. I immediately lost consciousness. The personnel of the Baptist Church nearby, came to my rescue. I was kept in the church and doctors attended me day and night for four days, then I regained consciousness. Because of their kindness to me, I returned to see the pastor after I regained my full strength. He explained that Jesus loved me and had purchased all of us with His shed blood. I confessed my sins and accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior. Pastor Kumar baptized me and taught me the word of God. So far, I have won 70 dying souls in my village. I also pray the Lord to select a Sponsor to help me to continue my Gospel work in the surrounding villages. I have started 1 church and led 140 people to Christ.



My wife and I live in a house made of bamboo, mud, and palm leaves. We eat mostly rice and some vegetables.

Number of Sponsorships Needed: 2



Preacher's Name: Gotru Paul
Wife's Name: Suvarthamma
Number of Children: 3
Country: India
Testimony:

My family and I live in the village of Tirumalayapalem in a small house made of tile, wood and brick. Each day I involve myself in teaching, counseling and winning souls for Jesus. Since we are very poor, our usual meal is rice, flavored with curry. Some of my church members give us rice, vegetables and an occasional offering to help us along. We

pray that God will daily feed us, and provide us with clothing and a bicycle to use in our ministry.

In my life, God has used me to win more than 400 souls to Him. Over 400 have been baptized also. I have started two churches. One is pastored by a man I trained named Mr. Rapada Paul. Currently I am training my own brother to be a minister. He will someday pastor this church, and I will move with my family to start another.

Please pray that God will provide us with copies of the Bible in our language.

Number of Sponsorships Needed: 2

Preacher's Name: B. Gabriel
Wife's Name: Suvarthamma
Number of Children: 3
Country: India
Testimony:

I was a laborer in the road department when a preacher invited me to attend a meeting where I heard the Gospel for the first time. I asked the Lord Jesus to save me that day. When I returned home, my wife began to notice a change in my life. She became curious and I told her about Jesus. Then she was saved.



Today, we are working with a group of preachers that evangelize the surrounding villages and towns. I am helping them in the training of other men who want to serve Jesus. I have also started a church recently in the village of Paritala. Thus far, sixteen people have trusted in Jesus Christ. My wife helps me in this ministry by working with the women of the village and church.

Your generous sponsorship will lighten our burden, and enable us to more effectively preach to others the Good News found in Jesus. We are grateful for your sacrifice and love for our family.

Number of Sponsorships Needed: 2

Preacher's Name: P. C. Thankachan

Wife's Name: Mary Kutty

Number of Children: 2

Country: India

Testimony:

Both my wife and I lived horrible, hopeless lives, but we were convicted of our sins and we praise God that He saved us. We obeyed Him in baptism and are currently involved in full-time service. I received my training at Pakkil



Baptist Church, the Pastor there taught me what he knew of the Bible. Since that time, I have been involved in teaching other young men who want to serve God as ministers. I have also started one church.

Our ministry needs are about \$60.00 a month and we do not have a regular salary. We live by faith offerings that the church gives to us. Sometimes they are sufficient and sometimes, they are not. Regardless, we give our full-time service to the Lord in various ministries. One of our most effective is hospital ministry. These people are very eager to learn about the Gospel as they lay in beds in the hospital.

We thank you for your burden for lost souls in this heathen country of India. We also are praying for your service for the Master and we solicit your prayers for India.

Number of Sponsorships Needed: 2

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Preacher's Name: K. C. John

Wife's Name: single

Number of Children: none

Country: India

Testimony:

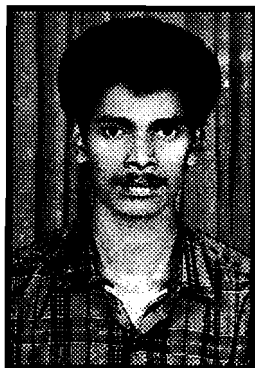
I had the privilege of being born to a Christian family. I attended church from my childhood, but there was not a personal relationship with God. But it pleased my Lord to save me in 1983. He changed me radically.

I was called to full-time ministry, and after my Bible training, I am serving the Lord with a great burden to reach the sinners with the message of Christ.

As a team member of All India Good News Center, we train local believers for tribal evangelism. Together, we are involved in church planting. We work in different cities and villages of almost all the states in India. Our ministry is far reaching. Personally, I have led over 100 people to Christ; together the number is very large.

Although I do receive a small salary from All India Good News Center, it is not sufficient to meet all my needs. I live in a wood and mud house. My diet consists of rice, wheat, vegetables, fish and meat. With your financial help, I will be able to continue to serve God full-time without having to seek secular work which would take away my time from serving God.

Please pray for my ministry here in my country of India.



Number of Sponsorships Needed: 2



Preacher's Name: Sanyasi Pani
Wife's Name: Baheni
Number of Children: 4
Country: India
Testimony:

At a time in my life when I was involved in the business world, God began to speak to me in a very special way. I began to fast and pray. I used to see different types of visions and dreams. On May 6, 1980, while asleep, God spoke to me about my life and future work. The next day, I acknowledged my sin before Him and accepted Christ as my personal Lord and Savior.

Then I began to have a burden to go to the neglected area to preach the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ. Thus far, I am involved in

evangelism in various areas in my state of Orissa. Since becoming a Christian, I have started six churches. I am also involved in open air evangelism, tribal evangelism and discipling people in my local church. I have led over 200 people to Christ through preaching and my personal testimony.

I do not work any secular jobs and we live by faith alone in God to supply our needs. We live in a house with 3 rooms, a grass roof and a mud floor. We eat rice as our main dish. Your financial help will be a help and a real encouragement.

Number of Sponsorships Needed: 2

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Preacher's Name: Beera John Chowdary
Wife's Name: B. Nookaratnam
Number of Children: none
Country: India
Testimony:

The village I grew up and live in is very remote. The people are uncivilized and illiterate. My father was a teacher in the village, so I was given an education. I joined the government service as an electrician. When I was working on an electrical pole, I was severely shocked and thrown to the ground. My hands were burned and paralyzed for a while and my legs were broken. While in the hospital, someone gave me a Bible to read. This man was Pastor Kumar (Regional Director in India). I understood that God had given me a second chance at life, I confessed my sins and accepted Jesus as my Savior. I resigned my government service, and was trained and appointed as a pastor.



Since that time, prayerfully and with great difficulty, I have started two churches and led 160 people to the Lord. My wife and I are in full-time ministry, we do not have any income except for little offerings, but Jesus provides me daily with bread.

Number of Sponsorships Needed: 2

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Sponsorship Information

To obtain further information on sponsorship, refer to the "Now It's Your Turn" voucher on page 22, or call us at 1-800-522-4324.

Sponsoring a **national preacher** is a simple process. Simply tell us which country you are most burdened for and we'll provide you with information on preachers living there who are approved for sponsorship. If you don't have a preference, we'll assign you a preacher from our most needy list.

Sponsorship is \$35.00 monthly, however, since we get each preacher two sponsors, you have the opportunity of providing double sponsorship (\$70.00 monthly) if you prefer. This of course, is not required. The preacher receives 80% of the funding and 20% is used for operating expenses.

As a sponsor you should receive correspondence when we send your support to your chosen preacher three times annually.

Each preacher recommended for support has successfully passed through at least three levels of examination and has been proven to be doctrinally sound, morally pure and have a verifiable track record in church planting and discipleship.

Sponsorship of a **TEAM** can be done for as little as \$10.00 monthly, or for any other amount you wish. **TEAM** stands for Together Effectively Advancing the Ministry. Though many preachers are being supported, they often collectively lack ministry tools that can be most useful. The purpose of the **TEAM** funding is to provide each country with money to be used for such things as purchasing Bibles and tracts, printing literature, buying bicycles for the traveling evangelists, building a church or Bible school, helping with emergency relief, etc.

Each trimester as the funds are mailed abroad, the national coordinator for every nation is asked to fill out a **TEAM** Report Form which we will send to you. This will give you a first hand report of how your funds were effectively used to advance the ministry in that land.

Sponsorship of an **orphan** is \$35.00 monthly and provides for lodging, food, clothing, basic medical care, and education.

All orphanages assisted by Final Frontiers are administered by pastors who are supported through this foundation, and are operated as a ministry of a local church. Trimesterly correspondence is encouraged between the orphans and their sponsors.

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