

And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region. Acts 13: 49

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TO INDIA

Dearly Beloved,

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Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father, and our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Wishes for a very Blessed New Year of 2023. How quickly the year has passed, and we feel like there's so much more to be achieved in the work of the Lord. There are souls to be rescued from eternal damnation of hell, and as the supreme authority of this country is making stricter laws regarding conversion, the Spirit of the Lord is moving intensely to bring about genuine conviction about the Gospel in many as well. We rejoice in witnessing the response caused by curiosity of knowing the reason for propagating what they presume as "white man's religion" in a Hindu country with millions of gods. We know that the history of true Christianity records repeatedly about the progress of Gospel amidst persecution.

We are immensely thankful to our God for His faithfulness and protection, and His true believers in His blood-bought churches who pray for us steadfastly. As we keep on plowing through, we covet your prayers for the following needs:

- 1) As mentioned before, six of the twelve mission churches need Pastors, and a decline in commitment to surrender for the ministry and step up to the plate among the youth. We are having to allot pulpits from the other churches.
- 2) Four of the churches are focusing on new mission works in specific villages in spite of threats from the radical religious fundamentalist outfits. Open street evangelism is becoming almost impossible as it is construed as deliberate instigation.
- 3) The main translation part of the Telugu Bible is over, and the document is getting set for printing the Tentative Edition. But we were hit with severe health problems for two of the main staff on this job, and also our old computers. The printer who has promised to print them has backed down. So we are looking for another printer who can do this kind of work.
- 4) The school ALEPH ACADEMY is doing well, but we need prayers for more students to come so that we'll be able to pay the teachers better. Meanwhile, we use part of the money sent for the Children's Home to help the underprivileged in the school, and we thank God for those who support these two ministries.
- 5) The second Children's Home at Kaltur has run into some complications from the locals for the registration of the property title on to the church after we built the wall. The two new children that the Lord sent to us to our older Home are growing fast and learning the things of the Lord.

We thank you so much for your love and prayers, and faithfulness in supporting the ministry in India. We wish you all a very Blessed New Year, and assure you

of our daily prayers for you with thanksgiving to our Lord.

Serving the Saviour

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