

Updates from the Field

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CHANDIGARH REGION

(Including Chandigarh, Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu Kashmir)

OUTREACH

The Lord is doing wonders in the Lalru region. In the past days we experienced His amazing graces in every arena in our personal lives and ministry too. Punjab is receptive for the Lord's Good News. The other states in the Lalru region such as Jammu & Kashmir, Haryana, and Himachal Pradesh are resistant to accepting Christ. These states are so staunch in their pagan beliefs that it becomes very tough for God's people to reach them with the Gospel. Yet what is too hard for our God? Our almighty God is breaking down the bondage of darkness in these places and souls are being won for the lord. We are experiencing

Lord's victory in this region. Praise the Lord!

JAMMU AND KASHMIR:

The Lord has added new souls to the Church. In Jammu & Kashmir Pr. Erick is serving the Lord faithfully and loyally. Our Lord is blessing his ministry and new souls are being added to his church. He says, "According to our labor and hardship God is faithful and as a result in this month He has enabled us to bring two new families to Christ, Sister Anita along with her family and Brother Stephan and family. These families were involved in idol worship before they received Christ. So, we consider that it is our great privilege to serve the living Lord and add the new souls in the body of Christ, but we do not stop here contented with these many souls added into the body of Christ, rather we are anticipating plenty such lost ones to embrace the mighty God Christ Jesus in the days to come and enlarge the ministry realm of God in the state of Jammu and Kashmir."

FELLOWSHIP:

On 17th of October at Narwhal village in Jammu an evening cottage meeting was organized in the house of Brother Vicky where around 35-40 people gathered to worship the living Lord. They had great fellowship in the mighty presence of the Almighty Lord. Our Lord again did amazing wonder in this meeting. Sister Raj too attended the fellowship meeting and the Lord delivered her from the demonic possession

on the very day. She used to get too frightened during the night and behaved differently. In the prayer meeting the mighty and powerful Word of God was shared. After the exhortation from the Scripture, prayer began, the all powerful Holy Spirit moved mightily and the sister was delivered by the end of the meeting. Then they all had a nice dinner at Brother Vicky's house and said good bye to each other to meet again in the name of Jesus very soon with the promise to gather again in the God's sanctuary. They all went home praising the Lord for His great work. Definitely Lord is doing wonders in Jammu and people in darkness are realizing the eternal truth and one true God Christ Jesus.

BAPTISMS:

People who believe in Jesus Christ and take baptism they will be the members of God's kingdom. As the God's word says, "if you believe in my Father then you do as I did." This is the way we Christian have to live our lives to become a testimony for our Lord and Saviour Christ Jesus. Whatever the word of God commands us to do we are supposed to obey Him in sheer love. God these days talked to some people and they gave their lives to the Lord. Now these 8 people are ready to take the baptism after they received the gospel of Jesus Christ. These people are so waiting for the baptism service with fervent prayer and great passion. We request your prayers as well that the Lord may keep these precious souls under His care and strengthen their faith with each passing day and prepare them for the holy dip.

MINISTRY GROWTH:

Pr. Erick and other co-pastors are serving the Lord together in Jammu areas with great passion and zeal in the various places. Lord is honouring the hard labour and the ministry is expanding at more villages and towns. Pr. Erick works too hard for the glory of God in Sanduk Nagar and Gandhi Nagar. Pr. Ravi is reaching the lost ones of the Lord in two villages. All of these Pastors are working with great desire and enthusiasm in the midst of such idol worshippers and sharing the true and living message of God, as well as making them understand who Jesus Christ and the eternal life is? Therefore, in this way people are coming to the Lord and receiving Him as their personal saviour and gradually we are growing in ministry together in the Lord.



DELHI:

In Delhi, God has put Pastor Victor to glorify Him by faithfully serving the lord and bringing the lost ones in the saving fold of or eternal and true God Christ Jesus. Pastor Victor has dedicated his life for God's ministry and by God's grace doing great in the spiritual vineyard. He has great burden for the perishing souls and he toils very hard to bring them to Christ. By listening to God's word through His servant, people are coming to know Jesus Christ. God always accompany His beloved servants and opens doors for them so that the kingdom of God could be established in all the earth.

BAPTISM:

By the grace of God in this month eight new souls are ready for baptism. These all come from different religious backgrounds Hindu, Brahmins, Jain and some even followed pagan religion. After experiencing the living Lord Christ Jesus in their lives they accepted the Lord as their personal Lord and are now regularly attending the church and partaking in all the spiritual activities of the church. They are also eager to hear the Word of God and worship one and only true living God in the church with great passion. It is so amazing that the Lord has worked wonders right in their lives and they have experienced the miracles of Christ. These precious souls were touched by the Holy Spirit and have received the Lord's real peace and joy in their lives and families.

NEW SOULS:

God honours the hard labour of His faithful servant and blesses them and their ministry in every way. Lord's Holy Spirit convicts the sinners and they embrace the lining loving God in their lives and enter into the eternal life. Last month as well five new souls were added into the body of Christ in Delhi in the church of Pastor Jagdish. Pastor Samuel too was able to win 3 families for Christ. God is brings the lost ones to His saving fold through His faithful servants.

FELLOWSHIP:

One of our CFI Pastors Chand is working under the area co-coordinator Pr. Victor in Delhi conducted the youth program along with fifty young stars of Delhi, and as a result two young men Brother Raj and Brother Sushil dedicated themselves to Christ and received Christ Jesus as their personal saviour. There was seven days and night fasting prayer was conducted where around 10-15 people gathered in the church in the mighty presence of the Lord. All the believers participated in chain prayer without any interval, and indeed it was great blessing for all the believers, spiritually as well as physically, moreover it brought the inner changes and the spiritual edification of the believers and the church.

PUNJAB:**BAPTISMS**

Reaching the lost ones, proclaim the Gospel, winning souls and adding them into the body of Christ is not an easy task, but the people of God who have genuinely dedicated and admonished by the spirit of God for His ministry, then of course Lord do wonders and His faithful ones become soul winners. This month as well God enabled us to bring nine new souls in the saving fold of our almighty God Jesus Christ. Now they are in process of getting prepared for baptism and strengthening themselves in the Word of God and in His fellowship. Please pray for these precious souls that they may keep well and Lord's Spirit may continuously strengthen them in the Lord.

MINISTRY GROWTH:

The pastors working in Ferozpur (Punjab) area are so passionate for Lord's ministry and leave no stone unturned to reach the lost ones in the remote villages to share the eternal love of Christ Jesus. This month Lord showered His grace upon His servants as He has always done and the ministry expanded in many areas. Many new souls were added into the CFI churches in various places. Pr. Prakash welcomed 17 new people in his church where as Pr. Rakesh was able to win 11 souls for the Lord. Pr. Raj Church delighted to embrace 8 newly saved souls. Most of them are converted from Punjabi, Hindu, Sikh and Jat. Pr. Major prayed and shared the gospel to Br. Viram who comes from a Sikh family and another Br. Sulap a Mutton seller along with his mother has received Christ as their personal saviour.

CHALLENGES:

There are various religious group people living in the state of Punjab, who are strong enough and steady in belief on their gods and goddesses. The spiritual environment is corrupted and the pollution is growing day by day. Therefore it is real difficult for the ministers of God to evangelize and lead them into the path of Christ. Though very often we face obstacles and restrictions from many religious and anti-Christian groups while proclaiming the Gospel to the lost ones, God is faithful and we rely fully upon Him for all of this. He empowers us in our weaknesses and grants us the grace to reach the unreached.

HIMACHAL PRADESH:

Pr. Narender is serving the Lord in the places full of darkness. Himachal Pradesh is one such state where the darkness of evil power prevails in the air. But the Lord is working wonders in this place as well. God's work will never end, it will keep on increasing and souls will be added into the body of Christ. Because of the hard work of God's servant numerous lost souls are coming closer to God. Now

13 new members started attending the church. They are all from Hindu back ground and after experiencing Christ personally they accepted the Lord as their personal God and Savior. Now they attend the prayer service regularly and are so glad to be added into the body of Christ Jesus. These people are now growing in the Word and getting closer to God. Please keep praying for these precious souls so that they may stand witness for the Lord in their villages and families.

BAPTISM:

The word of God says, “And they believed and were baptized and added into the church”. Obeying Lord is the most amazing thing to do for His people. Lord’s servants are serving him the tough hills and taking His Good News to the people who are lost in the darkness. Last month God gave us such blessed occasion to baptize 45 new believer’s, who come from different back grounds, but today they too have heard the gospel and accepted Jesus Christ as their personal God. They are ready to live for Christ in every low and every high.

MINISTRY GROWTH:

God is faithful to his faithful servants when they faithfully serve Him in all the situations. God’s people in these hills are serving Him with lot of burden for the lost ones and passion for the lord. They are ready to face anything to see the work done what the Lord has entrusted to them. Our faithful God is enlarging our ministries in these areas and in every CFI church we are witnessing the matchless grace of our almighty God. He is pulling out the lost ones and adding them to the Church. The CFI ministry is expanding in these lands. In the days to come we believe that the mighty God will keep on doing great wonders and we will see the masses coming into the saving fold of our lord and master Jesus Christ.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray those baptized 45 new believers at Himachal to stand firm in their new faith.
- Please uphold Lalru Transformation Center in your prayers.