

Patel News

Agra, India



Romans 10:15a – “And how shall they preach, except they be sent?”

January/February 2007

Dear Friends,

Praise Items

1. Great turn-out for Christmas Day service
2. Great services here in the States at various churches and for traveling safety
3. For meeting our every need
4. Having time to spend with our sons

Special Prayer Requests

1. Upcoming revival services
2. Traveling safety to India and back
3. For those who heard the message of Christ on Christmas Day-that they will come to know and trust Christ as Savior
4. Wisdom in beginning new churches
5. Wisdom for those leading in our absence
6. Our youth ministry

We began this New Year with the theme “PREACH THE WORD TO THE WORLD” for the ministries of Faith Church, Agra, India, taken from Mark 16:15. Over the years the Lord has blessed us, not only to preach His glorious Gospel to Indians from all across India, but also to young men and women from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, and Ethiopia. We have also been privileged to preach the Gospel to many who come to Agra from all over the world to visit one of the Seven Wonders of the World - the ‘TAJ MAHAL.’ We do recognize that the Lord has placed His church in a very strategic area in order to reach many from around the world. Please pray that we will be committed more than ever before to preach the Word to the world.

We will be conducting our revival meeting the second week of February. Along with that we will have a baptism service and an ordination service for two of our men in the ministry. We are so thankful for the way the Lord has raised up laborers for His vineyard. Please pray for this special time in which Christ Jesus can be honored. It is our desire that the Lord would continue to call many more from our congregation into His service. Please do pray that the Lord will bless those who will be going to India for these special services – that they will have power from on high to minister. Pray also for traveling mercies for the long journey.

It has been such a joy to visit many of our supporting churches these past several months. We trust that before returning to India this summer we will be able to visit with every one of you who has been so faithful to labor along with us through your fervent prayers and faithful support.

It has been our desire to begin a new church this year in a city about four hours from Agra. We will continue to be at Faith Church in Agra assisting the work there and helping to train those who are preparing for the ministry; but, also, spending several days during the week in the new place reaching out to people with the Gospel and trying to get a new church off the ground. We are also going to be helping to start a new work in Kenya, Africa. A young man has already returned to Kenya to do some preliminary ground work there. His fiancé and another Kenyan couple will be leaving toward the latter part of this year to join him, all of whom were called into the ministry and trained at Faith for the past several years. We do know that all of this will require much prayer, and we are counting on you for that. Nothing will be accomplished unless we seek the leadership of our Lord on our knees.

Thank you for praying for the Christmas Day service. There were around 1700 people in attendance that morning, and many, we're sure, had never heard what Christmas truly means. Just imagine, a little over twelve years ago there were no churches there preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our prayer is for the Lord to give us many more opportunities to bring many more souls to Him in 2007.

God bless you.

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