

Patel News

Agra, India



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

May/June 2007

Dear Friends,

Praise Items

- 1) Continual protection and provision for the ministry
- 2) Raising up faithful servants for the ministry
- 3) Meeting all our needs while in the States
- 4) The family of God who labor with us

It has been such a joy to be able to spend some time in America with our sons and also to travel across the country meeting many of you who have been a part of our ministry throughout the years. We thank God for the safety during the many miles of travel and for all the wonderful meetings we've had.

It has also been a joy to hear from our folks in India who are leading in various areas of our ministry. We would like to give you an account of the ongoing work there according to recent reports. Our assistant pastor, Bro. Mani, and another one of our assistants, Bro. Babushri, have been doing a great job. They conduct the services, the teen meetings, the college fellowship meetings, the village meetings, and evangelism throughout the city and villages. They have been able to get into a couple of new villages recently and preach the Gospel. They have had a good response, and we are hopeful they will be welcomed back. Church services are going well; attendance is steady, and new visitors continue to flow in. Many new young people have attended the last couple summer weekly youth meetings and are very interested in learning more about the Lord Jesus. Their names are mentioned in our prayer request column; please pray for each one.

Preparations are underway for our annual VBS program- one of our highlights of the year when we have the privilege to teach 300-400 children daily about the love of God and His gift of salvation through His Son. Pray also for this outreach ministry.

Another assistant, a native of Kenya, Africa, named Gregg and his wife Evelyn, are conducting our African students' fellowship/Bible study every week and are doing a wonderful job. Another young Kenyan man named Dickson is also assisting Gregg and Evelyn. God is using all these folks in a mighty way, and we are so proud of them. Please pray for all the African students who have been saved through this ministry that they will grow spiritually and remain faithful in their commitment.

Many of you have heard us tell of a young man from our church in India named Raju who married a young lady named Shiya, who was born in India but has been raised in America. She was saved at Gateway FWBC in Virginia Beach, Virginia. They were married May 26th of this year at Landmark FWBC in Cary, North Carolina, and have returned to the work there in Agra, India. They will be serving in the music and youth ministries. (See our web site for photos of the wedding) Please pray for this couple; especially for Shiya as she adjusts back to the Indian culture. We are so glad the Lord has sent us another worker to help in the ministry there.

We are so thankful for all the workers the Lord has placed in our church; they are willing leaders with servants' hearts for the Lord. We are also very thankful for each of you, who have stood by us all these years. We have so much more to do, and we are so grateful that we have your continued prayerful and financial support. "FOR WE ARE LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD..." (I Corinthians 3:9) May God bless you abundantly above measure.

For Christ and His Kingdom,

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