



# Patel News

## Agra, India

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

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Dear Friends,

### Praise Items

1. For the ministry of the local church
2. For willing servants to go and start new local churches
3. For the souls that have been saved
4. For God's faithfulness to protect and provide for His people

It's always a joy to update you on the ministries here in India and in Kenya, Africa. We are so thankful to be able to “work alongside” our Lord as He continues to build and “add to the church daily such as should be saved” (Acts 2:47). It is exciting to see souls saved and watch lives change for the glory of God. It has always been our desire to be involved in planting local churches and seeing these churches give birth to other local churches. We believe this is Biblical. Over the years, God has given us men who have been called to salvation and then called into full-time Christian service. We have had the privilege to train and equip several men and women for the Lord's work. Over a year ago, we sent such a man out from our church to begin a new work about 4 hours from Agra. Bro. Babu and his family have established Grace Church in the city of Gurgaon, and we are seeing souls saved regularly as a result of their obedience to God's calling. It was our privilege to be there with his congregation this past Sunday as we partook in the first Lord's Supper for these new believers. There were 30 in attendance for the adult service and 44 in attendance for the children's service. Please pray that the Lord will direct us to a bigger and more suitable place for Bro. Babu and his congregation to meet for services.

### Special Prayer Requests

1. That God would call out laborers from our midst
2. AWANA program (90 children)
3. Wisdom to effectively evangelize
4. Discipleship and growth of new believers
5. Financial support to be sufficient
6. More suitable place for Grace Church in Gurgaon

Simultaneously, two other men and their wives have started new works in Kenya, East Africa. These 2 couples were trained here at Faith Church, Agra, over several years time and then went back to their countries to begin a church. Greg and Eve have been living in Nairobi, working in a local church there for the past year. Two weeks ago, they moved to a city called Kitale and have begun a church in their home. Their first Sunday service, they had 4 adults and 7 children. Brian and Rose live in a city called Kisumu. They, too, have started a church in their home two weeks ago and have had a good number of folks to attend their services. Please pray that the Lord will open the hearts and minds of the folks they feel called to minister to. Pray that the Lord will grant wisdom to these young couples as they begin to fulfill God's calling on their lives.

God continues to bless the “home church” – Faith Church in Agra. We support these who have gone out from our church to start new local churches, while continuing to train others whom God has called into His vineyard. He has blessed us tremendously. We are seeing our numbers rapidly grow as well here at Faith, averaging over 300 each Sunday this year.

We believe the local church is still God's plan for reaching the world. Thank you for standing with us and so faithfully supporting our efforts to reach souls and plant new churches for the glory of our Savior. We are honored to be an extension of **your local church** in fulfilling our Lord's great commission. We would like to close with our theme for this New year, '09, taken from Galatians 2:20: *“NOT I BUT CHRIST”*. We have committed to live out these words this year, with the Lord's help. May God bless you and cover you with His grace.

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