



Faith 
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Patel News

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

Dear Friends

Praise Items

1. Souls saved recently in all 5 churches
2. Great VBS time at Faith and Grace, Gurgaon
3. Faithful leaders serving in our absence

Special Prayer Requests

For those who are leading in various ministries and their families:

1. Bro. Babu – Grace Church, Gurgaon, India
2. Bro. Greg- Grace Church, Kitale, Kenya
3. Bro. Brian- new work in Kisumu, Kenya
4. Bro. Mani, Raju, Sonelal – Faith Church, Agra, India

We are so thankful for the calling on our lives to serve the Lord in India. We are so excited to know that God is working through our ministry in India to also touch lives in Kenya, Africa. As you know, in February two men that we trained in Agra for 4 years have started churches in Kisumu and Kitale, cities in Kenya. They are confident this is where the Lord would have them establish these new works, and they are very encouraged as the Lord gives fruit for their labor. We will give a more detailed account in our next newsletter. This time, we would like to share some testimonies with you of various people who have been recently saved.

Sheetal, a 26 year old young lady that has been attending Grace Church in Gurgaon for over a year, shares her story with us. At Grace Church, she has repeatedly heard the message of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ only. She had been raised to worship Sai Baba, a man who teaches that all religions lead to Heaven. If you are a Hindu, just be a good Hindu; if a Bhuddist, be a good Bhuddist, etc. Her father was in the hospital and not given long to live. She took a Gospel tract with her from the church and told her father that the Christians taught anyone who would believe in Jesus could pray the prayer written on the back of the tract, be forgiven, and be allowed into Heaven. She asked her father if he wanted to pray this prayer. Unable to speak, he blinked his eyes and nodded his head. After reading the sinner's prayer, she asked if he prayed to Jesus, he blinked and nodded his head. Two days later, he died. Sheetal now was faced with the same decision. She had led her dad through the sinner's prayer but had not accepted Christ herself. Family pressure and the religion she was familiar with caused her to forget what took place with her father in that hospital room...until one day, when the Holy Spirit opened her blinded eyes. Assured that her father was now in Heaven and that she was the tool God used to make Himself known to her dad, she finally decided to wholly give her heart and life to Jesus. She now wants to be baptized. We are still amazed how an unsaved girl could lead her father to the Lord using a Gospel tract, and then –thank the Lord- get saved herself many months later. PTL!

In May, we began our weekly youth meetings at Faith Church, Agra, and have always had a good number of new teens attend. At one meeting, 3 young ladies in their late teens, all related somehow, came and after hearing the Gospel, raised their hands to be saved. Our youth pastor took them aside to make sure they understood what they did. The oldest girl said they had been going to an Anglican church all their lives and had never heard that they needed to be forgiven and that the way to Heaven was through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Her priest repeatedly taught his congregation that if one person in the home was “righteous” then the whole household would be saved. He also taught them that they were to respect and honor all religions; if they did so, they would automatically go to Heaven. These young ladies and others in their family have been saved and are regularly attending our services. PTL! Please be much in prayer for all who have been saved that God would surround them with His grace and use them to win others to Himself. Thank you once again for partnering with us in prayer and financially supporting the works in India and Kenya. It is exciting to know “we are workers together with God”(I Cor. 3:9).

Joyfully serving,

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