



Patel News

Agra, India

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

November/December 2009

Dear Friends,

December is a busy month for us here at Faith Church in Agra. We have a lot of activities planned as a way to reach out to our community with the true meaning of Christmas. An annual Christmas Day Service is planned; and we usually have close to a thousand in attendance, so we covet your prayers.

Grace Church in Gurgaon is also planning a Christmas Day Service and small drama. They are excited to be able to share with those in their area the true Christmas story according to the Scriptures. They have been averaging around 40 on Sunday mornings and 45 children on Saturdays, so please pray that there will be space enough in the apartment for everyone on Christmas day. They are in need of a permanent, more spacious building for their services. We have located a suitable building near our apartment that is for sale. Unfortunately, we do not have the needed funds at this time to proceed any further. Land and buildings in the Gurgaon area are extremely expensive because it is one of the fastest developing cities in India. Please pray for this need; we are certain the Lord would have us establish a permanent place for this NT church there. On the flip-side, we have been given, free of charge, a 2 room building in an area about 2 hours from Gurgaon to begin a new work. Sister Becki and I are praying about this and considering going there in January to see how the Lord directs. Right now, we do not have anyone adequately trained to go there and start a ministry from scratch. We are short-staffed as it is. So we again need prayer as to what God would have us do with this new opportunity

Grace Church in Kitale, Kenya, is struggling somewhat in attendance; but Bro. Greg and Sis. Eve are faithfully sharing the Gospel, and many are getting saved. The problem seems to be in getting these new converts committed to faithfully attending church and making a conscience effort to grow in their new faith. They had their first baptism on the 6th of December with 2 adults and 3 young people. Because they are meeting in their home, the baptism took place at a river nearby. They need your prayers of encouragement.

This year has been one of our most fruitful years for the ministry. We have had more souls saved in 2009 than any previous year, and we give all glory to God for each one. We were privileged to baptize 11 precious souls on the 22nd of November at Faith Church in Agra.

As a new year approaches, we look forward with great anticipation to what the Lord has for us. As always, we sincerely and earnestly request your prayerful support as we continue to make Christ known and extend the work of God in other areas of India. From our side of the world to yours, we wish you a very Christ-honoring and Christ-centered Christmas!

God bless you!
Hemant and Becki Patel

“This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.” (1 Timothy 1:15)

Praise Items

1. A very fruitful year for reaching souls
2. Open doors for new works in new areas
3. All of you - our faithful supporters
4. God's free gift of salvation

Special Prayer Requests

1. Need for a permanent building for Grace Church in Gurgaon
2. Our Christmas outreach programs
3. Growth of new believers in each church
4. Junior-aged children's ministries
5. Upcoming revival the first of the year
6. God's wisdom for the ongoing work

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