



Patel News

Agra, India

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

Dear Friends,

Praise Items

1. Souls being saved in all of our churches
2. Continual protection and provision of our growing work
3. Faithfulness of God in answering our prayers
4. Calling us together to labor with Him as He builds His church

Special Prayer Requests

1. Wisdom for starting a new church
2. Means to purchase a permanent place for Grace Church
3. Our African student ministry
4. All our believers to cultivate a “Heart for God”
5. God would raise up laborers from our midst

We started the New Year in a way we have never done before. On the first day of January, we began Revival services at Faith Church in Agra with visiting pastor, Jeff Jones, from Hilltop FWB Church in NC. He also preached at Bethel Church in Shamoo Village, taught our youth/college students, our staff meetings, and various other services. On the 9th and 10th, he was able to minister to those at Grace Church in Gurgaon. His messages not only stirred our hearts to walk more closely with the Lord, but moved many to make a decision to receive Christ as their Savior. We want to thank Hilltop Church for sending Pastor Jeff and his family to minister to all of us. What a wonderful way to start the New Year!

Our theme for this year is “Having a Heart for God”. We want to stay sensitive to the things that are near and dear to the heart of God; and that is, seeing souls saved and new local churches established. So far this year, souls have been saved in all our Sunday services. We also hope to start a new church this year. In our last newsletter, we mentioned a building that was available for starting a church in another city called Greater Noida. We would like for you to pray with us for wisdom and guidance.

The following is a letter from Bro. Greg, whom we trained, ordained here at Faith in Agra, and sent out to start a church in Kenya, Africa. They have just completed their first year of ministry. I know you will rejoice to see how your prayers and support have brought fruit for God’s glory.

“Dear Pastor Patel, This past Sunday, 14 Feb. 2010, we celebrated our first anniversary; it was a joy to hear such great testimonies of what God is doing in the lives of our people. Many have come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior. We also had great singing from our choir and the best was Bro. Brian who ministered to us. After the service, we had a time of fellowship. It was blessed day--all glory and praise to our God. During this 1st year of ministry, we were able to baptize 2 adults and 3 Sunday school children. We gave away 35 Bibles to people/families who had never owned a Bible before. Our Tithes and offerings for 2009 was over (Kenya shillings) KSH 100,000 (equivalent to \$1300). This year we were able to assist 3 of our Church children with school. All this has been possible because of your faithful prayers, love, care, and support and we thank you. As we start the second year, our humble request is that you will continue to pray for us and the work here. FOR THE LORD WILL NOT FORSAKE HIS PEOPLE FOR HIS GREAT NAME’S SAKE: BECAUSE IT HATH PLEASD THE LORD TO MAKE YOU HIS PEOPLE. 1 SAMUEL 12:22. Because of Calvary, Gregg & Eve”

Bro. Babu, whom we also trained, ordained, and sent out from Faith to serve at Grace Church in Gurgaon is completing his 2nd year of ministry. They have been faithful soul winners and servants of our Lord. We mentioned in our last newsletter that land and buildings in the Gurgaon area are extremely expensive--more expensive than property in many major cities in the US. We strongly feel this is a very strategic city, not only to reach northern India, but folks from all over India. We are trusting the Lord to give us wisdom and the means to provide a permanent church building for this congregation. We covet your prayers to see this happen. **Please visit the website to see the pictures of all our different ministries mentioned above. God bless.**

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