

India Mission Report Update Jan-Apr 2023

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MISSION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JAN-FEB-MAR-APR 2023

**"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for,
the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1**

Greetings the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Do appreciate all your prayers for our mission work in India and also for our family.

Just a recap:- Holy Convocation (Meetings) at Kakinada took place from 11th to 13th January 2023 with Guest Speakers Bro. P. A. Swamy of Srikakulam, Bro. Prakash of Siddipet and Bro. P. Sudhakar Babu of Vijayawada. The choir did a good job in bringing the special numbers as well as general singing. Bro. P. Sudhakar Babu spoke in the afternoon session on "Family" and others focused on Christian living, salvation and spiritual growth. There was good attendance from outside, around 1000 people from the fellowship of churches and about 500 from local churches within the city of Kakinada.

On 26th January (Republic Day of India) Youth Retreat took place at Life Gate Tabernacle, Hyderabad with Guest Speaker, Bro. Charles Theodore. It was a great time for the youth (boys and girls) after a break of more than two years (due to covid). There was a very good turn out. It was indeed a great time of singing, preaching and activity.

In the month of January, Bro. Moshe (Paul Moses) visited Bethel Church at Hubli, Karnataka State. The present church building roof was raised a few feet so that heat would dissipate and enable the congregation to sit comfortable during the worship services. Pray for Pastor Obadiah as he ministers over there.

From 1st Feb. to 3rd Feb. Regional Meetings took place at Elim Church, Dandepally with Guest Speaker, Bro. Jenny Christopher of Bangalore. Each day, there were two sessions in the morning, one in the afternoon and two sessions in the evening. In the afternoon, the session were divided for the Youth, Ladies, Kids and Pastors. Myself and Bro. P. Mathew Henry preached during the general session and for the Pastors'. Sis. Prema Latha preached for the Ladies session; and also for the youth, Bro. Jenny Christopher shared the Word of God. Around 1500 attended the meetings; on the last day 36 were baptized.

Annual church meetings took place from 3rd to 5th March at Ellaram. Bro. KSM Peter and Bro. Sam Wesley preached during the meetings. Please continue to pray for the church building permit yet to be obtained from the concerned authorities (which is pending for more than three years).

On 5th March, Parsonage (consisting of two rooms) of Grace Ebenezer Church at Sirpurkagaznagar was dedicated. Myself and Bro. Kamalakar took part in the dedication service of the parsonage. Pray for Pastor A. Emmanuel and his family. Also pray for the growth of the church. In the past many families of that area had to leave due to closure of the Paper-Mill and Fabric Industry. Recently, the paper-mill was re-opened, and many are expected to return back into the area. Pray the Lord of the Harvest may bring new souls, and many be added to the church.

Sattenpally meetings from 24th to 25th March went well with Bro. S. Elisha (from LGT Church), Pastor Suryam as special speakers. On 24th March, I preached and Bro. Kamalakar translated the message. The meetings just took place a week away from the Good Friday and Easter Worship services. Many attended the meetings though the temperatures were on the rise (due the summer season in India).

Good Friday and Easter Worship services went well in all our mission churches as well as at Life Gate Tabernacle, Hyderabad. At LGT, we had a "three day meeting" with guest speaker Bro. P. John Paul. He spoke on Sin, Christian living, about baptism and God's judgment. Each day, we had two sessions in the morning and one session in the evening. On Easter Sunday, we had seven baptized. My fourth daughter, Eileen Esther took baptism with others.

For the Good Friday services, the following helped out in the ministry:

1. Bro. Peter Emmanuel and Bro. K. Peter Emmanuel preached "Seven Words on the Cross" at Indurthi and Mudhimanikyam.
2. Bro. Sam Wesley shared the Word, at Shalem Church, Thukkuguda.
3. Bro. Moshe (Paul Moses) went to Bellampally and Hazipur (also for Easter Service).
4. Bro. Kamalakar preached at Mancheryal.