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Praise Report

- ◆ Praise God for 148 people who heard the Gospel on November 20th at Gurap village as Sindhu preached in an open air gathering.
- ◆ Praise God for 125 Hindu people at Tabarda, near Basirhat (Bangladesh border), who opened their village primary school and gathered to hear the Gospel from Rev. Sindhu Pani and Pastor Sandeep Mukherjee. Two people from Hansnabad were baptised after the meeting.
- ◆ Praise God for 32 Church Planters who came for a one day meeting at Srachi Center in Kolkata.
- ◆ Praise God for all His wonderful provisions and faithfulness.
- ◆ Praise God for a police officer who stopped Rev. Sindhu and interrogated him with lots of questions, and went away with satisfactory answers without doing any harm. Instead, he heard a 10 minute presentation of the Gospel.



India News and Views

A NOTE FROM SINDHU....

Dear Friends,

Warm greetings in the name of Jesus our Lord. Thank you all for your friendship, fellowship, partnership, support and prayers throughout the year. On behalf of the GTN family, I wish you all a Christ-centered Christmas and God blessed New Year.



We are living in a world where war, violence, bomb blasts, terrorism, flooding, injustice, marginalization, oppression and persecution toward Christians is increasing. However, God's Word reminds us that He is our Shield and Shelter and we are hidden within Him. God is true to His Word. His promises over and over again are to hide us, protect us, deliver us, and keep us from the evil one...

Jesus himself prayed to His Father for us in John 17:15 that we all would be kept from the evil one. Oh! What a precious gift we have to kneel right beside Jesus in John 17 and listen in as He prays to the Father on our behalf...What peace that gives us! Let us once again remember that we have peace and assurance in Christ Jesus in the time of turmoil and terror. We are a treasured possession.... A blessing to our nation.... And what the enemy intends for harm, God intends it for good to accomplish what He wants, for the saving of many lives (survival of many people - Gen. 50:20).

God is our Shield and Salvation. He is for us, not against us. He will not slumber, nor sleep, but watches over us day and night; He watches over our coming and going both now and forevermore!

Rev. Sindhu Pani



Field Report

Pastor's and Church Planter's Retreat

Praise God for the opportunity He gives us to influence and to be salt and light. From July 15-17, GTN organized a 3-day retreat for its pastors, church planters and younger leaders. 50 of them participated and were trained, taught and challenged through Rev. Susanta Patra, Rev. Samson Nag, Dr. M.T. Cherian, Rev. Chelliah, and Mr. Asish Swalsingh & Rev. Sindhu Pani. These men of God spoke in various sessions on different topics: Church Growth, Church Planting, Leadership, Shepherding and Moving with a Vision, etc. Brother Vinod Abraham helped in translation, along with Rev. Sindhu. It was indeed an amazing time of gathering for all the CPs & Pastors of GTN to come to Kolkata- Seva Kendra from 5 States in India. All had a great time of fellowship, friendship and a time of prayer with great learning. They went away being motivated to impact others.



Connecting with God

GTN organized one day of fasting and prayer on August 28th at Scepter Center in view of the persecution that the Orissa Christians were facing (and are still facing). Church planters and Pastors connected in deep communion with God, pleading for God to intervene in Orissa, Karnataka and other places to stop the communal Violence.

Marching with Unity

Some of our staff joined with the Silent Rally organized by Serampore College and the local Church in unison to condemn the communal violence in Orissa, in order to express our solidarity and brotherhood for the suffering Christians in Orissa and Karnataka. The persecution is still going on in many forms in India. *Let us continue to keep them in our prayers and extend our hands to help them in every way possible.* (Pictured to the left is Sindhu passing out clothes to people at the relief camp in Orissa)





Sunday School Program at Gurap and Mogra villages

GTN has started Sunday School programs in two villages: at Gurap with 40 children, and at Mogra with 49 children who are from Hindu families, but attend regularly. Pastor Jatin Barman and Swarajit take the leadership. On September 25th, Rev. Sindhu and Minati visited the Sunday School children. Mrs. Minati inspired the children by teaching songs and Rev. Sindhu brought the Word and encouraged them.



Harvesting Borok Community

The GTN staff visited Tripura during October 28-30th and had a 2-day Pastors and Leaders conference at Salka Baptist Church near Teliamura in West Tripura. 130 pastors, church planters, leaders and believers gathered in this conference. Brother Kendall Kamps who came to India first time, ministered to the Borok people. With tears, they cried out to the Lord for a great harvest in the land of Tripura which is an insurgency-dominated state. All the participants were greatly challenged to reach their own unreached Borok Communities in 856 villages and in 4 districts of Tripura.

Discipleship Seminar

A one day Discipleship Seminar was organized in Tribeni Tissue of Hooghly District on October 31st. 150 people participated in this seminar. International guests Rev. Joel Madson, Rev. Jim Baugh and Rev. Dr. Wilf Meeds taught from God's Word on different topics and inspired the delegates. After the seminar, delegates came forward to be prayed for. Our guests laid their hands over them and prayed for their various needs.

Evangelism Conference

An Evangelistic Conference was held on November 1st at Seva-Kendra for our Pastors and Believers. 137 people attended this conference and were challenged from God's Word brought to them by Rev. Joel Madson, Rev. Jim Baugh and Dr. Wilf Meeds. Pastor Jatin's daughter gave a special dance on praising and adoration of God, later Mrs. Minati Pani and Mrs. Susmita Nath sang beautiful songs and inspired the delegates.



House Church Visit

On Sunday morning, November 2nd, Rev. Joel Madson and Rev. Sindhu Pani visited two of our Churches at Titagarh and Authpur respectively. From 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. the Church service was held at Titagarh in a small rented house where 60 believers packed in the room to hear God's Word from Rev. Joel Madson, as well as to worship the Lord Almighty. Church planter Brother Methuselah John, who leads this house church lives with his mother and brother in this small house. At the end of the service, believers brought oil, water and Rev. Joel and Sindhu prayed for them. It was a wonderful experience to see believers coming forward with great faith in Jesus to be healed and released from various bondages.

After lunch, Brother Michael drove the car and took Joel and Sindhu to another village church at Authpur near Sham Nagar. Pastor G. Rama Rao leads this small church of 70 believers and his son Suherson assists him in leading the worship and youth group. It was another small facility where 70 people gathered together. When the service began at 5:30 pm, there were 12 or 13 people, but eventually the house was packed with 70 people. The worship was wonderful. The power of God was demonstrated in this place during the worship as the believers began to speak in tongues and glorified the Lord Almighty.

Conference in Indonesia

Rev. Sindhu, Rev. Joel, Rev. Jim and Dr. Wilf went to Indonesia from November 4-8 for a Pastors and Leaders conference which was held in Yogyakarta with 250 pastors and leaders who came from all over Indonesia. Pastor Andrew Hedors and Jacob Surya (Sindhu's friends) helped put on the conference. Each night we had Revival Meetings and all day long we used to teach and train the pastors and leaders. The choir groups were wonderful.

There are 137 unreached people groups in Indonesia still, and in one of the revival meetings, Sindhu preached on the Great Commission and challenged them; as a result, 150 pastors and leaders, including young people came forward and made a commitment to the Lord that they would go out and reach these 137 unreached people groups. 250 Pastors and leaders were equipped, encouraged and refreshed.

Prayer Points

- ◆ Pray for all those who have heard the Gospel through GTN's ministry over the last few months, that they may open their hearts to receive Jesus.
- ◆ Pray for all the persecuted Christians in India, especially in Orissa, where even today 850 families in Burla-Sambalpur are looking for shelter, clothes and food.
- ◆ Pray for the recent terrorist attack in Mumbai – more than 200 people were killed and 327 injured.
- ◆ Pray for peace, comfort and the law and order situation in Mumbai.
- ◆ Pray also for the political leaders and the up and down situation in Indian politics.
- ◆ Pray for all the staff of GTN and their families, and various financial needs. Also for the protection of all pastors and church planters.

