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Mission Spotlight

*Baptist International Missions* **David and JoAnne Divakar serving in India**

In this month's newsletter David is reporting that life in India is a lot like life here in the States, you can see God's blessing and working in people's lives all around but at the very same time you can see Satan busy in the lives of others.

While there are similarities in their church activities there are also differences. They just celebrated their church's anniversary with preaching and lunch after the service. Sounds familiar but for the afternoon they continued their celebration with a game of Cricket. **Now that's different!**

He reports that while there is chaos and opposition to the work of Christ, there is also continued growth of believers. He reminds us that when there is no opposition, God's people tend to become cold and indifferent.

That statement begs a question for each of us: *Are we in the fight to win as many as possible or have we grown cold and indifferent?*

Peter said in Matthew 16, "thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God. And Jesus answered, ***Blessed are you Simon Bar-Jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.***" Jesus went on to say "...and upon this rock, I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it".

Proverbs 23:7 reminds us that as a man thinks in his heart, so is he. Are we actively thinking of the lost and what we can do to show our love and win them to Christ? Does our prayer list show that concern? Like JoAnne and David Divakar in India desire to show their love and concern for those around them, I am thankful someone loved me enough to tell me about Christ. And that makes me want to help them reach even more.

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Greetings in our Lord's name

It is indeed a joy to report of what we are seeing the Lord do here in this part of the world. I had the privilege of teaching two modules to Th.M. students in a seminary in a neighboring state, it was for four weeks. There was a lot of travel through the mountains to get back to Mysore for Sunday services, but God protected me so many times. Some of you may know of chaotic driving conditions in this part of the world, add to that a two-way highway with sections not having guardrails on mountain roads, I think you get the picture.

We have seen God working in the lives of so many people time after time, they see how God works in their lives and tell us how God did this or that in their lives and we rejoice with them. But while we do like to see the decisions made for Christ, we also see satan working overtime to disrupt God's work. Please pray for a 23-year-old young lady who is being pursued by a young man who is not a Christian. The young lady has professed Christ but has not shown any growth or fruit. The young man's mother dabbles with the occult and has a wizard whom she has dealings with. There is strong indication that there is witchcraft going on to lure the young lady away from church and her parents. Without going into much detail, we see her personality change at times, and it is strange and sad to see her yield to the influence of satan, but we are praying for her and ask that you pray for her as well. She needs to open her heart to the Lord and invite Him in, this is a decision only she can make. My wife and I, along with the young lady's parents are really battling this situation, lately it has occupied our minds constantly, so we ask please that you pray with us that God will intervene in this situation.

On a more positive note, we celebrated our church's anniversary last month and praise the Lord we had 430 folks show up; I had hoped there would be more than 2 first time visitors, but we are happy with 2 as well. All of our regular members came to church at the same time like they are supposed to, and there were many who used to come to church before but stopped for various reasons. We had a wonderful time of fellowship in church followed by lunch and then a game of cricket in the afternoon. One of the things I noted was that while there is a lot of opposition to Christianity here, we also see growth, this is how God works. When there is no opposition, it is sad that apathy sets in. Please pray for us as we seek to explore the possibility to expand into other places and plant new congregations, with the laws and rules being as they are, and with Artificial Intelligence tracking so many things that we do, it seems difficult, but with God it is not impossible. It is good to know that God transcends time, space and technology.

Thank you for praying for us and with us, thank you for all that you do to support this work. May God bless you all.

In Christ,

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