

INDIGENOUS TRAINING MINISTRIES, INC. REVC'S NEWS & VIEWS by RevC July 2023 TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!



## **INDIA GRADUATION & STORIES**

I am back from Malawi and can hardly wait to share with you all that happened! However, it will need to wait as I've just received news of our most recent graduation from the four locations in India, along with some encouraging stories of God's working through our CTC graduates. We graduat-



ed 76 this spring and have committed ourselves to support 81 new CTC students for the 2023/2024 class. Your support is vital to our ability to do so! I trust these stories will encourage you to see that this is a fruitful place for us to invest and that God is at work through our graduates. Each story is from inside the

Tamil Nadu State.

**Pastor Samuvel and Rachel,** ministering in Keeranoor, Pudukotai District.

Samuve and Rachel say that though it's a hard place to do gospel work

and church planting, the ministry here is always exciting as the Lord works with them. The Lord helped us to share the Word in five villages near Keeranoor and led 35 souls to the Lord. Out of 35, 23 of them were women. They all used to go to work in the nearby factories seven days a week. Once they were saved, they came to worship the Lord on Sundays. It wasn't long before a group of men came to our church and threatened the believers not to attend church. Fearing them, many of the believers left that village and our church was closed. Eventually, we learned that the group of men who came to threaten are from the nearby factories. We started praying secretly in huts and behind the government school building specifically for God to direct our paths. The fervent prayers with the new believers did not go in vain.

To make the long story short, the village chairman's wife asked us to pray for the boil in her left eye as doctors told her that she might lose her sight when they surgically remove the boil. We gathered around her, proclaiming heal-

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ing in the powerful name of Jesus! The Lord's healing came upon her, and the boil dried up for the glory of God. The very next day, the village chairman met the nearby factory owners and warned them not to create any more problems to the believers. PTL!! The church door was re-opened for worship!

Ramakrishnan, from a well-respected Hindu family, came to the church asking to be prayed over as he was being tormented by some evil spirits for the past four years. God answered the prayers of His servants and granted a miraculous deliverance to him from the evil spirits. As a result, five of his family members put their trust in the Lord Jesus and started coming to the church.

The Gospel is preached to the unevangelized people daily with thousands of copies of the Gospel of John being distributed to many people. Through the Jesus film ministry, many are being brought to the knowledge of Jesus Christ. Our church is still gathering in the thatched roof hut on rental ground. Pray that we will be blessed with our own land to build a proper church facility. Please pray that we will be blessed with two more motorcycles to expand our ministry in this area. Hallelujah! Thank you!!

**Pastor Jamesraj and Mariyal,** ministering in Thatchoor, Kanchipuram District.

We began our ministry by showing the Jesus film and out of 480 people who watched, 75 came forward to receive Jesus as their Lord. However, only 14 of those



people publicly proclaimed Jesus by taking water baptism. The problem is their persecution as new believers in Christ when they remove all the previous false idols and religious materials from their house and burn them.

When the radical Hindu group known as RSS came to know of the new Christians' actions, they accused us of converting Hindus to Christianity with the support from America and burnt our motorcycle and five bicycles that belonged to believers in our church. They also threatened us that if we don't pack up and leave the village immediately, our lives are in danger, and all will be destroyed. We approached the village chairman that evening with much prayer for his intervention to bring clarity and peace. He allowed us to speak.

We explained that in Jesus Christ, what we share is love and peace and when a new Christian begins to enjoy Jesus Christ

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as love, light, and life, they want to get rid of their idols and other materials of the Hindu religion. This they did publicly without our encouragement. We said that we would not pack and leave out of fear as we know that the love of God is our life. The Lord gave us favor in the eyes of village chairman. PTL!

When the monsoon rain failed that surrounding area, the radical Hindus gathered some people to say, "the monsoon rain failed because the new Christians burnt the Hindu gods" materials." We took that opportunity to pray in the loving and powerful name of Jesus to destroy the curse of the evil spirits which are blocking the blessings of God. We prayed to the Lord to show how much He loves the villagers by giving rain, and it started raining. **That day 18 new souls put their trust in Jesus. Great is the Lord and great and loving are His works!** 

**Pastor Jebaraj and Gloria,** ministering in Melur, Madurai district

We began our ministry with three days of fasting and prayer. There were 16 trained pastors who tarried before the Lord with fasting to bind all the territorial evil spirits. We announced we were showing the Jesus Film in 21 villages within a 20-mile radius and

920 people gathered to watch. It took almost three hours as our generator had some hiccups; but the people were just sitting and staring at the screen the whole time. There were 328 people who received Jesus as their Lord and Savior that night. Out of 21 villages, we were permitted to do the follow up ministry in 13 villages.

In the first Sunday morning worship service, there were 146 people gathered under a Neem tree and the service started at 9:00 AM and lasted until 2:30 PM. Many enjoyed the Word and experienced the touch of the living God Jesus Christ. We held our first baptismal service and **all 34** people that were baptized were from a Hindu background.

At first, a group of Hindus threatened us, wanting us to leave the village, saying the Hindu gods and goddesses were angry at the people as they worship this new Americanmade God, Jesus. One of them was a witch doctor; he said the villages in this area missed the monsoon rain because Sunday School children were singing Jesus is the only Savior and Lord publicly and the goddesses of rain were angry and cursed these people with drought and poverty.

They also said that the American God was making other people go crazy mentally and spiritually and that their wealth and health were at risk. He was also threatening people in the names of their gods that many people would lose everything, their blood and marrow from their bone would dry up and they would go limp, die, or have to leave their own homes and villages because their gods are angry at them.

People gathered with us to seek the Lord for protection, peace, and prosperity. We tarried before the Lord for three days with fasting to bind all the territorial evil spirits. The Lord answered our prayers and it started to rain heavily and continually for many days, contrary to the witch doctor's spell.

Many Hindu families requested the village chairman to appoint Christian believers in schools as the Christians are loving, joyful and dedicated. The church continued to be strengthened by the Lord. All through the Covid pandemic, everyone in these villages was healthy and no one was afraid of any sickness. In 2023, three dedicated for the work of the Lord are going to Bible Training School from our Melur village Church. **God is so faithful!** 



Here is one of the photos from the 76 graduates that we helped to sponsor this past year. Over the years we, together with Pastor JT Norman, have graduated 952 graduates from the Sonshine School of Ministry using our CTC program. Together they recorded over 93,725 (no exaggeration) new decisions for Christ in 2022. To God be the Glory!

As you can see, there is tremendous fruit from this investment, and we need your help if we are to continue. If you can stand with us in this project, please mark your check **students.** As always, you are in our prayers as we continually ask God to bless you so you can help us be a blessing to others. We can't give what we don't receive. To continue the work in India we need to raise over **\$16,000**. God is able! I came home from Malawi with 3 more projects we can do, believing God to supply all of our need. Please help us do more! **TOGETHER WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!!** 

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