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I WOULD LIKE YOU TO MEET SOME OF OUR TIMOTHIES YOU ARE HELPING TO FUND

THESE MEN ARE ALL PART OF SOLOMON'S MINISTRY IN WESTERN INDIA

By Jon Nelms

Not too long ago, I asked Pastor Solomon B. to send me some biographies of the preachers serving with him. I specifically wanted information on some Timothies that he and his men are training. Before long, he sent me thirty reports. I want to share a few with you now and maybe next month, a few more.

India has long been a country with great results as far as the gospel goes. While there are regions where it is not welcome, the 19th and early 20th centuries missionaries made a significant impact. The seed they planted now results in a continual harvest. Unfortunately, their sowing was done in pockets or regions. Those areas today are ripe for the gospel while other areas still struggle.

Unfortunately, India is now beginning to see a clamp-down on the churches, hindering their efforts, confiscating their properties, imprisoning the pastors, and in some cases burning churches with the members inside. Most of this is done with no repercussions on the assailants.

More and more, we are receiving horror stories coming from this great land. Most foreign ministries have already been evicted. Even social ministries like World Vision and Compassion International have been forced out. In addition, it is now illegal for a ministry to receive funding from overseas. This interference is an effort by some in the Hindu government to eradicate all faiths from India except Hinduism.

Elijah was surprised to learn that God had many servants, unknown to him, who had not bent the knee to Baal. Today, hundreds of thousands of local pastors, preachers, evangelists, and church planters also serve, unknown by the outside world. Your support of the Great Commission Funds enables us to find ways to help them. I thought you might like to meet a few of these brave young men who have given their lives to the service of their Great God. Apart from what you can provide for them, their only revenue is the hope to serve as a day laborer. Many of these men can "survive on \$15-\$25 a month. Your support thus goes a long way in continuing

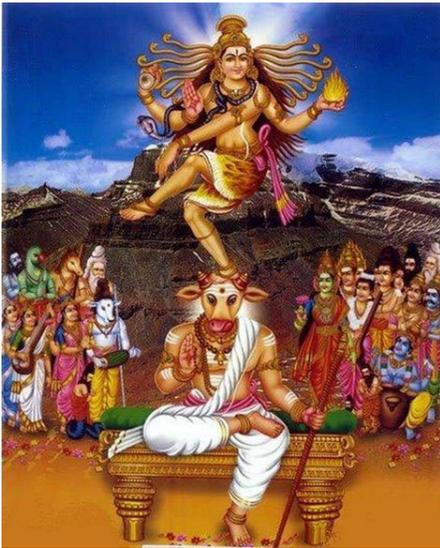


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A priest, in the background, pray and offers offerings at the ritual fire where allegedly the snake god took form before the eyes of the people. Was this a coincidence or photo-shop image.

to finance the spread of the gospel in this land of more than one billion souls.

THE TESTIMONY OF BALESH CHENNAI

I was born into a Hindu family. Nagendra Swami was our primary family god, but my parents each had three to five gods that they were worshipping separately. It remained a mystery to me why these gods remained mute at the problems that we as a family was going through. It was very hard for my dad to provide for us. My mom had to work alongside him to meet our family's needs. I cannot recall any happy moments prevailing in our family due to our devotion. It was not until I completed my High school education that I realized we were only worshipping idols made with human hands. I had spent my life searching for peace and trying to please so many Hindu gods and goddesses, but not one of them came to my rescue. At this time, I realized that all my sincere efforts trying to please and get their attention had failed.



At such a juncture, I heard the gospel through a

This god is worshipped in the form of the Lord of snakes, which is a multiple-headed cobra. It is often celebrated with the burning of a holy, ritual fire. In this occasion above, a flame of the fire (May 29, 2013) during the ritual ceremony, took the form of the serpent and thus was considered a miracle. The god is often pictured behind the head or body of other, more prominent gods, like Shiva.

preacher who shared from the Bible about the love of the Lord Jesus Christ -- how He loved sinners and died and rose back to life to save sinners like me. I asked him if I needed to visit any Christian holy places to get my sins cleansed. He chuckled and told me that I only need to confess my sins and believe in the Lord Jesus -- that He died and rose back to life on the third day, and I would be saved right away. I did exactly what he told me. I immediately felt peace in my heart, which I had never experienced before.

THE TESTIMONY OF DAHAYANIDHI ADIANDHRA

I was born in a Hindu family. My parents were staunch in their beliefs and practices, like cleaning the house and washing all the household idols during full-moon celebrations. My mom would cook special food to eat on these occasions, so I would always look ahead to the full moon day. Also, every Tuesday was considered a very auspicious day for us. We would not make any transaction, believing



it would result in loss. As I grew, I wondered why the idols we adore and worship as gods need to be kept in a safe place. Why should we wash them with water and milk every full moon day? If these idols were indeed gods, why should they be kept in a safe place? Why could they not protect, wash and feed themselves?

One day I met a friend whose father was a born-again Christian and would pray for people in need. I questioned him about which god his dad prays to without any thought or hesitation. He told me his name was the Lord Jesus, which was new to me. We have millions of gods in Hinduism, but I had never heard of this god. He took me to his dad, who shared the gospel written in John 3:16. He told me that all human beings are sinners and that only Lord Jesus Christ can cleanse us from our sins. If we believe that Lord Jesus died to pay the penalty for my sins on the cross and that He rose back to life on the cross third day. I confessed my sins and received Jesus as my savior on that day.

THE TESTIMONY OF DAVID DASARI

I was born in a Hindu family; my father and mother were idolaters from the beginning, which influenced me to worship the idols. Our family worshipped ten different gods & goddesses, and we celebrated all their festival days. I did not have faith in Jesus. Growing up, I had never heard about His love and His sacrifice for sinners. As a result, I had no peace and joy.



There was no church in our village. Once a pastor came to our village and shared the gospel. Many people came to the Lord, and almost daily, they gathered as a group and faithfully worshipped the Lord. They continued like this for almost three years. Finally, the time came that the Spirit of God caught hold of our family.

Once again, the same Pastor came to our village, and while he was sharing the gospel, our whole family came to know the Lord. In that gospel meeting, he explained to me about the love of Jesus Christ from Math 11:28 and how He sacrificed His life for my sins. The Holy Spirit prompted me to confess my sins in the presence of Jesus Christ. He forgave all my sins, and I experienced wonderful joy in my heart. I had become a child of God. Then I joined that local church, learned many scriptures, obeyed God's Word, and took immersion baptism.

Then the Spirit of God spoke to me from the Word of God, i.e., Matthew 28:18, and I was touched and burdened with a vision and mission to reach the Muslims. I have a heart for the Gadwal, Rajulu, and Waddar people groups in this region. Please pray for me.

Comment:

While India is thought of as a Hindu land, millions of Muslims live there peacefully beside their neighbors. They enjoy religious freedom and are more open to hearing about Christ than their counterparts who live in Islamic lands.

All these men faithfully serve with teams of preachers and continue their apprenticeship in the ministry. They have all participated in starting several churches. They also preach at various preaching stations several days of each week, and while in the village, disciple men and ladies in their new faith for service. Your support of the GCF makes their efforts possible.