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We Praise God for the Great Things He Has Done in India

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”

Ephesians 3:20, 21 (NIV)

Reaching India Through Evangelistic Meetings

The amazing response of people to the Vijayawada Evangelistic Meetings in February can only be attributed to the above scripture.

On the evening of the last meeting, the Lord brought 125,000 people out to the crusade and 50,000 people responded to the call to follow the Lord Jesus Christ.

Yes, God has done great things for us. When I was waiting on the Lord, He told me “Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the LORD Almighty.” *Zachariah 4:6 (NIV)*

The great response to the message was all His doing. Glory and honor belong to God alone.

We call our annual evangelistic meetings in India, **Kreestu Suvatha Maha Sabhalu**. This year the 71st evangelistic meetings in Vijayawada began as usual, with much prayer. The churches of GAI and their 252 pastors began 40 days of fasting and prayer before the

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1. Rev. Yesu Bandela, the pastors, and the leaders of GAI marched onto the meeting grounds.
2. We looked across the thousands who attended the meetings, sensing the working of the Spirit of God in their lives.
3. Yesu held up his cellphone and challenged everyone to text six people to ask them to attend the meetings. Many more came as a result.

4. The view of the platform from the front was impressive, and we had projection screens set up to help those in the back see more of the presentations, musical performances, and those proclaiming the gospel.

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Above: One of the tents where we prayed 24/7 for people to respond the message of Jesus Christ and for the success of the meetings.

Continued from front page meetings, asking God to lead many to accept and follow the Lord. Each pastor took a turn, challenging his or her congregations to trust the Lord to make the meetings a success.

pray. During those times, God revealed things we needed to correct, difficulties we needed to pray to overcome, and hindrances we might face. We took all these revelations seriously. On the evangelistic meeting premises, we had five prayer tents set up where 30 to 40 people prayed constantly, 24-hours a day, during the meetings.

Prior to the 40 days of prayer, the pastors of GAI met three times for three days at a time to fast and

SPEAKERS, PASTORS, AND EVANGELISTS

We have been blessed by the many Christian leaders and pastors who have preached about the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. This year we were privileged to have:

1. Bishop Narendra John, Free Methodist Church,
2. K. Joshua, businessman,
3. Dr. James Thomas, heart surgeon,
4. Mrs. Mura Bhupathi, mother of Indian tennis star; and Miss Shanti, her translator,
5. Dr. Dirk V.D. Heuvel, Pastor, New Life Churches, Bombay, and
6. Congressman Nehru, Andhra Pradesh, India.



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The word of the Lord was preached without compromise. The Holy Spirit spoke into the lives of people and many put their faith in Jesus Christ. People with diseases were healed. Demons were cast out in Jesus' name.

Praise and glory belong to Him. God has promised, "My grace is sufficient for you," and His grace

was indeed sufficient for those who came forward.

"The evangelistic meetings this year were different," many people said. Everything went so smoothly, and God's presence was evident. People responded enthusiastically to the program and message.

Many of ministries played a significant part in the success of

the meetings, including the: pastors conference, children's ministry, women's ministry, counseling ministry, prayer chain ministry, bookstall ministry, baptisms, music ministry, feeding ministry, offering ministry, and the volunteers ministry. The Lord provided 1,000 volunteers who dedicated their time to make the meetings successful.

MUSIC OF PRAISE TO BRING THE LOST TO CHRIST

Music has always played a major role during the Evangelistic Meetings of the Gospel Association of India. Our musical groups have consistently sought to sing to the glory of God and to bring people closer to responding to the message of salvation.

Our musical teams included:

1. New Life Church Worship Band, Bombay
2. GAI mixed men's and women's choir, and band
3. GAI women's choir



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The Holy Spirit brought us together, gave us strength, bound us in the unity of Christ, and used us, ordinary believers, to do His extraordinary ministry. Hence, it is not by might nor by power, but by His Spirit, we serve.

“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” 2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)



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You are a valued partner in this great ministry to give the people of India *one fair chance* to respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

In His Service,

Rev. Dr. Yesu Bandela
President, Gospel Association of India



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1. GAI now has 252 pastors serving in 500 churches.
2. The young women from Grace Children's Home performed religious dance to demonstrate the joy of God in their lives.
3. Our annual clinic is always appreciated and in demand from those who need medical attention.

4. We hold a baptism on the meeting grounds every year, and this year about 80 people were baptized. Many more are now being baptized in their home churches.
5. Every year we take a time to celebrate our Christian heritage as a part of India.
6. The children were entertained by puppet shows, loved, and given an opportunity to worship the Lord during the meetings.



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