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Dear Friends and prayer partners,

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ who is coming soon.

Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." The meaning of this is that every person in this world has to know about Jesus and come to eternal life.

In India there is a word called "Ghar Wapsi" in Hindi, meaning "Home Coming". There is a series of religious conversion activities, facilitated by Indian Hindu organizations such as, Vishva Hindu Parishad and Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) to facilitate the conversion of non-Hindus to Hinduism. There is an agenda that by 2021 India will be a completely Hindu "rashtra" (country). Muslims and Christians will not have the right to stay in India, so they will either be converted to Hinduism or forced to run away from India.

In 2016 there were more than 450 violent attacks reported against Christians, and in just this year in January and February alone there was a reported 170 attacks against Christians. The Bible says, "I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Someone once said that hell is trying to destroy the Church but Jesus is still building the Church and the Holy Spirit is adding more and more souls to the Church. Please continue to pray for the 1.3 billion people in India to be reached.

Also, please pray for Pastor Isaac Jacob and his two sons. On Mother's Day, Pastor Isaac and his wife Prashanthi were going home (Isaac works under Pastor Paul's leadership in Andhra Pradesh) and they noticed a jeep had been following them

ever since they got on their bike. After a few miles, the jeep intentionally ran into them and Isaac and Prashanthi fell in the road. Prashanthi sustained a severe head injury and Isaac called for help and they rushed her to the hospital. However, the local hospital refused to admit her due to the severity of her injuries; they preferred to send her to a specialty hospital.

Early Wednesday morning she passed away and joined her Lord! She left behind Isaac and her two boys who are 11 and 6.. Within the three days of trying to save her life, Isaac borrowed more than \$6,000 for her treatment, but nothing could save her. While I was visiting them in February she was in the front row cooking for our crusade and Isaac was with us on our drive back to the airport. They are both very humble and servant minded people. Pastor Paul told me this is was not just an accident, but it was a planned attack because they are Christians. Issac does ministry in a rural village, and a couple of times before the Hindu people have attacked him but he and his wife have always been able to escape with minor injuries. Paul also told me that they made sure to make the attack look like an accident so they wouldn't be caught by police officials. The police actually reported the accident as Issac's fault. I am asking every one to please pray for Pastor Isaac and his two boys during this time, and if the Lord leads you to help them in any way, please let me know.



Pastor Paul and Pastor Isaac

In His Great Mission, Shajan

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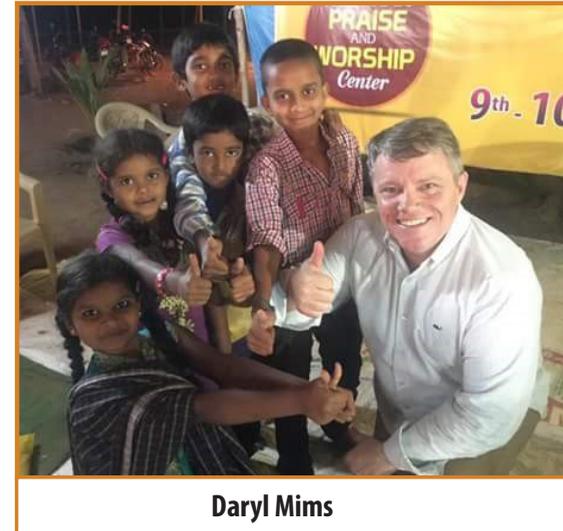
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India 2017 – Daryl Mims

I visited India, for the first time, in February accompanied by Shajan and three other friends from the U.S. Let me begin by saying that this trip changed me. It changed my cross-cultural mission mindset hence it has affected the way I now interact with my Indian friends here in the U.S.

Our group visited several areas across the country in a ten-day period. Along the way, we met several pastors, their families, and support teams. We were welcomed into homes where we partook of hospitality, generosity and great food. We met numerous brave, beautiful people who had/were enduring persecution for their faith. We spent time listening to their stories and praying with them. These same people invited us into times of genuine worship and praising Jesus. They came alongside us in studying God’s Word and exhibited a hunger for more learning. As we went through the country, we saw physical and spiritual needs and churches working to meet those needs. We experienced the culture, customs and languages; we began to learn about their worldview and the results thereof. We fell in love with the people. We encountered hundreds of people worshipping the one true God and proclaiming a risen Savior in Jesus Christ. Thus, we heard about the growth of The Church in India. The gospel is being implanted via insider movements and family connections in the rural areas of India. While taking on a new spiritual identity, new believers are continuing to retain their family identity. Generations are being impacted – it is beautiful. But, we also witnessed thousands of people worshipping false gods. There is much work to be done.

While in India, we were supported via encouragement and prayers by brothers and sisters in the U.S. While here, we now receive the same form of encouragement from our “family” in India. As we share our India experiences with Christians in the states, we earnestly pray for God to draw the country to Himself. I have adopted missionary William Carey’s motto regarding India. He said, “Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God.” We get to be part of something bigger than we could have ever imagined and we look forward to seeing God’s Kingdom expanded in India.



Daryl Mims