

MINISTRY NEWS

AUGUST '09

Saturday to Friday

08/01/09 – 08/07/09

We ministered among the rich and poor Hindus in Vemuru and its surrounding 8 villages. All of these villages are like 42 to 51 kilometers away from us. We are reached all of these villages by bicycles, only around 242 kilometers we traveled by bicycles and walked 19 kilometers.

1100 tracts were distributed and through personal Evangelism preached the Word of God to 61 people. Around 40 out of the 61 were having good interest about Gospel, the rest completely rejected it. Some of them strongly rejected to take our tracts and some of them torn the tracks.

Two streets Gospel meetings were conducted in Kumarapalem and Kammavaripalem villages. Around 20 to 32 people attended to each meeting, we ministered for an hour and half.

We did not stay in any village, we always went back home and sometimes we reached home sometime around midnight. The rain made our journey hard, but we endured because the following day we needed to visit some other villages. For sure there is so much work for the Gospel that is needed here.

Monday to Friday

08/10/09 – 08/14/09

The second week of this month that we went out, we preached the Gospel in Rajupalem and 9 of its surrounding villages among the Hindus and Muslim communities. All of these villages are like 62 to 75 kilometers away from us. We reached all of these villages by bicycles only, traveled 220 kilometers by bicycle and walked 24 kilometers.

Our main focuses in these villages were the elder people. Most of them gather under a big tree to play games and spend some time together. We approached them wisely and taught them about Jesus Christ. I want to say that about 80% were very interested to hear His gospel. We did the same things in 8 more villages and met with 20 groups; each group had 10 to 13.

Two street Gospel meetings were conducted. Also we played Jesus' films. At the end of the film 4 young men gave their life to the Lord. They were so in distressed because of their personal troubles, but after they gave their life to the Lord, they were over taken by His peace. These 4 men are students, getting a degree in college. The movie was a real key tool for them to come to know the Lord Jesus Christ. They were completely moved when they saw the film.

Upon our return we heard on the news that many young people had committed suicide because of their problems. Our heart hurt about this event, one of the main focuses of our ministry is the youth.

Monday to Friday**08/17/09 – 08/21/09**

Unfortunately this week we were not able to visit Vijayanagram district because the lack of funds. Instead we had a three day fasting and prayer in our church. Our church members, team brothers and some other pastors were able to attend. We prayed for many things and we trust the Lord will provide for His work.

Monday to Monday**08/24/09 – 08/31/09**

The last week of this month of August we visited Amruthaluru and surrounding 7 villages among the poor people who are living beside the road. All of these villages are 28 to 42 kilometers away from us. We traveled 390 kilometers by bicycles and motorcycles and walked 29 kilometers.

In these 8 villages we visited poor people that are living beside the roads, under trees, and some in small huts covered with stuff and clothes. The roofs of these huts are only useful in the summer time, but very useless during the rainy season. These people are living in terrible conditions. They are one of the most neglected community and they are mostly living away from the villages and towns. 99% of these people have no education, health care, shelter, nor identifications.

99% of these people in these villages are illiterates. We met with 60 families and gathered them in a place to teach them the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Many of these people accepted the Gospel; in two villages we conducted street Gospel meetings and show the Jesus' films. Many of these people were moved by the Spirit of God when they saw the film and seven of them gave their life to the Lord. We had an attendance of 68 to 92 people in this meeting. These seven new converters went home and destroyed the images of the Hindu gods that they used to worship.

Many people were suffering with different kind of diseases; they were really in great miserable conditions. We are prayed for them and helped them. We are praying for them to provide education to their children, and better houses, health care and food. If God will open doors we will do it.