



# Patel News

## Agra, India

**Romans 10:15a – “And how shall they preach, except they be sent?”**

**January/February 2006**

Dear Friends,

This new year before us has already begun to unfold with God's manifold blessings. Our theme for this year is "Being Faithful Followers of Christ" and our Bible verse is I Cor. 4:2 "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." Faith is the seventh fruit of the Spirit, and not only are we saved by Faith, but we are expected to bear this fruit in our daily lives. God rewards those who put their faith in Him – faith to serve Him, even when it goes unnoticed; faith to trust Him, even when we bear burdens we don't understand; and faith to uphold honesty in such a dishonest world. We are thankful for God's calling on our lives and for His faithfulness to meet all our needs as we establish a God-honoring New Testament Church in Agra, India. Thank you for your faithfulness to continue supporting the work God began here over 11 years ago. You have been a blessing!

We have had a surprisingly great number of first-time visitors so far this year. One particular Sunday, there were twenty-nine people who filled out a visitor's card, excluding children. The total first-time visitors for the past seven Sundays is 60. This reveals the hearts of many of our folks, who are faithful to witness and consistently invite others to church.

Our teen group went on an outing in both December and January in place of their usual monthly teen meeting at church. After the outings, on both occasions, over 40 young people divided into small groups, and distributed Gospel literature to everyone on the streets and in the shops. A total of 1500 Gospel tracts were given out and many new contacts were made. We are so proud of and thankful for our youth, who are neither ashamed nor afraid to share their faith and the "Good News" that "Jesus Saves" even in hostile areas.

We want to thank you for praying for our Christmas Day and New Year's Day services. We did not have a Christmas drama, but God's house was full and everyone got to hear the message of hope that Christmas brings.

Our home schooling efforts have been slow for our youngest son, Nathanael. He is recovering from a broken and dislocated wrist (right hand, unfortunately). For the past six weeks, Mama has had to do all the necessary written assignments, and Dad has had to taxi him to the doctor every week. Stephen, who graduates this May, is doing well, but is still undecided as to what college he feels God is leading him to attend. Please pray for him.

We are getting excited about our first wedding in the church. It will be on Tuesday, February 28. The bride and groom are two of our African students. Greg is one of the four young men who received a Bible diploma last year from Southeastern FWB College. They will train with us for about a year, and then they will be going back to Kenya to begin a church. We are so thankful for their commitment to the Lord. Pray for Evelyn and Greg.

Thank you for all the Christmas cards, emails, phone calls, cards, letters, and care packages we receive often from many of you. It is such a blessing to know we are in your thoughts and prayers. God bless you!

The Patel Family

### Praise Items

- 1) God's faithfulness
- 2) Salvation of Mrs. Rao, & Stella
- 3) One of our faithful couples in the church had a baby girl named "Faith"
- 4) Continual flow of new visitors
- 5) The strength to keep on keeping on for our Lord.

### Special Prayer Requests

- 1) Salvation of Mr. Rajinder and his wife Pinky, Miss Sandhya, Miss Rekha, Miss Preeti, Miss Pooja & Mr. Vinod
- 2) Easter Day service and baptism
- 3) Revival services (April 14-16)
- 4) Ministry to African students
- 5) Continual safety of travel every Sunday for our 3 church buses and jeep

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