



Patel News

Agra, India

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

July/August 2006

Praise Items

1. Safety of travel back to the States
2. Great and steady attendance in the house of God
3. Faithful workers God has raised up to lead in our absence
4. The Salvation of Sis. Lorraine, Bro. Sonu, and Bro. Anil
5. This opportunity to be in the States with our children and to share the ongoing work with supporting churches

Special Prayer Requests

1. For God to use us while we are in the States
2. Godly wisdom in our efforts to become self-supporting
3. Village evangelism and tract distribution
4. For Roopan, Baba's grandson, who preaches in the village church,
5. For Bro. Brian (as mentioned above)
6. For souls to come to know the Savior

We have had a change of plans since the last newsletter. We have returned to the States to enroll our son in 12th grade at Faith Christian Academy to help prepare him better for college. In the meantime, I will be teaching a couple of missions classes at Southeastern FWB College and will be traveling to churches to share with our dear prayer partners and supporters what glorious things the Lord has done and what our future plans are. We will be returning to India in October for our fall revival. We will then come back to the States for Thanksgiving and Christmas and will again be visiting more churches. If you would like to arrange a time for us to come to your church, please give us a call at Faith FWB Church. The number is 919-734-8700 and you can ask for Amber Mann. You may also contact me by email at patel_gang7@yahoo.com. Please pray for our churches in India. We truly miss our folks there.

July was a very fruitful month in our ministry. Our attendance averaged around 375 each Sunday with at least 8-10 new visitors weekly. The Lord was faithful, and certainly delighted, to answer our prayers on behalf of several unsaved folks. A young lady we had requested prayer for in our last newsletter by the name of Lorraine was saved recently in her home. Two young men were saved also. Their names are Sonu and Anil. We thank God for these who have made decisions to trust the Lord as their Savior. Thank you for praying for our evangelistic efforts.

Brian, one of our African students, has completed his MA degree in Human Resources and Rural Development along with a Christian workers' Bible diploma from Southeastern FWB College. Brian was saved and had answered the call to preach while attending our church. For the past two years he has been actively involved in conducting Bible study classes among the African students as well as preaching in our church. He loves the Lord and is a good soul winner. He believes it is God's will for him to return to his homeland and begin a church for the glory of God. He has just returned to Kenya and will be searching for a suitable place to begin a Bible study, which we hope will one day be the start of a sister church in Kenya. Pray for Brian and Rose, his fiancé, that they will have a fruitful ministry. We will miss him very much in our ministry.

In our last newsletter, we mentioned our desire to become a self-supporting indigenous NT local church. We have been training men and women who have been called into the ministry for many years. In August we placed this team in leadership areas for which they were called and trained. Bro. Mani, Bro. Sonelal, Bro. Babushri, and Bro. Raju will be preaching and teaching, and handling all the business affairs of the church. Bro. Greg, his wife Evelyn, and Bro. Dickson will be leading the ministry to our African students. (See the photos on our web site) All of these will be involved in the various ministries of the church, along with many others who are faithfully involved in Sunday school, leading the music, the choirs, junior/youth/college meetings, and evangelistic work. This is a very important aspect of the ministry. Please pray that God will enable these folks to overcome their fears and uncertainties, and allow Him to mold them into effective leaders for Him.

We are grateful for what God has been able to accomplish through the ministries of Faith Church, Agra, India. You have had a crucial part in it and we hope you will rejoice with us as we continue to be a lighthouse in obscure darkness. We love and appreciate all of you! God bless you!

For Christ and His church,

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