



Patel News

Agra, India

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

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Dear Friends,

Praise Items

1. The seven souls who trusted Christ recently
2. The burden of our people to see souls saved
3. God's continued provision for all the ministry needs
4. God's continual protection from the evil devices of the Devil

Special Prayer Requests

1. Discipleship of new believers
2. New Film ministry will continue to be effective
3. Upcoming Revival services Nov. 8th-12th
4. God's leadership in beginning a new work outside of Delhi
5. The Village ministry

We want to thank you, first of all, for praying for us as we travelled back to Agra, India. We are quickly adjusting back to the Indian lifestyle; and we are happy to be “home,” but this is the first time we have come back to India without any of our children. We have committed them to the Lord's keeping, and we covet your prayers for them.

Our last Sunday evening service in America was at Faith Church in Goldsboro, and Pastor Dann Patrick had us come to the altar for special prayer as they “sent us back out” to the field. Just two weeks after that, we had the privilege to do the same thing here in our church. The young Kenyan couple, Greg and Eve, have gone back to Kenya and are beginning to search for the place God would have them start a church. After being there a short time, one of Greg's cousins asked the Lord Jesus to be his Savior during an evening devotion time, which Greg has been conducting with his family. We rejoice that God is already working through them in Kenya. It was hard to say good-bye to Greg; he had been with us for over 8 years, and Eve had been with us for over 3 years. Please pray for this dear couple, that God would direct them to the exact place He has prepared.

We were pleased to see that our church has stood firm and has been faithful soul-winners in our absence. Our church families are faithful to invite strangers, friends, neighbors, and family on a regular basis. In fact, for the past 5 Sundays, we have had over 50 first-time visitors in our services. We have recently begun showing a film on the life of Christ to all our new visitors, and I believe the Lord has had the liberty to deal with every one of them as they were confronted with an eternal decision. Some accepted the Lord immediately after viewing the film and others during a follow-up visit. There have been 7 known decisions for Christ in 5 weeks. It has been a wonderful tool, since the majority of them have no knowledge at all of Christ and His Redemptive power. I believe the Lord is going to continue to work through this new ministry; please pray that many more will come to Christ through this film.

Lastly, we would like to share a praise item/prayer request concerning our search for a meeting place in a city just outside of Delhi to begin a new work. For the past 3 weeks, Becki and I have been travelling back and forth to this city, praying, and asking God for direction. The Lord, we believe, has directed our steps to a location that is absolutely ideal for starting a new work. How we found this house is an amazing story, but the most amazing part is that the owner is a born-again believer with a remarkable testimony. He and his wife live in Delhi, but stated that they have preserved this house for the Lord's work. The fact that he and his wife have been praying for **over a year** that the house would be used for God's glory, and we have been praying for **over a year** that God would open the door for us to minister in that area is proof that God delights in our sincere prayers and will answer them according to His perfect will and in His perfect timing. Please pray that God would work out all the details if this is truly **His** will. The property in this area is very costly, even to rent; but, as the song says, “We have come this far by faith,” and we will continue to walk by faith in the only One Who is truly worthy.

We want to thank each of you for standing with us and supporting our efforts to make Christ known here. Your prayers are our life line; without which we can do nothing. We read recently of a man by the name of J. O. Fraser, a missionary to China in the early 1900s. He credited the conversion of hundreds of Lisu families to the prayers of his very earnest little prayer group back in England. He said, “*Christians at home can do as much for foreign missions as those actually on the field. It will only be known on the Last Day how much has been accomplished in missionary work by the prayers of earnest believers at home.*” We say Amen to that!

Serving together in the harvest for souls,

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