

Update on the Ministry in India

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New Church Planters



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baptized by trine immersion on Monday, June 26th, at Agape Home by Brother Munisamy. Pray for these men as they are assimilated into the church planting team in Tamil Nadu. We are excited that more effort is being made to reach tribal people in the area.

With sadness, we also learned during our trip in May that some of the men who had joined the Odisha church planting teams have either given up or are not faithfully carrying out the ministry. Losing men is heart wrenching, but we have confidence in the Lord of the harvest to continue to build His church (Matthew 9:38).

Opposition to Christians in India continues to grow. There is a bill in their Parliament now to close all Christian orphanages and turn the children over to government care. One group has vowed to rid India of Christians by 2023. In spite of these murderous threats, our Brethren continue to persevere and carefully evangelize. The Dalit caste of people in India continues to respond to the Gospel. May the Lord grant us a great harvest among them.

Our financial support to the church planters for the July-Sept. quarter fell short of our monetary goal. This was the first time in a long time that we fell short. Please consider how you might be able to increase your amount to close the gap in our deficit for these men and their families.

You may send financial gifts for the ministry in India to:
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