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PRAY FOR LAY EVANGELISM

“Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, Just as it is with you. 2 Thess. 3:1”

“If we would humble ourselves before God, and be kind and courteous and tenderhearted and pitiful, there would be one hundred conversions to the truth where now there is only one.” Ellen G. White, Testimonies to the Church, vol. 9, p. 189.

LAY MINISTRY

Pastor Vinod Kumar and his wife, Vijaya, are a dedicated team. Besides leading the Tanuku SDA Church, they also pastor three other congregations around Tanuku. They work tirelessly to motivate and engage the members in sharing their faith. I quote his words here. “Sir, the job you have assigned me, I am faithfully carrying it on. God is blessing our work. Our members are actively involved in witnessing. As a result four members have been baptized.



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LAY MINISTRY (CONT)

Each Saturday evening several young people and older members travel by two auto rickshaws to S, Ilandelparru, a neighboring village, to conduct a branch Sabbath school. The children love to sing. Sometimes the meetings go late into the night, but that does not deter them from taking part in the branch Sabbath school.



Not too far from our state Christians are being persecuted and killed for their faith. Please pray for all the Christians in India that God's angels will protect them.

Testimony of P. Elisha

"My name is P. Elisha, and I was raised in an Adventist home. As active members of the Tanuku church, my parents conducted branch Sabbath schools and gave Bible studies. Ours is a poor family, and after completing high school, I went to Dubai for work to help them. I worked there one year to ease my parents' financial burden. I came home on a month's vacation, and was baptized and then returned to Dubai to continue my work.

"Twenty days after returning to Dubai, I became severely ill. I had a throat infection and couldn't see clearly or eat. I went to a doctor in Dubai, and he said I was in critical condition, and needed urgent care. When my employers heard this, they bought me a flight ticket and sent me back to India. I was not in a condition to travel, but my great God brought me safely to Hyderabad. My father met my plane in Hyderabad, and when I saw him, I fainted.

"My father flew me to Vijayawada, one of the major cities in South India, and admitted me to a hospital. After testing at the hospital, they found my kidneys were infected and started dialysis. I went into a coma and almost lost my life, but my life-giving Savior saved me. Now I am having dialysis every four days. My doctors hope they can save at least one kidney, and then I will be able to live.

"My church members are all praying earnestly that I will get well without a kidney transplant. I desire that all who read my testimony to lift me up in prayer for complete healing. I continue to take an active part in the church, singing and testifying of God's miraculous power in my life. I want to live and serve God faithfully. Please pray for me."



GOD WORKS IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS

CONTINUED FROM SEPTEMBER

By Sarojini Chedalawada

I was privileged to be born into an Adventist family in Nuzvid, Andhra Pradesh, India. Nuzvid, was the center of Adventism for the Telugu-speaking people. We had a nice hospital in one compound and the mission office in another compound. A church and church school sat between the two compounds.

The large hospital compound included homes for the doctors, nurses and other workers. The doctors and nurses came from United States, England, and Australia.

Our family consisted of four girls and one boy, and we lived in the mission compound. My father, employed as a secretary treasurer of the field, later became president of the Telugu field. We enjoyed many advantages growing up in this environment. From our early childhood, our family gathered at home for morning and evening worships. Sabbaths were special. We kept busy all day with early morning walks for nature study, then Sabbath school and church service, and then young people's meetings and witnessing in the afternoon.

My husband, Baburao William Chedalawada, also came from a devout Adventist family of three boys and four girls. His father was an educator stationed in Narsapur where the denomination operated its first high school. His father was the first indigenous principal

Both our parents were products of pioneer missionaries like Dr. Theodore Flaiz, Pastor H. A. Hansen, and many other missionaries.

After our marriage, my husband worked as principal of a church school in Pune, and I took a job as a secretary at the Southern Asia Division Office. In order to get the school recognized by the Indian government, my husband's bachelor's degree from Spicer College was not adequate. He needed a degree recognized by the Indian government.

Baburao came to America in 1963 for further studies, and I and my two children, Cynthia and Alan, joined him six months later in 1964. At the time we hoped to return to India and take up where we left off. Baburao became a full-time student, and my children and I were his dependents. He earned only \$0.87 an hour, while working hard to support us.

Five months after the children and I arrived in the United States, I heard the Indian Embassy had an opening for a secretary, and I applied for it. I passed the typing and short-hand tests well and this pleased the Embassy personnel director. They called me for an appointment, and 12 Embassy ministers interviewed me. Everything went well until one of them said, "you know, in cases of an emergency, the Embassy will be open for business on Saturdays, and we expect you to report to work on that day." (To be continued)



*Baburao & Sarojini Celebrating 60 years
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SPECIAL NEEDS			
	Need	Raised	Balance
Scholarship Fund*	\$10,000	\$1,934.50	(\$8,065.50)
School Equipment	\$15,000	\$9,973.00	(\$5,027.00)
School Building	\$300,000	\$35,119.09	(\$264,880.91)
Community Support*	\$10,000	\$2,795.00	(\$7,205.00)
Community Outreach*	\$10,000	\$5,127.50	(\$4,872.50)
Chapels (4)	\$35,000	\$20,170.00	(\$14,830.00)
Busses (2)	\$50,000	\$20.00	(\$49,980.00)
Undesignated Donations		\$8,803.74	

* These are annual goals that reset in June.

Remember it takes only \$30.00 a month for 11 months to sponsor a child, and \$25.00 a month to support a widow.

When making a tribute to your friends and relatives, please remember: "In Memory Of" is for someone deceased. And "In Honor of" is for someone you wish to honor and express your appreciations.

In India, Hindus celebrate many holidays, while Christmas is the only holiday for Christians. Our believers in neighboring villages look forward to Christmas with longing in their hearts to celebrate Christmas with our believers. Members from Tanuku Church set aside last three weeks in December to visit our poor believers in their villages singing carols and praying and praising God. This spiritual feast is enjoyed by everyone including Hindus. Please help us bring Christmas cheer to these people.

We thank you and praise God for your faithful support of PRIA Ministry. God bless you.

- Baburao and Sarojini

In Memory Of:

Blanche Ford – My Mother

By Robert M. Ford

In Honor Of:

Sarojini Chedalawada

By Suseela Drumheller

Hazel Meherer – My Friend

By Bernice Wilson

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