

PURRA'S FAMILY

Church Planting

INDIA



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Dear AGF Friends,

Greetings to you in the name of our blessed savior,

It is always our joy and privilege to write about how our Great God is doing His works among us. Please allow us to share few things that has taken place in last two months in our family and ministry.

It is been almost over two months since I am back in India, I want to thank you all for your prayers and great help in many ways. I praise God for each one of you. It was great trip in the month of April and May in US, I was able to visit new churches to share my ministry and got reconnected with supporting churches, it was great and blessed trip, I Praise God for that, thank you all for your prayers and support.

By the grace of our God we are doing good, our children are busy with the school and my wife Prathibha is doing her part in the ministry teaching to children and women in the church. This keeps her busy in the Lord work and with our children. We are doing good by the grace of our God, we are grateful to our God for every blessing He is brining on our way, He is showing His grace to proclaim His truth to our people in teaching and preaching, personally and public, we are learning to understand, **In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 Thessalonians 5:18**

There are few things disturbed us in last two months mainly with housing, we have moved from our last house to another apartment, as we were looking for the apartment we have learned that apartment or house owners have problem with the caste and religion, they don't want to give for the rent to lower caste, basically we are from the lower caste, every time we go for asking for renting house they will ask our occupation, when I said I am Christian leader or Pastor they will identify us with the religion and lower caste, they will hesitate, we have been rejected by two landlords because if this, we haven't had this experience in the past, it was kind of hard and painful situation to Prathibha and me, but God knows what is the best for us. Presently we have settled in one apartment, please pray that, that case would not repeat with this apartment owner because we have signed an agreement which is more flexible for them than us, Pastor I know this housing situation sounds awkward but this is what we have been facing in this place.

It is our privilege and blessing to teach the Bible in our regular Bible Studies on Tuesdays and Wednesdays is from New Testament, we have started from Book of Mathew, it is great blessing for me to study and teach. We have started one more Bible study center in second week of June, presently we are doing on Tuesdays in that place, we only have five families and other individuals, regular gathering would be around 12-15 people, these families belong to our church they moved to Hyderabad for a work in couple of years ago, I have been visiting them regularly not able to have like Bible Study in the past, but I praise God, He finally opened the way for us to start Bible study. It is blessing to see people's desire to learn God's word and hunger and thirst

for the truth, that encourages my heart to teach them the Bible. We believe that God's word does the work in the hearts of the people, please pray that God's word would be taught regularly in that place.

I have been preaching from the Old Testament on regular Sundays from 1 Samuel. We have been doing this from the beginning of this Book, it is great encouragement for me study and learn many things and teach to our congregations about God has directed His people in His Providence. We thank God, He is helping us to learn.

We praise God, God has provided a sound board for the one of our congregations, the money was given by one of our supporting churches in California, the name of the church is Pleasant Valley Bible Church, Camarillo, CA. we are thankful to God for that church, He answered our Prayers. This sound board is movable, it is easy to carry to use in our three churches if we need, but most of the time it will remain in one church where it is designated to. We are so blessed; the church wants to thank you all for your love and prayers.

We are praying for the Bible Institution to launch in the month of October, our initial plan and desire to teach Bible Lessons twice a week so that we can cover two subjects (Classes) in two months, Lord blesses we want to increase these into regular classes in the future. This will enable our people and lay Pastors to take classes and learn God's word while they do their regular works and ministry. Presently we have now some people have signed up for this, and some more people also interested.

There is festival break for the schools and colleges in the month October 1-13, we want to have a seminar for 5 days, we are going to have 35-40 people for this seminar, young and adults. This is going to be good start before our regular classes begin, our desire is to teach our people the Bible and theology. We need chairs, tables and white board and few other things for the class room. Please pray with us for this Bible Institution. This is going to be great opportunity for us to disciple our people for the work of the ministry in the church for present and for the future. Please Pray with us.

Friends this our upcoming New church building going to be blessing with the stabilized class rooms for the Bible Institution and regular church service, please pray with us.

Please continually pray for us as we seek the Lord and serve in this vast land India.

In Christ

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