

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings in Jesus name! We are excited to share how God is transforming lives in India. Thank you for your prayers and financial support, which assures that shepherds are trained, churches are planted, and the Gospel can flourishes throughout India. As Paul writes in Philippians 1:3-5, "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now."

In this newsletter, you'll find a few updates on how your prayers and financial support are impacting the ministries of Cross Mission. But please know, and give praise to our Heavenly Father, that the Gospel is flourishing in India!

By God's grace and through the work of Cross Mission Ministries, we currently have 11 Shepherds Training Centers (STCs) across 4 states in India, each training 25 pastors who are dedicated to church planting. Our goal for 2025 is to establish 5 additional STCs and plant 125 churches among India's unreached people groups.

At Cross Mission, we don't just train pastors to plant churches; we also disciple them along the way, and we are witnessing these churches thrive and grow. In 2025, our goal is to partner with 5 of these thriving churches to help them build physical church buildings.

We are deeply grateful for your continued support and prayers.

If you are not yet a partner, would you prayerfully consider joining us today? Visit <u>www.CrossMissionMinistries.com</u> to learn how you can contribute or click on the Sponsorship Needs to the right.

- Pray for the STC trainings in Kalindindi and the graduations in Pedana
- Pray for the Revive Church plant in Hyderabad

Prayer Requests

- Pray for strength and contentment in the midst of persecution and opposition for new believers in our churches
- Pray for our pastors who have been excommunicated from their families and villages for following Christ
- Pray for the resources for new STCs in unreached states in India
- Pray for the resources to be donated for 5 churches to be built

### **Sponsorship Needs**

#### Sponsor a Church Plant

**\$50/ month** will support one pastor planting a church in an unreached people group in India.

### <u>Sponsor a STC</u>

\$400/ month will help to support one Shepherds Training Center that will train up to 25 pastors to plant churches in their village. Your monthly donation will help to provide support for the following:

- Travel/ Lodging
- Food
- Theological Resources
- Renting a place to meet

#### **One-Time Sponsor**

Please prayerfully consider giving a **one-time donation of your choosing** to support the work of Cross Mission. These funds will go to support planting churches in the over 2000 unreached people groups in India. Would you consider giving \$100, \$500, \$1000, or more to partner in reaching India for Christ.

# SHEPHERDS TRAINING CENTER NEWS

## Shepherds Training Center in Kalidindi:



Over the past 10 months, we have been training 25 church planters in Kalidindi. By God's grace, we have equipped them with a deeper understanding of the Bible and theology. Last month, we focused on Biblical leadership, and it was inspiring to see their desire to become spiritual servant leaders in their churches and villages. This Shepherds Training Center (STC) has planted 21 churches in 21 previously unreached villages. It's amazing to see between 800 and 1,000 people gathering for worship in these new church services. During the Christmas season, we witnessed incredible revival in these newly planted churches. These leaders led 65 people to the Lord. We thank God for the impact of these training centers.

# Deeper Conference in Hyderabad:

We had friends and supporters from the United States visit and lead a Deeper Conference at the Chai Center in Hyderabad. We brought in about 150 pastors and some of their spouses for intensive training and fellowship to help them go deeper in their study of God's word and ability to lead their churches in to walk with the Lord more and more faithfully. We are thankful for our brothers and sisters from New Beginnings Baptist Church in Longview, TX. Please pray for these pastors and their families as they are sacrificing everything to plant churches among the unreached people groups of India.



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# CHURCH PLANTING NEWS

## Christmas Celebrations in Hyderabad and Andra Pradesh:

We had a wonderful time celebrating in all our churches during the Christmas season. Over 2,000 people attended the Hyderabad Christmas festival. Despite the rain, the Lord was gracious, allowing us to proclaim the gospel, and many people responded by raising their hands to follow Jesus. Thank the Lord for the opportunity to disciple these new believers. While there are challenges with church planting in Hyderabad, God continues to build and bless His church. We currently have 50 people attending Sunday services in Hyderabad.

Christmas celebrations in the Magatapalli and Nagaram churches were also amazing, with hundreds of people participating in the services. Many Hindus heard the gospel for the first time, and we praise God for the opportunity to share His message. This season has brought great revival to the villages and churches, and we are deeply thankful for God's work among us.



# **New Church Building:**

With God's help, we were able to partner with Pastor Suresh and build a church building in Telangana. Due to the caste system preventing people from different castes from entering one another's homes, his church was forced to meet under a tree. Now people from various caste groups are now able to gather in this church building as a neutral place to build community. Zion Prayer Church no longer has the weather or the caste system as a hindrance to gather in community.

This building is an extreme blessing and will give the church countless opportunities to serve their village and church family alike. Pastor Suresh prayed earnestly for this building, and the Lord faithfully provided.



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