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## FOCUS ON INDIA

### South East India

Pastor Yesudas\*, member of a group of pastors we assist, came from a Hindu family but was raised at the children's home run by our partner. It was there that he came to faith and experienced his call to become an evangelist. He currently pastors two village churches and one home fellowship. In addition to Sunday worship services and a Sunday school program, he conducts prayer meetings every Friday and Saturday, makes home visits every month, and conducts large annual meetings open to everyone. He shared with us a brief testimony of someone from his congregation as follows:

My name is Aditi\*. I was born in a Hindu family and followed many traditions and customs but did not know the true God. I worshipped useless idols, lived a restless life, and was tormented by demons. When Pastor Yesudas\* and some church members came and prayed, I was freed and came to know the true God. I believed the Lord Jesus Christ and was saved and baptized. Glory to God.

By providing funds for tracts and other literature, and by helping to cover costs for transportation, other expenses, and special events, these pastors can have a greater impact than would be possible without this help.

### South Central India

The partner mission that serves in this region uses every available legal opportunity to bless their neighbors and to point them to Christ. However, it is becoming increasingly difficult to hold public evangelistic meetings, so they use other means to show the love of Christ. In addition to three children's homes, they hold free medical clinics. They identify patients with chronic conditions and provide them with free medications. They receive requests for help from church families and community members who want to send their children to school but cannot afford the school fees. They try to help all of them, without regard to caste or religion, so that no child goes without schooling. They regularly minister to people in a leper colony by providing clothing and food and by sharing the gospel message. In late July they held a seminar for fathers entitled "How to raise healthy families." The emphasis was on teaching Christian principles and values from biblical examples. Their computer school serves youth, and their tailoring school serves underprivileged women. Your prayers and gifts make it possible to assist with the needs of the children, with school fees, with ministry to the lepers and wherever it is most needed.

*As with the Apostle Paul, they live out 1 Corinthians 9:22: "To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some."*

\* Name changed for security reasons

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Our partners and many other pastors and evangelists throughout India have faced mob violence, destruction of property, rape, and murder. Police often stand by and watch rather than protecting those being attacked. Christians are typically arrested and charged with forcing conversions and/or human trafficking.

In protest, all the churches in this area, irrespective of denomination, came together to show solidarity with suffering Christians throughout India, marching together to a public square for speeches condemning the atrocities.

As the rain poured down, a silent candle-light protest led by our partner proceeded along the main road to a public square where they heard several speeches condemning the injustices.



### **Urgent Prayer Needs**

- Pray for the children's homes in India run by our partners. Pray that they will continue to be able to share the gospel with the children in their care without fear of further restrictions.
- Pray for the pastors and church workers as they attempt to share Christ with people of other faiths within the confines of the many restrictions. Pray for wisdom and for receptive hearts.
- Pray that attacks against churches, Christian workers, and ordinary Christian villagers would cease and that justice would prevail.
- Our partner in South Central India reported the loss of four pastors representing at least five satellite congregations. Pray for the pastors' families and the congregations as they grieve the losses.

### **Other Current Needs**

- Ongoing support for the children's homes in India and in Kenya
- Funds for the purchase of tracts and Bibles
- Support for the Christian school and especially for the school lunch program in Kenya
- Additional funding is needed to help provide back pay for school administrators and staff at the Christian school in Haiti.
- Prayer!

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