



MATHAI OUTREACH MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL & NEW HOPE CHURCHES OF INDIA

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness..

" Matthew 6:33



Dear Friends, we hope that you and all your family are doing well by Lords Grace. It is a joy coming to you once again through this newsletter, with good news of what our Lord is doing through Mathai Outreach Ministries and New Hope Churches of India.

The new year 2023 started with renewed joy, strength and anointing to do the Lord's work. Our 2022 mission trip to a few regions in North India in the states of Punjab, Delhi, Ghaziabad, and Rajasthan had a revival impact in the churches and the leadership. Last year, Lord gave me specific guidance to ordain, anoint and appoint leaders in various states and regions across India, especially those who spoke similar language as in their region. Through prayer, Lord helped me to select many newly trained Pastors to lead the work of the Lord in Ludhiana, central Punjab, led by a young couple family and 5 other Pastors to work with them. During this time, I also visited Amritsar in western Punjab where we have been doing ministry for over a decade. . Many people received anointing with the power of Holy Spirit baptism. Supernatural Healing and deliverances spread through many areas of the big city under the leadership of Pastor Rajesh Gill. The move of the Spirit continued in Ghaziabad, a city east of Delhi. 2 newly appointed Pastors and other local Pastors joined with me and we ordained and appointed Pastor Vijender Singh as the Bishop or overseer of that Region of North India. The move of the Spirit continued, and much revival took place with several healings and deliverances in each church we visited.

A renewed awakening happened in each region and many new people also started to come to our churches. Many Pastors took that opportunity to renovate their church worship areas with some new musical instruments. All the churches partnering with our ministry are now fully re-opened for in-person worship after the long season of disruptions through the pandemic. Later in this mission trip, I joined with Evangelist Isaac and travelled to the western state of Rajasthan where we had started a ministry outreach among a tribal population in early 2022. We enjoyed 3 days of ministry work and fellowship in the region. Some details of our ministry in Rajasthan is mentioned in the next pages. It was a fruitful and productive ministry trip, and we enjoyed fellowship with hundreds of families from various churches associated with our ministry. The church families were very enthusiastically participating in ministry, and we heard many amazing supernatural life transforming testimonies – a couple of them are mentioned in the next pages.

We returned home with renewed joy and a revival in our spirits and joined our families to celebrate the holidays. Then came a surprise 80th birthday celebration followed by Susie and my 50th wedding anniversary, right after our first Grandsons wedding. These were exciting times for our family.

In 2023, Lord opened another opportunity to visit India for missions where I joined with Evangelist Isaac once again to participate in ministry in another new region in central India, where we ordained Bishops and Pastors to expand the reach of our ministry and Lords work. We will update you with details about our 2023 Missions trip in our next Newsletter that we will publish very soon.

"O taste and see that the Lord is good" has been our experience through these seasons.

Wishing you all a Blessed Christmas and a very Prosperous 2024 - Ipe and Susie Mathai

Ministry in Rajasthan

In early 2022, we had started our ministry outreach among the tribal population in the western state of Rajasthan, through the local leadership of Pastor Valsingh Kihuri and his son Pastor Abhishek Kihuri. We initially funded the purchase of a Motor Bike to be used for Evangelism. Later in the year we funded the building of a brand-new Church next to the Pastors home. This project was completed in time to open on New Years eve celebration service. Brother Ipe visited the area for ministry meetings in November 2022. During the visit he was able to meet and minister at various churches in the area. He ordained 10 Pastors during this visit.



Inaugural service of new Church on new years



Ordained Pastors of Rajasthan Church



Pastor Abhishek with the village Teacher providing basic education to kids of farm laborers.

Bro Ipe Ministering before Ordaining



One of the 6 Water Bore wells funded by our Ministry



Brother Ipe ordaining Pastors

These Pastors have since recently been working with Pastor Valsingh. Through this ordination we are now committed to support these Pastors and their ministry outreach programs in that region. The believers who attend these church services have mostly come from other faiths and have recently accepted Christ. Once they renounce their previous faith, they face serious persecution from the majority community.

One of the ways to persecute is to deny them access to clean drinking water from the local water bodies like rivers, ponds or lakes, or government installed hand pumps. Our ministry decided to support and fund the drilling of 6 water wells in 2023 and thus provide a hand pump with good fresh water flow in 6 Church communities located in various villages across the region. This brought great relief and joy to 100's of families who were suffering persecution and lack of clean drinking water. These are some ways through how we can have meaningful relationships with New Believers and help them join a community of those who are in Faith and have a life transforming experience enjoying the blessings and abundance of a life in Christ.

This ministry outreach focusses a lot of the upliftment through education of the children from under-privileged laborer families. The parents are farm laborers who are busy through the day and are unable to send their children to school. Pastor Valsingh and his family have been running a daily school at their home church to provide basic education for these kids, similar to state education standards. This helps the community get their children the fundamental education.

There is a strong focus on Gospel outreach and Discipleship by providing Biblical training for the youth among the church families, to encourage them to find their purpose and also to serve in ministry and learn skills to be successful in public life.

Testimonies from Rajasthan

Pastor Khatu Damor

He was serving at the local Pagan Temple and was into witchcraft and other pagan occult practices. Through such witchcraft he lost his mind and became mentally insane and started doing many wild and dangerous things through self-harm. He had an encounter with Lord Jesus Christ through Pastor Valsingh and got radically saved. Lord Jesus restored him to a normal sane mind. He surrendered himself to serve the Lord in ministry and partnered with Pastor Valsingh. Brother Ipe ordained him as Pastor in our ministry under Pastor Valsingh leadership

Pastor Shantilal Katara

Pastor Khatu's neighbor. He was working with the enemies of the Gospel with Pagan worshipping temple authorities and fundamental anti-Christian forces. His daughter had a serious physical disability. He heard and saw that many people from his faith were now attending Pastor Khatu's church next door and heard of many miracles, healings and deliverance from evil spirits. He planned to check it out for himself by taking his own daughter to a meeting, but he also carried a concealed sword to attack and kill Pastor Khatu if he was unable to bring healing for his daughter. God didn't disappoint. He supernaturally healed his daughter during the meeting. This shocked Pastor Shantilal and he fully surrendered and accepted Lord Jesus Christ. Since then, he has also been successfully serving under Pastor Valsingh ministry. Brother Ipe also ordained him during this visit. Thus, 2 leaders in the Pagan worshipping groups now turned to preach and teach the Gospel and conduct ministry in their homes where God works many signs wonders and miracles and many receive Salvation through their ministry and are being delivered from oppression from the devil.



Pastor Damor on left and Pastor Katara on right



Pastor Khatu Damor's Church congregation in front of his home Church

Ministry in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh

In the fall of 2022, Brother Ipe visited the Ghaziabad church located in western Uttar Pradesh, which is on the eastern area of the national capital of Delhi. The church is led by Senior Pastor Vijender Singh and his Wife. They have been running this ministry outreach for several years in association with our ministry.

Brother Ipe visited their Church to ordain Pastor Vijender as Bishop and overseer for Delhi and Uttar Pradesh region. Pastor Vijender also has outreaches in other areas of the state and has a team of Pastors who report to him. He also coordinates evangelical outreaches in the eastern state of Jharkhand.



Brother Ipe ordained Pastor Vijender Singh as the Bishop of Uttar Pradesh and Delhi Region based in Ghaziabad. The Picture on the left where Bishop Vijender receives his certificate from Brother Ipe in the presence of the regional Pastors. On the right we see Bishop Vijender joined by His Wife and Daughter.



Bishop Vijender, his Wife and their Pastor Subhash John (seen in the picture on the left), visited the border of the Northeastern Indian states of Manipur and Mizoram to meet with refugees who fled from the serious persecution and violence in Manipur. Manipur made global headlines in late summer when there was serious ethnic violence, where the predominantly Christian communities had to flee from the center of the state to neighboring states or into the mountains. The Pastor from the bordering Mizoram state organized this visit. Our Ministry supported Bishop Vijender for this visit and provided funds to provide some relief to those in the refugee camp. It was a very long journey from the Northwestern city of Ghaziabad to the Northeastern States as they had to take long Train and Bus trips for 2-3 days. At the end, it was a fruitful and productive mission to encourage and edify the persecuted church in that region.

Ministry in Punjab



Brother Ipe ordained Pastors Vijay Masih and his wife Nancy as the Lead Pastors of Ministry in Ludhiana, Punjab, where we recently started an outreach. They will lead a team of 5 other Pastors as seen in the lower bottom right. The Mathai Outreach Ministry church in Punjab was first set up in 2012 under the leadership of Senior Pastors Rajesh and Katherine Gill, who continue to faithfully serve in Amritsar-Gurdaspur region in western Punjab.

In the fall of 2022, Brother Ipe had a mission trip to the Northwestern State of Punjab. The objective of this mission was to ordain the young couple, Vijay and Nancy. They are the Son-in-law and Daughter of Pastors Rajesh and Katherine Gill. They have been in youth and worship ministry for several years but in recent months had started a small group prayer service at their home in Ludhiana, central Punjab. They connected with 5 other Pastors who were interested in partnering with Mathai Outreach Ministries leadership in Punjab. During Brother Ipe's visit, he ordained this couple as Pastors in charge of Ludhiana division. Since then, they have started ministering in various evangelical meetings across their region, partnering with the 5 Pastors. Brother Ipe also visited Amritsar region and ministered to many during the trip. Many testimonies of healings, miracles, deliverance, and breakthroughs were reported from the Pastoral team leaders of Amritsar. Pastors Rajesh and Katherine Gill have been successfully running an evangelical mission in the western region of Punjab since over a decade in partnership with our ministry. They travel to many small towns and villages located in the Amritsar and Gurdaspur districts that border the country of Pakistan. This region has a mixed population of Sikhs and Hindus. In the recent decade, many people of these faiths have come to faith in Christ across the state and the growth of the Church has been tremendous. But in the past 2 years there has been a strong opposition and campaigning from fundamentalist leaders of both faiths leading to violence and disruptions to services and events held by Christians. Since then, public evangelical meetings and events have been banned by the state government to prevent violence and conflicts. There has been a restoration of peace in the state in recent months, but situation is still not very conducive to holding large meetings in open areas or villages that could be hostile for evangelical work.

Here below some pictures from Brother Ipe's Punjab mission.



This Girl received healing from Typhoid infection that wasn't healing for a long time



This Elder had stiff arms and legs and was unable to walk and had no mobility. He was able to move his hands and legs after prayer.



Lady with Rs 100 note (in here right hand which she was giving me) accepted the Lord. She had never heard about Christ. She was in hopelessness and emotional distress.



This little 4-year-old was always angry and was beating his sister. The boy was aggressive after his Father passed in an unfortunate accident. He received deliverance from rage.



This Young man's wife worked in a middle-east country. Recently she had not been communicating or calling him. He was emotionally disturbed. After prayer he had a call with his wife and expressed his love for her. There was reconciliation through Christ

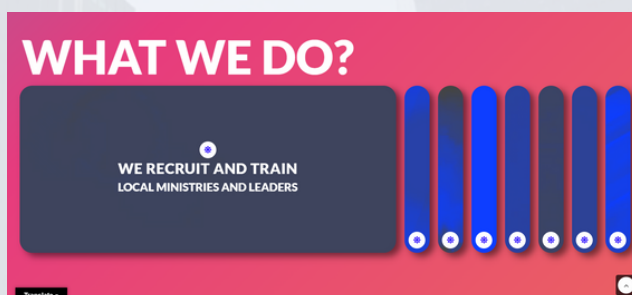
NEW WEBSITE FOR MINISTRY

New Look Website

We revamped our website to give it a new look with updated features. Thanks to our Communications Manager, Brother Alan Tom who worked tirelessly with another IT expert over several months to coordinate and complete this project. Please check out our website and learn more about the various ministry activities – both current and through our history, learn about the various Churches we planted or have associations with across various regions of India, hear and view encouraging testimonies from those who had a life transforming experience after encountering Jesus Christ through our ministry outreaches. You can also learn how you can partner with our ministry and support the many causes we are currently engaged in – Church Planting, Training, Charitable projects like providing Water wells, Education for both Orphaned and the least-fortunate and supporting efforts during National calamities



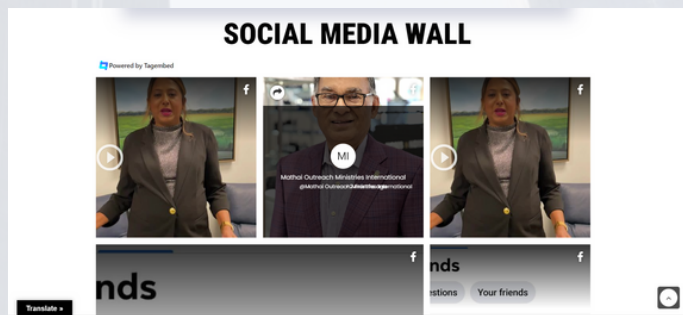
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