

INDO-PHILIPPINE MISSIONS TEAM

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THEY CAME ABOUT TO TELL US GOD

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Team member, Ananda Kumar, living in India with his wife and three children, has been working diligently to locate villages that have no Baptist or Gospel-preaching church near to where our team desires to work in India. With over 600,000 villages in India, this seems like it would be a fairly simple task: throw a dart at a map, and go start a church there. However, as you are about to read, getting the Gospel to places in which the seed has not been sown can be dangerous without God's intervention.

Bro. Kumar took workers into a Koya tribal village called Pamuluru to preach the Gospel to them. They started at about 10:00 a.m. by going throughout the village, informing the people who lived there that they would be holding a meeting under a certain tree to talk with them about God. By 2:00 pm, rumors had begun circulating through the village that visitors had come to take away their children to be sacrificed to new bridges that had been built.

By 4:00 pm, people from the village had gathered, however it was not for the purpose of hearing about God, but to beat these strangers who had come to sacrifice their children. They might have succeeded except for a very old and well-known man in the village who suddenly came to their rescue. He stopped the people by telling them, "They came to tell us about God." The man invited Bro. Kumar to his home and offered him something to drink.

Bro. Kumar, curious to know why this old man stopped the people from causing them harm, asked the man how it was that he had come to know of God. The man responded that he had heard of God over the radio. Bro. Kumar then led this man to Christ. They had a service that evening in which 28 of the 45 who came received Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

What an important reminder of how important it is that we pray for our missionaries as they go forth to labor. What an encouragement to use every means at our disposal to publish the Gospel to those who've never heard. What a testimony to the gracious watch care of our Lord who has promised to go with us as we go into all the world.



I flew to Manila, the capitol city of the Philippines, this week to take care of paperwork in relation to my immigration status. I hailed a cab to take me where I needed to go, and the driver informed me that I was his first passenger for the day.

Wow, I was honored. Well, not really, but I took this as my opportunity to continue the conversation with a cab driver who spoke English fairly well. He has eight children, and I have seven, so we hit it off fairly well. Of course, I tried not to look at the rear view mirror, because whenever I did he was looking at me...great, when you're soul winning, but not when he's driving - especially in Manila!

When I asked him about his faith, he said that he used to be Catholic but was now Iglesia Ni Cristo. His reason was that in the Catholic church there was too much talking, but in his church the people were more serious and talked directly to God. When I asked if he knew for sure whether or not he'd go to Heaven, he didn't think anyone could know that.

How sad, to know that you must go through Jesus to get to the Father, yet not have any assurance of salvation. So many still see God as One who must be satisfied by their attempt at seemingly spiritual acts when Jesus Christ, the propitiation for our sin, has already appeased the Father. We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ!

He listened and happily received Jesus Christ as His Saviour...I was happy to have safely arrived at my destination.

~ Bro. Randy DeMoville

GREAT NEWS! Our B-ALIVE program has been officially recognized at West Negros University, and we will begin weekly Bible studies on Mondays and Fridays. Please pray for Jason MacRae as he heads up this ministry.



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So far God has used our team, in the Philippines, to see 3,434 souls saved and 4 baptized.



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