



Turning from alcoholic to pastor

In October 2008 a young man called R. came to join the ministry team I was leading. He did not really know about Jesus or have any idea about having a personal relationship with Him but came at his parent's request. They had accepted Christ in 2004 and were one of the first believers in our main Gloryshine church in India.

Concerned by their son's lifestyle, R.'s parents kept asking me to counsel him in hopes that the gospel could be shared. They prayed that R. would come to know Christ and would be set free from his addiction of alcohol, but R. always found a way to avoid me.

Knowing the kind of person R. was, someone who would get drunk and sleep in the dirt on the road until morning only to wake up and stumble into work, I did not have any hope that he would come to Christ much less be able to turn his life around.

One day however after much thought I brought him to the ministry team, a team that went to distribute gospel literature door to door and preach the gospel. My intention was that he would have a chance to get know about Jesus by observing fellow team members and get involved in outreach/ ministry at the same time. When R. showed up, he confided in me that before he came, he had one last drink of alcohol and smoke his last cigarette thinking that, that would be his last chance.

Two weeks later he and his team went to a village at night for evangelism and to show the Jesus movie. Around midnight there erupted a commotion while people were watching the Jesus movie. In the dark and chaos there were thuds, punching, kicking, screaming, and things breaking. The Jesus movie was shut down due to the LCD projector being damaged.

Some people ran for their safety while woman and children got stampeded. After fifteen minutes the lights came on revealing that R. and his team had been badly beaten up by a Hindu fanatic group. R., among others, suffered injuries from this attack.

When the Police arrived at the scene everyone was taken to jail. They were kept there that whole night and next day along with their offenders. When I arrived at the scene, I quickly saw that they were all tired and weak. No doctors had examined them, no food had been given, and they had not been able to sleep that whole night.

With the help of local leaders, I was able to take the team out from jail claiming there was no reason they should be sitting in jail. We did not realize that the police inspector had decided to side with the Hindu group and was purposely stalling us so that the other Hindu political leaders would arrive and either force us to withdraw the case against the offenders or compromise. After we left the police station the Hindu groups arrived at the station demanding for our arrest. They fabricated a lie saying that our team were teaching people about Hindu gods are idols, snake gods, and monkey gods.

As a result, R. and his team were booked under more serious charges than the original offenders. R. was faced with court hearings once a month for the next five years that ended in 2013.

During this ordeal R. gave his life to Jesus and accepted Christ as his Lord and personal Savior; he was changed. The Holy Spirit worked on his heart and he realized how important it was to serve in ministry and follow God in obedience. R. stayed in that place for over six months and took water baptism at the same place at where he had been beaten.

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R. is now serving in one of our churches as a Gloryshine pastor and he has also started another home group fellowship in October 2018.

I once asked him if he was ever afraid of going to some of these villages for evangelism especially where the opposition is intense, and he said, that incident years ago had led him closer to the Lord and his passion was increased to serve God more in tangible ways. Praise God for his life! He is currently blessed with a beautiful family that includes two precious children.

We are committed to preaching the gospel in obedience to the great commission. Will you join us our team in prayer and finances to bring the good news of the gospel to the people in Indian villages? Thank you.

Highlights

New house Church service! A new home group church was started. Pastor R. was visiting this village for several months and now there are about 10 new believers gathering in a house of a new believer.



Dear Friends, We are grateful to God for His grace in our lives and the ministry of Gloryshine. Our areas of ministry are expanding, but that has also increased our financial commitment for the Lord's work. We are trusting in the Lord for His abundant provision to meet our financial goals. May I request you to pray for the growing ministry of Gloryshine and consider joining us as monthly prayer and financial partners. We want to thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration. **Joseph and Krista Janga and the Kids**



Urgent Needs

- Our next 3 months salary \$8400
- Mission trip expenses in Oct 2019

To Consider

Would you come alongside us prayerfully, and give generously for Gloryshine for the year 2019?

- We need *monthly* financial partners and prayer partners
- 2019 Monthly budget \$4000
- Two Church lands \$25000

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