



Humiliation

During our mission trip to India in January 2019, I met this young man after playing cricket with the local youth.

After the game I took the opportunity to get to know them, share about my faith, and explain how Jesus died for my sins. While I was talking I heard among the group a young man call out to another, "Ant", and everyone burst out in laughing but this young man responded to the name with some embarrassment and with a humble smile on his face. I could see that he was ashamed because I was new to the group. When I heard, I asked him why he was called Ant because his actual name was Naveen.



Before Naveen was born there were several infant deaths in his family so when he was born his parents took him to a witch doctor who said they needed to name him with a degrading name so the curse of death would go away and he would live. The idea was that the degrading name would carry the curse and he would be spared. His parents named him "Ant" so people, including his parents, called him with that name. He had always been called this and was mocked. Naveen was used to that kind of humiliation ever since he was a child and was resigned to being laughed at.

When I heard him being called this, I had the privilege to talk about God and how Jesus took our curse upon himself, how He loves us all equally, and is interested in every individual.

I told them from now on no one should call him Ant, but should call him with his proper name, Naveen. Everybody agreed and we prayed together (the non-Christian young people kept silent in respect to our prayers). I have known these kids since we lived in India from 2009 to 2011, although they are Hindus they used to come for Krista's kids church. They have that respect for me to listen to what I have to say.

After I came back from the mission trip Naveen sent me a Facebook friends request and I accepted. The first thing I heard from him after we got connected on Facebook was the greeting words "Praise the Lord" which is how Christians greet each other in India. I asked him if he knew what Praise the Lord meant? He said, it means "Devuniki Stotramu" దేవునికి స్తోత్రము in Telegu, which told me he understood exactly what it meant and I believe that was the power of the gospel and the Holy Spirit working in him.

These kind of things make me wonder how the culture and the belief system works, where humiliating a person in the name of faith and making jokes of each other in the name of fun, can really devalue someone's life all together. This verifies all the more how important the gospel is and how vital it is to be heard, preached, and practiced. I am looking forward to meeting Naveen again when I go back to India in October 2019.

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

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.

Update from the Janga Family with Gloryshine India

Dear Friend,

We are grateful to God and for your partnership with us. None of these testimonies would be possible for us to tell without your faithful prayers and financial support.

We are also grateful to God for His grace in our lives and the ministry of Gloryshine. We are excited share about our family as our children continue to grow and experience life.

Eliza will be going into 4th grade. Her classmates described her as smart and kind! She loves riding her bike, swimming, playing piano, taking care of her baby sister, and learning to cook.

Pranay will go into 2nd grade. He was privileged to be the student in his class last year to earn a special good behavior award. He also loves swimming, biking, and wishes to play basketball.

Estelle will be continuing preschool as her age falls short a few months for the start of kindergarten. She loves her cabbage patch doll, everything hello kitty, helping Mama in the kitchen, and can't wait for swimming lessons next summer!

Evangeline will celebrate her first birthday this month. She is such a joy and continues to surprise us with how much she can understand and communicate.

We praise God for His grace upon our children!

Children under our care in India:

Chandana is in 10th grade and Anusha is in 9th grade. They are both doing well! Thank you for your financial support and prayers for them!

Love and prayers,

Joseph and Krista Janga and the Kids



Future plans

- Joseph's mission trip Oct 2019
- Pastors training second semester, a teacher from US going with Joseph
- Launch church planting work in two more villages

Urgent Needs

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

To Consider

- We need *monthly* financial partners and prayer partners
- 2019 Monthly budget \$4000 & Two Church lands \$37000

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