### North India Indigenous Partners, Inc.



Partnering with local ministries to bring God's transforming love to the people of North India.

November 2024 "So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." (2 Corinthians 5:20)

**Greetings from Pastor Emmanuel and his team!** In this newsletter we will give you an update on what the Lord has been doing in North India. Please note our ministry needs as we move into 2025 (see page 3).

**First, we want to thank all of you who have helped us financially and with your prayers this year!** However, there were several ministry events and training sessions we had to cancel in 2024 due to lack of funds. We have the workers and the opportunities, but we need the funds.

### **Increased Persecution and Ambassadors for Christ**

Christians in India have seen an increase in persecution as a non-Hindu religious group. Some states have become difficult to go into for ministry, and while India's constitution guarantees freedom of religion, the government is increasingly turning a blind eye as Christians come under attack. Christians are attacked every day in India. The state of Manipur has experienced over 500 days of violence. Anti-conversion laws have become more vicious. Christian schools and hospitals come under attack. Spies have been inserted into Christian gatherings to report on who is attending and what they are doing. False accusations are made. Pastor Emmanuel reports areas where they were previously able to minister openly, now are requiring much discretion. Believers are afraid to meet, even in homes.

In response to this, Christians have been connecting to organize and ask the government to respect their lawful freedom to practice their religious faith. While the Bible tells us to be subject to authorities as instituted by God (Rom 13:1-7), we are also called to be Ambassadors for Christ (2 Cor 5:20), and our battle is not against flesh and blood (Eph 6:12). In October Christians gathered in Delhi for a peaceful protest. Emmanuel led a team in charge of security, ensuring the event was peaceful and orderly.



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Emmanuel reports: "Protest against the attacks on Christians was very successful. The Archbishop of Delhi, and many other bishops, pastors, leaders, and organizations from all over India were present. They spoke against the attackers and asked for government protection. They also noted that police have also been supporting the attackers, and not helping Christians. The Prime Minister of India never had any press conference. Nothing has been done yet as we have filed a petition against them in Supreme Court."

"I was as a in charge of security with over 70 volunteers. Before the event I visited theological students of the Roman Catholic Seminary in

Delhi, sharing about Paul, Peter, John and Jacob. We met and talked with many Pastors and leaders. We had volunteers from Delhi, Alwar, and Jaipur."



"After the event at our review meeting, the bishops highlighted the need for the people to have a Biblical understanding for the protest – making a stand for Christ – so they may be motivated and active. They said it's a need to go to the churches and let them know why we need to do this, because there are some people who are 'anti-protest.' I was very blessed and glad in my heart that God already has spoken to me and showed me the need to teach the youth and volunteers what we find in the Bible related as ambassadors of reconciliation. We prayed for our authorities and submitted ourselves, but at the same time we want to use our rights given to us under Article 25, Freedom of Religion to speak our faith with others. I need your prayers and support for our Ambassador for Christ activity. We will have a Bible study for our volunteers next month."

#### **November Ministry**

We are continuing with the short-term Bible School class that started in February. We have students coming from the states of Delhi, Rajasthan, and Haryana. They will be meeting this month, and then three more months in early 2025 before they graduate. The students are always very thankful because they feel joy and peace in their hearts when they study. Coming with many questions, those questions get answers from the study. Now they have the boldness and encouragement to share their testimonies and the Gospel with others, and they have started taking active part in our ministry. **Please pray for us.** 

Kaushik was hospitalized in October with typhoid and dengue fever. Both of those sicknesses can be fatal. He responded quickly to the antibiotics for the typhoid, but after his release his platelet count was dangerously low due to the dengue. With much prayer, his platelet levels returned well into the normal ranged by the next day! God miraculously healed Kaushik! We also thank all those who prayed and helped with doctor's bills. **Praise God he is well and is getting his strength back quickly.** 

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The Timothy Project training that Kaushik was planning in October was rescheduled for later this month. Please pray that the Lord does a special work with these pastors and

leaders. They will have the final Timothy Project teaching in January.

Emmanuel and Manju will be traveling to Senegal Africa Nov 25-Dec 7. This trip was arranged by a friend and is not a NIIP funded trip. They will be visiting a pastor friend in Senegal. Please keep this trip in your prayers.

We are planning the ministry for 2025. We hope to have at least one conference/training event at the Equipping Center (EC) each month. Emmanuel can bring people from areas experiencing a lot of persecution to the EC, where it is otherwise risky to do the conferences in the field. Emmanuel still hopes to continue to minister to the believers in Rajasthan. We are seeking to strengthen and equip them to be Ambassadors for Christ, even when there is the resistance of persecution. We also, by the grace of God, plan to continue the Good News Teams through 2025.

Looking ahead, December is always a busy ministry month with Christmas celebrations in Delhi and Rajasthan. We need to raise \$3800 over regular giving to get us through the end of the year. We need to raise \$66,000 over normal giving to get us through planned ministry in 2025. We are praying that the Lord will confirm this work by providing much of what is needed at this year-end fundraising.

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We are excited to share our latest promotional video with you here: <u>Come Partner with NIIP</u> (https://youtu.be/3Qkmsy3I\_do?si=YjNPLBrOkcp\_MMvx)

We realize many of you are giving all you can. Perhaps you can share the video with a friend who might be interested in this work? For others, please pray about how the Lord might have you respond to this need. Let me know if you have any questions.

Yours in Christ, Christopher Wininger, President 651-270-3126, president@niip.org

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