

# News Updates from Ram and Keshari, Feb 2023

Dear Praying Friends,  
Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ  
I hope this finds each of you in a good health and spirit.

We do not have sufficient words to thank God enough for grace and guidance throughout the year 2022. Of course, it would have not been possible if you had not prayed and supported us.

As I look back to the year 2022, God's grace was sufficient for us during times of hardship and challenges. Last year many of our church members contracted with Covid positive but God kept us safe. There are many things that we are thankful to God for such as, I have been asked to serve as the pastor of the church.

We were able to find a property to open up a bookshop and run the church service. By God's grace, we were able to renovate and start a bookshop and church service upstairs.

The bookshop has become a contact point to meet new people to engage them in evangelism. However, the new year 2023 came with challenges for me. My colleague who was working as a lead evangelist from the beginning decided to leave the church and moved on to live in Monastery for some time before God would lead him what the next step for him. At this moment I am the only one serving as a full-time member for the church. Of course, I have a team of leaders who support me.  
In Him  
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After long prayer and waiting, finally, we started an English Language Classes on January 16th. We were not quite sure how many people would turn up at the English Language Classes but to our surprise, 13 people came on the first day. They were from as follows: Iraq, Iran, Egypt, Romania, Pakistan, India, Italy, and El Salvador. There are two sessions in the class. One starts from 11am to 12pm and the next one starts after a 15-minutes of tea break. The first is purely English Language Class taught by one of our church members and the second session I teach from the bible study.



We ask students to stay on for the second session which is optional. I picked up the story of "The Prodigal Son" from Luke 15. The purpose of taking this story is to connect them and their culture with the story and in the end, my purpose was to teach them about the confession of Sins and the love of Father God. The participants enjoyed sharing their culture. But one of the Muslim participants was not happy with the teaching of the Bible and she protested. I told her that it is an optional class. If you wish to stay, you are welcome. She stayed on but she later enjoyed engaging in conversation. Now she has been an advocate to pursue other ladies to stay for the bible class because its been helpful to all.

## DAI Training

The full form of DAI is Development Associate International, which is committed to equipping pastors and leaders in Asian and African countries. Now I have started in the UK as well to teach and equip Nepali and others. I am thankful to the leadership of DAI for giving me an opportunity to teach on Conflict Management. I enjoyed teaching in Bradford and the next due date for teaching is in March.

## Added a few more members.

Since the Good News Community Church has been focusing on diverse people groups such as refugees, asylum seekers, and Urdu-speaking people. Recently the Lord has added a few new members from Iran, El Salvador, and Chile. I hope they will be served with the word of God and be built in faith. However, the town we are living in is like a transitional place for refugees and asylum seekers. They are moved by the government any time so please pray that they will be able to remain with us.

## Serving at Pakistani Congregation

Recently, was asked to share the word at the Pakistani Church in Rochdale. We both often go there to attend and encourage brothers and sisters in Christ. Sometimes I share at their bible study as well. I was surprised by the request to speak at the Prayer and Thanksgiving ceremony. It was memorial service after death of one of our friend's father. It was the first time to speak in Urdu at such an event. I prayerfully, said yes and spoke in Urdu about where we would be after we die. God guided me to share and people were surprised when I shared in Urdu.



## Outdoor Preaching.

After my colleagues left the church, I was alone to go on the street evangelism. I used to take Keshari along. The Lord has brought a very committed brother in Christ who came to me and said I would like to join you in preaching in the street. It has been a month since we are going together in the street to preach. The irony is that sometimes Jehovah's Witness, Muslim Dawa Team, and our team happen to be together preaching our faith in the same location.

## Bible Study:

We continue to run our Bible Study every Thursday in the evening. We have been using the book of John to study together. Besides the bible study, we also have prayer meeting meetings on the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month. We hope that more people will be able to join us in the future.

Thank you once again for your continued prayer and partnership. The responsibilities have increased, and we need a co-worker to share the job, please pray that God would help us to find the suitable one to join us.

Please also pray for our health. So far God has been so good to us in keeping us fit and fine.

Together in His Mission

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