

Updates from Ram Prasad and Keshari/ July-August 2023

Dear Praying Friends and supporters,
Greetings in the precious name of our
Lord Jesus Christ.

We hope that you are experiencing the
unfailing love and grace of the Lord
and keeping well.

We are ever grateful to you for your
unceasing prayer and partnership in
the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have
started a series of sermons from the
book of Philippians where Paul says:
"I thank my God every time I
remember you. In all my prayers for
all of you. I always pray with joy
because of your partnership in the
gospel from the first day until now" (1
Phil 1:3-5). I echo Paul's appreciation
and continue to pray that God would
bless you for your missional heart and
generosity.

In my last News Updates, I had
mentioned our plan for extending our
stay for next term. The Antioch
Network has submitted to obtain a
license for visa Sponsorship. By the
first week of October, the result of the
license would come then, God willing,
we will apply for an extension of our
visa. I am glad that some of you have
expressed to continue supporting us in
the future as well. Please continue to
pray for God's plan in our lives. We
are experiencing God's outpouring of
grace upon our ministry.



Baptism of David

We thank the Lord for His grace upon our ministry. After a long wait, finally, we were able to baptize David on the 24th of July. We thank Branches Christian Church for providing facilities to organize a short worship service that followed by the baptism ceremony. At the fellowship, our church members and friends attended to encourage him. At the Baptism ceremony, Revd. John Brett shared about the meaning of baptism. After the Baptism program, we had food and fellowship together. Please pray for another church member who is also getting ready for the baptism.

Brief Testimony of David

David is about 55 years old with dyslexia. Hardly reads and writes. During his childhood, he went to school but would not progress in his studies and teachers did not know what the reasons were. His friends started picking and mocking him. He was put in an assessment centre. He was locked up and abused. Due to bad treatment, he turned violent. He started causing trouble at school and with his mum. Due to an overwhelming situation, He was put under the care of social workers, but unfortunately, the social worker started sexually abusing him.

He sued against him but he has not yet received any compensation. He says I am still waiting for it.

He started to live very notoriously fighting and stealing things. He says, "I was put in prison several times, each time I stayed there over a year. He was also on drugs and running after girls. But now he thanks God that he has found Jesus who has given him freedom from all kinds of evil activities. He loves the Lord very much. He is very regular in the church and bible studies. He loves his three cats and feeds foxes that come in the evening near his home.

Breaking the hard ground



Our Gospel outreach on the street is being continued twice a week. We thank God for friends who joined me in reaching to unreached people. We get to meet so many kinds of People with different faiths. Working in the front line is joyful but sometimes it is challenging as well. Though we meet Muslims every week, on one particular day, I happened to spend quite a bit of time with a Muslim lady who was very



keen to learn about Christianity. She seemed very positive about the gospel. I asked if she could come to the church. She asked me, will there be any other Muslims. I said no. She asked me again, will there be any shops opened that are run by Muslims. I said, no. then I asked her, Why are you asking me this? She told me; "I do not want to be seen by any of my people going to the church, because it would put me in trouble". We thank God that she came to the church and was very happy to spend time with us. She told us that she would come back again.

Gospel Fest, Rochdale

Our church was one of the organisers of the recently held Gospel Fest in Rochdale town centre in August. A total of 7 churches took part, where worship band worshipped, church members shared the gospel and some leaders shared testimonies. Many people in the town were able to hear and receive the gospel tracks and prayed for. We were able to distribute almost 1000 tracks/buckets.



Actually, Towan centre has permitted Christians to hold religious festivals after so many years. The attitude of the officials has been hostile to the Christian events. We thank the Lord that He has broken the hard ground to sow the seed of our loving God. At the end of the fest, I was asked to pray for the town centre.

Partnership with like-minded Churches:



We believe that the sole purpose of the church is to witness to Jesus Christ. The missional nature of the church

must be grounded in the declaring kingdom of God. Our church has joined hands to partner with St. Mary's church in Rochdale. The purpose of our partnership is to work together to enhance the gospel, share the resources, and invite leaders to share the word of God at church and bible study. This is the sign of unity that God wants us to be in.

Please pray for :

- English Language Classes that start from 11th of September.
 - Discipleship in the church.
 - Outreach in the town centre.
 - Baptism for new believers.
 - Sponsorship of licence and visa for our extension.
 - Future maintenance support to continue the task.
- We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you for your prayers and partnership.

In Him

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