

News Updates from Ram and Keshari Shrestha,
August and September, 2024

Dear Praying Friends and Supporters,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ !

I hope this finds you all in good health and spirit-filled life.

Baptism for Louise

In my last News Letter, I updated you about the baptism of Mu-lim convert. She is very strong in the Lord. By God's grace, she got engaged with a strong believer from Spain who works as a teacher in London. She is going to get married on 21st October. A few church members and I will be joining them at their marriage ceremony.



I had also mentioned that one of the church members was ready for the baptism. We thank the Lord that Louise was baptised on the 18th of September. She wanted to be baptised on her birthday, the day she was born with sin, and on the same day she died to sin with Christ and got transformed. Louise loves geese. She comes to the Rochdale town River site to feed the geese and docks every day. She has given names to each gee and dock. While feeding, she calls them by their name and enjoys feeding every day. She is very regular in the church and at the bible study.

The Lord has brought another member in our church who is from Portugal. She was born in a Catholic family but became an atheist during her college time. Now she has found the Lord through our church and is going to be baptised on 5th of October. Please pray that the baptism ceremony will be blessed and joyful.



Late night prayer Meeting

Prayer is the foundation for Christian ministry and life. Believing that prayer can move the mountain, Our church has initiated a prayer meeting once a month from 7-10 pm to move the mountain of drugs, destitution, poverty, and desperation of Rochdale.

Rochdale is a town that has a comparatively higher rate of homelessness and depravity. This is also a town where Islam is growing very fast and is taking control of areas of business and religion. We gather to pray against the stronghold of darkness to bring God's light into the town. Church members are quite excited to join together to pray earnestly.



Moxy is a trans who recently changed his sex from male to female. She likes to be called "she", not "he". I met Moxi early this year whilst I was sharing the gospel in the street. I had a long evangelist chat with her. I kept bumping into her and asked if she could come to our church. She told me that she does not feel welcome in the church and she thinks the church is only for holy people. I told her, God loves everyone, and we are not perfect. We love you to have in our church. Finally, she joined us and enjoyed being in the church. Please pray that Moxy gives her life to Jesus. I am praying to God to give me wisdom and knowledge to share the love of God and to present the true gospel to these kinds of people. Whilst sharing the gospel in the town, I often meet gays and lesbians.

English Class and Bible Study:

After almost eight weeks of term break, we started English Language classes and Bible study as usual. We thank the Lord that a few new Pakistani students have joined. As usual, I teach the bible from the second hour

of class. I have started teaching from the book of Jonah. It seems the story of Jonah is also mentioned in the Quran. The student seems to enjoy the story and practice their English by sharing the story.

Joy in the Family.

We thank the Lord for giving us a grandchild (baby girl) to our son and daughter-in-law. It's been almost 2 months since the baby was born. This is a precious gift from the Lord. Her arrival into our family has brought us immense joy. The mother had to stay in the hospital on observation for a few days due to complications. The cord was entangled around the baby's body which was a bit of a risk. The baby was delivered prematurely through C-section safely. The baby is quite healthy and growing faster. Our son Amuly is a drummer who plays for Church and local bands. He also teaches at school. Our daughter-in-law works at one of the mission organizations. They are happily married.



Ram is like a “Pir Baba”

As I was welcoming students to the English Language class. About 7 Pakistani Muslim students had already arrived. Suddenly, one of our believers whom we had baptized last year Mr. David brought a lady full of tattoos on her face and hands. David enters the church and tells me, pastor Ram this lady is suffering with severe pain in her hand and neck, she wants you to pray for her. I was pleased and surprised too. I welcomed and requested her to have a seat. She told me, I am Jane. I am having severe pain in my left hand starting from the finger to the shoulder. I was not able to move it properly due to pain and requested if could pray for her. I asked her if she believed in God. She told me “I am a witch and I do not believe in God. But I have a picture of Jesus in my home”. I told her, I believed in God whose name is Jesus, and He would heal you if you believed in Him. I can pray in the name of Jesus. Nothing is impossible in Him. She replied to me saying yes, I believe in Jesus. I tried to assure her that Jesus is all-powerful and mightier than all the spirits in the world, and if you believe in him, he can heal you. So, I asked her, would you mind if I can pray for you right now?

While I was talking to her, all the students were watching very inquisitively. I asked if I could hold her hand. She told me yes by all means you can hold my hands. I tried to move her finger and move her hand. She was finding it hard to move it. I touched the hand and prayed moving my hands from finger to shoulder, rebuking the spirit of pain to go away in the name of Jesus. I cast out the spirit that torments her and must flee from her life. I prayed out loudly denouncing the sickness. After I prayed, I asked her to move her hand, and she said, yes I do not have pain anymore. We praised the Lord. She thanked me and I invited her to join us in the church. The students were surprised to see me praying for her.

To my astonishment, before we started our English class, one of the Muslims told the rest of the class, did you know that Ram is like a “Pir Baba” who heals the sick? Everyone was flabbergasted. “Pir Baba” is a Muslim Faith Healer.

Thank you for your continued prayer and support for the work that the Lord has entrusted to us. Your prayer partnership for the gospel is highly valued and appreciated.

Please join us in praying for:

- upcoming baptism of Elizabeth on the 5th of October.
- Street Evangelism and Discipleship.
- wisdom and discernment to lead the Church as pastor.
- meeting the needs of monthly support.

In Him

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