

VALATHI OUTREACH CHURCH MINISTRIES

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Prayer Letter – 04 October 2024

Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings to you all from Valathi – India. By the Grace of God, we are all doing well. Many thanks to you all for your prayers and practical support for the village ministry in India.

"God is always at work, sometimes you can't see it. Many times, you can't feel it. It may be hard to grasp what He is doing. That's called faith, that's it. Believing in the goodness of God, despite our limited vision ".

Fruitful ministry

We are preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the mission field. Some new people started coming to the Church. As new villages open the door for the Gospel, we need to build a Church in every new place.

In August Pastor Daniel Grell from USA visited and encouraged us. He did a great job! His mission trip report enclosed for you to get more details for praise and prayer, please go through his report.

Church planting in Ambur (new place)

Two years ago, we were invited to start a ministry in the native place of our believer. Amazingly one family opened their house to start a prayer meeting and a friend of Jabesh, our son, who is willing to help here. In September Pemi and I visited and attended a Church meeting. Around 25 of the members attended in the worship service. There was a partition of the family property to get their share. In that family, four of them decided to offer a piece of land freely for the Church building. I was preaching from Judges 6: 24. Gideon as soon as received a call from the Almighty God, immediately built the Altar and named it "Jehovah Shalom". We take this as a promise and named the new church as VOCM - Shalom.



Pastor Daniel friends meeting. Some of them hearing about Jesus Christ for the first time.



Church Building construction

By the grace and your practical help the Church Building construction is in progress. 75 % of the work is finished. Flooring, electrical and painting needs to be done. We Praise the Lord for His provision and the team of construction workers. Kindly pray for the dedication planning.







Prayerfully we are planning to start a Bible School soon, kindly pray for this vision. Our ministry is being done among the young people. We help these people to know the true living God amid all difficulties and a Bible School would be of great help to train the trainer.

May God be with you and bless you.

In the Church ministry, your brother in Christ

Arputharaj

From the bottom of my heart, I would like to express a word of thankfulness to you all.

Without your prayers and support, we could not have reached so far in the construction work.

Pastors meeting and benevolence to new attendees

On 24th September we had a Pastors meeting. I preached on the topic, where is your faith and at least you must have a mustard seed size faith. A Pastor's family attended in it. After the sermon, the Lord moved me to give travel money to all the Pastors. While doing so, the Pastor's family received it and told me that, we don't have any money to pay bus ticket for our children to go to the school and even they don't have money to buy for next meal. However, the Lord challenged them by his word "Do you have at least a mustard Seed size faith"? That's our life in the mission field. We want to serve the Lord more.



Dear Friends,

Please also see the report from Daniel Grell (USA) sent with this letter. We are so grateful for the help given by our friend Daniel from the USA.

My daughter Ruth and I are hoping very much that we can make a short visit to the work in early January for the dedication of the new church building. For many reasons (including medical matters) I have been unable to visit since just before COVID. But in the will of the Lord we do hope to be able to visit for just over a week (2 Sundays). Please pray that this will happen and that our friends in Tamil Nadu will be encouraged.

Ian (UK Chairman)

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