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## Prayer Letter September 2024

Dear Praying Partners in Christ,

Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 1:2



Praise the Lord to all the prayer partners and thank you for your continuous prayer and support to us. In this letter, I really want to share an update on Amravati Baptist Church. I am excited to tell you how God is blessing our Church.

We still conduct the church services on the first-floor hall of our parents' house, which can accommodate around 20-25 people. My wife teaches the children's Sunday school on the ground floor, where we have 10-12 kids regularly attending.

On an average we have 15-18 people coming to our church every Sunday. Around 8-10 families and individuals join the church online through Zoom, as they are located in farther cities/villages. Most of them were (before they got saved), and a few still are from Buddhist and Hindu backgrounds. I have been preaching and teaching to them for a year and a half, and I am excited to tell you that, though it is a very small church, we have started to see a change in the lives of many of these people.

One lady named **Mrinalini**, who is very faithful to our church, asked me for a stack of gospel tracts, and she gave them to all her friends. She distributed them all within a week and asked for more gospel tracts. It was a blessing to see her desire to reach her friends with the glorious gospel of Christ. A man named **Tukaram**, who is in his 70's and who I was able to lead to Christ several months ago, started taking notes on everything I am teaching in Sunday school. He wrote all the attributes of God which I taught on and he comes to me after every service for clarification if he doesn't understand or needs any spelling check. Looking at his desire to learn God's Word brings tears to my eyes. I have gifted him a new diary and pen to keep him motivated.

Another lady named **Ratna**, who lives 35 miles away in a village called Morshi, invited her Hindu friend to our church by telling her "My God can give you the peace which you are seeking for." Ratna was also the first convert from our village ministry.

Also, a lady named **Nanda**, to whom we had gifted a Bible some time ago, started asking me how to read the Bible, and she has become very faithful in memorizing Bible verses each month.

Another lady named **Kalpana** asked me for help with a transport arrangement to bring some people to church from her new neighborhood. Not knowing how many people she would bring, she surprised me by bringing six ladies to Church. We didn't have any more room in the hall that week.

She mentioned there are many people in her neighborhood who are interested in coming to church, but due to logistic and prior family commitment they could not come. I have suggested to them that I am willing to conduct the prayer service in their village at a convenient time for them so that everyone can attend. They were very excited with this idea, and I have already conducted two prayer services in their village and preached the gospel. We have been praying that the Lord would open a new ministry door for us. This might be the answer to our prayer.

Above all it is exciting to see God's work through our small church and the Gospel being reached to many people in Amravati city. Someone said something very true " The JOY of a Pastor is not the increase in offering nor the number of church members, but to see God's people GROW in the LORD." Amen.

We also had our first **VBS** last month. We invited all the Sunday school kids to our home and arranged for food, games, and Bible lesson for them. The kids loved the fellowship, as it was their first time to be a part of any VBS. We found that the kids loved their teacher, as they planned and contributed within themselves to purchase some gifts for my wife. Please pray for these kids as it is a huge burden on us to lead them to Christ.

Our **Bus Depot** and **Hospital ministry** are doing great. Every week I get the opportunity to witness to many people ranging from Hindu priests to Muslim divot. One man, named Abhay, whom I met at the bus depot and was able to present the Gospel, visited our church along with his friend on Father's Day. In his own words he mentioned when I witnessed to him, "I am fed up with my religion, and it may be God who has connected us to guide me to the truth." Please keep him in your prayers to get saved; he is Hindu.

In our **visitation**, I give every person a gospel tract along with the New Testament. And out of the 10 boxes which I received last year from Gideons bibles, I was down to the last box. I reached out to their representative and found out that he no longer supplies those bibles. I tried reaching many other people and even to their superiors, but there were no positive responses. When all my effort failed, we really started praying for it and the Lord graciously answered our prayer and connected me to a person right in Amravati, who gave us around 600 Bibles and the assurance to provide more when needed. This was a huge answer to prayer and God's evident hand in our ministry.

**Family update :** Thank you for praying for my wife's health. After taking 6 months of the medicine course, the doctor asked us to have a sonography taken of her gland at the neck, which was caused by tuberculosis. The report came back normal, and she no longer must take those medications. Praise the Lord, because it was causing her multiple side effects. This was a huge answer to everyone's prayers.

I also utilized this opportunity to witness to the doctor who treated my wife. I wasn't sure how he would respond, but he was excited and said he wants to hear more about it. Please pray for Dr. Sathish to get saved. He is one of the best doctors in Amravati. **House/Church building update** - We have hired an engineer to plan our house on the land we purchased last year. The plan is almost ready, and it will be submitted to the government officials for approval soon. Once approved, we will start with the construction. Lord willing, we are planning for a house on the bottom floor with a bigger hall for the church on the second floor, which would accommodate around 30-35 people. Please pray for God's provision and for His will for our house. It will require a lot of finances to complete.

Many of you have asked for a recent photo of us, which I have attached in this email.

Above all, I, my wife Neha, our son Yohan, and Amravati Baptist Church are so thankful to each one of you for your love, support, and prayers for our ministry. God Bless you all.

Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all. 2 Thessalonians 3:16.

To Amravati with the Gospel - Nitin, Neha and Yohan Ingle.







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