

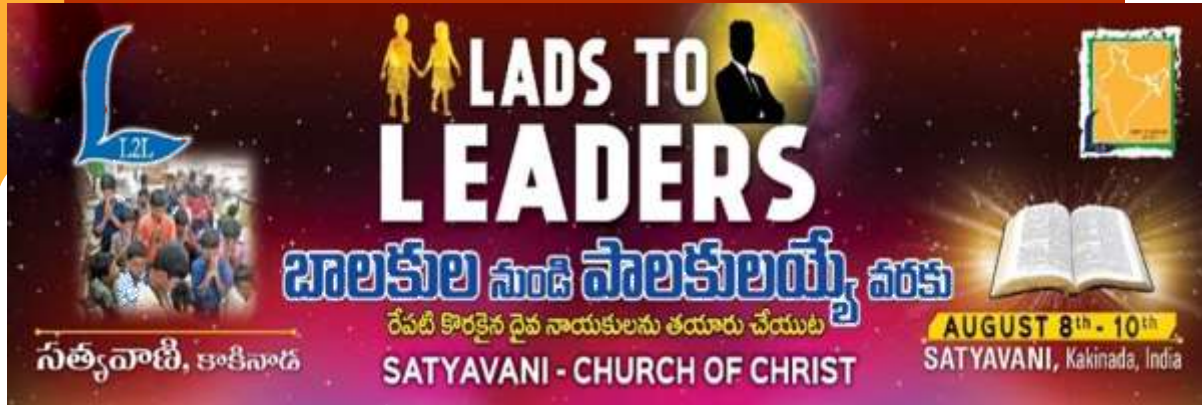
# India Harvest 2019

Kakinada, India

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We had our L2L(Lads-to-Leaders)-India on August 8-10, 2019 in Kakinada. L2L has been going on in 10 different cities in US from past 50 years and this is first year in India. When this started in Alabama there were 43 who attended, 50 years ago. We have 1500 from 100 congregation come and participated in this event. We had 1500 boys and girls (8 years till 22 years) come from an radius of 800 miles. We had churches come big cities like Chennai, Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Vizag, Guntur, Tirupathi, Tuni, Narisipatnam, Warangal, Nellore and Ongole and also from small villages. Everyone who came got a certificate, T-shirt, Cap, pads, bags for their participation for this event. This is like inter-church competition. There were different categories which the kids speech, Bible knowledge (from the book of acts), group songs and song leading, crafts and skirts. The most famous in this computation was Bible

memory category. We announced a used "Dell Laptop" as the first prize to the one who could tell highest Bible memory verses. Vijay Vardhan from Warangal Church (15 years) recited 643 memory verses and got the first prize. There were many kids who passed 200 and 300 memory bible verses but Vijay got the first.



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**Do not hold back discipline from the child, Although you strike him with the rod, he will not die  
Proverbs 23:13**



We had many local preachers come and spoke those two days to the youth. The young people are strong in India and events like this will make the church stronger in India. This is the future of the church of Christ. The girls were taken care by Sudeepa and few ladies from the church and boy were different during competitions. We wanted to keep the foundation of the youth strong as they grown up as the future of the church. We hope and pray that these events make the faith of the young men and women strong so that they could stay faithful till their death. We have been challenging the churches to train up their youth in the local congregation so that they could be a back-bone for the church. I am happy to report the churches are doing their best and are thriving in many places in India especially in South India.

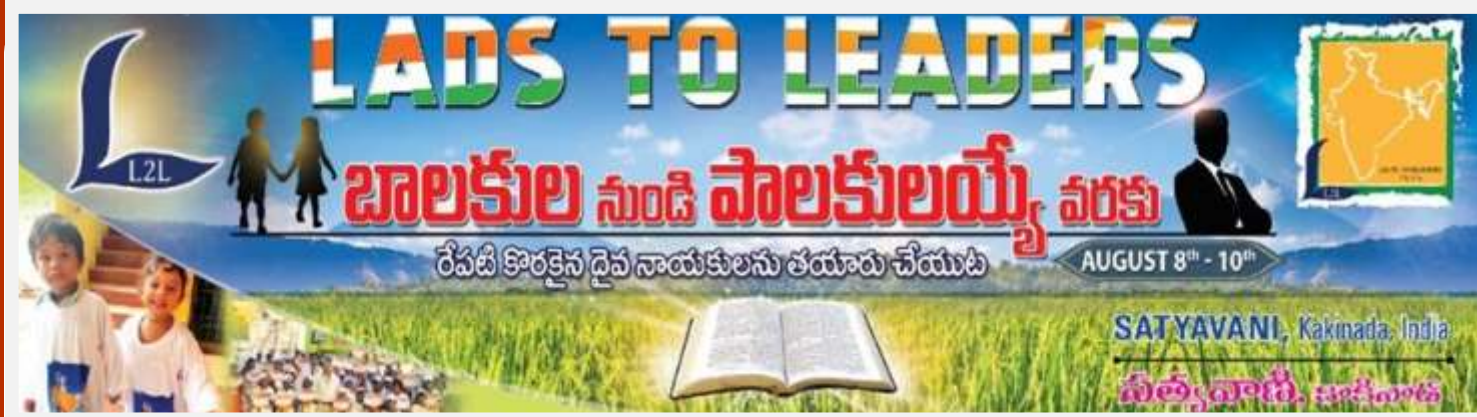


We had eight baptisms that week during L2L.





*Train up a child in the way he should go,  
Even when he is old he will not depart from it - Proverbs 22:6*



To the Right—We feed everyone who came for L2L. We had 116 churches participated and registered to come.

To the Left—We have one of the kids showing off his craft.

One of the category for the competition is “group songs”. In this various congregation sang local church songs which they sing in their churches. We have same PA (Public Audio systems) to the ones who won in this category.

Everyone who participated got more then four things for participating.

We had six from America with us during that time. We had Roy Johnson, Executive Director (L2L) and remaining five are from Stillwater, Oklahoma. (picture of them below)





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