

# THE GARDNER FUND

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## The Gardner Fund

was established in honor of Albert Gardner who made 20 trips to India during his lifetime and planted 60 churches. The fund supports many native Indian preachers and helps them to print materials and buy Bibles as well. The following updates come from some of the major works that are being supported by the Gardner Fund. Though only these are listed here, the funds and influence reach several more churches and people throughout India.



*GJ Prabudoss (left), GP Vijayakumari (right), and GP Shyam Sundar (top) (two married daughters, not pictured)*

# GJ PRABUDOSS

GJ Prabudoss has been preaching for 25 years and currently works with three different congregations. Because of the pandemic the churches have now switched to online worship services. Even with this transition, the churches have seen 5 baptisms this year!

For the remainder of the year, they are planning three Gospel meetings, a youth day, and a gathering of the three congregations at the end of the year (Covid permitting of course). Additionally, they have plans to print a sermon outline book in English, Telegu, and Tamil, as well as distributing tracts while they evangelize in the community.

"We really experienced God's providence and His presence during the lockdown. We are surrounded by Corona but we are safe by His grace of mercy and God Almighty is strengthening us to preach the gospel during these difficult times."



*Left: The Ayanavaram church of Christ, one of the churches with whom GJ Prabudoss ministers, meets for an evening worship*



*Right: GJ Prabudoss helps distribute food to needy families during the lockdown*

# RAJENDRA PRASAD K.

Rajendra Prasad K. graduated from the Kakinada school of preaching and has been ministering ever since. As the lockdown has persisted this year, the church meets in small groups from 5 AM to 10:30 AM on Sundays so that they can still worship together.

Though they have not been able to get out as much during this year, he and his family have worked to ensure that other preachers have been getting the food and essentials they need. Rajendra Prasad K. continues his work through phone calls, texts, WhatsApp, and Zoom.



*Front: Rajendra Prasad and Prameela Prasad  
Back: Frances Kumar, Prasanna Kumar, Davis Kumar, Rajendra Paul,  
Riya Rajendra Paul, Sirisha Rajendra Paul.*

"I would like to thank God for the saints and congregations who pray and support this noble work.."



*Members of the church help to distribute food during the pandemic*



*The Kandukur church of Christ*



# SURESH BABU



M. Suresh Babu, wife Mereena, daughter Subhavana, and son Prem Raj

"God is working in different ways in our lives. Sometimes God will work through families and introduce new families for Bible studies. According to Eph 3: 20 He is doing greater works in my life."

Suresh Babu has been working as a minister for 13 years, primarily with the BN Kandriga church of Christ. Since he has been there, the church has had 59 converts.

Before the pandemic, the church had already completed a "love feast" program, an advanced Bible class, and a special month of prayer.

The goal for the rest of the year is to spread the Gospel throughout the entire region and bring at least 10 people to Christ. Additionally, the church would like to help strengthen new congregations, as well as help feed and shelter the widows.



*The BN Kandriga church of Christ*



*Members of the church help distribute food to the needy*

# T. HENRY PAUL

T. Henry Paul has been working as a minister for 40 years now. In the region where he ministers, 20 people have been baptized in 2020 alone. Through the church, lessons have been sent out to the community on denominations, Christian relationships, the plan of salvation, and many other topics.

As the year continues, the plan is to work online and through Bible correspondence courses as much as possible. Once the lockdown is lifted in their area, T. Henry Paul and his family will begin meeting with new contacts and strengthening the church in person.



T. Henry Deva Prabhakar, Sudha Rani, Lydiya Grace, T. Henry Paul  
T. Deva Paul, T. Mark Sukumar

"God showed His love in helping the needy Christians to give food items in the time of the Coronavirus problem with the Gardner Fund thanks to your effort"



*The Podili church of Christ*



*Distribution of food to needy has been an important work of the church in the pandemic*





Valpa Raju, VG Sundari, Betty, Hilda, Mercy, and Evin

## VALPA RAJU

Valpa Raju has been ministering for 28 years in the city of Chennai. Over that time the church there has grown to 275 members and has been blessed with two elders and seven deacons. Of the 275 members, there are more than 100 children who all attend Bible class on Sunday mornings. The church is using this as an outreach program for the community.

Through his ministry, Valpa Raju and his family have helped to plant 3 churches in Chennai, as well as 11 total in the Nellore district. During the pandemic, Valpa Raju has been teaching the preachers for these churches in online classes.

"We

would like to express our deepest gratitude for your unselfish contribution to satisfy many hunger poor Christians during these

pandemic. We, as a church, want to be able to minister to more people who are in need through your help and guidance."



*Outreach with the local children has proved very successful*



*The Korukkupet church of Christ*



## B. VIJAY KUMAR

Vijay Kumar has been preaching for 30 years and has been helping to edify several congregations lately. In January alone there were 18 baptisms among the churches in the region. The main church where he ministers has about 150 members, though he continues to establish and encourage other churches as he can.

As with most other churches, they have been on a stand-still since the lockdown began. This particularly hurt Vijay Kumar's work as he sees the most opportunities in the summer months. Though they are not able to be out currently, he still seeks opportunities to spread the Gospel and prays for a quick end to the pandemic so he can get back out into the public.

"We need  
your continuous prayers and  
encouragement for the work  
here in India."



Vijay Kumar, Ruth, Juanita, and Tim



*Left: the Thimmapuram  
church of Christ*

*Right: members of the  
church help feed the needy*



# **Thank you for your support of this work!**

Please feel free to contact  
any of these workers and  
send them encouragement!

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