

THE GARDNER FUND



Detailed Report - 2020



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

Greetings,

Before, I start my Annual Work Report for the year 2020 I would like greet you all a very happy new year 2021. I hereby furnish the detailed work report for the year 2020.

Worship Service & Mid-Week Bible Study: We have gathered for worship, mid-week Bible study and other activities from January to February but from March to Late October we met online due to COVID 19.

Gospel Meetings: Me and my son Shyam Sundar preached gospel meetings online and also in person throughout the lockdown and baptized 14 people.

Online Bible School: Me and my son conducted online Bible classes three days in a week.

Sewing School: My wife took sewing classes for ladies on weekly basis with minimum people.

Sunday School & Youth Fellowship: My son Shyam Sundar taught Sunday School and also youth online.

GJ PRABUDOSS

COVID 19 Relief: We have supplied food material, clothing and medical kits for about 600 people three times during the lockdown.

Widows Help: We have helped widows, abandoned and poor women with sarees, and gave food on New Year's Eve. Food supplied to poor and homeless on 1st January 2021.

Plans and Requirements for 2021:

1. Planning public gospel Meetings.
2. Home Bible Studies
3. Bibles Distribution for poor and people being baptized.
4. Preachers Support for five preachers trained by us.
5. Sewing Machines.
6. Funds for Printing Sermon Outlines Book by brother Albert Gardner in three languages (Telugu, Tamil and English)
7. Printing of Song Books and Gospel Tracts.

Hence, I request you to kindly go through the report and do the needful. Please convey our greetings to all the saints and who supported us. Thank you and God bless you. In His Service,

RAJENDRA PRASAD K.

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We are praying and giving thanks to God through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ because He saved us from Covid 19. I have preached or taught in more than 40 places in 2020. More than 20 were baptized into the Church in this area in 2020. Two new congregations were started in 2020:

Sanikavaram: Brother Ramesh was a Bible student. He came to Kandukur for Bible classes where I could see his interest in the Bible. After studying for a long time, he finally obeyed the truth and started working. He even worked during the pandemic time and baptized a few people. Now, there is a small congregation meeting in a shed in his village. Today, two people were baptized and were added to this new congregation.

Kadapa: I taught in a denominational congregation in March of 2020. 4 months later, with multiple discussions, two denominational preachers and some members obeyed the truth.

RAJENDRA PRASAD K.

The Appapuram congregation was started with 10 members in 2011. The Appapuram people are very poor people, so we are committed to serve them. We are giving food for the poor people, widows, and children in this place, which is why I visited them 15 times; other times I sent Davis and some brothers.

In Arivemula, brother Job was a denomination pastor. He came to Kandukur for Bible classes and obeyed the truth. After his obedience, six were baptized into the Church in that area. He has a plan to work in Chandrashekhar Puram (Mandal headquarters) where I visited one time. In Atmakur (Nellore district) the congregation was started in 2003 with one woman; today there are 60 members, and 5 congregations were established through this congregation. I visited them 2 times.

Atmakur (Kurnool district) is a new place. A denominational family called me to learn the truth, so I went and taught them. I visited them only one time but I am in touch through phone calls and WhatsApp.

RAJENDRA PRASAD K.

The Atmakur (Prakasam District) congregation was started with 2 brothers in 1994 and today more than 50 members.

In Bangalore, a young man called me to teach in his place 10 years back. From then I started visiting and teaching them regularly. Slowly some people were baptized. But this year I visited one time only because of Covid 19.

In Bapatla there was a Government employee, who is working as a preacher for the Church in that place; he came to Kandukur for Bible classes, so I went to that place one time.

The Chandalur congregation was started before 1979. My uncle was a preacher in that place. After his death, I sent one young man to Kakinada school of preaching. His brothers are working in that place, I went there once. In Cheruvu kommupalem There is no Church of Christ but I am trying to teach them truth.

RAJENDRA PRASAD K.

I was working in Chirala between 1981 and 1986. Brother Bhushanam was baptized by me and he is a very good Christian and working well; he called me for preaching in that place, so I preached 5 times in that place.

Brother Nathanael is working in Chittedu. He called me to teach in a big meeting, so I went and taught them once.

The Dudduku village is near to my native place, I got an opportunity to teach this year one time. Brother Ramaiah was baptized by me in 2014 in Inamadugu, and he called me to teach in his place, so I went and taught them three times.

Brother Mohana Rao was baptized by me in Gopalapura in 1993 along with his family and some others. I went and taught them 3 times.

In Gudlur, brother Daniel and ten people were baptized by me in 2015, so I went and taught them once.

There is a widow in Hanumapuram, who called me and I went and taught there once.

RAJENDRA PRASAD K.

Some of the Kandukur Church members are working in Hyderabad, I went and taught them thrice.

Some of the denominational people are attending the Bible classes in Kandukur, one of them did call me to Kadapa, so I went and taught them in the month of March. After 4 months two denominational preachers and two more were baptized by me in that city. I taught twice.

The Kakinada church preacher called me to teach in a meeting, I went and taught there once.

Two years ago a congregation was started in Karedu, I went and taught them thrice.

The Kondepad congregation was started by brother Bhushanam, he called me and I went there once.

One woman called me to teach in her family in Kopperapadu and I went and taught there once. Brother Kotaiah was baptized by me in 2000 in Kummaripalem, and he called me to teach in this place for his relatives; I went and taught them once.

RAJENDRA PRASAD K.

Brother Govindaiah was baptized by me in 1981, and called me to Malempativaripalem so I went and taught them thrice.

The Mannetikota was started in 2016, these people are very poor people. I went and taught, gave food, clothes, medicine, etc. more than 10 times.

Brother Singaiah and his wife were baptized by me in 2014 in Mopadu, they are attending the Church services regularly but with Covid 19 sometimes they could not attend worship service. I went and guided them to Sunday worship service.

Brother Daniel was a denominational pastor in Mocherla but he is a student of Kandukur Bible classes. Two years ago he obeyed the truth (baptized into the Church of Christ). I went and taught in his place one time.

There is a big congregation in Muppall. I went and taught there once.

There are some widows and orphans in Mukkodipal who called me to help them. I went and helped them. Today also two orphans came to me for clothes.

RAJENDRA PRASAD K.

Nellore is a big town. The Church was started after 1980 there. The Church has been conducting big meetings every year, and this year also has a plan to conduct preachers-only meetings on the 14th and 15th. I would like to attend the meeting on 14th only, because on the 15th I will teach in Tirupati Church of Christ. The Nellore Church called me to teach in this place I went and taught there twice

Nujellapalli is my native place. There was a Baptist congregation but today there is no Baptist congregation; instead, there is a big congregation (Church of Christ).

They have a plan to make a house for the Church preacher. I went and taught there six times.

I worked in Ongole between 1986 and 1991, and this year I went and taught there 5 times.

The Palur congregation was started before 2000. All the people in this congregation were baptized by me. I went and taught there 10 times.

There are only two members in Pazarla, I went there once.

RAJENDRA PRASAD K.

I went two times in 2019 to Pokalavaripal but this year only once. They constructed a building for the Church., and the inauguration happened on 29th December this year. I went and taught about Revelation 21:3

There is a family with marriage troubles in Pokur. I went as a peace maker.

Rachapud is my forefathers' village, so I used this opportunity to teach in that place thrice.

The Sugar factory Church conducts Bible classes every month. I used to go to teach there regularly. I went there thrice this year.

Two students from Tenali are attending Bible classes in Kandukur. They called me, so I went and taught there once.

Brother Aram was a denominational preacher in V R Kota, but after studying in Bible classes in Kandukur, he obeyed the truth. He called me and I went and taught there twice.

RAJENDRA PRASAD K.

In the Vinjavarthypadu village in Bangalore, they came to their native place because of Covid 19. They called me, I went there, taught and helped them once.

Vijayawada is the capital of Andhra Pradesh State. The Government of Andhra Pradesh gave me an award for doing social work during Covid 19 times. I went and taught about love.

I have referred to major places only, I visited many other places and taught many more people in the pandemic time. I have been sending some preachers and students to some more places for preaching and helping the people many ways. E.g. Kondamudusupalem, Kothapeta, Naladalapur, etc. Today after a meeting in Kandukur, I went to Palur and Naladalapur. Two were baptized today in Naladalapur. You are always in our prayers. Thank you for all your support and prayers.

SURESH BABU

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ from the Buchinaidu Kandriga CHURCH OF CHRIST we are doing fine by the grace of GOD and by the prayers of the saints.

In 2020 we all know the Coronavirus destroyed many areas in the world physically and spiritually. Here, the Indian government had locked down all works in their jurisdiction, so in that situation the church works were also slowed down. In any circumstances we are doing God's work without tiring.

By the Gods grace we are able to preach gospel in and around our village. I, my family, and the church members worked very hard to spread gospel in several places in this area. Many villages are very small. 4 people were baptized into Christ in the year 2020.

SURESH BABU

In 2020 I have received monthly support, and some additional support for food material and widows. Thank you very much for the support and we pray for the people who supported to ministry here.

2 of our brothers are working with me: Bro. Joseph and Bro. John. We are working together in our areas of BN Kandriga, Ozili and Damanellore villages.

As a result of our preaching gospel through home bible studies in this year 2020. 4 were baptized and added to the church (1. Bro.Thomas, 2. Sis. Lalithamma, 3. Bro. Devaprasad. 4. Sis. Sailaja). In this gospel program my brothers and church members participated in all the preaching. Sometimes we face some troubles at night; whatever it is, we decided to preach in all villages in the BN Kandriga Mandal. The plan is to convert at least one member from one village in the future. In BN Kandriga our goal is that wherever we go there are Church of Christ members in every village. This year 2020 the above two brothers and two sisters were added to the church from the new village of Nerini kandriga as we planned.

SURESH BABU

Bro. Andrews passed away in this year. He was converted from a Hindu family and he was very good faithful member in the church. He was suffering from Tuberculosis. On March 20th he rested in peace. We also have some aged people in the church; please pray for them.

The BN Kandriga Church of Christ conducted a tailoring school successfully up to April 2020. We were unable to conduct classes during lockdown time. This year in 2021 after vaccination we would like to start a new batch. Because of Covid-19, in 2020 we conducted no Sunday School program or educational materials for school children, nor was there a VBS. However, home Bible studies are going on by the grace of God till now. In this program myself and my brothers went to nearby villages and contacted new families every week. Sometimes we went to their homes and sometimes they came to the church building. In this work we maintained distance, wore masks, and sanitized every time.

SURESH BABU

Through this work two brothers and two sisters were baptized into Christ in this year 2020. Bro. Joseph and Bro. John were cooperating and helped in this work. Sometimes my travelling was very difficult to reach my place in the night times. We were not able to conduct any gospel meetings this year but were able to have praise meetings among a few families.

Total Baptized in the Church	66
Rested in Christ	10
Some of dropouts (Backsliding).....	08
Present attendance in the church.....	48

SURESH BABU

FUTURE PLANS:

1. We would like to conduct home Bible studies with new families
2. Target to reach many families to share gospel of Christ in all villages of BN Kandriga Mandal
3. We would like to feed daily widows and to construct a small shed for them.
4. To strengthen new congregations.
5. Finding some support for our young preachers

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Increasing monthly support for my family expenses and medical.
2. Please pray for our Widows' needs and for the shelter
4. Please pray for the young preachers those who are preaching and help with me
5. Please pray for the 4-wheeler for our village ministry to reach more villages in BN Kandriga Mandal

T. HENRY PAUL & DEVA PAUL

Dear Respected Beloved Brothers

It is our great privilege to extend our gratitude to the Almighty God who protected all of us in the pandemic during the year 2020. However, some of our Church members and preachers relatives and neighbors we missed. Because of HIS grace and our personal health tips and governments work, we are safe. Though in that trouble time with your food funds and by his grace we 2343 able to do the following work for his kingdom. And you, sirs and churches and donors, helped much with compassion through your generous food funds. We will never forget your love; once again our heartfelt thanks to you all.

T. HENRY PAUL & DEVA PAUL

-Work done in the year 2020 .

Visitations: 35 up to March.

Baptisms in Podili area: 6 + 18 in other places.

Evangelism programs: 17.

Edification: 2 preachers Bible classes

Bible correspondence course lessons sent: 210.

Whatsapp lessons study material sent: 265.

Video lessons: 24.

Bibles and Gardner's books, & Truth for Today books, songbooks with work sheets and study material, Tracts sent by parcel:150+450+120+210+180+5700

Benevolence: With yours help from Gardner's Fund, food was distributed four times; on the fifth time, we were also able to help clothe preachers and widows.

Thank you for monthly support to me, Deva Paul & bro Gangaiah; for the return for your neighboring love and compassion you are all be given reward and continue to be blessed abundantly & increase in every aspect is our wish and pleading to the God in our prayers. My wife Lydiya grace and sons, 18 preachers, and Deva Paul extend thanks for the encouragement of support and prayers in the 2020.and requests continue to pray for us.

GANGAIAH CHATLA

This is my yearly report, Gospel meetings – 46, Bible classes for preachers – 11, Bible classes for young people – 11, Baptisms – 23. Please pray for my area team preachers, we need some extra supports to do Lord's work more and more for saving every last soul and adding congregations as well as making congregations in different places.

VALPA RAJU

Dear brethren,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus. I hope and pray that everything is well with you there. We are always thankful and grateful to your prayers and support for us.

Due to covid19, evangelical work stopped and there were very few conversions, but now slowly we are able to move on. Recently I and my wife visited all the churches where we work and support. We found many families are still struggling for survival due to the virus, and people are scared of second wave virus. We conducted brief meetings to comfort the churches during this pandemic and we have distributed Homeopathy medicine to our members to improve their immunity system to fight against Covid19. And we have also distributed some funds to the preachers and members. Thank you for your concern on widows, they will be very grateful if we help during this pandemic.

VALPA RAJU

We help support 1. Brother V. Lukaiak working in Chandra Babu colony. 2. Brother V. Rapheal work in Vedaya palem. 3. Brother A. Ramachandraiah working in Venkatesh puram. 4. Brother N. Immanuel working in Kissan Nagar. 5. Brother G. Yahanu working in Talamanchi.

Apart from the five churches we are also working with another six tribal churches in the Nellore district. Preachers in the churches are serving without any support but whenever we visit them we give some gift money. All these preachers were trained by me all these years. Brother Albert visited some of the preachers and churches when he was in mission work. I am happy to inform you that a few conversions also took place during our recent visit. Please continue to pray and support this good work and you will be rewarded by our Lord. We are all always grateful and thankful to donors who are generously supporting this work. I am also happy to inform you that the TV Ministry going well and I thank the couple who are supporting this ministry. Please greet the church at Campbell and Dalraida for us; we continually remember you in my prayers. And we pray great country of America and for the new president Joe Biden, we believe that he will keep the America safe and secure, and he will also keep the Bible live in your country. Thank you.

B. VIJAY KUMAR

Dear brethren in Christ,
Greetings to you and all saints in the blessed name of
our Lord.

Thank you so much for your continuous upholding of
India Evangelism and encouraging the preachers
working in the countryside and in other places.

This is the report for the year in which the Coronavirus
became a great threat to four corners of the world;
In our local congregation we were under lockdown and
for two weeks we did not open the meeting place at the
orders of the govt and later we began to meet at early
hours from 4 am to 6am.

Our men went to visit all the houses in the community
to see their needs and to encourage them in faith and
provide needed medication.

The other benevolence we provided to these poor and
in needy with the kind help and love of our Brethren are
as follows:

B. VIJAY KUMAR

Distributed vegetables, Rice, wheat flour, cooking oil, food grains needed for breakfast, soaps, sanitizers, masks, multivitamin pills, cough and cold syrups, sarees and blankets, and even monetary help as per their need in the community and for all preachers working in the hill country and in the sea coast of the northern parts of our State. We have also provided these beneficiary activities to some of the border villages of other States in the hill country.

For several months we were not allowed to travel to other places but we were in touch with those hill country preachers and sent their help through other means to help feed their families and to encourage them and remind them of the sacrifice of our beloved brethren in the US.

B. VIJAY KUMAR

In 2019 we went to open a church building in a village in the hill country in the month of March 19th and that was the last visit to the hills by me. Later after ten months we went to them again and 2020 December went to the place with some more help for widows. We used to send their help through other means and sometimes they travelled to other places to participate in preacher's classes.

As of last week we baptized 10 in the hills and 5 in another meeting in hills in the month of January. In the first week of February, 2 were baptized in different villages. In one village in three months 7 were baptized. Last year we were not able to visit other congregations but now we are going to other villages to see the congregations and to encourage them in faith.

We have distributed several Bibles and hymn books but were not able to distribute other books of brother Albert Gardner as we did not have any with us, but truly those books teaching great lessons of truth easily understood by the common people to come to Jesus and to quit their denominations.

B. VIJAY KUMAR

Brother Albert Gardner wished to give away books to all and said they will go even when we do not go. His wish is still in my mind. Books can travel anywhere we cannot go, and we need your prayers for this great need even in future.

We had a preachers workshop on the 18th and about fifty five preachers attended and all said in same mind to work more in this year 2021 if the Lord is willing, and we all said
AMEN.

We have another preachers workshop in the hills and the other one in the North of this state every month and we resume this work to encourage the preachers to edify their congregations and to go to new villages in this year for which we always need your kind prayers of encouragement. We have been always praying for each and every saint who stretched forth their hands and opened their hearts for prayers to this vast country to reach the word of light. Praying for your country and need prayers for our country too.

Thank you for your support of this work!

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any of these workers and
send them encouragement!

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