

# India Harvest 2021 Kakinada, India

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## AREAS OF MINISTRY:

- Preachers work-shops.
- Gospel meetings.
- Children Home.
- TV/Radio ministry.
- Bible Course.
- Homeless shelter for the aged.
- Village minis-tries.
- Printing press/ Tracks.
- Homeless shelter for the aged.
- L2L-India, National convention Director .



These are our Gospel meetings in which we do in different villages. We work with our local preachers in these villages. We are running "Satyavani School of Evangelism" where my brother Ronnie and few other teachers teach the classes off-line and online .



The books you see are packing of monthly magazine in Languages Telugu and also in Oriya from our office in Kakinada, India. We have 20 people in our office staff who have various responsibilities. Every day we mail an average of 40 bibles to those who finish our bible courses. We have a 26 lesson bible course and people who finish that will get a free bible in the local language.



Satyavani TV Programs has been going on from 2001. They go to the states of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Orissa and Telangana. This is our strongest and biggest out-reach ministry. We reached out to more then 1 million people with our TV programs. In our program we only preach the gospel and we have acapella group songs so that churches can learn. Our program comes in five different channels in different times, 17 half hour programs five days a week to all over India in Telugu language. On an average we get 100 responses for our Bible courses and for our out-reach. Until now we have 500,000 people with their address who finished our Bible courses and who knows the TRUTH about Christ and his purpose to this world. We have 20 people in our office staff who takes care of all our activates for the Lord.





"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,"  
Matt 28:19



Every month we have a preacher's meet in two different places. Each time it would be different village. We are partnering with "Gospel Chariots Missions" with George Funk from Australia to teach our local churches about "Church development in the villages". They have been working in Africa for many years and are partnering with us to develop churches in India. We have some brethren who study online classes once a month with Brother George Funk. Some of our young preachers are involved in these. I get to mentor them to do more in different villages so that churches can grow. We try to teach local churches and leaders on how to increasing the local churches of Christ.



Pandemic times—The whole world has been affected by Covid-19. We never stopped worshipping Sundays during curfew times. We met early hours on Sunday (7-8am). We helped distribute 800 masks, fed 150 meals every day for two months straight, gave sanitizers (4000 bottles), 1300 face shields (to police, local government hospitals) and to 800 preachers we gave groceries for four months. I personally handed over all those things and also to all those who were struggling in Government hospitals. .





# Out-reach during Pandemic

Every one was scared about the virus. India got shut down from March 21st, 2020 till December 2020. I was blessed to have many people helping all the out-reach which we have done during this time. We helped 200 lives who were struggling with virus and were critical in the hospitals. We used to get calls from every hospital and we matched with the concerned person. **We helped the local hospitals in the beginning stage when they didn't have any equipment's to protect themselves to treat Corona patients.** We formed into groups and help distribute face-shields, face-masks, gloves to the police, health workers, municipal workers and the volunteers at the local government hospital. We are blessed to have young people involved in helping those who really need help. We provided food during this time as everything was shut down and everywhere there was curfew. The Satyavani Church of Christ is the main one who were in the front serving when everyone is afraid of their lives. Our town has 500,000 who live here but only our church was active and is seen serving in the town. This has brought good will to the church. All these pictures you see are from those activities.



**"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me"**  
 Matthew 25:35-37







Train us a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not

depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

L2L (Lads-to-Leaders) is a program aimed at the young people to be strong members for the Churches of Christ. We started in three new places this year—B.K. Palli, Chintapalli and Chennai. We first started this in Kakinada, India three years ago where we plan to continue but we also started in these new places. The L2L in Chennai—India is in a language called Tamil. Now in India we have L2L in 2 languages(Telugu and Tamil). We have young and dynamic men who are in-charge of these conventions in these places. Brother Babu Rao and Bro. Sathi Babu are in-charge of L2L in their respective places. B.K. Palli and Bro. Campbell will be doing L2L in the jungle areas every year in January in Telugu language and Bro. Shyam will be doing in Tamil language in Chennai. We are also involving churches in the City area instead of rural areas. Chennai is a big city and the population is around 10 million and we do have good number of Churches of Christ in that city. I was there in the city for their first convention and was very impressed how they used technology and how they organized our L2L convention. They wanted to start L2L in two more areas in that state between Tamil language speaking Churches of Christ. We have been praying about that. We wanted to start conventions like these and involve the next generation in this so that they could be strong leaders. Each convention's cost varies from \$4000—\$6000. This would be the cost per year. We try to involve all the Churches of Christ in that area so that all the young people can be active leaders. All these pictures in this page are of the various conventions this year in India for L2L. We started, and we plan to continue and we are seeing that great leaders come from this and seeing that the leaders who are in-charge are dedicated to take it on their shoulders as long as they can for the Lord.





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