

India Harvest 2022 Kakinada, India

John Ricky Gootam

AREAS OF MINISTRY:

- ⇒Preachers workshops.
- ⇒Gospel meetings.
- ⇒Children Home.
- ⇒TV/Radio ministry.
- ⇒Bible Courses.
- ⇒Village ministries.
- ⇒Printing press/ literature.
- ⇒Homeless shelter for the aged and Leper Colony.
- ⇒Lads-to-Leader,India, Executive Director.



Lads to Leaders (L2L, India)

It was a challenge for us to conduct our L2L this year. We were scheduled to have four conventions this year but the government did not give permissions for two because of Covid. We were ready to start a new one this year but we postponed it. Because we do not know when things would come back to normal. We had two conventions, one in “Narisipatnam” and another one in “Chintapalli”.

These two are in “Telugu” language. Our “Tamil” language convention got canceled because government did not give us permissions.



Bro. Babu Rao and Bro. Sathi Babu are the ones who are in-charge of the L2L convention in “Narisipatnam”. It is neat to see few Churches come together at one place and bringing their “next generation” of the Church so that

they could do mighty things for God. We have had 11 churches come together this year in a village called “B.K. Palli”. We had different competitions like Bible Quiz in the Book of Acts, reciting Bible verses, speech and songs.



Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near when you will say, "I have no delight in them" - Ecclesiastes 12:1

"AND THE CHILD GREW AND BECAME STRONG IN SPIRIT, FILLED WITH WISDOM, AND THE GRACE OF GOD WAS UPON HIM" - LUKE 2:40

LADS TO LEADERS - 2022



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(Executive Director, Lads of Leaders, India)



L2L
BUILDING GODLY LEADERS



10th & 11th January 2022
Kolapari Church of Christ, Chintapalli, A.P., India

We had our annual L2L, India convention in "Chintapalli", Andhra Pradesh. We had 23 churches who participated in two days. We had about 500 who participated this year. These are tribal area churches and they have their own language in their villages. It is very neat to hear them sing in their own native language. We had a Bible Quiz in the book of Acts, Bible memory verses recital, Speech and group singing.



Everyone who comes to our L2L gets few prizes to take with them and we feed them meals so that they do not have to go somewhere for food. We also provide them a place to stay for the night. We usually have these for two days a year. We usually give away many prizes. Few of the first prizes include: an ipad and a few smart phones. We also had trophies to the congregations who excelled in different categories. Everyone who comes gets a free L2L T-Shirt and many school supplies. This year "Kalapari" Church of Christ won prize for "over all"



achievement for L2L. Brother Alexander Campbell is the man behind the success of this area. Every day for two days they feed 1000 tribal people.



Lads to Leaders
"Sharing the Bible, Singing to Bible, Living by Bible"

You are cordially invited to participate in the Activities

- Memory Verses
- Group Singing
- Short Sermon
- Bible Quiz

Jan 14th, 2022 | 9 AM
@ Votive Shrine Community Hall

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Picture to the left— My mother Kabita Gootam has been working with “Oriya” language in the state of Orissa. We got to go and spend time with Mr. Patnaiak in Navrangpur, Orissa in the month of December. He is the one who prints our work in Oriya language. Every month we send the 3500 copies to that many homes in the state of Orissa and when she started, 28 years ago there was not even one Church of Christ there in that state. The churches in Orissa get printed materials from us. Printed materials last long and people can go back and read them again and again. She has been instrumental in providing books and materials for the Churches of Christ in Orissa state all these years. The next generation of the Church needed to be trained to stay faithful and evangelize on



our own. We also run Bible Correspondence course and 75,000 are involved and each one get a free bible when they finish.

We had Brother Tim Wilks from Memphis, TN visiting us. He was with us for two weeks. He taught “Fishers of men”



last time when he was with us and this year he was supposed to be one of our speakers at all our L2L events but when he got off the plane on Jan 5th, he was coughing and had cold and he was sick . After few days he got better and was able to do few things with us here in Kakinada. We could not do all what he was supposed to do but he preached to us and was about to speak at one other place addressing the youth. We hope to have more visitors from US this year and work with them in some of the villages. The Indian government has been very hard on our “Mission work” but God always provided.



“Let no one look down on your youthfulness but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity”
I Timothy 4:12





Picture to the Left (Cricket)—Few months ago we started playing cricket with young kids. We have 40 kids aging (8—20 years) who play with us. We have a coach who coaches and his name is “Shankar” This is one of our out-reach with the young people in Kakinada area to bring them to church and introduce “Jesus”.



To the left is Robin Gootam with 2400 Telugu bibles which go every month from our office in Kakinada, India. Everyone who finish our bible course in Telugu or in Oriya will get a free bible and a certificate from us. Every bible which goes from us has written on it that it is from us. In Telugu language there is only one translation which is directly from “Greek, Hebrew and Aramic” languages. Every month we reach 2400 new souls for Christ.



Picture to the Right

In the last week of December,2021, Sudeepa and I were diagnosed with Covid-19. By the grace of God we recovered . You could see the doctors attending to us at the local hospital here in Kakinada, India. These are the young doctors who are members of our church and work in local hospitals. It is a great blessing to have young brothers in Christ and those who can give you personal care when you are sick. Most of India has been vaccinated and so the Covid wave has been very slow now and people are not sick as last year and not dying.



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బాలకుల నుండి పాలకులయ్యే వరకు
 Place: Kolapari church of Christ Chinthapalli area
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 జనవరి 11 ఉ. 10 గం.ల నుండి మ. 1 గం. వరకు
 మత్తయి, నూబ్య, డాక్టా & యోహాను సువార్త నుండి
 క్విజ్, కంఠస్థ వాక్యములు మరియు పాటల పాఠాలు
 నిర్వహించబడును.
 Invited by:

