



CHURCHES OF CHRIST RAMPACHODAVARAM / TUNI

*Under the oversight of the Elders,
Willette Church of Christ, Red Boiling Springs, Tenn.*

**MARCH
2025**

Warm Greetings from the Churches of Christ in the Rampachodavaram/Tuni regions of Andhra Pradesh, India. We extend our heartfelt thanks for your ongoing generous support and steadfast dedication to advancing the Lord's kingdom in this challenging area, where people have exchanged the truth of God for a lie, choosing to worship and serve creation instead of the Creator. Your partnership truly transforms the lives of those we serve, and your generosity reflects your compassion and commitment to making a meaningful impact. We appreciate you being a source of great encouragement feeding hundreds both spiritually and physically. "He who has a generous eye will be blessed, for he gives of his bread to the poor." (Proverbs 22:9)

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support of the Lord's work in India. The churches in our region are rapidly expanding despite numerous challenges and the suffering inflicted by anti-Christian elements. Not only are new congregations being established, but the existing churches are thriving in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This month, we had the opportunity to visit several churches and conduct Bible classes. We are pleased to share that some of these churches were founded 40 years ago and continue to flourish across generations. Additionally, we have identified over 450 churches that have celebrated more than 25 years of existence, with over 50 of them reaching the remarkable milestone of 40 years. Notably, eight churches established following Brother Ratnam's conversion have surpassed 50 years, including the Church of Christ at Rampachodavaram.

Among the many congregations is Mampa, established 30 years ago by Brother Ratnam in the remote hills of the Visakhapatnam District. This village is predominantly inhabited by tribal people who, until then, had little exposure to formal language or biblical truths. In those early days, Brother Ratnam would travel by motorcycle to reach these villages, and taught them.

Initially, the congregation consisted of only 17 members, but it has since grown to 80 members. Today, they are blessed to have three elders, including Bro. Rama Rao, who leads the congregation and also preaches at a nearby church. The transformation in this



community is remarkable. The impact of Christianity on the lives of these tribal individuals has been profoundly positive, particularly in the context of cultural practices and family structures. Previously, they adhered to traditional, pagan, and often unethical marriage customs. However, now they celebrate Christian marriages in accordance with the Indian Christian Marriage Act, marking a significant shift in their societal norms. Every year, during February or March, the congregation hosts a three-day Bible class, where several of our preachers contribute alongside Bro. B. John Ratnam. This congregation is a testament to the significant influence the Church has had on the lives of tribal people who, once living in paganism and without knowledge of God, have now embraced the faith. Your support has been indispensable in fostering this transformation, and we are deeply grateful for your commitment to this mission. Thank you for helping us make a significant impact in the lives of these tribal communities.

Geddada village, established 40 years ago also conducted Bible Classes. They have four elders, including Bro. Anantha Rao. One lady was baptised during the class.

The history of this congregation is a powerful testament to resilience and growth amidst adversity. Its foundation can be traced back to the bold actions of a courageous woman who, after hearing Bro. Ratnam in Rampachodavaram, embraced the Christian faith through baptism. However, her belief quickly attracted hostility from local naxalites (Maoist groups), who pressured her to abandon Christianity and even threatened her life. In a particularly harrowing incident, they placed a knife at her throat, demanding she renounce her faith. Yet, she stood resolute, proclaiming, "I will never leave Him, and I wish for all my village to become Christians."



Today, the Geddada congregation not only survives but thrives, with 120 members who are committed to deepening

their understanding of the Word and continuing the legacy of faith that began with one woman's courageous stand.



after the passing of the previous preacher, Bro. Joseph. This congregation was started by one Hindu family converted. They have donated land for the construction of building.

Koti village has another congregation, celebrating 25 years since the building was constructed in 2000. Over these years, the congregation has been growing and four more souls were added during Bible Classes. Bro. Appa Rao has been dedicatedly preaching in Koti for several years, stepping into the role



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(Contd..2.) But, a Hindu temple was at the entrance of the land and the locals opposed construction. He stood firm and responsible for the construction of the building. Recently, measures have been taken to secure the church property, and it is now enclosed with poles and fencing. What began as a small congregation of four members in 1999 has flourished into a community of 80 members, including five elders, one of whom was the first Christian in the area.



Kunjamveedhi has been a thriving congregation for the past 30 years, led by Bro. Bullabbai Dora, an ex-serviceman. In the early days of the congregation, the church building was constructed using tiles and a wooden roof. However, time has taken its toll, and the roof has now suffered significant damage. Recognizing the need for a more durable solution, the congregation is planning to construct a new building with a concrete roof. Please pray.

These examples from Mampa, Koti and Geddada illustrate the commitment and resilience of local congregations, highlighting how they have strengthened over the years. We thank you for your continued support to the buildings and the preachers. The funds sent to support their growth are utilized judiciously, resulting in meaningful progress and continued efforts in the region. The church is growing rapidly in spite of significant oppression from Hindu extremists, leading to increased persecution within the churches. Anti-Christian politicians currently impose regulations aimed at curbing conversions and halting the spread of Christianity. Despite these challenges, our commitment to spreading the Gospel remains steadfast, and we ask for your continued prayers and support as we navigate this difficult environment.

Thank you for your generous support for the children and widows. Your contributions towards their food, shelter, and education are paving the way for a brighter future,



comparable to any normal child. Furthermore, you are providing them with the invaluable opportunity to learn about God. We cannot express enough gratitude for your ongoing support for the school.. They are thrilled as it allows them to get to school on time. While there is still a need for two additional buses, we are currently managing with two trips to school, which is sufficient for now. Your continued support makes all the difference in their lives. Thank you once again!



**WILLETTE CHURCH OF CHRIST
RAMPACHODAVARAM/TUNI INDIA MISSION WORK
FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Algood		Oak Grove (Clay Co.)	\$150.00
Allons	\$200.00	Oak Hill (KY)	
Allons Middle School Class	\$25.00	Oak Hill (GA)	\$150.00
Antioch (Old Fort)		Old Union	
Arcot	\$150.00	Pine Branch	
Bagdad	\$500.00	Pippin	\$1,500.00
Beech Bethany	\$500.00	Pleasant Hill (Tompkinsville, KY)	\$50.00
Beech Grove	\$200.00	Poplar Log	
Benton		Richmond Chapel	\$200.00
Bethlehem		Riverside (TX)	\$239.00
Boiling Springs (SC)	\$70.00	Riverview (MI)	\$500.00
Brakebill		Rock Springs	\$200.00
Buffalo Valley	\$400.00	Rock Valley	
Bumpus Mills		Sanford (NC)	
Bussell	\$100.00	Silver Point	
Butler's Landing	\$100.00	Silver Point Wednesday Class	\$100.00
Carthage	\$300.00	Silver Point Young Adults	\$25.00
Carthage Middle School Class	\$25.00	South Stokes (NC)	
Celina	\$500.00	Stanford (KY)	\$200.00
Center Grove	\$4,000.00	Stockbridge (MI)	\$50.00
Center Grove Wednesday Class	\$448.00	Stone	
Central (Cleveland)		Subligna Road (GA)	\$200.00
Cherry Creek	\$600.00	Sugar Creek	
Christiana	\$200.00	Swallows Chapel	
church of Christ West		Sycamore Chapel	\$300.00
Clementsville	\$100.00	Sycamore Chapel Ladies Class	
Columbiana		Tompkinsville (KY)	\$500.00
Corinth (Portland)	\$300.00	Thompson's Station	
Cubb Creek		Union church of Christ	\$150.00
Dayton, TN	\$600.00	Union Hill	
Double Springs	\$500.00	Walnut Grove	\$1,475.00
East Side (Cleveland)	\$200.00	Walnut Grove Ladies Class	\$80.00
Eastside (Maryville)	\$525.00	West Hunstville (AL)	
Erin	\$1,500.00	White Oak	
Fairview	\$150.00	Whitson Chapel	\$1,550.00
Falkville (AL)		Willette	\$8,000.00
Findlay	\$500.00	Willow Ave.	\$1,250.00
Free Communion		Willow Ave. Adult Class	\$300.00
Freewill		Woodsboro (TX)	\$100.00
Garden City Wednesday Class (MI)		Xenia (OH)	
Gladstone		Zion	\$9,525.00
Gordonsville		Agee, M/M Michael	\$50.00
Hartsville	\$400.00	Allen, M/M Jamey Allen	
Hartsville Ladies Class	\$35.00	Anderson, M/M David	
Highland Heights	\$400.00	Anderson, M/M Keith	\$85.00
Highland Heights Ladies Class	\$90.00	Anderson, M/M Gary	
Hilham	\$250.00	Anderson, M/M Jesse	
Hillcrest	\$250.00	Bailey, M/M Gary	
Holladay	\$725.00	Baltimore, M/M Allen	\$25.00
Holly Springs		Barbour, Ms. Donna	\$30.00
Hurricane		Barker, M/M Mark	
Ivy Point		Bilbrey, M/M Scott	\$35.00
Jamestown	\$6,000.00	Birdwell, M/M Jackie	\$125.00
Lansden		Blanchard, Ms. Sharon	
Liberty (Granville)		Bond, M/M David	
McCoinsville		Bond, M/M Gary	
Middleton		Bowman, M/M Steve	
Midway		Broome, M/M David	
Monterey		Buck, M/M Billy	
Montrose	\$4,000.00	Burks, M/M Daniel	\$200.00
Montrose Ladies Class		Burton, M/M Daniel	\$500.00
Moss	\$350.00	Bush, Gary	\$200.00
Mt. Gilead	\$1,200.00	Buttrum, Mrs. Rosa	\$40.00
Mt. Pleasant		Carter, M/M Richard Jr.	
Neely's Bend	\$250.00	Caurico, M/M Samuel	\$65.00
New Hope (Celina)		Chumley, M/M Charles	
New Hope (Readyville)	\$700.00	Clements, Mrs. Nelda	
North Bradley	\$500.00	Clowers, M/M Don	\$35.00

Collins, Ms. Tommie	
Cozart, M/M Clifford	
Cyrus, M/M James	\$50.00
Medley, M/M Jonathan	
Donegan, M/M Matthew	\$200.00
Draper, M/M Steve	\$185.00
Driscoll, Ms. Barbara	
Duke, Mr. Ray	\$50.00
Falkner, Ms. Charlotte	
Fisher, Leilani and Theodore	\$75.00
Fleming, M/M Phillip	\$35.00
Fox, M/M Cayden	\$2,500.00
Franklin, M/M Herbert	\$100.00
Fuson, Ms. Debbie	
Gaw, M/M Jeff	
Gibson, M/M John	\$95.00
Gore, M/M Brent	\$180.00
Grimes, Ms. Pat	
Gulley, M/M Jack	
Hadley, M/M Chris	\$300.00
Hall, M/M Matthew	
Harris, M/M Arnie	\$180.00
Herron, Mr. Randall	
Hicks, M/M Christopher	
Holladay, M/M Kenny II	
Hollis, M/M Joseph	
Holloway, James and Lynn	
Holmes, M/M Glenn	
Holmes, M/M Zackery	
Honeycutt, M/M Jack	
Howell, M/M Brandon	
Hoyle, M/M Kenny	
Hudson, Ms. Frances	
Hudson, M/M Ronnie	
Hudson, M/M John	
Johnson, M/M Ron	\$50.00
Jones, M/M Terry	
Jordan, M/M Chuck	\$50.00
Keith, Scott and Miranda	
Knox, M/M Bruce	
Krech, M/M Buddy	
Kyle, Ms. Brenda	
Lee, Ms. Martha	\$35.00
Lewis, M/M Brandon	
Lewis, Ms. Jean	
Locke, M/M Jeffery	
Lowe, M/M Dennis	\$25.00
ANONYMOUS DONATIONS:	\$7,587.33
MEMORIAL GIFTS FOR FEBRUARY 2025:	\$3,100.00
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 2025:	\$79,467.33
TOTAL CASH ON HAND FEBRUARY 2025:	\$290,622.55

Lubecki, Ms. Wilma Hopkins	
Mahaney, Ms. Edna Sue	
McDaniel, Ms. Joyce Watson	
Meador, Ms. Faye	
Medley, M/M Jonathan	\$50.00
Morgan, M/M Mark	
Niebel, Bob and Joyce	\$300.00
Nolan, Ms. Shirley	
Page, M/M Todd	\$25.00
Payton, Ms. Makala	
Pendergrass, Ms. Linda	
Pentecost, M/M William	
Pintur, M/M Steve	\$120.00
Ramsey, Ms. Pamela	\$250.00
Reed, Mrs. Mary Lynch	
Reucker, Mr. Mamta	
Scoggins, M/M Matthew	
Scott, M/M Greg and Crystal	
Shaw, Mr. Randy	
Sisco, Mr. John	
Skelton, M/M Wesley	
Smith, M/M Ben	\$1,000.00
Smith, M/M Jonathan	
Snead, Ms. Sibyl	\$85.00
Spicer, M/M RB	
Stafford, M/M Drew	
Taylor, M/M Robert	
Teske, M/M Mark	\$85.00
Thomas, Ms. Joanne	
Thompson, Ms. Dyschel	\$25.00
Thurman, M/M Robert	\$3,700.00
Thurman, Mr. Rocky	\$1,500.00
Valamont Woman's Club	
VanHook, M/M Jack	
Walden, M/M Carter	\$25.00
Walker, M/M Wallace	\$25.00
Ware, M/M Sidney	
Whitson, Ms. Sharon	
Wilhoit, Ms. Rene	
Wilson, M/M Harold	\$30.00
Wilson, Mrs. Twila	\$120.00
Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon	
Wiser, Ms. Sharon	\$100.00
Wooten, Ms. Phyllis	\$120.00
Young, M/M Jim and Tracy	\$80.00
Zavorka, M/M Ben	\$1,003.00

MEMORIAL GIFTS FOR:

Mr. Gene Carter
Mr. Thomas Eaves
Mr. Tim Smith
Dr. Joel Gaw, D.D.S.
Denny Richardson

DONORS:

Mr. Bill Dudley
Joel Gaw Memorial Fund
M/M Ben Smith

EXPENDITURES FOR FEBRUARY 2025:

Brother Solomon (Tuni)	Preachers	\$6,000.00
	Orphans	\$2,200.00
	Health Clinic at TSOP	\$2,200.00
	Tuni School of Preaching	\$3,600.00
	Preachers	\$23,500.00
Brother Ratnam (Rampa)	Chinneru Orphan Home	\$4,000.00
	Orphans (Rampa/Pithapuram)	\$5,000.00
	Orphans (Kattamuru)	\$5,667.00
	Ashlyn Home	\$500.00
	Herald School of Preaching	\$3,000.00
	Telugu Bible	\$5,000.00
	Borewells	\$6,000.00
	Bicycles	\$3,100.00
	Childrens' School	\$5,000.00
	Widows	\$4,000.00
	PA System	\$1,000.00
	Bibles	\$1,125.00
	Sewing Machines	\$500.00
	Hospital, Drs, Medicine	\$3,200.00
	Printing/Songbooks/Technology	\$3,530.00
	Dental Clinic	\$200.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2025: **\$88,322.00**

FEBRUARY 2025 BALANCE ON HAND:**\$202,300.55**

Balance on hand is due to various bi-monthly, quarterly, semi-annual and annual contributions to be sent to India in monthly increments. Cut off date is March 5, 2025.

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