



CHURCHES OF CHRIST RAMPACHODAVARAM / TUNI

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Willette Church of Christ, Red Boiling Springs, Tenn.*

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Greetings from the Churches of Christ in the Rampachodavaram and Tuni areas of Andhra Pradesh, as well as neighbouring states, in the glorious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We thank you for your generosity and love towards the work of the Lord in India, not growing weary in well doing but following Christ's footsteps, and presenting yourselves approved to God. Because of your untainted love and support, the work of the Lord is growing day by day in these interior parts of tribal area in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the elders of the congregations for the trust you place in us and for your partnership in the Gospel. We are also deeply grateful to everyone for your generous support. We Thank God remembering you all in our daily prayers. We pray that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. Dear brethren, it is your fervent prayers and support that significantly contribute to the advancement of the Gospel in this region of South India. As it is written: "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God." (2 Cor. 9:9-11)

OUTREACH: Brethren, we are so glad to report that this month is so fruitful and exciting. We conducted Bible Classes and Gospel Meetings at various places. As a result, our preachers reported 121 baptisms from all areas.

We held a Gospel Meeting and Preachers' Meeting in the Guntur area. This month, it took place in Tippiannagudem, where Brother B. Ratna Kumar has been serving in the village for the past 15



TIPPANNAGUDEM

years. Brother Deva Paul led this gathering as part of the Guntur-area preachers' meeting, which was attended by several denominational preachers as well. Presently, we are working with 10 preachers in this area and Bro. B. Ratna Kumar is one of them. We are also studying with many other denominational preachers. Some of

them are very close and we are continuing our study with them. We are making efforts to establish work in as many villages as possible in this area. Next day we conducted another meeting at Tadigadapa, which is Andhra Pradesh capital region. We conducted night meeting also in another of this area on same day. Sister Santhi was baptised on that day.



TADIGADAPA

Please continue to pray as we are planning to visit this area if Lord willing when our brethren visit India. We are planning to conduct a large tent meeting in Guntur when our brethren visit India along with the congregations and by inviting many more denominational preachers of this region.

Another meeting was organized by the Mampa Church of Christ, with Brother Gamu Rama Rao serving in this village for nearly 28 years. This village is located in the tribal region of the Visakhapatnam District, situated about 100 kilometers from Rampachodavaram. When we set out to build a structure in this village, there were no accessible roads, and it took considerable effort to establish a building there in 2000, sponsored by a Ms. Juanita Small Wood and Mrs. A.V. Small Wood. The foundation stone was laid by Brother Tim Smith in 2000, and the building was inaugurated by Brother John Whitson in 2001.



All the villagers were illiterate and deeply rooted in their customs and traditions when we started work here in this place and nearby villages. When the building was first completed, there were only 20 members. Today, however, the congregation has grown to over 100 members, all of whom can sing and worship together. Every year, they conduct Bible classes for two days during their harvest season. This year was no exception; they held two days of classes, with Brother Anantha Rao and Brother Ratna Raju preaching on the first day, and Brother John Ratnam preaching on the second day while many other preachers in this region attended also.

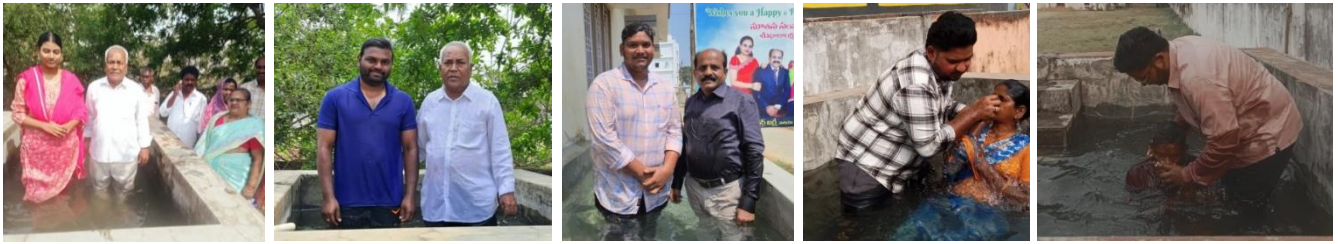
We want to highlight this to demonstrate how the community in this remote area has transformed through the gospel, moving away from their traditional customs to serve one God and worship Him in spirit and truth. This remarkable change, not only in this village but many villages in this region, would not have been possible without your support and prayers. Supporting a preacher in a village can lead to the salvation of hundreds of souls in that community and a drastic change in their lives. Once again, we express our gratitude for your love and support.

In addition to Mampa, we conducted several Gospel Meetings at Peda Geddada, Pithapuram, Srikakulam, Kakinada and 6 other places. At other places several Bible Classes were conducted by our preaching brethren. Added to these, Training classes at Kattamuru, Tuni, Palvancha, Araku, Rampachodavaram, Narsipatnam and Warangal were continued by the Bible School Staff and Preachers' meetings continued as usual at Tuni, Kattamuru and Rampachodavaram. Our brethren visited several new villages to spread the gospel by conducting street preaching, Door Knocking and Bible Studies. On the other hand, sister Indira taught at ladies' classes at several places. As a result of these continual efforts, many souls were added and we are thankful to you all for helping preachers to utilise these opportunities to preach to the unbelievers to believe in Him of whom they have never heard.



BAPTISM TANKS: Dear Brethren, in these challenging times, it has become increasingly necessary to have baptism tanks attached to the church buildings. In the past, we would baptize individuals in lakes or village ponds; however, this practice has become dangerous. Nowadays, we face objections when attempting to baptize in public bodies of water. (Contd..4..)

BAPTISMS



(Contd..2..) Furthermore, anti-Christian activists have been reporting our members and preachers to the government, leading to unlawful cases and creating significant troubles in some of the villages.

In response to these challenges, we constructed baptisteries at several church buildings last month and this month. The cost for each tank is approximately \$800. This month, we completed five baptism tanks, and we plan to build more in the future. We kindly ask for your support in funding baptism tank wherever you support a building. Thank you for your ongoing support for church buildings and baptisteries in these villages; your help has been invaluable in these difficult situations.

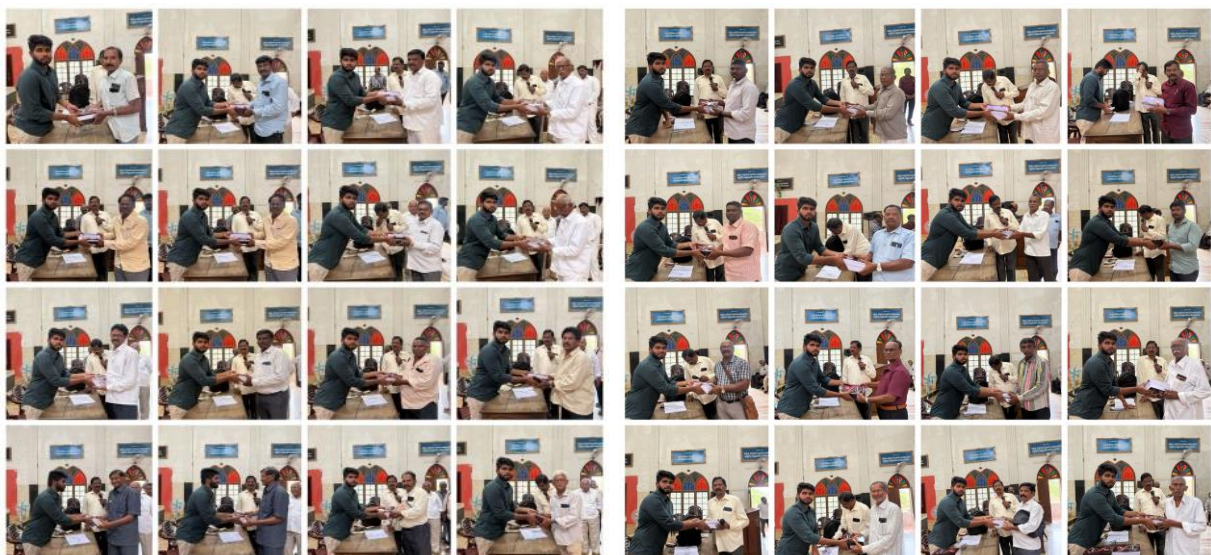


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We extend our heartfelt thanks to our sponsors for providing this invaluable resource. Currently, six individuals are employed at the press, and they play a crucial role in supplying materials to Bible students, printing song books for distribution in churches, and producing tracts for street preaching and door knocking. We have printed

several books in Telugu, translated from English texts authored by our brethren. Thank you for your generous contributions towards these efforts. Recently, we distributed a limited number of songbooks to the preachers for use within their congregations, and we are planning to print more to ensure that all congregations have access to these materials. We kindly ask that you



keep this facility in your prayers and support our efforts to print more resources that will be beneficial to our ministry. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.