

NEWS FROM PASTOR MELVIN *MUMBAI, INDIA*

As I am writing this newsletter, reports are coming in of fierce persecution of believers in Orissa. People have been murdered, women raped and molested, houses burnt, and churches destroyed. We have no understanding of the way God sees, but He does see everything and we can be sure that Jesus Christ is being glorified. We cannot enter that region of the country now, but in future we will be able to. Pray for the persecuted Christians. In the state of Kanataka, eighteen churches have been assaulted. We know who our enemy is, but we also know that our God is with us, Emmanuel. So far, Bombay has been safe and we continue doing what we have been doing.

A great day to rejoice:

Yesterday, on the 16th of September, I had an opportunity to join the outreach team in Vasai and to visit the home where we have our Bible study. A lady, who used to be opposed to the Gospel, offered her place for the study. I shared from John 4, Christ's words that the Father is looking for true worshippers who will worship Him in Spirit and Truth. The place is not important, but that God wants to dwell in us and make us holy. At the end, all six family members prayed to receive Christ as their Savior. Here in Vasai, 20 to 25 people attend Sunday evening services.

Mankhurd Bible study:

Three families have been faithfully coming to the Bible study here. We are looking for a place for regular church services in the future.

Visitation Team:

Our visits are bearing fruit as new people are being reached and church members are cared for. We want to keep up this work consistently.

Please pray for:

- *my health;*
- *the Mankhurd Bible study as we reach new people and for a regular place for future church services;*
- *Pune Church visits, and a more regular attendance in our service with P Binu;*
- *trips to Vasai as we visit new people who need encouragement;*
- *an English Bible study in Vasai and for some solid contacts;*
- *my support and finances to enable me to do more;*
- *churches, missionaries, and believers in Orissa – for strength in midst of persecution and that the defeat of the enemy be exposed and God glorified;*
- *protection for us in Bombay and for believers in other parts of India.*