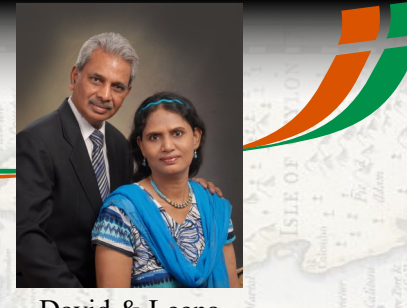


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Matthew 28:18-20



David & Leena

Dear Pastor and Church,

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Faith Baptist Church:

The Lord gave us a good start with many souls saved. An average of 20 souls each week are saved. They are saved in personal evangelism, hospital visitation and in church services. Our attendance is 100 in Sunday School for children and 180 in the worship service on average. About 70 attend the Wednesday Bible Study and prayer meeting. We have ministry every day.

We had a few special meetings held in the past 3 months. On January 11, a one-day Bible conference was held in Vijayawada city about 180 miles from here. There were about a hundred preachers gathered and they heard keenly on the subject of "The Work of the Holy Spirit". Most of these preachers are Charismatics. God gave me boldness in teaching them the truth about the doctrine of the Holy Spirit. The local missionary, Bro. M. Jonathan Richard arranged this. Many preachers said that they found the truth of God.

On February 10, a special ladies' meeting was held in Nereducherla, about 100 miles from Hyderabad. God used Leena to preach and teach the Word of God to these ladies coming from different nearby places. There was one more special ladies meeting at the same place in Vijayawada where we had the Bible conference. There were about 200 ladies and God used Leena greatly in this special meeting also. God saved 10 ladies and many rededicated their lives. In all this, the local ministries of Faith Baptist Church are strengthened and the others heard the truth of God.

While in Vijayawada, Leena was infected with Zoster virus and was on bed for more than 3 weeks. It was like chickenpox and it came in groups on her left hand and on the back. She was under medical care all those days. By God's grace she is back to normal. I had a severe cold and throat infection for more than a week but God gave me His grace each day and used me in the ministry during these days also without a break. Praise God for all His tender mercies.

Three missions are getting ready to be organized soon. We will give you the updates about the progress. There are many hindrances for ministry but God is protecting all of us. One of the missionaries was threatened by some anti-Christian group recently. He is about 20 miles from our place. We are going there on every Tuesday and conducting Bible study at that place to encourage them. Please pray for Bro. Shyam Prasad's safety. We started a children's ministry in Manikonda, a place from where 4 families come to Faith Baptist Church. God is blessing that with about 70 children and we are praying to start a mission at that place soon.

We thank you for all your prayers and financial support for us. Without your prayers we cannot go one step ahead in this place. We request your continued prayers for us and the ministry here that God may open more doors for ministry. The Bible Institute classes are going well by God's grace. Please pray for the 3 full time students preparing to go as missionaries.

Special Prayer needs:

- Many more souls to be saved.
- We are in the process of finding a place for our church building. Governmental involvement is needed for it. Please pray specially for this as the end result will be glory to God! We will give you updates on this soon.
- Our Vacation Bible School is coming up in the last week of April. Please pray that many children may come and be blessed. We need a place enough for 500 children.
- Please pray for our children for God's direction and help in their lives.
- Faith Baptist Church in Hyderabad, India, may be strengthened and may find a pastor.
- Our sponsoring church, Dearborn Baptist Church, and our beloved Pastor, Darrell W. Sparks.

Your missionaries to India,
David and Leena Bandaru.