

for many years. The life and ministry of Jesus fascinated my entire life. His sufferings on that cross of Calvary touched my heart and mind very deeply. When I kept reading the Bible, I felt that God was speaking to me directly.

I was very broken up and guilt-ridden for my bad life. I confessed my sins and asked for forgiveness from Jesus. I asked Jesus, with tears, to cleanse me with the blood that he shed on the cross of Calvary and a new life for me. I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal savior. Ever since I accepted Jesus as my personal Savior I started to tell others about Jesus.

Every day we are praying with tears for the lost people of our ministry area. Because thousands of people are still living under the darkness of Satan as Hindus and atheists. Please join me in these prayers.



Missionary KUMAR :

I was born and raised up in a Hindu family. When I was a small boy, I used to go to Hindu temples with my parents and worship the Hindu goddesses.

In southern India, my area has more atheists than any other area. When I grew up, I had many atheist friends. They strongly deny the existence of God. They influenced me with their atheistic beliefs, and ideas. I also believed in their theories. I became a very strong atheist with them. I read many books which say things against God. I talked against all the God-believing people. I criticized all religion. I did not have any fear of God in my life. So I lived a wicked life. My life was filled with many sins. I did lots of damage to the lives of many people.

I thought that I did not have anything else to learn in my life to understand God's existence. In that situation, a Christian missionary met me once and shared many things about God. But I was not convinced of his sharing about God. Then he handed me a Bible and said "Please read this Bible every day. Then you will understand many more things." I took the Bible from his hand and left. I brought the Bible to my house and kept it with other books in a cupboard.

One particular evening when I was sitting in my home, a one of a kind thinking came to my heart about that Bible. Immediately, I picked up the Bible from that cupboard and started reading some of the chapters from the New Testament. I read some chapters particularly from the gospel of John. It was very interesting to me. So I spent lots of time and read many more chapters of the Bible. When I was reading, I got lots of answers to many of my questions which I was carrying around

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It is indeed a great privilege for me to meet you again and open my heart, sharing with you through this newsletter. Recently, one of our missionaries of 21 years, passed away. His name is Samuel Muthuraja. My heart grieves, yet carries the good memories of his life and ministry in this world. It causes me to reflect that life is very short on earth, and yet I understand that this world is not our permanent place to live.

“As he came forth of his mother’s womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labor, which he may carry away in his hand.” Ecclesiastes 5:15

Because Paul says, *“For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better; Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you”* Philippians 1:23-24. Paul had one life as we have today. He used it to be fruitful to bless God’s ministry. He also had hope that he would be with Jesus after the separation from the flesh. Yes, we also have the same hope to be with Jesus.

But, it is very important what we do for God while on Earth. God has sent us to live a short while for a purpose. *“And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be”* Revelation 22:12. Your prayers, your sacrificial giving, your love for God’s work etc., are going to be rewarded. Soon, we are going to see Jesus face to face as well as our loved ones who have already gone to be with Him. We have this hope in Christ. Praise the Lord!

Your missionary Brother from India, Vee

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