# Missions Update – Daniel & Jhancy Avula January 2021

Greetings from Vizag, India. Last year, 2020, taught us the significance of taking refuge under the LORD's mighty wings at all times, especially during the times of crisis like the one we are experiencing (Ps 46:1). The Lord has been a very present help to us. We went through circumstances that none of us had seen in our lifetime. Many families lost their jobs. Some have suffered from depression. But, Praise God for He has kept all our church families safe during this global pandemic. Besides, the gracious and merciful LORD provided all our needs and took care of us. Thank you, Kindred Church, for your prayers and financial assistance provided to our church families. You have been an incredible support and encouragement to us. Thank you!

## **COVID Update**

India has just started immunizing the front-line staff and those serving in high-risk areas. It would take around 8-10 months for the vaccine to be available for ordinary people like us. The severity of the virus has drastically come down in the last four months. Today our state has reported 173 positive cases with no deaths. The businesses have opened up. The forecast of our economy appears very promising. Our church families who lost their jobs during COVID got their jobs again. We opened the church for worship services on January 1st, 2021, after ten months shutdown. Simultaneously, we are making the services available online through ZOOM for those still vulnerable to the virus.

#### **Family Update**

We are rejoicing in the grace and goodness of the LORD. The boys have been with us since March 2020 as their universities are closed. Since then, they have been attending online classes. It appears that the universities shall remain closed until the vaccination is available to everyone. We are meditating on the book of Daniel in our family prayer. Prabhu started the second semester of 3rd year, Bachelor of Technology degree in Computers Science Engineering at SRM University. Joseph began attending the first year of his Bachelor of Technology degree in Civil Engineering at GITAM University, Vizag. Jhancy is busy with the church ministry. She is leading the women's fellowship and training the teachers for children's ministry.

### **Church Update**

The church grew steadily until the COVID had hit in March 2020. Some families moved to their hometowns and villages because they lost their jobs. The students returned to their homes. We closed the church building and switched to online Zoom services. We conducted online services for ten months. We met twice a week through Zoom. Many in our church believe that the Lord has blessed this ministry more during the COVID time. Daniel taught two books (Habakkuk and Joel), verse-by-verse in four months. He preached 16 Psalms and completed preaching through Colossians, which he began in 2019 during the lockdown. Besides, he taught the first ten chapters of Hosea. The Lord blessed the YouTube

ministry as it grew by 40% and attracted more subscribers on both the channels (1.43K & 1.41K). The gracious Lord also provided 13,500 square feet plot for the church. We conducted a Christmas service on this new plot. Daniel began preaching through 1 Peter.

## **Praise and Prayer**

#### Praise the Lord for:

- Protecting all our church families and keeping us safe during the pandemic.
- Able to meet as a church through Zoom worship services without interruption.
- Financial support received from Kindred church, which helped us to assist ten church families who were going through financial hardships.
- The growth in the media ministry.
- The new plot provided for the church.
- Adding new families to the church.
- Making this church as a praying church.

#### Pray for:

- Pray that the Lord would raise a generation of listeners who give careful attention to God's word. Expository preaching is new to our country. This is the big challenge that we are facing today.
- Pray that the believers continue to grow in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ and love him with all their hearts.
- Daniel started preaching through 1 Peter. Pray that the Lord would open the hearts to understand the truth and obey it.
- Pray that the Lord would draw new people to the church.
- Pray for wisdom and grace to Daniel to train and prepare the elders.

Thank you for your love, unceasing prayers, and continued support. It is not possible to continue this mission without you. Thank you for this partnership. We are always grateful to the Lord for you, and we are praying for the church in America.

Thank you

In Christ,
Daniel & Jhancy

#### Pictures:

- 1) Christmas Service 2020
- 2) New Church Plot
- 3) YouTube

# **Christmas Worship Service - 2020**



## **New Church Plot**



## **YouTube Ministry**



