

Dearly Beloved,

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Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

We are grateful to God for the opportunity to write to you once again and share the wonderful works the Lord has accomplished during our recent gospel outreach across Belgaum and Bidar districts in North Karnataka. Your faithful prayers and unwavering support continue to strengthen and propel us forward in this great commission.

On July 10th, we left Bangalore and set out for Belgaum district with great anticipation in our hearts. For quite some time, we had been praying for an opportunity to begin construction on a new church building in Belgaum. When we received word that **Victory Baptist Church**, our sending church, had committed to helping fund the project, our hearts rejoiced. It was a clear and direct answer to many earnest prayers.

We began searching for land or any abandoned structure to purchase but found nothing suitable. But God, in His providence, opened a better door, the believers in **Hosayargudri village**, though lacking material wealth, offered a portion of their own agricultural land for the Lord's house. Their generosity was deeply humbling as this land is their primary source of livelihood. On July 11th, we met with the church elders at the site and dedicated the land with prayer, laying the foundation stone and committing the construction to the Lord. We ask you to earnestly pray with us for the resources and strength needed to complete this building, which we believe will serve as a vital gospel witness for generations to come. During our time in **Gokak** and **Mudalgi**, we visited several remote villages, proclaiming the gospel to many who had never heard. We also hosted a day of Bible study for pastors, encouraging and equipping those labouring in the Word under challenging circumstances.

From there, we continued to **Athani**, where we joined the local church for their Sunday worship service. I was greatly encouraged to see not only numerical growth, but also spiritual maturity. The church leadership had taken the initiative to prepare month-long grocery packages for widows in the congregation—an act of obedience to God's Word and genuine Christian love. Though their resources are limited, their faith and compassion are rich. Praise God for churches that not only gather but also give and grow!

While in Athani, we were invited by a church member to a special gathering at his home, where he had invited many of his relatives and neighbours. Except for him, his wife and his son, they were about 20 people gathered who had never heard the Gospel. The Lord gave me the liberty to preach the Word, and we give God all glory as almost all of them responded to the message and prayed the sinner's prayer for salvation. What a joy it was to witness lives touched by the truth of the Gospel!

Following our time in Belgaum, we travelled to **Bidar**, where we held Bible study for pastors and Sunday school teachers in the region and also preached in multiple churches over two days. The fellowship and hunger for God's Word were deeply encouraging. In the village of **Alur**, we came across a group of people gathered in an abandoned church building, singing songs and worshiping, yet unaware of the true message of salvation. They had never been taught the Gospel clearly. As I shared God's plan of redemption, the entire church submitted to the Lord, recognizing the truth for the first time. It was a powerful reminder that religious activity without the Gospel still leaves the soul in darkness. We thank God for leading us to them and opening their hearts to the truth that sets free.

One of the most powerful moments on the trip in Bidar, where we were invited to a house gathering organized for the first birthday of the grandson of a well-known man in the town and an elder in the church. What was meant to be a simple family celebration became a platform for the Gospel. The street was filled with hundreds of guests—neighbours, relatives, and villagers from near and far. I was given the opportunity to preach the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ. As the Word was proclaimed, many were deeply touched, and numerous hands were raised in response, joining in a prayer to receive the Lord's gift of eternal life. We do not know how many souls were present or how many truly prayed from the heart—but it was evident that the Holy Spirit was at work. That evening reminded us once again that God can turn any occasion into a divine encounter when His Word is faithfully preached. Though we could not conduct full services in every place, we were able to visit and pray at many churches and for many believers. God's grace enabled us to reach villages we've long prayed for. Overall the trip was a great success with at least 40 people being saved.

Beloved, the work is great, and we are continually aware of how much we rely on your partnership in prayer and support. Please continue to lift up the following:

· For the construction of the new church building in Hosayargudri.

• For the **growth and discipleship** of new believers in village churches.

• Please pray for my **health**, that God will continue to bless me with strength and sound mind to serve Him with the time I have.

• Pray for an **increase in financial support**. We want to do more with outreach, media ministry, and expand our efforts to increase pastors and churches, but we are unable to afford it right now due to a lack of funds. Please pray that God may open doors for us.

We remain deeply thankful to each of you. Every mile travelled, every soul reached, every believer strengthened—it is all made possible by your faithful partnership. Please know that we pray for you as you have so faithfully prayed for us.

May the Lord bless you, protect you, and use you mightily for His glory.

Yours through Calvary,

Pastor Isaac Bhasme