



"He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labour. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building."

1 Corinthians 3:8-9

IRFA News November 2023



Hello Bob,

Dear Family in Christ
Warm Christian greetings.

We praise God for his grace in our lives. The opportunities for ministry in the month of October have overwhelmed us both in size and impact. From routine visits to churches, pastors conferences, counselling individuals and families, reports of persecution and baptisms, it has been a time of rejoicing and learning. While being persecuted still we shall bring glory to God.

Philippians 4:4-7 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all

understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Baptism of an unwanted baby 'Prisha' (Beloved, Loving, God's Gift) – PRC Vasai

On 22nd of October at PRC Vasai Mumbai, I had privilege of baptizing a baby of a new believing family in our church. When mother discovered that she was pregnant it was already her third month. They already had a girl child in the family and this was a girl as well. The mother testified that she did not want the baby and so tried all kind of things to abort the baby other than medical precision. It is at this time God began to work in her heart and gave her peace and comfort to have this baby. When finally the baby was born the parents were so happy that they named baby Prisha meaning 'Beloved, Loving, God's Gift'. We rejoice with them.





PRCI Pastors Conference – We had a conference from 3rd to 6th October for PRCI pastors. The conference speakers took us through book of Luke and Acts. Specifically emphasizing expository preaching. Some of our pastors testified that this was easy and useful for them.



CRFI Pastors Annual conference – On 17th October, I had privilege of speaking to pastors of Christian Reformed Fellowship of India. The topic to address was the current challenges in the ministry. God gave wisdom to discuss many issues with them. He opened their hearts to listen and arrive at solution for these challenges that they face in their day to day life. Some of the challenges were related to their own families while others related to persecution and lack of resources.



Nepal ministries and Persecution – Uma continues to do a great work in Nepal. He writes –

“When our people returned from Kathmandu in August first week, there was unbearable persecution in the mountain. Satan used Village Development Committee ward number 6, chairman and secondary school principal (head teacher) of that area. They are Hindu extremist. These two people and their followers went to our people’s houses and started to torture. They said to our people “if your stay in Christian faith, we will not give any support from Village Development Committee like old age welfare, relation certificate, birth certificate, death certificate and other facilities”. They forced our people to give up their faith. Six families turned back from their faith and some families stopped to attend church. In these situations, our leaders started to request me to visit the mountain and stay for months. I have just returned after 63 days of stay there”. Let us specially keep them in our prayers.



Laxmi’s Counselling and Teaching ministry –

Laxmi attended the conference at Pune and it was enriching experience for her. She continues to teach DRS students weekly through zoom. She spends time with pastors wives telephonically and physically while visiting mission field. She continues to counsel them in their personal challenges. At PRI, Pune, she

is teaching and training the students for Sunday School ministry.

Prayer Points:

1. Thank God for 'Prisha' and work of God in her parent's heart.
2. Praise God for the prayer group formation in Sydney and Melbourne.
3. Pray for the persecuted believers in Nepal, May God grant them courage to continue in the faith.
4. Praise God for pastors Conferences and training seminars.
5. Pray for IRFA associated ministry in Tamil Nādu and Gujarat states.
6. Pray for New students in PRI and field-based training in Maharashtra.
7. Pray for upcoming ordination of Teaching and Ruling elders in PRCI.

We are in prayer for you. May God bless you and make you a blessing.

In Christ

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