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“The Festival Blessings 2007” Evangelical Crusade brought revival in North India. Senior Pastor Hee-Soo Kim with twelve Church member team from Korea preached the Word of God. The Holy Spirit destroyed the forces of darkness and healed the sick. People accepted Jesus as their personal Saviour.

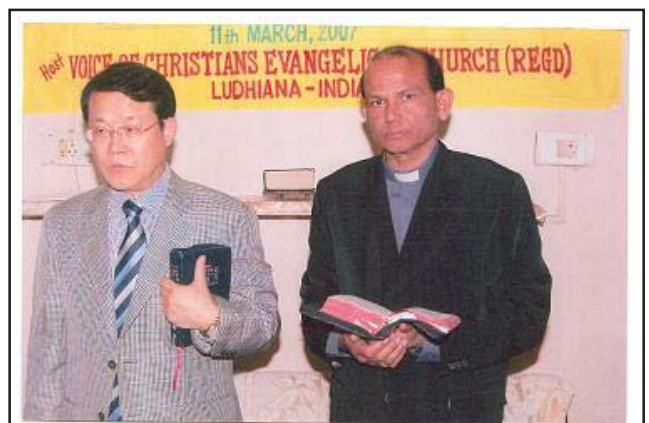
By Rev Isaac Newton Johnson
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Pictured: Senior Pastor Hee-Soo Kim (third from right with his team from Korea singing Indian Christian song at Voice of Christians Evangelical Church, Ludhiana - India

The year 2007 has been a great blessings and spiritual encouragement for our Church ministry in North India. The Holy Spirit moved mightily and touched the hearts of people who have never heard the Gospel of Lord Jesus Christ. This summer Senior Pastor Hee-Soo Kim along with his twelve Church member team from SungKwang Presbyterian Church, Guri, South Korea visited our Church as a guest speaker and celebrated “The Festival Blessings 2007” with us from March 11-13, 2007 in India. The Lord has sent His word and healed many people and delivered them from destruction during this evangelical crusade.

Senior Pastor Kim preached for three days and prayed for sick and needy people. The Holy Spirit destroyed the forces of doubt and darkness. We praise the Lord that several people opened their heart for the Gospel of Lord Jesus Christ, confessed from their sins and accepted Him as their personal Savior. Those who baptized during this three days celebration of “The Festival Blessings – 2007” evangelical crusade have immensely been blessed and healed by the Holy Spirit. “The words of God are medicine to those who receive them.” *Proverbs 4:20-22.*



Pictured: Senior Pastor Hee-Soo Kim (left) preaching at Voice of Christians Evangelical Church, Ludhiana, India with Pastor Isaac Newton Johnson (right).

Mouth cancer has been healed. The hole in the heart of two years old girl has been filled and several heavenly and worldly blessing people have received in the name of Jesus of Nazareth. They are now our committed Church members and co-workers in Christ, witnessing among relatives and friends what the Lord has done in their lives. The Lord is constantly growing our Church ministry in North

India. I would like to mention few amazing stories which would certainly encourage you and your Church members to pray for our Church ministry, which is growing immensely despite severe persecution perpetuated on Christian preachers by anti Christian forces in India.

Darshan Masih obviously by his name "Masih" was born in a nominal Christian family in Ludhiana. He has never been to any Church in life. He used to take wine and smoke regularly and Satan has destroyed his house with diseases and disputes in the family. When I visited his house in January this year and talked about Jesus, first of all his spinster daughter Anju aged 22 years repented and accepted Jesus as her personal Saviour. Then I started to teach and prepare her for water baptism to fulfill the Lord's commandment according to the Holy Scripture John 3:22-23. I praised the Lord that the Holy Spirit has worked so mightily in the heart of the Darshan Masih the head of family that he has also repented and accepted Jesus as His personal Saviour. I baptized him and his daughter Anju on March 11, 2007 and they were blessed by our Guest Speaker Senior Pastor Hee-Soo Kim from Korea.



Pictured: Pastor Isaac (center) sanctifying the water reading scripture from the Book of Common Prayer with Senior Pastor Hee-Soo Kim (Left). Darshan Masih (extreme right) with other candidates before baptisms.

Darshan was suffering from mouth cancer due to heavy drinking and smoking and was getting treatment from a reputed dental hospital in Ludhiana for the last couple of months. After his baptism, on third day when he visited his doctor for his medical check up, his doctor checked him and amazed to note that there was no symptom of mouth cancer in his mouth. God healed him from mouth cancer after he was born again with water and Spirit. Hallelujah!

The Holy Spirit not only healed Darshan Masih but his little granddaughter Nandani aged 2 years also. She had a hole in her heart since her birth. But when Darshan accepted Jesus as his personal Savior and baptized, the Holy Spirit healed his pretty granddaughter also to increase the faith of his whole family. Her medical check up revealed that now there is no sign of hole in her heart. This is amazing but true that nothing is impossible with Jesus. Hallelujah! These two miracles caused this little child's father Sunny (elder son of Darshan Masih) and his young wife Kiran to come to our Church regularly. Sunny who was suffering from Epilepsy for a long time and was taking medicine has also been healed by the word of God.



Pictured: Darshan is being baptized by Pastor Isaac. Pastor Chhimi Dorji (Right) Senior Pastor Hee-Soo (Center)

Last Sunday Sunny told his mother that he has been completely healed through prayers since he is coming to Church and now he does not need medicine. Sunny and his wife Kiran a very humble young woman from Roman Catholic background from her parents side will take water baptism in our Church in the coming event. The Lord has taken away all sicknesses and diseases from Darshan's family as he obeyed the command of Lord, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." Acts 16: 3. Hallelujah!

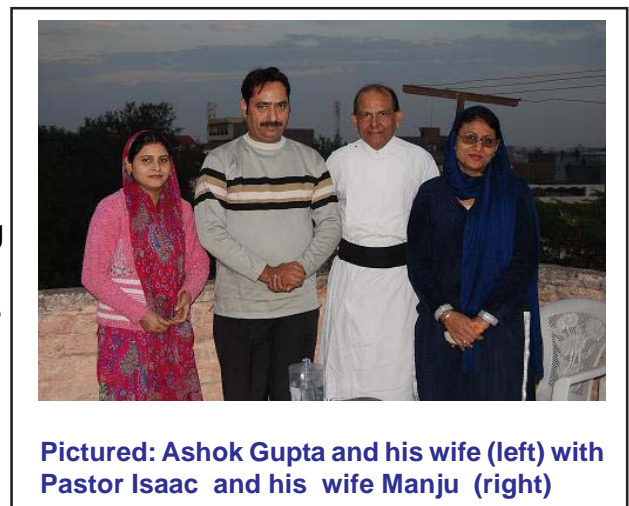


Pictured: Anju daughter of Darshan is being baptized by Pastor Isaac. Pastor Chhimi Dorji (Right)

Darshan's elder daughter Vandhana who is married in Jalandhar Cantonment, and who is in her family way expecting her delivery next month requested me to pray that may the Lord grant her son, as she is already having one daughter. She pledged to arrange a big thanksgiving prayer meeting in Jalandhar Cantonment if she is blessed with a son. The male child is having a significant place in Indian families. So, I prayed accordingly and believe that Lord will fulfill her desire and bless the fruit of her womb. This has given a new lease of life and spiritual hope to Darshan and his family members who now regularly come to the Church service and sharing their witnesses boldly. Since his new birth in March, 2007 Darshan is assisting me to visit his relatives and friends in Ludhiana and Jalandhar cities to share the Word of God and the Holy Spirit is doing wonders among them.

Darshan shared his witness with his two Hindu friends Jaswant Rai Sharma and Ashok Kumar and introduced me with them. I preached in their houses the message of Salvation which is through Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit worked so mightily in their houses with wonders and delivered them from all their diseases and disunity in the families and blessed the works of their hands. They accepted Jesus as their personal Saviour. We are teaching and preparing them and other new believers for water baptism. Darshan and his family is a big fruit and asset for our Church ministry in the days to come. I am teaching him how to witness and preach the Gospel of Jesus among people. Kindly pray fervently for this newly saved family.

Another most humble man Ashok Gupta who was converted from Hindu family two years back is a big fruit of Holy Spirit in our Church ministry. The Lord has done wonders in his family life since he and his family accepted Jesus as his personal Savior. He is now a man of big Christian faith. His strong Christian witness is a big boost to our Church ministry among non-Christians and nominal Christians as well.



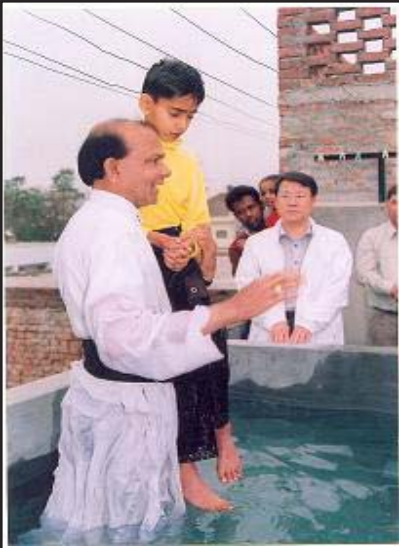
Pictured: Ashok Gupta and his wife (left) with Pastor Isaac and his wife Manju (right)



Pictured: Mehak daughter of Ashok Gupta is being baptized by Pastor Isaac. Senior Pastor Kim (center) and Pastor Chhimi Dorji (right) looks on.

He was having stone in one Kidney. But his strong Christian faith in Jesus Christ healed him this year during three days of evangelical crusade "The Festival Blessings-2007" in our Church when Senior Pastor Hee-Soo Kim shared the word of God and prayed for the sick. The Bible says, "He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions," Psalm 107: 20 has fulfilled hundred percent in his life. Now he is desperate to win every lost soul for Christ and my co-worker in Lord's vine yard.

Ashok Gupta's two children Mehak Gupta (daughter) and Chehak Gupta (son) whom I baptized on 11th March this year are growing very strong in faith. Last year he was working as taxi driver with his non-Christian employer. His employer used to send him with taxi out of station on Sundays even for which Ashok was reluctant to work, as he could not attend Sunday worship service. He requested me, "Pastor kindly pray for me if the Lord grant me my own taxi, I will not ply on



Pictured : Chehak son of Ashok Gupta being baptized by Pastor Isaac. Senior Pastor Hee-Soo Kim witnessing the ceremony.

Sundays and will attend the Church with my family regularly.” So, I prayed according to his needs and the Lord provided him finance to purchase his own taxi.

Our prayers have been heard and Ashok’s father gave him Rs. 40,000/- and the rest of the amount he got financed from bank. The day he had purchased his taxi, he phoned me and asked, *“Pastor, kindly come to the motor showroom and pray for my new vehicle before I ply it on the road.”* I instantly went to the motor showroom and prayed and thanked the Lord for the new taxi which the Lord provided him and blessed this vehicle in name of Jesus Christ the provider of all our needs. Now Ashok easily earns more than Rs. 500/- (US\$ 15) per day supporting his family and paying his monthly installments regularly to the bank. He never plays taxi on Sundays and regularly comes to the Church with his family in his own taxi. Hallelujah.

Ashok’s son Chehak whom I baptized and blessed by Senior Pastor Hee-Soo Kim has got admission in Hostel in Christian School, Batala, District Gurdaspur in April this year. This newly baptized young boy is growing in body and spirit day by day.

He is very good in his studies and daily reads Bible and enjoying good health and stands strong witness among others boys in his hostel and school. This is what his father Ashok Gupta gave witness in the Church last Sunday worship service with tears in his eyes. Ashok Gupta has a very powerful Christian witness in his life and a big boost to our Church ministry. His daughter Mehak a pretty young girl is also increasing in faith and divine wisdom after her new birth. She is studying in tenth class and is very good in her studies.

Our other Church member Sonu is a semi-literate man working as washer man in Christian Medical College & Hospital, Ludhiana for the last so many years. He was from a non-Christian family background and was saved and baptized in Pastor Prince my friend’s ministry a couple of years back and was blessed with the Holy Spirit abundantly. He got married to a Hindu girl Nitika Gill five years back and had a daughter aged 4 years out of their wedlock.

Last year Nitika Gill repented and accepted Jesus as her personal Saviour in our Church ministry .

I baptized her when young Pastor Rev Yang visited our Church with thirteen Church member team from Korea.

I baptized Nitika on May 30, 2006 along with other new converts in our Church at Ludhiana. She grew in faith and God has blessed her with a son four months back. She is now a very happy Indian woman on the earth having a son. She attends Church regularly with her family. Last month she requested me to choose a short and easy name from the Bible for her newly born son. I prayed and asked the Holy Spirit and He gave me a short name “Joel” from the Old Testament which means (Yahweh is God). This couple brought their son in the Church worship service and I blessed this child and consecrated him with the name of “Joel” according to the Book of Common Prayer worship order.



Pictured: Nitika Gill being baptized by Pastor Isaac. Pastor Yang (center) and Pastor Prince (right).

This year the Lord has also opened our Church ministry in the nearby villages in Dugri and Haibowal Kalan. He has done wonders and healings among people when we preached and prayed there and people have started to come to our Church. This summer on one fine Sunday

morning I was preaching in Christ Church (Anglican), Civil Lines, Ludhiana. This Church was built by British government in 1846 for their white British officials working then in Ludhiana. There I met one Bhushan Masih resident of Haibowal Kalan, who regularly attended that Church but he was spiritually hungry for years. He asked me to pray for his family and which I did. We thank Lord and give all honor and glory to Him for giving us positive answer for his family problems. Now he and his wife who is converted from non-Christian family come every Sunday evening worship service and requesting me to start a house Church in their locality in Haibowal Kalan which we plan to start after Christmas. This is another area the Lord has opened for our Church ministry.

As the persecution has increased manifold on the Christian Preachers in India, we praise the Lord that the Holy Spirit is also moving more abundantly doing wonders and miracles among people of different faiths. They are opening their hearts for the Gospel and believing on JESUS the answer of their all problems. We believe and pray that there will be huge harvest of souls by the year 2015 in India. Because globalization of Indian economy, boom in foreign direct investment, all times high rise of Indian rupee against U.S. dollar has virtually failed to give any real peace and happiness to an average Indian. The rapidly changing economic scenario in India has created a big gulf between rich and poor. The crime rate has increased manifold. Rapes, murders, bomb blasts, bank robberies and corruption in Indian system have eroded real peace and happiness from the society. People are in search of real peace and happiness which Bible says JESUS can give only. Jesus said Himself, "My peace I give to you." John 14:27.

India will soon surpass China as the world's most populous nation. One of every six people on earth lives in India. India contains one fourth (412 million) of the 1.6 billion people on earth who never heard the Gospel. Harvest is huge but the laborers are few. We urgently need prayer warriors and Church ministry partners who can pray and support us financially to run our Church ministry as India desperately needs Jesus.

The release of Korean Hostages

The blood of the martyr is the seed of the Church. World history witnessed that whenever Christians were (cut) down, Christianity prosper. Eleven out of twelve disciples of Jesus were martyred. Our Church was shocked and knelt down in prayers for the safe release of 23 Korean aid workers mostly young Korean sisters, who were captured as hostages on July 19, 2007 on a highway in Kabul, Afghanistan. These Korean Christian aid workers who were the members of the Sammuell Presbyterian Church in Bundang, South Korea went to Afghanistan to provide free medical aid to the poor and injured people in the war torn country and to share the love of Jesus Christ. This kidnapping was the largest abduction of foreigners in Afghanistan since the fall of the Taliban regime in 2001 as the newspapers reports say. Pastor Bae Hyung-Kyu and the leader of the group, was found dead six days later with gunshot wounds to his head.



A Korean checks the portrait of Pastor Bae Hyung-Kyu at the Saem-Mul Presbyterian Church in Seongnam, Seoul. Photo Credit: AFP/The Tribune.

Nearly a week after Pastor Bae's death, another male hostage 29-year-old Sung Min Shim was also executed in Afghanistan. Pastor Bae Hyung-kyu and Sung Min Shim preferred to die than to deny Christ. They were martyred for their Christian faith and we believe they were welcomed into the heaven with open arms such as the martyr Stephen in Acts 7:56. Their sacrifices will not go waste and it will redouble the courage and conviction of their released co-workers and evangelical Churches in Korea to preach the gospel to the end of the earth. We praise and thank the Lord that our prayers have been heard and 21 Korean hostages safely returned back in their praying nation Korea. Hallelujah!



Pictured: Rev Isaac is preaching in SungKwang Presbyterian Church, Guri, South Korea in July 2004. Korean Brother John Kim (left) translating his English sermon into Korean language

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