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# Barnabas E-News

*Updates, Praise Notes, Prayer Alerts*

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## Briefly Noted

Barnabas has a web site where expanded details of our ministry may be seen. Visit us online at

[www.barnabas-ministries.org](http://www.barnabas-ministries.org)

**Missions Services** - Rick Hutchison is available for missions services throughout the year. He has fresh news and exciting PowerPoint pictures of ministries and people in India, Ukraine, and other countries where he has ministered. Contact him for scheduling.

**Rev. Tim Boyd**, who taught at Wesley Bible College, is hosting two Ukrainian alumni of WBC in the USA for six weeks this winter. Stephan and Vita Vuksta are visiting churches here and garnering support for their ministry near Uzhgorod, Ukraine. The Boyds hope to return to Ukraine later this year.

## India Ministry Set for Feb. 23 - Mar. 6

February 22<sup>nd</sup> is when Rick Hutchison, Melvin Adams, and Dr. Michael Avery depart for ten days of intensive ministry in S. India. Arriving in Chennai, they will begin this ministry tour with a chapel service at a local Bible College started by OMS. Then they travel inland to an arid region near Ananthapur to visit churches and a leper colony. Preaching services will be held at every stop.

From there they will travel northeast through mountainous jungle out to the coastal region of Guntur District. The town of Bapatla is home to Pastor Samuel and is the main base of ministry for Liberty Gospel Ministries. Pastor Samuel leads about 50 pastors and preachers, planting new churches in Hindu communities. They currently have some 70 churches and preaching points.

Bapatla is where Barnabas Ministries is sponsoring the **2010**

**Pastors Conference**, which will be held March 1-3. Over 500 pastors and church leaders are expected to attend. Dr. Michael Avery is the keynote speaker for the event.



Other highlights of this trip will be the dedication of a new church building Barnabas is helping build, and numerous large open-air meetings where pastors of several villages are banding together for what is expected to be a large outreach to pagan communities.

**Please pray for us daily! We especially need it during our ministry in India.**

## Open-air Meetings Reach Villagers

### Large crowds expected as pastors combine efforts

Pastor Samuel is planning several night rallies during our upcoming visit. Multiple villages will be invited to gather for a gospel meeting. These open-air services have been a great means of evangelism in past efforts. Crowds that number in the hundreds are not unusual. They sit on the ground or mill about in the shadows, all listening intently to the presentation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Many hear for the first time in these meetings conducted in primarily Hindu communities.



Often as I have stood preaching in such settings, I have noticed lights appearing as doors open throughout the darkened village streets. I can

see families gather in their doorways to listen as the message booms out from great loudspeakers set up for this purpose. Only God in heaven knows how many will open their heart for the first time to Jesus and take the first step toward a life of faith and devotion to Christ!



Follow-up will take place by the faithful Indian pastors who conduct regular meetings in these poor villages. In time, there will be new churches organized as bands of new believers grow and mature into strong congregations. It is truly exciting to have a part in planting new



Back Row in a Street Meeting



Earnest Seekers

### Praise Notes for...

- New churches being planted in Hindu communities where there is no Gospel witness.
- Supplying the financial needs of this ministry and those we partner with in Mission Areas
- New contacts in limited access areas where Christians are in constant danger due to their faith.

### Prayer Concerns...

- Wisdom, courage, protection for all believers in countries where persecution is very real and sometimes vicious
- 2010 Pastors Conference in Bapatla, S. India, Mar. 1—3
- Evangelism and Open-air Meetings where the Gospel will be presented to many for the first time
- Financial needs of these ministry projects:
  - Church buildings for new congregations in Hindu community  
Project Cost: \$6000
  - New Orphan Home for 50 children in Bapatla  
Project Cost: \$55,000

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churches where Christ has not been known!

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## New Church Dedication Set for March 5<sup>th</sup>

### The Cross Raised in a Hindu Community

My first visit to this dusty fishing village of Nizampatnam was several years ago. We've since preached several times and held open-air services there. I've watched this young pastor and his tiny wife persevere in winning their Hindu neighbors while living under very difficult conditions.

Pastor Shadrack, with his wife and daughter, lived in a hut made of sticks, palm leaves, and plastered with cow dung. He held services in a



thatch chapel next door. Recently, the Hindu landowner began to pressure them to leave because he wanted to build a house on this rented plot. Something had to be done.

Two years ago, Pastor Samuel took a step of faith and bought a lot on the road entering

this village. He personally borrowed funds to secure this choice site for a new church – right out at the entrance to the village. God spoke to me last summer about helping them build a church on that plot. By faith we have sent funds ahead for the project. The church is going up as I write these lines and a dedication service is set for March 6<sup>th</sup>!

Needless to say, I am very excited about the prospect of dedicating this new house of worship when we visit next month. You can see the pictures after I return. Expect to see a lot of smiling faces and a joyous pastor ready to work harder than ever winning souls.



Pastor Shadrack (far left) with his congregation on site of new church building