

Pray with Us - A Ministry update of the Madasus

Summer-Fall Update 2025

We greet you in the most precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We pray and hope you are doing well. Please know that our family is praying for you.

We came to India on July 15th to visit our families and be part of the ministries. But within a week of our arrival, we learned that my brother, Jonathan Madasu, was diagnosed with a severe heart stroke. Because of that, we covered for him, preaching at Crown Baptist Church, and being part of the rest of the ministry appointments he had. At the same time, we also traveled to different places to preach the Word of God. God kept us busy in Him, and we thank Him for using us for His glory.

Sound System for Church

We thank the Lord for providing us with the Sound system. Because of the sound system provided, we were able to do the youth retreat the way we did - that is, we used the system well. We praise God for Lebanon Baptist Church and a couple of other pastors for providing the sound system. You may see the brand new speakers in the pictures above. The sound system came in time after we placed the order.

Rural Church Ministry

On different occasions, various churches in the State of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana invited us to come and preach the Word. It was a joy to see people who were worshipping God with all their hearts and who were hungry to hear the Word of God. Some of these gatherings were held outside the church because of space concerns. But these were such joyful gatherings. The Lord used us not only to preach to the congregants who gathered, but for those who were standing on the streets (some going back and forth seeking to cause an issue; some who were drunk, or probably on drugs). We pray that God will save the souls that heard the gospel. Usually, the sound of the worship service covers at least half of the village. Our understanding was that many heard the gospel, and our prayer was that they would trust the Lord.

Bible College

The Lord motivated us, we believe, to begin a Bible college so that we can train young men and women with biblical knowledge, which is much needed in India. We have a tremendous number of Christ-haters who rose since after COVID. Their desire and goal are to eliminate Christianity from India. To do this, they are training themselves (of course, Google is their seminary), how to offend Christians (by listening to Christopher Hutchings and other atheists), and defend their religions. In fact, you may have heard a report about how pastors are getting killed or persecuted in India. Our desire, however, is that we want to train people to have God's knowledge; we want to make disciples of Jesus Christ so that they can defend their beliefs while making more disciples. In preparing disciples of Jesus Christ, we would also prepare Church planters. Currently, we have 25 students attending classes. But the question is, how long will I be able to

continue teaching? Please pray for God's provision. Our goal is to train 100 students in the next four years, that is, 100 new church plants in various parts of the country. At this point, I (Joel) am teaching the courses. But at some point, we have to have more teachers. Perhaps some pastors from the States might teach via Zoom! Please pray for the possibility and the provision.

Women's Ministry

Women like women come and talk to them and minister among them. Especially in the Indian culture, men need to be where they need to be; they should not cross the line. Therefore, Stellah took care of the women's ministry and the children's ministry. Kids love her; they want her to set up a kids' program soon. Women love her; they want to have a one-day women's retreat soon so that they can be nourished with God's Word. Stellah is encouraging women in various places by sharing God's great promises, encouraging women who need that spiritual encouragement. These women, for the most part, are abused by their own husbands because of their faith in the Lord.

There is a new convert (from another religion), who told Stellah that she is her favorite teacher. But we fear that the new convert would be discouraged if we leave India. However, we are trying to help her get acquainted with the other faithful Church. Pray for the women in India, and pray for the kids. Every week, Stellah and Enoch would join the kids, teach them songs, and teach them God's Word. Kids love Enoch, and Enoch loves everyone. He is a people person - he would go and make friends with anyone instantly. A pastor said that God might use him for His service. We rejoiced at hearing it. We hope God will use our son for His glory. That boy doesn't have what I had while I was in school - stage fright; he doesn't know what stage fear is :)

Prayer Requests:

1. Please pray that God would use us to reach more people with His Gospel.
2. Please pray that God would enable us to reach more youth and conduct monthly youth retreats/seminars to encourage the youth in the Lord.
3. Please pray for our families in India, especially for my brother and his family.
4. Please pray for the Bible College project, where we want to teach 100 students; please pray for God's provision so that we can accomplish this goal of making disciples and church planters.
5. Please pray for new Church partners - we need to work on raising our monthly support. I do not have many contacts. May the Lord raise new partners to serve along with us, to consistently pray for us, and to be an encouragement for us.

Thank you for standing with us in this great work. Your partnership in the gospel is a source of tremendous encouragement to our family. May the Lord bless you!

**In His Service,
The Madasus.**