

## Odisha

Ministering in Odisha brings with it many challenges, there are so many hardships, but the worst of all when travelling to the remote areas in the Kandhamal Districts, you clearly come to understand and feel the demonic oppression, control, and influence, the depression, and the total despair, its like entering into a deep spiritual darkness of no escape.

This time I would be lodging in Daringbadi, a district I had never visited before, and working in many places and finishing in the Ranpur area, Ranpur is a very spiritually dark and deep place, the Hindu mindset is very strong, and there are things going on that I will not mention in this brief news update.

I would be mainly speaking in small churches in and around Daringbadi, all the churches are small because of the constant threat of persecution, no big churches here its far to remote. And I have included some feedback from the pastors and local church members, the people there rarely if ever see foreigners, in fact, they told me no foreigners come to preach, I felt quite good after hearing that as this shows I am in the right place, not building upon another mans foundation. There were also many Hindu people attending and hearing the gospel messages.



In driving through the villages my thoughts would be upon the many people, however, if I were to conduct street preaching I wouldn't last very long before I would face major problems, but I do see the opportunity of going house to house and preaching the gospel that way. I have spoken with the pastors regarding this and they are in agreement and I look forward to my next trip in this area for that form of evangelism.

Many of the men in the area do not have any work so there are gangs of young and old men hanging around on many of the roads and streets, the women are all busy trying to manage and get through the day, and in just mentioning, a lot of the women actually just spit as they are walking?

However these people must have the opportunity to hear the gospel, and the fact there are some small churches there shows that the Lord is dealing with the people and some are responding. But the work is great, the area is hard towards the gospel, the need is great, the challenge must be met, and I am in need of supporters to get behind church planting, evangelism, and winning these people for Christ.

Daringbadi was one of the severe places of persecution a few years ago along with Raikia, in fact, many of the Christian homes in both areas were burnt down, now what is interesting and the pastors all confirm this, is that when the homes were destroyed by the Hindus in Daringbadi, the Hindus homes were also destroyed by elephants.

There are elephants in the forest areas and they are rarely seen, yet on this occasion they came crashing through certain areas, Interesting?

The ministry was strong, I attacked sin, I spoke against trying to interpret the Bible through Hindu eyes, and through Hinduism, I made sure that they knew that Christ is above Krishna and every other god they worship, I stated that they must submit to Christ wholeheartedly and not to keep going back to Hinduism when it suits and then back to Christ. I gave a scathing

attack on false piety and many of them repented of their sins and recommitted their lives to Christ, all being they had actually given their lives to the Lord in the first place.

These people need to hear the gospel well, they need to hear the gospel hard, they need to hear it in a way that leaves nothing to chance, they heard the truth and the truth sets a person free.

Praise the Lord.



Respected Pastor, Mark Jackson.

Greetings from Daringbadi area Churches of Kandhamal District. Also, I would like to thank you on behalf of Daringbadi area Churches ( Dasingbadi, Kutubadi, Badipadar, Judibadi) Pastor, here are some testimonies, there was opposition when we plan to do there meetings, I was praying and praying, thank God, we did all meetings peacefully. Praise the Lord.

Dasingbadi Church has said to me to thank you, they are blessed by your message. God has spoken through you. They need you more.

Kutubadi Church people have also said, they are very happy and many are turned to Christ. They are praying for you. They are needing your prayers.

Badipadar Church people have said, they have heard the true gospel from you and they need you more.

Judibadi Church has said, God has used you among them as a prophet, knowing the situation of Church, God has spoken through you, many repent for their sins and back to Christ. Praise the Lord.

Pastor, I personally, would like to thank you, for dedicating MAM Church here in Karada palla and spending all finance for dedicated service and for all Daringbadi area Church meetings. We are thanking God for your burden, sacrificial life, love for us and lost Souls. Praise the Lord.

Thanking you.

Pastor. Bramha Nanda Digal.

Please consider praying for this work, MAM works in unchurched areas, at times very dangerous areas, we are facing much opposition, persecution, poverty, and rejection.

Thank you

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