

# FROM A ROCK TO A MOUNTAIN : RISE OF THE KINGDOM COMMUNITY IN INDIA

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The year 1972. My father, a Hindu priest, had a heart attack and died due to lack of medical facilities in the tiny village that we resided in. I was to inherit his mantle. But as a result of these events, any assurance of the presence of God in my life was lost and thus, at the age of twelve, I began to search for Him. All my efforts were futile but in the midst of my college life, I was met with the good news of Jesus Christ. Thus, began my relationship with the Almighty. Its been 27 years since that beginning.



**Nilam and Chandrakant**

The year 1982. One day, early in the morning, I was at a railway platform on my way to meet the workers, I had engaged in my business. Nilam and I had been married for only three months now. She was a born-again girl with a Methodist background and had recently been through a six month training under Operation Mobilisation team. I heard the voice of God in the midst of the chaos of the platform. He said, "I want to send you for my work." The very next day, both of us left our house and all we had, to preach the good news to an unknown place. I hadn't received any Bible training but what I had received was the commission from God which we took very seriously. Following the same, we went from village to village in the areas of South Gujarat on foot with the gospel. Within three months, 19 new churches were established. Today, more than 250,000 people have been saved in this region. Thus, ministry began to increase as we provided services amongst various college campuses, medical, para-medical groups and professionals. We took every opportunity we could lay our hands on. But even in this dynamic atmosphere, Nilam and I felt we still needed to gain much more from God.

The year 1994. My eldest son Nikesh met his death. We had to come to terms with the fact that the water reservoir where I had baptized many people had become the deathbed for our son. Once again, in these circumstances, God intervened dramatically in our lives by baptizing Nilam and me in the Holy Spirit. We began to speak in other tongues and our hunger and thirst for gaining more from God was further provoked. God used the late pastor John Osteen at this turning point of our life. Along with this new experience and zeal, arose a lot of opposition in my denominational church.

The year 1995. God gave me the courage to dare to break out of the denominational, cultural and traditional bonds and receive a new revelation of the Kingdom of God. God administered this breakthrough in our lives through a divine appointment with prophet Tony Ling. He, then, introduced us to apostle Keri Jones and the late apostle Bryn Jones. We began to receive a new light, a new direction and a new zeal in God through continual company and fellowship with these men sent from God.

In the last twelve years, we have gained a lot of love and encouragement in our faith, anointing and revelation through these brothers. We have experienced covenantal relationships, friendship and loyalty in the real sense.

Today, it has become possible for us to reach every corner of India. The humble beginning has now increased to millions of people. We have been a part of establishing churches in more than 2000 places across India. We have been able to send financial help in India and three other continents through the church in India. Thousands of people have experienced wonderful healings, miracles and a new strengthening. We give God the glory for the success of the power of the Kingdom and covenantal relationships.

According to the recent Indian Missions report, around 10,000 people are getting saved on a daily basis in India. We are seeing around two churches being established every week among our fellowships. Currently, 40 students are being equipped in our Bible school. Widows, poor and orphans have been given help through various projects. Trained students have also been provided with motorbikes to reach new regions with the gospel of the Kingdom. Wells and bore wells have been constructed in regions with water scarcity. We welcome you to be a part of this move of the Holy Spirit and be blessed.

God has told us that we will rise as a pattern for our nation. Indeed, the Word of the Almighty has been released and we believe it and are committed to it with all that we are.

## PERSONAL TESTIMONY 1

RAJU SHAH

My name is Raju Shah. I am 42 years old. I was born and brought up in a religious Hindu family. My entire life was directed towards gaining contentment through rites and rituals. I tried to gain salvation through worldly materials but failed in my efforts. I resorted to many religious ceremonies and rituals to gain success in my business but all of them resulted in despair and depression.

Approximately, two years ago I was attacked by paralysis. I became a paralytic. My family members and my wife made enumerable efforts to cure this illness but they were unsuccessful. A bedridden life began to take its toll and I began to feel that life was a burden and had no meaning.

At this time, two brothers from the Nadiad church came to visit me. I was very negative towards Christians but this visit, owing to the love they showed towards me, softened me. Both the brothers rubbed oil on my head and prayed in the name of Jesus Christ. As they prayed for me, affirmative faith towards Jesus Christ began to rise in my heart. Before they ended their prayer, I began to feel life in my body. A new refreshing and strength began to flow. I got up from my bed, began to walk and thus started my new life as a believer. Today, my wife and I have become a part of the covenant family at the Nadiad church.

Praise God for his awesome miracle!!



**Raju with his wife bharti  
and son Krunal**

## PERSONAL TESTIMONY 2

### VIOLET PATEL



**Violet Patel**

Violet Patel is 30 year old lady. Last year she suddenly fell sick. The general hospital directed her to go through a number of tests. Test results showed that she was HIV+. Moreover, she also tested positive for intestinal cancer. Her family completely broke down emotionally as a result of depression and failure. Death was almost at the doorstep now. It was very difficult for her husband and child to accept the reality.

Few days ago, some of the Bible school students went out in the afternoon for their routine outreach ministry. They went to visit this family. Darkness had engulfed all the family

members. But these students entered this home as the light of the world. Violet's mother related them with their present condition. Both the students knelt right there and prayed for healing to come over Violet.

Immediately, Violet experienced a difference in her body. She had already made the decision to give her life to Jesus Christ with repentance. She confessed her healing immediately. After two days, she went back to the county hospital to go through the same tests again. All the tests came negative this time. The power of Christ was at work within her. The healing that seemed far off, now miraculously became her's.

She went to the Nadiad church on Sunday morning and thanked God in front of the church proclaiming that God does miracles even today. You can witness these miracle in my life.

Glory be to the name of God!!

## TESTIMONY AFFECTING A COMMUNITY : JACKIN VINOD

Jackin was deaf and dumb from birth. He was the only child of his parents Vinod and Saroj. As a result, they lived in continual grief because of their son's infirmity. As he began to grow up, being deaf and dumb caused a lot of obstacles in his life. He had to face a lot of challenges due to his condition.

Some time ago, Vinod's brother, Navin had been freed from his drug addiction. Navin used to take 80 to 90 sleeping pills on a daily basis. His life had lost its meaning and was in a chaotic condition. Many a times, he was found lying unconscious by the roadside. Navin was freed from this drug addiction and got saved by the prayer and proclamation of the students of the Nadiad Bible school. He shared this testimony with Vinod and Saroj and brought them to the believers' fellowship in Nadiad along with Jackin. It was Wednesday night. God was healing many that night. And suddenly, in the presence of God, Jackin began to speak and hear.

As a result of this miracle, all the three brothers of Vinod along with their families came to the Lord and were increased in their faith. At present, more than 50 new believers meet to fellowship at their home every week. Now, Jackin is studying in year 7 and he is 12 years old.

All glory be to the powerful name of Jesus!



**Jackin with his mother Saroj**

## TESTIMONY AFFECTING A REGION: RASU VASAWA

"Your son will be able to live at the most for three days. He has lung cancer and it is in its last stage. There is no hope for his survival." These words of the doctor didn't cause any fear in the hearts of Nend Vasawa and his wife. Nend, himself, had been physically challenged and could not walk on his feet. But a Christian believer had talked to him. As a result, there was an increase in his faith and he had begun to walk on his feet.

Now, once again, Nend and his wife took this corpse like, unconscious young son, Rasu and put him in a bullock cart. They directed the cart towards the little group of believers who had come together. This small group continued to fast and pray earnestly. Within three days, a new life began to flow through Rasu. His body began to glow. He began to experience a new energy. He was completely healed and went to face his doctors. The same doctors who had predicted his death within three days, stood in pure astonishment when they saw him completely healthy in front of them.

As a result of Rasu's new life, all the inhabitants of his village Amalpada came to Christ. More than 400 new believers were added to the church immediately.

Rasu is married now and works as the headmaster of a primary school. His wife Jaya is also a teacher. Thousands of people have been saved through them. He has been a great blessing as innumerable villages and cities nearby have turned to Christ.

Glory be to His name!!



**Rasu Vasava**