

Missionary profile

Joseph- Missionary to maharashtra

A Missionary's perseverance and Zeal to serve LORD Jesus Christ and People.



“Sacrifice” there is no other way to describe it, complete sacrifice. Joseph left his manufacturing jobs outside of mumbai and sent out with practically nothing, a bed-robe, two shirts and the small amount of money. His goal was to go to unreached area of Maharashtra and spread the Good news.

He will go door-to-door every day for two years and never meet another christian. That God had called him there, didn't mean it would be easy. The ground was hard dry. In for years the seeds he sowed seem to simply blow in the wind, take no wood. When he came he had almost nothing. By His grace the Lord provided a room for him in that very hostile community. There was nothing in it, only what he carried with him. He was trusting the Lord to provide, believing he would raise up a church. He just didn't know how long it would take. It was very hard ground one.

For such a long time there was no response from the people. Even after months of hard work still nobody came to Christ. Finally he decided to begin fasting for a change in people's hearts. 10 days there was response, no food, 20 days still nothing, 30 day of continued fasting and prayer still the breakthrough did not come. Eventually the fast had end. Yet even this didn't cause him to lose hope.

He was supplied with printed materials to hand up. But the task of getting them home was almost too much for me. The sack was full of the literature he needed. But it was very heavy. When he couldn't carry it anymore he would drag the sack over the ground to get it home, still in his weak condition. The people needed the information and he didn't give up about it . When he finally got home he started taking the tracks to the people.

Every day he would leave the literature and share the Gospel message town after town and village after village. Eventually he would run out of the tracks and begin the whole process again, and again. For the next to 2 years Joseph would continually offered his body as a living sacrifice to the Lord. Yet despite all his efforts the people still were not responsive. When he was not out sharing with people who would return to his empty room, read his Bible and pray. Hearing him pouring out his heart to the Lord, made his neighbors nervous, may accused him of witchcraft. For his safety, he was forced to find somewhere else to pray.

It was then he began climbing to the top of the deserted hills a mile from his home .God provided this quiet place a solitary. He could turn his heart to Him and not have to worry about those around him. Every day he would come here and he could see the towns and villages, off in the distance. And he began to claim them for the Lord, one after another he would lift the people up to him. He had nothing to distract him. He would spend hours here. When it seems the soil would produce no fruit, Joseph found strength on this hilltop. Then somehow he would continue from town to town from village to

village he walked in spoke with the people. But no one would listen. Eventually he thought he would go to the outcasts of society like Jesus did. He went to the poor and to the drunkards. But they grew angry and wrap his tracks around large stones and threw them at him. Then once he was beaten and pulled into a house. They told him, he would be killed for his faith, but a man came by and heard his cries and rescued him before they could finish. After the end of two years Joseph almost broken. He cried out to God to send him somewhere else, anywhere. Finally the Lord said to him, 'Don't pray for another place, I have put you in this place and I will sustain you'.

It was then he was led to speak to the only people in this land who would listen to him. He had talked with everyone else and they had rejected me but the children responded differently. They listen, they embraced what he was telling them. Soon many children would come to his room and he would teach them simple church songs and tell them stories from the bible. They would sing the songs at home. Their parents would ask where they learned. Children would tell them about the nice man who loved children and talk to them. And the parents would come and talk to him. Many doors were open through these children. The Lord is so faithful. They have a mission started that town and all the near by towns and villages. He visited almost every house in the towns and villages with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Sixteen years later Pastor Joseph had evangelized more than 165 towns and villagers. And the lord help them plan an astounding 25 drive-in churches and another 28 vibrant mission stations. With his love for the word of God, Pastor Joseph have also helps run the GFA Bible school based in his area, help raise up more strong bible-based pastors to leave these young church works. He also continues to meet and teach those who first listened to him, the Children.