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PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for our new marriage and that Christ will be the center of our marriage!
- Pray for Bobby's father's full recovery from dengue fever, which he contracted in the end of August. He is currently home in the United States to gain his strength back.
- Please pray for the American Sign Language CBT team, the team Krysta is serving on as a video editor. They are getting close to the completion deadline for the 110 stories.



MY FAITH CHALLENGED

Recently in July, I (Bobby) had the opportunity to visit South Asia to meet with some of DOOR's church planting teams, so I can understand what they do and learn about the challenges they encounter as they grow His Kingdom there. Due to the dominance of the Hindu religion, **this country is not an area where anyone can build and/or grow churches with ease.** For example, if someone wanted to become a believer in Christ, they would most likely be banished from their family for life. More than that, their family will persecute them physically, verbally and emotionally just for their faith in Jesus Christ.

Despite the spiritual darkness in this county, the faith of the believers there shines radiantly. They believe in what Jesus Christ has done for them in a way unlike anyone I have seen in my own home country.

I want to share the story of a specific Deaf person I met while I was in South Asia. God used him to challenge my faith. I pray his story will challenge your own faith as well.

“ God used him to challenge my faith. I hope you are challenged too. ”

Andy* was born into a Hindu family, but both of his parents died by the time he was seven years old. His community considered him cursed due to his deafness, and their beliefs became more strongly rooted when his parents died. According to the Hindu faith, the bad things that happened to Andy meant that in his previous life he was an evil, notorious person. Andy accepted their viewpoint, and “cursed” became his identity as he lived on the streets throughout his childhood.

ANDY'S STORY CONTINUED

However, Andy didn't know that there is a loving God who was watching over him and will keep on watching over him. Andy successfully married, which is an action that is almost impossible for a child who grew up on the streets. After his marriage, he met an evangelist who shared how much God loves him. Upon reflecting on his life, Andy realized that God had been with him throughout each and every stage of his life. He allowed God to become the foundation of his identity, ignoring what the world had to say of him and his identity. This identity, so solidly rooted in Christ, truly shines through Andy everywhere he goes.

While talking with Andy, he shared with me how God is working in his life to give other Deaf people hope in Christ. He works as an auto driver, driving a three-wheeled motorcar specifically used for transporting passengers. He works hard to feed his family of five. A common sight in an auto in South Asia would be idols inside the car. Andy knows that Hinduism is not the way. So instead of placing idols in his auto, he has a sticker on his mirror that says, "God is love." It is prominently placed so that each rider who rides in his car would see it.



This inspired me, and I took a picture of the sticker. Andy told me, *"Despite the strong Hinduism in my country, all the people are afraid to touch me. This is because of how God has raised me from being a boy on the street who was lower than nothing to a solid citizen who is greatly blessed by Him. I want to tell each and every one of my riders that God can do the same for them. If this leads to persecution, I will embrace it at any cost because nothing can separate me from the love of God!"*

*name changed for security purposes

Krysta and I will be going on a road trip this fall. If we are in your area, we would love to connect with you. Please contact us at bobbym@doorinternational.org. We hope to see you this fall!

WE WANT TO CONNECT WITH YOU

In October, Krysta and I will be attending a missionary conference in Shell Lake, Wisconsin.

In November, we will be volunteering at a Deaf conference at the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum in Kentucky followed by a trip to Michigan to spend time with Bobby's family for Thanksgiving.



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