



Dear friends,

India celebrated 69th Independence Day on Aug 15, 2015. While claiming many achievements of his government in last 15 months, the Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi expressed his hope that "India can be free of corruption, [but] need lots of measures." Could lots of measure free humanity from corruption? How does political or economical freedom impacts our moral freedom? Rabindra Neth Tagor, the first Nobel laureate of India wrote, "Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high, Where knowledge is free." Today, in this cyber world, all kinds of information is free. How do they influence our mind without fear and let our head held high? The Bible tells us that there is a freedom that is found in Jesus Christ alone. Approximately 97% of 1.25 billion in India do not know or understand this biblical claim. There are others who might know about it but they need regular reminder. In fact, Paul reminds, "It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery." Galatians 5:1.



This is what we do in South Asia through six radio programs. To some we introduce true freedom in Jesus Christ and to others we remind them of their true precious freedom in Christ.

Let me update you on our **Garhwali** and **Dzongkha** radio programs though this letter.

### O LORD...HELP ME...

The young lady seen in the picture is Hemanti, a resident of village Chaka Sarojini, Devprayag, Jakholi in the state of Uttarakhand. Hemanti was visiting her married sister near Pauri Garhwal, when quite suddenly she started behaving weirdly, she would become violent and then she would turn around and try to harm her body. When she was taken to a medic, he felt she was possessed and there was very little medical science could do to help her. Hemanti's sister, Sita, who Hemanti was visiting when she became possessed, is a regular listener of our Garhwali program, and she has heard the presenter say a prayer at the close of the

program. She had heard him pray for healing for the sick also and she felt that maybe if the program presenter prayed for Hemanti, she may be healed of this strange possession. Sita called our Garhwali producer on the phone and he at once agreed to go and pray for Hemanti. Upon reaching Sita's village, the producer prayed for Hemanti's healing and release. When he had finished praying, a strange thing happened, a lock of Hemanti's hair fell off on its own. The producer went again the next day to see how Hemanti was doing. The family told him that she was feeling better, though not completely well. Our producer invited Hemanti and her sister to accompany him to Pauri, where they stayed in his house and he prayed for her for a whole week, after which she was freed from the possession and recovered completely. Having experienced a miracle in her body and life, Hemanti just surrendered her life into the hands of her savior, Lord Jesus Christ. She wants to now live a life pleasing to the Almighty, and tell others of the great healing in her life, of body and soul.

Her parents too have accepted Christ as personal savior, and have gotten rid of all the idols once adorning their house. They want to have a fellowship meeting in their house on a regular basis, towards which our producer is working.

**Please pray for this family as they start a new life in the Lord.**



**Pray especially for Heman-ti, that she would be a strong witness for the Lord in her youth and live a life which would glorify His holy name.**

### **JESUS...NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES**

Posing with their best smiles on, are Tashi Wangmo and Sangay Cham. Tashi and Sangay are both widows and live lonely lives in the small kingdom of Bhutan.

Tashi and Sangay met each other and became friends. They can empathize with each other as they both were going through pretty similar circumstances in life. Both lost their spouses around fifteen years back and have

since been on their own, fending for themselves and their children. Tashi and Sangay were lonely and sad but had come to terms with what life had to give them and went about their day mechanically, knowing they had to live like this until they were called away from this world. Then one day quite unexpectedly, they heard Dzongkha radio program. Listening to God's Word in the Dzongkha program, Tashi and Sangay became aware of the existence of God, of the Almighty who was not just an imagined being but who was real and most of all accessible! In the program they heard of Jesus Christ, who died for the sins of mankind to bring man back to God. Tashi and Sangay realized that they too were included, they were also among those for whom Christ died and now it was their turn to receive the gift of salvation by repenting of their sins and accepting Jesus as their personal savior. Though Tashi and Sangay had begun to believe that Jesus Christ was the son of God, and that He had laid down His life according to God's supreme plan of salvation for all of mankind, they were a little confused. They were confused because, in the world they lived, all they had ever seen was the mad rush to accumulate wealth, because money was needed for every thing one ever needed in this life. So much so that even the religious leaders who claimed to show people the way to find true happiness, and the way to find God, had put a price to the whole process. Nothing came without money, without a price and it was the general belief that if you had enough money, you could buy everything including favour with the gods. But here was Christ who offered salvation, the most precious gift, and it was free and it was available directly, from God to man, there was no human mediator required. This confused Tashi and Sangay and they corresponded with our Dzongkha producer, who cleared their doubts and explained to them the Gospel as it were. Tashi and Sangay have since understood what it means to repent and come to the Lord Jesus Christ and accept His gift of salvation and they too have given their lives into the hands of the Lord.

**Please pray for these dear ladies as they live their lives after having lost their spouses. Please pray that they may have a close association with the triune God and feel His soothing presence in their otherwise lonely lives.**

**Thank you for partnership. May the good Lord continue to bless you.**