

6. Radically right-wing Hindu organizations such as Dharma Jagran Vibhag, Shuddhikaran (Cleansing) Movement and Religious Awakening have increased their reconversion campaign to turn India into a Hindu nation by carrying out numerous attacks on Christian communities
7. International Christian Concern has warned that Sangh Parivar, an umbrella Hindu nationalist group, is inflicting suffering and looking to cleanse the minority Christian population in India. The watchdog group said in a press release that the nationalist group and its associate organizations have been directing hate speech toward Christians and leading attacks on pastors and churches in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh.

International Issues:

1. A Christian is sworn in as Governor of the Indonesian capital despite Islamist protests. When the Christian was voted as governor of Indonesia's capital, Muslims rose up in protest saying that an "infidel" could not rule in their country. However, despite their protests, Basuki Tjahaja Purnama, a Christian, has now been sworn in as governor.
2. The brutality of ISIS' campaign to empty Iraq of its Christian community- the cross worshippers- has driven more than 100,000 Christians from their homes. Pray for the remaining Christians in the region.
3. Pray for peace in France and in Europe as the recent killings of the journalists in France by the terrorists have caused more instability.
4. Boko Haram, a radical Islamic insurgency bent on establishing a separate Islamic state in northeast Nigeria to be ruled by Sharia law, is responsible for the deaths of thousands of Christians, the displacement of millions more, and the destruction of hundreds of churches.

I shall appreciate your prayers for my preaching and teaching ministry in the next three months. May the good Lord be honored and His Churches be strengthened to serve Him with joy and delight.

Sincerely yours in Jesus



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In Everything give thanks."***
(I Thessalonians 5 :17-18)

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Dear friends,
Greetings to you in the name of Jesus.

A very blessed and joyful, New Year to you all.

I began the year with ministering the Word to more than 2000 intellectuals (students & graduates of UESI) who have powerful influence in different walks of life in our country. It was the 60th year celebration of the Union Of Evangelical Students of India. I took Bible studies from St Peter's letter exhorting all to work out their salvation on daily basis in order to bring honor and glory to our God. I also spoke from Isa 65:1-4 underscoring the indispensability of the ministry of the Holy Spirit in our life, the inevitability of the Preaching of the Word, and the importance of the Compassionate Ministry in our country. The four day Jubilee Celebration ended with great affirmation.

Then, I had the privilege of speaking to more than 200 Drukpa believers near Bhutan border. I was told that there are more than 30 house Churches in Bhutan of which is a majority belong to the charismatic traditions. They are more daring and willing to face persecution. However, they are in need of clear teaching on the doctrine of the Holy Spirit. All the believers went back home with deeper commitment to be courageous and bold for presenting the love of Jesus Christ to all. Please continue to pray for Bhutan.

In the second week of January I ministered in the 4th Biannual Convention of Tutsa Baptist Convention. Just in 12 years there are more than 33 Churches planted among Tutsa community. I was particularly glad to see the growth of some youths whom I had ministered some years ago. One of them is now the honorable Member of Legislative Assembly and he is keeping up the faith. Indeed, the Word of God bears multifold fruits for the Lord.

Jesus is same yesterday, today, and forever. Therefore, let us continue to trust Him and serve Him with all our hearts, minds, and strength this year as we did last year. May I invite you to spend some time in thanksgiving and prayers.

A. Praise & Thanks Giving :

1. Let us thank God for His limitless grace in our lives and in our Ministry. The Lord answered our prayers in His time and helped us realize our goals for the year just ended.
2. Let us thank God for the successful Christmas celebration on the 18th of December 2014. That day the partners of MAT came together for a time of celebration. We enjoyed the fellowship and thanked God for the greatest gift in Jesus.

B. Prayer Requests :

Local Issues :

1. Let us pray for our radio program listeners who are facing objections from their

family members and communities in the different states of our country. They are being threatened by religious fundamentalists and extremist group leaders to return to their old religion. Pray that they may remain strong in faith.

2. Pray for our newly appointed Kashmiri Producer who needs God's wisdom to write and record Kashmiri programs.
3. Pray for our Lohardaga Ministry Center. We have a vision to adopt 25 families from the slum areas at Lohardaga for their spiritual growth, as well as social development by educating their children, giving vocational training and giving information about health care.
4. Pray for regular recording of our radio programs in six languages so that people may be touched by the Word of God and receive the gift of Salvation through Jesus Christ.
5. Pray for the flood affected areas in Jammu & Kashmir where people have suffered a lot, many continue to suffer as they have not yet received even basic necessities to carry on.
6. Pray for our follow up teams of Hindi, Dogri, Dzungkha and Garhwali language programs.
7. Pray for Hindi radio program listener Abdul, who has accepted Jesus as personal Saviour along with his family.
8. Pray for our Dogri listener Mr. Ashok Kumar as his hemoglobin count has gone down and he is very pale and weak.
9. Pray for Garhwali program listener Mr. Rajendar who is suffering from brain tumor.

National Issues:

1. A Hindu nationalist drive to "reconvert" non-Hindus over the Christmas season foundered, but protests against the campaign led to a proposal to ban on all conversions except "reconversions" to Hinduism.
2. A pastor and group of church members were attacked by Hindu extremists Saturday evening for singing Christmas carols in the Indian City of Hyderabad.
3. Four Christians in Maharashtra state, one 70 years old, were released on bail today after more than two weeks in jail, accused of "rioting" when Hindu extremists attacked them and damaged two of their homes.
4. Christian minorities in central India face a new threat as Hindu extremists in more than a dozen village councils have passed restrictions on religions other than Hinduism.
5. Millions of Christians in India from the lowest caste system, known as "Dalit," are being forced to choose between their faith and receiving government benefits available only to "untouchables," a report has said. The International Christian Concern noted on Sunday that there are close to 25 million Dalits across India who've converted to Christianity, but now must make the choice between maintaining their faith or benefitting from a government program that only helps them if they identify with their Hindu background.