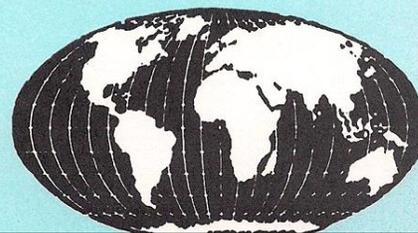


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*"Who forgiveth all thine iniquities;
who healeth all thy diseases" (Psa. 103:3).*



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Dear Pastors, Friends, and Family,

How often I thank our Lord for His untold blessings to me by placing you all in my life. Thank you for your faithful prayers – this vital link we have to pray for those who do not know Jesus. Thank you for your support – many of you have sent every month for so many years!

We are so excited to be able to report to you the marvelous way that the Lord has worked on behalf of His people in the slums of Mumbai, India. We have been asking you for some years now to pray for Samuel and Bhanu Singh as they minister in the 4 different slum areas of Mumbai, because the Hindu government officials have been restricting Christian churches and ministries more and more. At first, it was just that Samuel was not permitted to take any photos of their ministry outside of the church building. Then the local officials did not want to allow him enough water to do baptisms in the church building. Outreaches were restricted, except for Christmas. Then, last year, in September, he received notice from the Municipal Commissioner that, since he had purchased residential property, but had been holding "unlawful religion" church services there for the past 10 years, he had 10 days before the building would be demolished! He was able to find a Christian advocate to try to get a stay order, and even met with the mayor. He asked for much prayer for this Airoli church since the Hindu government's restrictions and prejudice against Christian churches had already caused one church in the area to be demolished that week. Samuel was given an extension until after Christmas, but then received notice in November from the high court that no services could be held there during the extension. He searched for rental halls or schools, or anywhere for his Airoli people to worship, but no one would give them space, for fear that their buildings would also be demolished for hosting Christian worship services.

In January this year, Samuel met with a very high official, who once again told him that he had to stop all Christian worship services in the building if he wanted to save it from being demolished. The people had been fasting and praying, and we had earnestly been praying with him, and a new boldness came through in Samuel. He wrote, "Well, I told them that I cannot stop, so I am still continuing the Lord's ministry in this building until Jesus comes, and no power on earth will demolish this house of God." The official told him he would see what he could do, and Samuel continued to meet with as many officials as he could, to plead his case.



Samuel (in front of the cross) with 8 of the pastors and leaders that he and Bhanu have trained and ordained

Samuel contacted us in February to tell us that March marked the 10th Anniversary of the Airoli church and, in faith, he had planned a thanksgiving to God celebration, and had invited all the top municipal officers to join them!! He called all the people from the 4 churches that he has planted and established to come and thank the Lord for all the slum people who have found the Lord, been baptized and disciplined, and, in turn, have won so many others to the Lord through the years. Four out of the six officials agreed to come on the condition that "you will not take any photographs of us, as we do not want our people to know that we visited your church." So, on March 18, the officials came and listened as Samuel's brother, David, gave a strong Gospel message. Samuel gave each

of the officials a Bible as a gift, and they joined in a lunch that he gave to all the church people. They told Samuel that they enjoyed the program, and that they had decided not to demolish the Airoli church building, because they “like this work that God is doing in the slums of Airoli”!! PRAISE THE LORD!! What thanksgiving has gone up to the Lord from us all for the Lord’s faithfulness through a long, hard battle.

We thank the Lord all the time for the faithfulness and consistency in ministry that we see in Samuel and Bhanu, even though they are getting older. Just as they persevered against the Hindu resistance against Christians with the Airoli



church, they have held faith through Bhanu’s cancer and seen her healed. And every year around this time, the monsoon rains hit, doing tremendous damage, taking lives, and making daily living even more difficult for the people in the slums. Two years ago, the excessive water destabilized the structure of the Chembur church, and they had to do extensive reinforcement work to make it safe. Through all the difficulty, this compassionate couple continue to minister to the people of the slums and train up more pastors and leaders.



Monsoon season is coming again soon and Samuel has asked us to pray specifically for him and Bhanu. In 1985, Samuel was given a small government apartment (ground level) because of his army service. It is in a very low area, so he has to pile up sandbags and rent a pump



that runs 24 hours a day for the 4 months of monsoon. Last year was so bad that he had to keep 2 pumps going, but still could not keep the water at bay. Of course, he does not get proper sleep during these 4



months, because someone has to always be watching for flooding. He has wanted to sell the apartment and try to get his family an apartment somewhere on higher ground, but there are no buyers, because of the low area. Our hearts go out to them. They struggled through all of this when Bhanu was so sick with cancer, and now, all the pollution has been taking its toll on her lungs and she has been coughing constantly for almost a year, and has to sit up to try and get any sleep. We are asking you to pray with us for the Lord to provide a better place to live for Samuel and Bhanu. The doctor told Samuel to find a place out of the city for Bhanu to live and be free of the cough, but their whole lives are spent ministering in the slums to the slum people. Bhanu is strong in her faith and is trusting God to heal her. Just as God did a miracle for them when we all prayed and asked God to turn the hearts of the Hindu officials, we are asking you all to ask God for a miracle in helping them find a place where they can live in peace as they get older, and to heal Bhanu again.



We thank the Lord for giving us, and all of you, the privilege to be partners with Samuel and Bhanu Singh in reaching the precious people in the Mumbai slums. Thank you for your beautiful love through the years. My love for you is deep and constant. You bless me! The Lord sees all and continues to add to your rewards!

I flourish in His love and care,

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