

Dear Committed Partners in Christ,

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The following article is not like any report that I have ever presented in my ministry. The people's names (except of our India Coordinator, Gulshan Lal) have been changed. Exact locations are not given and the picture altered to protect the person to whom I am referring. The reason is twofold: to protect his physical life and the livelihoods of those referred to and to protect the location for a similar meeting next year. Additionally, there is severe persecution of our Christian brothers and sisters in this region of India; which brings the public destruction of one's property, attacks on their families and/or physical death. The title of my report is:

### Abid's Story



A few months ago Abid was hired by a business manager who was a Christian, and was clearly instructed in the ethics of life. Example: if you find something that is not yours, you are to report it so it can be announced, and placed in a secure location where it can be claimed. Then, the Christian who was seeking to show the man his "fallen nature" left an amount of money lying in a place where it would be seen. The manager observed the employee look around and then pocket the funds. The manager waited several days and it was not reported. He approached the employee, discussed the matter of our selfish fallen natures, retrieved the funds and admonished the employee again. Awhile later the manager placed twice the amount of money in another location and waited. The same sequence happened again. This should have brought the employee's release from the company. Instead the manager kindly showed the employee what the Bible teaches about the sin nature, Christ's death and resurrection for mankind's justification and his need for salvation. The employee was not disciplined but invited, along with 95 others who had learned about the Seekers Conference, to attend, free of charge. The employee agreed!

The conference began with nearly half of the attendees not possessing, and some never having seen a Bible! Thus we began at the beginning – Genesis 1. For two days, multiple meetings laid out God's existence, creation, the fall and depravity of the human race, and culminated with the redemptive death and resurrection of Christ. The last message was followed by an invitation to respond.

#### *Never have I, nor any leader present, observed such a complete movement of the Holy Spirit!*

In an instant the entire body of seekers was standing down front! It was totally spontaneous! Every leader present was in awe! We had not planned for that! Upon our recovery, the body was led in prayer and a time for Q+A. We also thanked



God we had time to respond to the Spirit's leading as messages were altered to train these new born Christians to go back into a totally adverse world which would include persecution. On the following day we also began to sort out the details. Thirty-five (including Abid!) had made a first time commitment. Others had previously responded to invitations but had not fully understood. Thus we taught the latter assurance of salvation while we instructed the babes in Christ at the same time. We found that 40 of them never had a Bible and we obtained a good Hindi translation. The next evening, after presenting the Bibles, I spoke for an hour and a half on three topics: 1) basic teaching on how to care for God's holy Word and how to mark your Bible for future reference. 2) The inspiration of and completion of Scripture. 3) An exposition of Romans 1-10 dealing with the "Roman's Road." This not only gave great assurance to the new believers but also provided the means to lead others to the same salvation. No one minded the length of the service.

On Friday, after the others had left, 13 young men stayed behind because they sought believers Baptism. This is no light matter! The law says that a person may not be proselytized or coerced to leave his faith (Hindu). To show he has not been coerced, the person must fill out an affidavit on the events leading up to their decision and have it legally notarized. In addition it is believed, as in the early church, that baptism is one's public declaration of faith. But a public service attracts a lot of legal attention. Because of the location and date, it was determined to baptize and fill out the affidavit afterward. A river was found that flowed through a public amusement park. The 13 men and two pastors changed to shorts, rented a tube, and began swimming, splashing and talking. One by one, each of the young men approached between the two pastors, the questions concerning salvation and desire for baptism were asked and each was immersed. There was nervous laughter and tears were shed as each followed their Savior's mandate and committed to His commission.

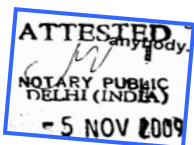


### The Rest of Abid's Story!

After accepting Christ, receiving his Bible, and being baptized Abid is attending church services and early morning Bible studies before going to work. He is married and has a family. On his signed and notarized Government Declaration (see below) of becoming a Christian he wrote the following in Hindi which is translated into English below:

मैंने स्वयं कि इच्छा से ईसाई धर्म को अपना रहा हूँ। क्योंकि प्रभु यशू ने मेरे जीवन पर बहुत बड़ा उपकार किया, मेरे बेटे को प्रभु ने मौत के मुँह से बचाया। इसाई धर्म को अपनाना ये मेरी स्वयं की इच्छा है। इसमे मेरे पर किसी का कोई दबाव नहीं, और न ही किसी ने मुझे इसके लिए कोई पैसा या कोई लालच नहीं दिया। मैं ये घोषणा अपने पूरे होश व हवाश में कर रहा हूँ।

*"I am Abid. \_\_\_\_\_, my address is \_\_\_\_\_. I declare that I am accepting the Christian religion because the Lord Jesus Christ has worked miraculously in my life. He saved my son from dying. So I am accepting Christianity is totally my personal choice and I am not being pressurized to do so. I am also not being paid for accepting Christianity nor have any assurances been made by anybody. I declare this in full conscious."*



*To our dear friends: Thank you for continuing to pray for "Abid" and for our ministry of serving Christ's servants around His world with IGM. For the love of Christ, Rex & Andrea Furman,*

