

"Behold a great multitude which no one could number of all nations, tribes, peoples and tongues standing before the throne and before the Lamb....." Rev. 7:9

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CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

Respected Honorable Director In Jesus Christ.

We, Banjaras Greetings You In The Precious Name Of Our Lord Saviour Jesus Christ.

I am Delighted To Hear That International Ministries is Celebrating It's 210th Anniversary Celebration On 21st & 22nd May Of 2024. It Gives Me A Grate Joy Pleasure In Sending Greetings And Congratulations To You And American Baptist Churches Family. It is My Prayers And Hope That The Vision Of IM Ministries Must Accomplish The Vision Globally In The Days To Come.

By the way in The Year 1983 **ABFMS/IM** Started Working Among Banjara Tribe By Sharing The Gospel Of Jesus Christ Through Banjara Development Trust (**BDT**) With Social Activities, Education, Medical And Moral Upliftment Programs, And Shared The Good News. And Later, The Convention Of Banjara Baptist Churches(**CBBC**) Came Into Existence On 18 February 1996 And Now It is Called Banjara Baptist Sanghevor Malawo (**BBSM**). This is The Result of Prayerful Efforts Of **Rev. Dr. John A. Sundquist**, Executive Director, **Rev. Dr. Benjamin S. L. Chan**, Area Director And **Rev. Beaver**, **Rev. Dr. Tracy G. Gipson**, **Rev. Esther Wiebie** Missionaries And Board Of International Ministries (**IM**) By The Grace Of Almighty God, Banjara Baptist Sanghevor Malawo Has Grown To Hundreds Of Churches, And Reached Thousands Of Banajara Thandas With Good News Of God .

Now **BBSM** Fully Engaged To Reach Out The Same Community in Rural Areas And in Slums, Most Of The Banjara Villages Are Not Connected With Developed Society, Towns And Cities. Those Villagers Are Far away From Hospitals And Health Centers. There fore **BBSM** And **BDT** Used To Conduct Free Medical Camp And Doing Community Development And Health Awareness Programs. Apart From Church Activities **BBSM** Pastors Organized Free Tuition Program For Children And **BDT** Provide Self-skills Training Program For Young Adults, And School Drop Out Youth, That's How Community Development And Social Concern is One Of Our Priority Activities.

Banjaras (Gypsies) Speak Lambadi (Gor) Historically These Are The Root Of Gypsies. They Keep Cattle, Trading Goods And Most People Do Farming And Types Of Wage-labour. Till **ABFMS/IM** introduce Christ. The Banjara Community Was One Of The Most Backward Among The Other Tribes Of India. But When Spiritual Eyes Open Through **IM** Ministry The Banjara Tribe Started To Improve In Many Areas, Like Education, Health, Business And Better Living.

Now Our Hearts Overflow With Great Joy And We Share The Gospel To The People Who Never Heard About Lord Jesus Christ. We The **BBSM** Churches And Its Members Are So Grateful To **IM** For Extending Help And Support Till The Day. Now We Have Thousands Of Believers And Hundreds Of The Followers Of Christ. Every Month We Conduct Baptism And Adding New Believer In The Local Churches. Now The **BBSM** Committed To Carry Out The Ministry That Lay Out By **IM**.

At Last, We The **BBSM** Its Members Congratulates **IM** On 210th Celebration And We Ask Your Faithful Prayer. Thank You One And All With Much Love And Prayers

In His Steps


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