



"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of these... you did it for me" Jesus.

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"Congratulations to our esteemed International Ministries for its 210 years of celebrations"

Greetings you from Banjara from family in the living name of our Lord Jesus.

It is my privilege and honor to congratulate the great global event of celebrating the 210th anniversary of international ministry on 21 and 22 of May 2024.

A humble beginning in obeying the great commission Mathew 28:19 a team led by Rev. N. K. Jeeva Ratnam were conducting gospel campaigns in different banjaras Thandas (villages). Many times, Dr. Tegen field, Dr. Pothan, Miss. Esther Wiebe also joined the teams using mission hospital Hanamkonda while for their convenience. Bro. G. Ananda Rao, Rev. Lazarus Lalsingh, Rev. C. Daniel Naik, and Bro. Bakku Ruben Naik Bhukya. The converts from Banjara tribe have also joined the team and shared their testimonies. The result is fascinating awesome, and they began to respond to the proclamation of the Gospel positively. The gospel songs captured the hearts of the young and old alike, reach and poor, educated, and un- educated. The team almost covered more than 100 Thandas. Later Dr. Richardson, Dr. Niranjana Paul also joined the team in rendering free medical services to the needy banjaras.

AS the Team continued their faithful work. Once the team faced a shocking question from a Banjara leader" **where were you all these years? Why don't you come before?"** These questions moved the team and tears rolled out from the team leader of the day. Rev. Dr Tracy Gipson and said to Rev. N. K. Jeevaratnam," **For this purpose I came to this land**". And the holy spirit moved the team and the seed for a mission for banjaras was sown. After returning to home Rev. Dr. Tracy G Gipson urged the American Baptist Foreign mission Borad to take up the work among the Banjaras and said that if the board do not take up this work., He will go to the Churches and raise the support for the work. The board requested Gipson not to do so. But asked him to wait for some time to take up the work among Banjaras. As the ABMFS board moved by the God's guidance, the Board started working towards another great task of reaching the marvelous multitude "Banjara's" popularly known as lambada's (Gor).

On 5th February 1983 Rev. Beaver from ABMFS came down to Hanamkonda to discuss the proposed Banjara mission. Along with some leaders and the next meeting was held on April 10th, 1983, at Hanamkonda attended by Rev. William Scott, Dr. Richardson, Rev. Dr.K.M. John, Mrs. Vijaya Charles. This committee has elected the first officers of the BDT board. Dr. Richardson (Chairman), Rev. William Scott (secretary cum Bursar), Mr..K.M. John and Rev. B. Karunakar Thyagaraj as members.The Borad started community development programs, Education, Medical, Evangelical work has started, and it is flourish year by year.

A New Chapter has begun in the history of BDT with partners after much persuasion by secretary Rev.B.Lazarus Lalsingh the compassion international came forward to give hostels project at Tharasingh Bavi Thanda. BDT runs educational ministry, School at Bothallaparee Thanda, kondapuram Thanda. Mobile Medical ministry and the dispensary at Kesamudram, Hostel program at Tharasingh Bavi Thanda, Child develop Center at Hanamkonda, at kesamudram, Vacation Bible School, Tailoring programs and so on.

By the grace of God now English medium school at Tharasingh bavi Thanda and A Tailoring program at Hanamkonda and Children ministry is going on we are now planning start some vocational training program with the blessings of IM.

Lastly now our heart overflow the great Joy and we share the gospel to the people who never heard the Lord Jesus Christ. We BDT mission are so grateful to IM for extending help and support till this day.

Once again, We, Banjara Development Trust (BDT) congratulate our esteemed International Ministries for its 210 years of celebrations, and we beg your prayers.

Thank you all.

In his Steps

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