

# Benjamin Francis

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As we look back we are reminded of God's faithfulness and of the many ways He continues to work through His people and His Church. From the local church to communities beyond, we have seen God opening doors, transforming lives, and drawing people closer to Himself.

We are especially thankful for your prayers, encouragement, and partnership. Every act of faithfulness—whether through prayer, giving, serving, or simply standing with us—has a part in what God is doing. May all that we share bring glory to God and remind us that the work belongs to Him, and we are privileged to be part of it.

We recently had the privilege of visiting the leprosy colonies where we have begun ministering among people affected by leprosy. It was deeply moving to see the remarkable transformation taking place in their lives. What began as an outreach of compassion has become a beautiful testimony of God's grace, love, and faithfulness.

We were especially encouraged to see how much they have grown in their relationship with the Lord. Despite the hardships, rejection, and challenges they have faced, their faith remains steadfast. Their hope in Christ and their love for God shine brightly, reminding us that circumstances cannot limit the transforming power of the Gospel.

It was a great joy to listen to their stories, pray with them, and witness the work God is continuing to do in their hearts and families. Their lives are becoming a powerful testimony that God sees those who are often overlooked and brings dignity, hope, healing, and new purpose.

We give thanks to God for the privilege of serving among these precious communities and for every life He is touching and transforming. Please continue to pray that their faith will grow stronger, that many more will come to know the Lord, and that this ministry will continue to bring hope and the love of Christ to those who have been marginalized and forgotten.



We are grateful to share a few updates from our family and ministry and to thank God for His continued faithfulness.

Our daughter Abigail has successfully completed her four-year degree with a major in Marketing and is currently serving as an intern with an American organization. As she looks to the future, she is exploring opportunities to pursue a Master's degree at a university in the United States. In the meantime, she remains actively involved in a variety of meaningful activities and participates in several online/offline Bible study groups. We are thankful to see her continuing to grow in her faith and encouraging others through her life and witness.

Benjamin continues to travel meeting with pastors and church leaders to train and equip them in the principles and practice of the Disciple Making Movement. We are grateful for the opportunities God has opened for him to strengthen and encourage leaders as they seek to make disciples and see discipleship multiply in their communities.

Gillian also celebrated her 60th birthday this month and so thankful for reaching this milestone. This is what Gillian had to say **I look at it with a heart full of gratitude. I can truly say, God has been faithful to me. Looking back, I have seen His hand upon my life through every season—through moments of joy and challenges, successes and disappointments, and in every experience that has shaped who I am today. I am thankful not only for the blessings I have received, but also for the challenges God used to shape my faith and draw me closer to Him.**

Looking back, I can see His hand in so many moments of my life. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father.



We rejoice in the many lives that have been transformed as people have come to faith in Christ. Beyond meeting physical needs, medical camps were organized to build trust and strengthen relationships within the community. They provide an opportunity to demonstrate compassion and care, showing people that they are valued and not forgotten. When conducted with love and respect, these camps can be a practical expression of Christian service and an open door for sharing the hope and love of Jesus.

As we look ahead we do so with faith and expectation. Our central emphasis will be obedience-based discipleship—encouraging leaders not only to teach God's Word but also to model wholehearted obedience in their own lives. Through practical training, mentoring, and shared learning, leaders are being equipped with effective disciple-making strategies and renewed vision to multiply healthy, obedient disciples. We believe that as disciples make disciples and leaders raise up other leaders, the Gospel will continue to spread, lives will be transformed, and communities across Asia will be impacted for the glory of God.



Sarat Deep's life was marked by suffering from an early age. Stricken with leprosy, he was cast out by his own family and community, who feared contamination. Helpless and alone, he found his way to the Badmal leprosy colony. There, shame weighed heavily on him as he was forced to beg for survival, his young spirit crushed and his nights tormented by sleepless despair. At his lowest point, a local worker, Samson ministered to him. Sarat watched the Jesus film, and for the first time, he encountered a love that transcended his pain. Moved by Christ's compassion for the ostracized and poor, his heart broke open. He began to pray and surrendered his life to Jesus—becoming the sole believer in the entire colony.

Today, Sarat experiences a spiritual healing that his body has never known. He reads the Bible daily, prays with unwavering devotion, and boldly witnesses to others who remain without faith. During a recent ministry visit, opposition arose suddenly when a RSS worker confronted us over conversions. Yet God granted us wisdom to respond with grace, and the man eventually acknowledged our intent to help the broken, only asking that we not force anyone to convert.

Through it all, Sarat Deep stands firm. Despite facing hostility even within the colony, he declares, "If I live, I live for Christ; if I die, I die for Christ." Though alone in his faith, he remains unshaken. Please pray for his strength and courage amid the opposition, that he may continue to shine as a beacon of hope in the darkness. He is thankful to Big life for assisting him in spiritual growth to be eternity.

Pray for God's protection, strength, and encouragement for believers who are facing persecution, harassment, or violence because of their faith. May they remain steadfast, respond with Christ-like love, and continue to be a powerful witness to their families and communities.

Pray for the Disciple Making Movements across South Asia, asking God to empower and guide those who are making disciples and leading these movements. Pray for the rapid multiplication of disciples who make disciples, for wisdom and perseverance among leaders, and for deep, lasting transformation in lives through faithful obedience to God's Word.

We are deeply grateful to BMS for your continued support and faithful prayers. Your partnership has been invaluable in helping us move forward despite the many challenges we face. We rejoice with you in all that God is doing, and we thank Him for the privilege of serving together. We celebrate your partnership with us and are encouraged by your steadfast commitment to this shared mission.

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