

Preaching In Punjab

Part 1 of 2



On a Farm in Rural Punjab

Punjab is an Indian state in the northwestern portion of India bordering the Pakistan border. It is a large agrarian area which feeds most of India. In addition to the Hindus and a few Muslims there are a large number of Sikhs in Punjab. In fact the holy site of the Golden Temple is located in Amritsar, and many devoted Sikhs will go there to visit and to pray.

Punjab Is in Northern India Bordering Pakistan

In this newsletter I will share with you a number of photos that I've taken

of the people of Punjab. This will give you a glimpse of the lovely people of this region, those who like you and me Christ gave His life that we might have life with Him eternally.

A Recent Evangelistic Meeting

An effective evangelism tool in small villages is to hold feeding events.

People are invited for a meal and in that context are introduced to the gospel. These have shown to be very effective.



One of our pastors has given a report of such a meeting which was held in Punjab just a few days ago:

Report From Pastor Robin.

Our 1st March feeding and evangelistic event was in Punjab in a village called Zira. More than 800 people attended the event in two days of meeting. We received 486 decision forms.

Close to 70 people raised their hands to say they were healed or delivered.

A local politician also stood up to pray the salvation prayer. I preached the first day and Brother Simon did the alter call and prayed for the people. After hearing outstanding testimonies the pastors requested us to minister again. Since we were free we accepted the invitation.

Brother Simon ministered the next day.

We had some notable miracles.

A girl from a non-Christian background secretly came to the meeting. She had a growth in her left eye which vanished instantly as she was praying the salvation prayer. When she returned home she confessed that she went to the prayer meeting and also told them that her growth had vanished. Her parents did not believe her testimony and said that they would take her to the doctor. The doctors examined and said there was no growth. Then he asked her how did it vanish. She said in the name of Jesus it vanished.

An insane man received a sound mind and began to recognize his family and friends.

Many people with unclean spirits were delivered.

There were 25 to 30 pastors who want to partner with us to have evangelistic feeding events.

Pastor Robin









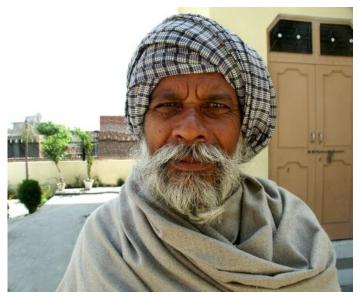




On five occasions I have visited Punjab to hold open-air evangelistic meetings. These have been very successful and has even resulted in the planting churches. In this newsletter and the next one I will share with you some of these events.

Makhu and Moga

On one occasion we held two open their meetings in Punjab—one in Makhu and the second in a large city of Moga. Between 275 to 300 received Jesus Christ as Savior in Makhu and about half that many in Moga, a total of around 400 to 450 in all. These meetings were attended by Sikhs and Hindus among others.



A Former Sikh Who Recently Found Christ

In our open-air
evangelistic meetings
we pray for the sick and
sometimes even without
praying we see amazing
miraculous healings. We
present the gospel and
invite people to follow
Christ accept him as
Lord and Savior

On the first night in Makhu one elderly man regained his eyesight after years of blindness. On the last night in

Moga one young man drove up on a motorcycle and said he was going to come back with others to disrupt the meetings. Many of our young men stood at the entrance ready to intercept them if they arrived but they never did show up. Actually when he made those threats I took a photograph of him and we believe that this deterred him from returning since he could then be identified if we were to take this to the police.

However we later learned that Hindu dissidents were in the audience and reported the event of the meetings to the newspapers. They hoped that the sympathetic anti-Christian media would generate problems for our evangelistic efforts. Reporters were especially interested



A Group of Friendly Men Playing Cards On the Street

in the physical healings. They interviewed those who testified in the meetings of healing and could not find any case that was not valid. So they reported this and gave a positive account of our meetings which was published all over Punjab. God thwarted the enemy's attack! The claims of Christ were broadcast throughout the state, reaching a much greater population than those present at the meetings.



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Bathinda

On another particular trip we landed in Delhi and were received by our host, Pastor Simon Haqq. We stayed in his house and ministered to his church on Sunday morning. That night we took an overnight train to the city of Bathinda where we were met by the organizer of the meetings in that city, Pastor Wilson.

It had been 9 years ago that Pastor Wilson gave his life to Christ in a meeting held in that city by Simon Haqq. Mr. Wilson felt an immediate call to the ministry at the same time that he accepted Christ. Immediately he switched from an alcoholic to a man of God!

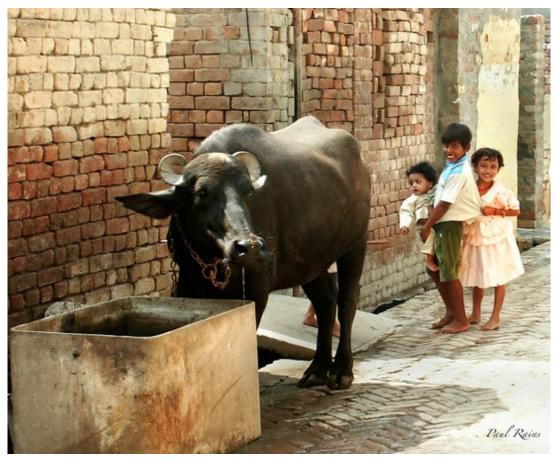
Pastor Wilson took us to a hotel in Bathinda. For the next three nights we witnessed the amazing grace of God.

The three evening meetings were well attended and on the first night we had 40 new believers, 35 on the second night and too numerous to count on the third night. We placed a very conservative figure of 150 that night, but it must have been much more.



A Hindu Woman in Punjab.

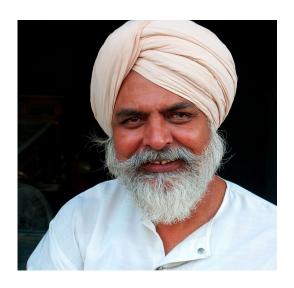
We were greeted each night with a garland of flowers around our necks and flower petals thrown on us as we entered the stage. The people were attentive and open to the gospel. Even a Muslim man pulled me aside.



Along a Street In Ferozpur Near the Pakistan Border

Today our associate Simon Haqq and his colleagues continue to make frequent visits to the state of Punjab for a number of evangelistic outreaches as well as church planting.

Your generous contribution to this work will ensure the continued outreach to the area of Punjab. Please give as liberally as you can.





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