



Christ In You

India!



India's Capital City: Delhi

Just a few minutes ago I spoke on the phone with our associate in India, Simon Haqq, who was just traveling home from a wonderful evangelism meeting in New Delhi. He was asked to be a keynote speaker at a conference in a church in Delhi. He told them he would speak if they would make a real effort to invite as many non-Christians as possible.



When he arrived this evening the church was filled with 800 people most of whom were Hindus. He was excited to tell me that tonight when he asked people to accept Christ, 80% of them responded!

Some in Delhi were baptized. Though none of this is in English, you can see a YouTube video of the baptism [here](#).

An Amazing Wedding In Delhi

A few days ago he had another interesting experience at a wedding. As you may know, most weddings in India are arranged by families. Occasionally there will be what is referred to as "love marriages." A girl and a boy fall in love and despite the social norm of weddings being arranged they prevail on their families to accept their marriage together.

In this case the bride was a Hindu and the groom was a Christian. The plan was compromised by not making it totally a Hindi wedding nor totally a Christian wedding either. They did invite Simon Haqq to officiate at the wedding. This was mostly to say a few words about the concept of marriage and to perform the ceremony and to fill out the necessary legal documents of the wedding certificate.



Simon told the bride and groom that he usually also has a sermon when he does a wedding. But they made it clear that they didn't want a sermon though he could say a few words about marriage in general.

So Simon spoke about marriage and what the Bible has to say about marriage. His words were very well received. So much so that the bride whispered to him that if he would like to give a 20 minute sermon that would be fine after all.

This sermon turned out to be 45 minutes in length but it made quite an impression. Between the two families there were 300 people of which 280 were nonbelievers.

At the end of his 45 minute message he asked those who would want to know Christ as Lord and Savior to stand up. 280 people stood up! The Hindu bride gave her life to Jesus Christ, making the marriage a Christian marriage!



In addition, after the wedding, 56 people of the bride's family approached Simon stating that they wanted to be baptized.

Simon told me that when he went to his car to leave he sat there a few minutes in ecstasy of what transpired, thanking God for His mercy and grace! Simon has been grieving over [the recent loss of his coworker Madhu](#). This event gave him a new sense of joy and encouragement!

The Gospel Proclaimed in Punjab

Shortly after this wedding Simon was asked to speak in a village in Punjab in northern India. He spoke two nights. On the first night there were 380 new believers. On the second night 400 new believers! From this is the beginning of a new church, since there has been no church in this village.



Punjab

--Paul Rains

Thank You!

My friend, God is transforming people in India. Lives are being changed, churches are being formed. People are being loosed from the shackles of oppression. The light of the gospel is illuminating the darkness.

It's all possible because of your prayers and financial help.

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