



# VOICE OF REWA



## Administrator's letter

### It is the time to pray

India is spiraling down as the extremist continue to attack and kill innocent Christian people, who speak against violence and are quietly suffering a series of persecutions. In Manipur, where there is a large Christian presence, the violence against the places of worship is terrifying. A secular country such as the Republic of India should have never allowed such horrifying violence against its own citizens. Understanding the seriousness of the matter, the Supreme Court's intervention gives us some relief. But Christians all over India are insecure. Such acts of violence in many parts of the country are totally condemnable. These kinds of extreme violence are magnified and multiplied manifold in poor states like Madhya Pradesh. Our brothers and sisters in Madhya Pradesh are being harassed and prosecuted. The number of incidents is increasing since 2013. In this situation, we must pray fervently so the Living God would send his angels charge over HIS people (Psalm 91:11-12). We must as a believer in Christ pray as Hannah's prayed (1 Samuel 1:10). Let us remember our brothers and sisters in prayer with complete sincerity. Have we read and understood from the book of Esther in the Holy Bible how much prayer results?

You are reading the first issue of 'Voice of Rewa' after the Covid pandemic. From now on, some changes are being made to the style and layout. Please remember our team members working on this in your prayers. Efforts are underway to further strengthen the various activities of the seminary. Soon, online classes and some other projects for spreading the word of God are going to implement. Also, the expansion of office buildings in Madhya Pradesh and Kerala needs to be done. We believe God will do everything perfectly. I submitted everything to His hand.

Your Brother in Christ  
**Dr. Wilson Varghese**



## India burns

While India is advancing in various fields such as science, technology, and medicine, the Christians and Christian activities here are facing many crises. This time the country faces so much persecution after becoming an independent republic.

Under the guise of the Prohibition of Religious Conversion Act, many people have been falsely charged and jailed throughout India. Recently Pastor Santosh Abraham and his wife Gigi were falsely accused and jailed in Dashana Jail Ghaziabad and go through many hurdles to get bail. Our brothers and sisters who are incarcerated are de-

nied bail and prolonged jail time. When the bail days come, various reasons, like court strikes, condolence meetings, non-filing of police reports in almost all cases cause delayed bail. Most anti-Christians come forward to accuse praying and placing the Bible and other books related to the Bible in the temple as proselytizing.

In Manipur, the state with the highest percentage of Christian population in the country, the burning of Christian churches and a seminary has made the Christians in a state of panic and fear not knowing when or where the next violent

attack is going to come. Forty-one percent of the people living there are Christians. Several places of worship, including three cathedrals built nearly five decades back, and bible seminary were also attacked. The violence has spread to the southern states of India. Karnataka State in South India is also going through severe violence and rage against Christians. The believers should pray sincerely for the eyes of the general public should be opened and to understand the horrific violence against Christians. Also, to see the Christians with empathy, and to deal with them with tolerance.



## ACTIVITIES OF REWA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY



The founder and associates of Rewa Theological Seminary do not limit it to remaining a mere clerical educational institution. They are longing to develop the kingdom of God and the growth of churches across India.

### **Rewa Mission Church**

The seminary is committed to making disciples of all

people groups by receiving the great commission of the Lord. We have bachelor and diploma courses in theology to equip youngsters for the mission. RTS management and the faculty encouraged the graduates to engage in outreach programs, forming village churches known as Rewa Mission. These churches

brought spiritual revival to many villages. Villagers are so poor to build worship centers. Very few local congregations have their building come to reality with the help of many. In many places, construction is needed. In recent times, there has been strong opposition against evangelism. Due to anti-Christian sentiments

and violence against small gatherings in many places, the congregations are unable to move forward.

### **Mission conferences**

From the very beginning of the seminary, we arranged mission conferences for students and those working in different parts of North In-







dia. Post covid pandemic and various crises such as the anti-evangelism sentiment of the current ruling party it has become much more difficult to arrange meetings and conferences. Despite many difficulties, our brothers and sisters are still going courageously to pray for the sick, teaching the word of the Living God, and giving them helping hands. Not knowing if they themselves are going to return home.

### Children's Home and Social Services

RTS Children's missions is going on despite financial difficulties and opposition pressure from extremist groups who are determined to stop God's work at all costs. We are trusting in the grace of God to continue to do the

good works entrusted to us.  
**Construction assistance for church buildings**



RTS missions are also helping to build many Churches in Southern parts of India. We are praying more brothers and sisters will partner with us to build the kingdom of God and the house of worship in places where it is needed desperately. Join hands with us to lift his name in any and every way possible. Our Living God will honor your Good desires to break the strongholds of the enemy by equipping brothers and sisters of India

### Promotional Office

As a result of long days of prayer, God caused a promotional office and prayer tower to start in Kerala. It

will be a milestone for the development of the seminary. There are dedicated workers out there. We may offer our prayers to God for them. Shortly, the facilities of the existing building will







have expanded or new buildings accommodate the various levels of activity. God has to provide everything he needs. The seminary building in Madhya Pradesh also needs some renovations. We are moving to venture into the audiovisual and online. 'Though

impossible with men, all things are possible with God.' Henceforth, prayers of the partners and well-wishers of Rewa Theological Seminary encouraged the workers so much. As Dr. William Carey, known as the father of the modern mission-

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## FOR PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

- For the sound health of seminary founder Pastor Joy Varghese.
- To run the various office functions of the seminary smoothly.
- For the revival of the churches
- To carry out the academic and practical educational programs of the seminary successfully.
- For the construction works of local congregation halls of Rewa Mission Churches.
- To have the Bible and other booklets available for distribution in the mission field.
- To get vehicles for evangelists who are struggling without transportation.



- For prayers of prayer cells, to get more prayer participants.
- For staffing the Promotional Office, for smooth running of the work.
- Most importantly, for the lost souls of the nation.

## PRAY FOR THEM

Bhuwan Singh, who was doing evangelistic work as a seminary student, visits a village and meets a poor family. It comprises a husband, a wife, and six young children. The name of the head of the fam-



ily is Kanaiyya. His wife had been suffering from severe physical ailments for a long time. Bhuwan Singh and his fellow students prayed for her, who could not see any results despite taking all the medicines and spells. Instantly, they delivered from the sickness. This miracle brought the entire family to accept Jesus as their Savior. Then he studied the Bible and started a prayer group there. The continuous efforts saved many people, despite the rain and the sun. When the congregation numbered forty people, the seminary bought land and built a building there. Later, Bhuwan Singh had to move to another place from there because of several problems created by religious fanatics. Now only Kanaiyya can take the activities there forward. It is only possible if we give him the training and financial support. He is going to work as a mason to advance his life. Let us ask God that we may find spiritual and material means for this brother and his family.

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