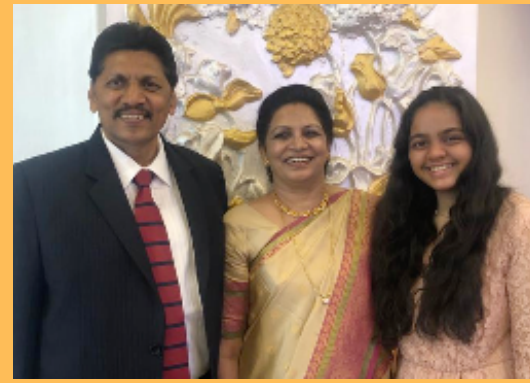


# NEWSLETTER

FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST MINISTRIES, INDIA  
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## Dear Family in Christ

As I'm sure we all know and have experienced, the past two years of our lives have been challenging and have presented a situation that has tried and tested our faith, but by the grace and mercy of our Lord, He has allowed us to happily usher in the year of 2023, which will, no doubt, be filled with highs and lows but with the sustenance and guidance of our Saviour, we look forward to an exciting year. Truly, we do not deserve it, but the Lord has blessed us with so much to be grateful for and for that, Irene and I thank the Lord.



A plethora of events unfolded in the year of 2022. Here's a short summary of it all, to update you on all our happenings and to remind you that, truly, your prayers for us are not in vain. Thank you for your support and, with this letter, we hope to assure you that the Lord is at His work, expanding His kingdom, here in the city of Mumbai.



# CHURCH MINISTRY

## CHEMBUR BIBLICAL BAPTIST CHURCH (CBBC)

### The Church

The Lord, in all His love, brought two young families to our church where they professed their faith in the Lord and are now faithfully serving in the local church. Please pray for our associate pastor in CBBC, Bro. Herod Pal, who continues to faithfully uphold his duties in the church. His wife, Esther and his two children, Gracie and Jonathan, have been a support to him throughout it all and seek continuous prayers. As of now, I've been teaching through the book of Proverbs and plan to continue to go through the book that has set clear instructions on how to lead a godly life in our day and age.



### The Youth Group

Our youth group grew in number and as of now, we have more than 25 youth who are continually growing in the Lord. Our youth leader, brother Roshan, has been going through the Gospel according to John for the last two years. He was able to complete the entire book in January 2023, exegeting every passage and shedding light on the marvelous Scriptures. Our youth are richly blessed by the expository study of this book and have formed a community among themselves, supporting and building up one another.

### The Ladies Fellowship

The Ladies Fellowship has not ceased its activity and my wife, Irene, has been going through the book of Colossians for the last year where, on an average, 18-20 ladies attend this meeting every first Saturday of the month. The ladies of our church have been blessed by this fellowship, not only by their fellow believers, but by the expounding of the word of God.

## OVERVIEW OF 2022

At an overview, the year of 2022 allowed us to conduct 4 Youth Camps, 2 Ladies Retreats, and 2 Family Camps. In the midst of all the difficulties and hurdles, the Lord accomplished His plans and purposes, through our small community.

We ask you to pray for our church- that it may grow within and reach out to the community around us and to generate more disciples of the Lord who will, hopefully, bring in more disciples- and we thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

## VASHINAKA TELUGU BIBLICAL BAPTIST CHURCH (VTBBC)

The Telugu church is a growing and vibrant witness in the community, and stands as a testimony of God's love and faithfulness in the midst of the city of Mumbai. This church is a lighthouse to churches around as it is able to support two new church planters, who are also graduates of Calvary. Our associate pastor, Bro. Kishan Bhandari, who got saved from a Hindu background and graduated from Calvary, has dutifully served in the local church for the past 20 years, along with his wife Padma Bhandari and his two children, Dave and Sylvia.



### THE YOUTH GROUP

Participating in all church activities along with the Chembur Church, we have more than 35 youth who are actively involved. During Covid, this church was able to complete the construction of the Sunday School building, beside the main church building and was also involved in the providing aid for those in need in the form of food, during the months of the severe pandemic that led to a lack of jobs and ultimately, food.

## 28TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

On January 26th January 2023, the church celebrated its 28th anniversary where more than 300 people attended the program and people were blessed by the preaching of the Word of God by Pastor Nathan Eda.



## YOUTH CAMP

A very special 3-day event, organised by the Telugu church, took place on our college campus in Mumbai, where the youth of FBMI churches of the State of Andhra Pradesh were invited to join a youth camp from January 10-12th. 106 youth were in attendance to this camp and were blessed by the activities conducted. We had a three-fold purpose for this camp- 1) The teaching of salvation to the unsaved individuals. 2) To encourage young men and women to be actively involved in their respective local churches. 3) To encourage young individuals to equip themselves in the word of God by considering attending bible college.

The following topics were covered during the camp.

1. The need of the Gospel
2. The meaning of the Gospel
3. The demands of the Gospel
4. Centrality of God's Word
5. Communion through prayer
6. Continual repentance from sin
7. Who is considered a member of the local church? - meaningful membership
8. Serving in the local church- exercising one's spiritual gifts
9. Discipling in the local church- making and maturing disciples that further make and mature new disciples.

We thank God for the wonderful camp, more than people saved and many re-dedicated their lives for the Lord.

# COLLEGE MINISTRY

CALVARY BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE & SEMINARY

## Academic Year

God has given us a wonderful academic year so far. Though, due to Covid-19, our enrolment is down, we now have 40 students in the Seminary who are being trained by 14 faculty members. We are at the flag end of our academic year and are looking forward to having our college graduation on March 10, 2023.



## FAMILY

By God's grace, Irene and I are keeping in good health and are continuing our service to the Lord through our ministry. Please pray for our frequent travels and health, as we continue to travel down God's design of growing older. Our youngest, Sipporah will be writing her 12 th grade (A-level Cambridge) exams from February 21st. Please pray that she might pursue what is important and grow in her faith. We pray that, in a short time, Sipporah will be attending a Christian university so please pray for her further studies. Our son Nathan Eda, his wife Jennifer, and our grandkids Asha (8) and Isaiah 21 months, are serving the Lord faithfully. Besides pastoring the Community Bible Church, he also teaches at the Bible college as a professor and academic Vice-principal. The church has tremendously grown and is a witness to the people in the community.

Once again, we thank you for your thoughts and prayers. Truly, even the smallest prayer has the power to make the biggest differences. We thank you for your support and look forward to dedicating our lives to the expansion of His Kingdom.

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