

# 84 People Accept Christ Where Witchcraft Rules

✖ In an area plagued by darkness, Gospel for Asia-supported pastor Josiah Munda is working to proclaim the name of Christ.

People in this region hold to traditional beliefs and superstitions.

If a person dies, the people in the community often blame a widow or an

older woman for the death, accusing her of witchcraft.

Sometimes they

will even kill people over such matters.

Last August, a local newspaper

reported that nine people took part in murdering a 56-year-old woman. A

pregnant young woman in their village had died, and they suspected the

older lady had committed witchcraft against her.

Although this woman was falsely accused, Munda knows from personal experience that people in his area do practice witchcraft. When

he was a young man, he followed the traditional religion of this

region.

One day, he had a stroke that left him paralyzed. His wife consulted a magician who told them that if they did not offer goats to

their deities, Munda would die. Because he could not afford to sacrifice goats, Munda went to a doctor instead. He took the medicines

prescribed by the doctor and experienced complete physical

restoration.

As a result, Munda abandoned his traditional faith and started exploring Christianity. During this time, he met a believer who shared the good news with him. Munda and his family chose to give their lives to Jesus! After sensing God's calling to reach out to those alienated from Christ, he enrolled in a GFA-supported Bible college.

Now, Munda and his wife, Banhi, are sharing God's love in their village through various ministries—including home prayer meetings, Sunday school and distributing gospel tracts. In spite of the superstitious beliefs in this area, Munda leads a growing congregation of 56 people.

Munda is not the only one touching lives in this region. Many other GFA-supported missionaries are spreading the good news. In the past three months, they were able to hand out over 46,450 gospel tracts, 12 Bibles and 95 New Testaments altogether. They also witnessed 84 people choose to follow Jesus.

Munda and the other missionaries desire prayer that God will open the eyes of people in his area to who Jesus is, and that many will decide to follow Christ. Also pray God will bless Munda and his family with good health and continue to use his ministry in powerful ways.