

Missionary Arrested Walking to Church

✖ Gospel for Asia-supported missionary, Gobesh Manranman, was arrested

July 3 on his way to church. He is in jail, charged with being a member

of a murderous rebel group that is the target of a government crackdown.

Gobesh, who is pastor of a small congregation in a village near a

large city center, was taken into custody while walking to church Sunday

morning.

Pastors are often charged with being associated with this rebel

group because they openly minister to individuals who are part of the

group. They do not condone their rebel activities.

Rather, they want to

introduce them to the Savior. Other times, local people who are angry

becuase many in their village choose to leave their traditional faith to

embrace Christ, make false allegations against them.

Gobesh needs prayers that he will be released without any

complications, and that no formal charges will be filed against him.

Also pray for Gobesh's congregation, as their pastor's arrest could

discourage them.

The congregation is also in the process of constructing a new

church

building. They would like prayer that the incident with their pastor

would not hinder the construction project, and that it would proceed on

schedule.