

South Asians Receive Miracles, Reject Christ

✘ God has shown His power to numerous people in South Asia who are still refusing to follow Him, despite His miraculous power at work in their lives. Even after seeing God bring healing and deliverance to their family members, many have hardened hearts and continue to reject Jesus.

Blessed, but Not Yet Believing

Gajendra Verma, touched by the love of God, has still not chosen to give his life to the One who healed him.

This man's life was going well, until one day he began having severe pain in his eyes. Within a few days, he was totally blind. After visiting many hospitals and trying various treatments, he was still in the dark. Gajendra worships traditional gods and goddesses of his area and is strong in his religious practices. So he turned to these idols, offering many sacrifices in hopes of being healed, but nothing helped his condition.

One of Gajendra's friends led him to the home of a man known as "one who heals." This man is really a Gospel for Asia-supported missionary who is well known in his area for praying for the sick. After

listening
to Gajendra's situation, the missionary felt compassion and
prayed for
his healing. By the grace of God, Gajendra's eyes were healed
and his
pain left. He could finally see again! Gajendra was overjoyed
and
seemed interested in choosing to follow Christ.

Several days later, however, he started to stray. Instead of
choosing
to follow Jesus, the One who healed him, Gajendra turned back
to his
old religious traditions and customs.

Child Delivered, but Family Clings to Old Religion

In a village where strongholds of demonic spirits thrive, most
of the
people worship the traditional gods and goddesses of their
ancestors.
Villagers are tortured by the evil spirits, yet are resistant
to the
Good News that local missionaries have shared with them.

While attending one of the village's religious festivals, a
young
girl, Idhika Rao, had a horrific experience: She returned from
the
festival possessed by an evil spirit that began to torment her
day and
night. When her parents noticed what was wrong, they called
the local
witchdoctor to drive out the demon, but his efforts failed.
When their
traditional methods didn't work, they asked a Gospel for Asia-
supported
missionary named Mehra to pray for Idhika.

The witchdoctor didn't want him to touch the young girl, so Mehra and other believers simply surrounded her, praying and reading scripture. The evil spirit inside of Idhika responded with a harsh voice. Mehra then commanded the evil spirit to come out in the name of Jesus Christ as the other believers kept praying for a miracle. Finally, after hours of praying, Idhika was delivered.

God's powerful work in Idhika's life that day was a great testimony for all that were watching, including the witchdoctor. Mehra used it as an opportunity to share the word of God with everyone there, but unfortunately, they all hardened their hearts and refused to believe.

The next day, the local witchdoctor came again to perform more rituals in Idhika's home, and now she is feeling worse than she did before. Idhika, sadly, is not even able to talk anymore. Her family has also forbidden Mehra to return to their home.