

The Witchdoctors' Failed Prediction

✖ Angarika and Rupali awaited October 15 with fearful apprehension. This date occurred during a special festival in their community, a time to honor a beloved and feared goddess.

But according to some witchdoctors, October 15 would not mark a joyous celebration in these two women's lives: It would be the day they were to die.

Angarika Das, 32, and Rupali Dasgupta, 26, are not related, but they both live in the same village and experienced the same problem.

Both women had suffered from demonic possession for three years. Although their families devoutly followed the area's prominent religion, their prayers for Angarika's and Rupali's deliverance came to no avail.

Then they sought the help of local witchdoctors. Rather than freeing Angarika and Rupali from the demonic clutches, the witchdoctors proclaimed that both women would die the day of the festival.

As their situation seemed completely hopeless, a flicker of light shone for these two women. Two Gospel for Asia-supported Bible college students, Mahish Dutta and Pratap Chattopadhyay, had been visiting the women's village every Sunday to teach Sunday school and pray for people. After hearing about their plight, they started praying faithfully for Angarika and Rupali. After about one month, God set them free!

Angarika and Rupali wanted to give their lives to Jesus, but fear of what might happen on October 15 held them back.

On that ominous date, Mahish, Pratap and some GFA-supported staff visited the two women. They earnestly prayed for them, and to the ladies' relief and amazement, nothing happened to them that day. The witchdoctors' prediction fell flat!

Through seeing God's protection of their lives, Angarika's and Rupali's faith in Christ blossomed. Even some of their family members chose to follow Jesus! Mahish and Pratap have continued to visit the women and exhort them through God's Word.

On the day they were predicted to die, they discovered new life in Christ instead.

The missionaries request prayer for Angarika and Rupali to know Christ more intimately. Please also pray for more people in the village to come into a relationship with the Lord.