

Anti-Christian Extremists Attack Churches in South Asia

Two church buildings in one area of South Asia were recently targeted by anti-Christian extremists. Both churches have GFA-supported missionaries serving as their pastors.

The first, a brand-new church building, was vandalized, and construction was halted on the second.

Ayukta Reddy's new church building was finally complete and the congregation was preparing for the building dedication when vandals broke the windows and the glass in the door. They also painted the name of a local god on the door. The vandalism occurred on Wednesday.

A few miles away, a second church was sabotaged on that same day. This time it was a church under construction. Gospel for Asia-supported missionary M.S. Patil serves as pastor of the church. He reports that some local anti-Christian extremists filed a legal complaint against him, accusing him of illegal construction.

He went to the police station and answered the complaint, but no one would listen. Instead he found out that the building permit for the project was revoked and that he would have to reapply for a new permit before construction could resume.

Both of these missionaries are asking for Christians to join them in prayer for the vandals so they can fully comprehend the love of Jesus.

Ayukta asks for prayer for the Lord's protection from those who are scheming to do evil against the church. He also asks for believers to pray the church members will be able to adequately repair the damage in time to dedicate the building to the Lord.

Patil requests prayer that the new building permit will be approved and that the Lord will strengthen him and his congregation to withstand the enemy and overcome this problem.