

Brother Turns Against Brother on Mission Field

☒ Gospel for Asia-supported missionary Sunil Damral was shocked when the police came to his house with a search warrant. Sunil, who serves on a GFA film team, had no choice but to allow them to search through his equipment. The police did not find anything out of order, so they left.

Sunil later learned that someone had filed a legal complaint against him, saying he was using force, fraud and allurements to get people to convert to Christianity. The state where Sunil lives has legal statutes, known as “freedom of religion laws,” which have strict guidelines that a person must follow when they want to change their faith. In reality, the laws mostly target Christian pastors and laypeople who share their faith.

The police told him the complaint against him indicated that he was also carrying illegal weapons with his film equipment.

The case took a disturbing turn when Sunil learned the name of the person who filed the case against him—Pumaran Chacko, who is a believer! Pumaran, his wife and all six of his children are followers of Jesus.

Sunil learned that Pumaran was also responsible for another unsettling incident in which two men tried to physically assault Sunil. The Lord protected Sunil from that attack. The would-be assailants confessed to the botched attack. So far, Pumaran has managed to elude police.

Sunil is asking fellow believers to pray for Pumaran, asking God to deliver him from the trap of evil and that he will repent of his sins.