

Missionary Violently Beaten, Children Stoned

✖ Gospel for Asia-supported missionary Sukhwinder Das, who has been serving in a village for four years, started experiencing serious opposition a few weeks ago. In the past week the persecution has escalated into threats and even violence.

On June 4, all the villagers called Sukhwinder to a meeting, where they tried to force him to abandon his faith in Christ and his ministry. Sukhwinder refused.

Just a few days ago, the tense situation reached its climax. At 8 p.m. on June 8, the village elders stormed into Sukhwinder's home and attacked him, his wife, their three children and his elderly father. They even hurled stones at the children.

Sukhwinder's father was beaten until he lost consciousness and suffered serious injuries.

Police arrived while the attackers were brutalizing the family, but they refused to help. When Sukhwinder went to the police station the next day to report the incident, the police declined to file a report against the village elders because no eyewitness would come forward to make a statement.

Sukhwinder and his family visited a doctor and are receiving treatment.

Sukhwinder would appreciate prayer for God's protection and comfort upon his family—especially for his father's speedy recovery.

He also asked for prayer for . . .

- God to turn the hearts of the policemen in his favor.

- someone to give a statement incriminating the attackers.
- God to change the attitudes of the villagers toward him.