

The Anabaptists Churches of India

"Which are from India."

-Esther 8:9

The Anabaptists Churches of India were founded under the preaching of Bishop Yatham Jeevaratnam with headquarters located in Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh, South India. Brother Yatham was appointed National Bishop of the Anabaptists Churches of India on July 16, 2011. He resides in Andhra Pradesh with his wife Esther Rani (see Esther 1:1 & 8:9 the only places India is mentioned in the Bible). Bishop Yatham and Sister Esther have two sons, Sunil Isaac 19 years, and Anil Nehemiah 17 years.



Bishop Yatham, Sister Esther with sons Isaac & Nehemiah

Brother Yatham was raised in a traditional Hindu background, and when he was a child he lost his father. The family lived in such poverty, that Brother Yatham's mother gave him to his uncle to feed him. Though taken into his uncle's big family home, he grew up as an orphan because as he testifies, "No one cared for me, and no one helped me for my studies". He experienced exactly how orphans struggle for their daily physical needs. His uncle raised him as a Catholic, but he found no peace with God within the Catholic religion, anymore than in the Hindu religion. After finishing grade school, Yatham again began to study Hinduism, and studied many Hindu theologies, but none were able to satisfy the longing within his heart and soul. In 1983, he fell under the preaching of a Christian pastor and God awakened his soul, and gave him repentance unto salvation that is in Jesus Christ alone. He went to Bible College in India and through his studies discovered the New Testament principles of baptism as it relates to an answer of a clear conscience before God in Christ Jesus, and began preaching the gospel as a Baptists minister. Continuing his personal studies in both the Bible and church history, Brother Yatham discovered the Anabaptists Churches and began corresponding regularly with Bishop McRae. Over the next 2 years, Brother Yatham corresponded almost weekly with his new found friend and minister, seeking help and entrance into the ministry of the Anabaptists Churches Worldwide. In the spring of 2011, Brother Yatham and the churches throughout India applied for membership within the Anabaptists Churches Worldwide, and were accepted by Unanimous vote of the International Presbytery on July 16, 2011. As with all the Anabaptists Churches, Bishop Yatham and his men are open air preachers, who weekly take to the streets, villages and districts of Southern India to preach in the open air to a lost and dying India.



Bishop Yatham's Street Evangelism

The church ministry also conducts village preaching and tribal preaching during which they also hold free medical clinics open to the public, which draws thousands who are sick, and provides Brother Yatham and his ministers many opportunities to present the gospel of Jesus Christ and lead people to Christ.



The Anabaptists Free Medical Clinics in South India



Hindu Women Raising Their Hands to Accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour



Village Preaching Night Services



Bishop Yatham Giving Free Bible to Hindu Priest



Bishop Yatham Praying for His Converts before Baptizing



Baptizing those converts who demonstrate they have that inner faith of Christ

Pray for the Anabaptists Churches of India. Bishop Yatham is beginning his travels throughout India in establishing churches and Provincial Bishoprics in accordance to the Articles of Faith, in "ordaining elders in every city" (Titus 1:5). His is not an easy field, but a most prosperous one, where the fields are already white unto harvest. There is much to do, but God is able, and is already blessing the work of the ministry and the churches of India. You may contact Bishop Yatham at BishopYatham@theanabaptistschurch.com.