

# INDIA INLAND INTERCEDE **THE ALTURAS**



FOURTH QUARTER, JANUARY 2023

Dear Pastor and Church,

**Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**A Blessed New Year to all.**

Our last event at Victory Baptist Church, Baguio was the World Missions Conference In October 8-9, 2022, graced by Ptr Paul Byars and Ptr Gerardo Nable. We thank the Lord for the response of the people, almost doubling their missions commitment for the year. Immediately after that, we left for our mission field, New Delhi, India. We were able to secure a year tourist visa with the restriction of three months per stay. It was a joy to be reunited with our brethren there.

For more than two years, we were meeting online and on arrival we made a call for our first meeting after a long time. Many things have happened in those time of absence in the field. Several brethren had left Delhi and went back to their home villages, some have found other groups to join, and some had become lukewarm. It was that particular week that we experienced the heaviness in the mission field. We held our first worship in our hotel room with an attendance less of ten. Our mission house was also rented out to another. We prayed for a new gathering place every Sunday and we thank the Lord for His answer through an old time acquaintance I met in 2017. We were led to the place where Afghan Christian Refugees gather. It was a good location and we were allowed to rent their facility for two hours every Sunday, that is from 1pm to 4 pm. We were also able to celebrate our 4th anniversary as a mission work with the theme "Continue". In spite of the limitations, we had an attendance of more than 20. The brethren were one in Spirit and committed to continue despite the setbacks. We were able to stay for more than two fruitful months and minister to them. We also thank the Lord for new prospects.

Our prayer concern is to have a more permanent visa for a longer stay. My student visa was cancelled due to not being able to renew it during the pandemic. I am considering to submit a new research proposal to obtain a new research visa or my wife may be the one to enroll as a student. We pray for God's direction. We pray to be back on the end of March. Please continue to uphold us in your prayers.

We are also thankful that we were able to visit the church in Hyderabad. We enjoyed our fellowship with the brethren and are thankful for Pastor Vinay and Sis Jo faithfully serving the Lord. We were also able to minister to their newest mission work with the opportunity to challenge them with the Word in their Missions Emphasis and their 3<sup>rd</sup> Church Mission Anniversary. This work is led by Msnry. Nehemiah Gangolu, a deacon when the work was turned over to Ptr Vinay. Though they are still a young work, they have committed to supporting missionaries, including us. We thank the Lord for their faithfulness. I believe this will be our constant ministry to pray and minister to the churches and missions in India. We thought of visiting Msnry Thangneo in Guwahati and Manipur but we were prevented because of security issues.

It was our longest stay in the Philippines since we became missionaries and our shortest trip (three months) to the field, and though our trip included challenges, there were also much blessings. We were able to visit churches in Singapore on the way to India and on the way back to the Philippines, to visit the promised land and our missionary there and also the churches in UAE, allowing us the opportunity to encourage and be encouraged by them.

Upon arriving, we immediately went to Baguio to continue with the work as transition pastor of Victory Baptist Church, continuously praying for a pastor for them. Wherever the Lord places us, we will continue to serve Him. **To God be the Glory.**

Your missionary,

Don and Gladys Altura

**VISITATION AND SOUL WINNING**



**WORSHIP SERVICE**

**OUR 4<sup>TH</sup> CHURCH MISSION ANNIVERSARY**



**BABY DEDICATION**

**VISIT IN HYDERABAD**



**BETHANY BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH PTR VINAY KUMAR EPPA**



**BIBLE BAPTIST MISSION PASTOR NEHEMIAH AND SIS GLORY**

