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Celebrating Unity and Recognition at the Dehradun Christmas Rally

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On 21 December, a Christmas Rally was organized in Dehradun, Uttarakhand. Every year, this rally brings together churches that are officially registered under the Uttarakhand Church Body. Churches from different denominations participate and represent their faith communities. The purpose of the rally is to promote unity, peace, and mutual understanding among Christian churches and the wider society.

This year was especially meaningful for the Church of the Nazarene Himalayan District Uttarakhand. For the first time, our district was officially registered with the local churches association. Through this registration, the Church of the Nazarene received recognition within the Christian community in Uttarakhand. This important step allowed us to participate in the Christmas Rally as a recognized church body actively serving in the region.



Several pastors from the Himalayan District took part in the rally. Those present included Ps. Bhatt, Ps. Lal, Ps. Vijay, Ps. Khatri, and Brother Munish. Along with them, around fifty believers from local Nazarene churches joined the rally. Their participation reflected unity, joy, and a shared witness of faith during the Christmas season.

The rally was well organized, and arrangements were made to ensure safety and order. The local police department provided full support throughout the event. Proper management was observed from beginning to end. A local Sub Inspector named Durga and other police personnel were present with the participants. Their presence helped maintain peace and provided protection during the rally. We prayed for entire Himalayan district for peace and prosperity.

The participation of the Church of the Nazarene Himalayan District in this Christmas Rally marks a significant milestone. It reflects growth, recognition, and a commitment to work together with the wider Christian community in Uttarakhand. The district thanks God for this opportunity and looks forward to continued fellowship and cooperation in the years to come.

Training of Trainers

By. Joseph Pawar



“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.” – Proverbs 27:17

Those words came to life during the Training of Trainers for the Equipping Ministry of the Church. Surrounded by fellow servants of God, I found myself learning not only from the sessions but from every conversation, every prayer, and every shared moment of reflection. The training reminded me that spiritual leadership is never a solo journey, it is a community shaped by humility, learning, and grace.

The session “Train Like Jesus” deeply moved me. It reminded me that before we can lead, we must first learn to follow just as the disciples did. Jesus trained through His presence, His compassion, and His example. He allowed His followers to see, to practice, and to grow. I realized that true training is not about methods alone but about embodying what we teach, allowing our lives to speak before our words do.

The Christocentric model of training where observation, demonstration, and compassionate engagement formed the pedagogy of the Master reshaped my



understanding of mentorship. The Pauline model, emphasizing relational discipleship and formation through participation in ministry, revealed to me the depth of transformative leadership that flows from shared experience and spiritual relationship. These sessions were not abstract reflections; they became moments of conviction, urging me to embody the gospel I proclaim. I came to realize that true training does not occur apart from ministry but within it through active participation, reflection, and dependence on the Holy Spirit.

Moreover, the seminar's emphasis on structured preparation, thoughtful lesson planning, and evaluative reflection brought together the spiritual and the scholarly in a thoughtful formation. It reminded me that teaching in the Church is both an art and a revered vocation a partnership with the Holy Spirit in shaping minds and nurturing souls. Each discussion, each prayer, and each act of fellowship awakened a deeper awareness that we are not merely propagators of information but facilitators of transformation.

The fellowship among trainers was uplifting; our shared vision of lifelong learning united us as one body in Christ. With renewed purpose to serve with humility and teach with love more than just new ideas I carried a renewed heart as the sessions came to an end. I felt a fresh sense of purpose to serve, to teach, and to lead with gentleness and love. This training awakened in me a deeper desire to keep growing and learning throughout my life. It reminded me that when our teaching is rooted in Christ, every lesson no matter how small can touch and change lives, beginning with our own.

A Journey of Faith and God's Faithfulness

By. Vijayakumar. S



The ministry in Kamalnagar, Bidar District, Karnataka began in 2018 through the faithful vision and leadership of Pastor Dhanaji N. Gorelal. What began as a small fellowship gradually grew and became known as Shanthi Church of the Nazarene. As the number of worshippers increased, a temporary tin shed was constructed about three years ago to meet the needs of the growing congregation.

As the church continued to grow, the pastor, along with his family and a few committed members, prayed earnestly for God's guidance to move forward. In response to their prayers, God led them to use their own vacant land for the construction of a permanent church building. An insurance amount received after maturity was used as the initial financial support. As construction progressed, several individuals came forward with financial, material, and labor contributions. What began as a step of faith became a testimony, as the vision turned into reality within seven months.



The new church building was completed and inaugurated on 30 November 2025 at Kamalnagar, Bidar, in the North Karnataka District of the Church of the Nazarene. The newly constructed RCC building measures fifteen by forty feet, with a total area of six hundred square feet. It can accommodate approximately eighty people for worship, while the current church membership stands at forty five.

One of the most encouraging aspects of this project is that materials, labor, and financial contributions amounting to seven point five lakh rupees (approximately USD 8,300) were raised by the local church under the leadership of Pastor Dhanaji. He shared that he received inspiration and strength from the Bible verses found in Mark chapter eleven, verses twenty two and twenty three. He testified that God helped at every stage of the construction and described the completion of the building as a miracle in his ministry. He expressed heartfelt gratitude to God for His faithfulness.

The dedication and inauguration service was attended by Rev Dr Christadas M, District Superintendent, Rev Vijayakumar S, District Secretary, and Pastor Devaraj, District NMI President, along with local pastors, congregation members, and other invited guests. The District Superintendent dedicated the church building according to the order of the Nazarene Manual and led the ribbon cutting ceremony. More than one hundred and fifty people gathered to witness and celebrate this joyful occasion.

Pastor Dhanaji shared a moving testimony of how God provided inspiration, resources, and courage despite many challenges. The District Superintendent delivered a message on the origin and purpose of the Church, based on Matthew chapter sixteen, verses thirteen to twenty, and Acts chapter two. The event concluded as a meaningful time of worship, thanksgiving, celebration, and fellowship, giving all glory to God.

25 Years of Open Air Christmas Celebration

By. Ravi Chandran



The Church of the Nazarene Doctor Lane EID joyfully celebrated the Twenty Fifth Open Air Christmas program on 21st Dec 2025 at Doctor Lane, Kolkata. This milestone marked Twenty Five years of continuous public Christmas celebration on the streets, sharing the hope and love of Jesus Christ with the community.

The church is deeply grateful to God for His faithfulness over the years. We also express our sincere gratitude to Rev Dr Sunil Dandge and Sis Sarah Sunil Dandge, whose vision and obedience to God became the foundation for this ministry. Since that humble beginning, the Open Air Christmas program has continued every year at Doctor Lane. People from the neighborhood gather to watch, listen, and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ together.





Sunday school children and youth of the church actively participated in the program. The message of the birth of Jesus Christ was shared through music, dance, and a meaningful skit. Each presentation reflected the true meaning of Christmas and reminded everyone that Jesus came as the Savior for all people.

The program was made possible through the dedication of many volunteers who served with joy and commitment. At the end of the program, dinner was served to all participants and volunteers as a gesture of love and fellowship. The Church of the Nazarene Doctor Lane thanks God for Twenty Five years of ministry on the streets and looks forward to continuing this mission in the years to come.

Welcoming Our New District Superintendents



Rev. Kullu Kumar Kuldeep
Himalayan District , Uttarakhand



Rev. Paulas Pawar
Western Maharashtra District

HAPPY NEW YEAR

*With thankful hearts, we appreciate your prayers
for the India Field throughout the past year.*

**Prayer is not asking God to do what you want, but asking God to help
you want what He wants.**



Billy Graham



1. **Pray for** the smooth function of upcoming district assemblies across the India field.
2. **Pray for** travel & health of JGS, FSC during different district assemblies.
3. **Pray for** different activities during assemblies including ordinations.
4. **Pray for** travel of delegates from different parts of district during assemblies.
5. **Pray for** all pastors and clergy of the Church of the Nazarene worldwide.
6. **Pray for** FSC and all District Superintendents of the India Field and their advisory boards, as they play an important role in extending the Kingdom of God.
7. **Pray for** all coordinators and their teams in the India Field as they spread the Word of God in different parts of the country.



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