

# NEWSLETTER

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## A Journey of Hope: Vinayak's Story of Healing and Community Support



In the small village of Walki Jha, Maharashtra, the Dongare family faced repeated heartbreak after losing two children to unknown illnesses. Their fifth child, Vinayak, began showing similar symptoms at just four months old. He suffered from poor growth, loss of appetite, and severe anemia, raising deep concern within the family.

A turning point came on 28 June 2022, when the family connected with a specialised laboratory at Reynolds Memorial Hospital. This facility, developed in collaboration with the Department of Biotechnology and CMC Vellore, focuses on identifying genetic conditions such as Beta Thalassemia. During a village screening camp, Vinayak was diagnosed with Beta Thalassemia Major, bringing clarity but also a new challenge.

While regular blood transfusions and medical care provided temporary relief, doctors advised that a permanent cure would require a Peripheral Blood Stem Cell Transplant. Through a government scheme supported by Coal India, Vinayak was granted access to free treatment at CMC Vellore. In a remarkable provision, his elder sister Shalani was found to be a perfect match to donate stem cells.



Vinayak's old House



Vinayak in His new House



However, financial hardship threatened to stop the journey. Vinayak's father, a daily wage worker, was concerned about the cost of staying far from home for several months. In addition, their living conditions were not suitable for post treatment recovery.

At this critical moment, support came through Project Hope. With the help of a generous donor and the hospital maintenance team, the family's house was renovated from a single room into a clean and safe four-room house, making it suitable for Vinayak's recovery.

On 24 February 2026, Vinayak successfully underwent the transplant. Despite challenges, including the need for additional platelet donations from caring supporters, he showed strength and resilience. By 17 March 2026, he was healthy enough to be discharged from the transplant unit.

Vinayak's journey is a powerful testimony of hope, reminding us that healing often comes through the combined efforts of medical care, community support, and compassionate giving.

## Committed to Care, Dedicated to Serve

Reynolds Memorial Hospital and Affiliated Clinics (RMH and AC), located in Washim in the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra, continues to stand as a beacon of hope and healing. Guided by its vision, "To witness Christ's love through caring and teaching," the hospital remains committed to serving rural and underserved communities with compassion and excellence.

Since its inception, RMH and AC has focused on addressing the healthcare needs of people who often face challenges such as poverty, lack of awareness, and limited access to medical facilities. With a strong emphasis on ethical and affordable care, the hospital strives to provide patient-centered services to all, regardless of their background.

Recognising the growing needs in the region, RMH and AC has taken proactive steps to



strengthen healthcare delivery. Special attention is given to improving nursing care, promoting preventive health practices, and educating communities about hygiene, nutrition, and early diagnosis. In addition to its regular hospital services, the institution regularly conducts multi-specialty medical camps to reach remote and marginalised populations.

The hospital is currently working in collaboration with reputed institutions such as Christian Medical College Vellore, Emmanuel Hospital Association New Delhi, and the Church of the Nazarene Board. These partnerships have played a vital role in strengthening clinical services and enhancing mission-driven healthcare in the region.

Under the leadership and guidance of medical and mission leaders from these organisations, RMH and AC is experiencing a renewed phase of growth and service. A significant highlight of this journey was the successful Multi-Specialty Medical Camp held from 3rd to 6th November 2025. During this period, a dedicated team of doctors, therapists, nursing staff, and mission coordinators came together to serve the community.



The camp witnessed an overwhelming response, with 1,810 patients receiving treatment for various medical conditions. This response clearly reflected the urgent need for accessible and quality healthcare services in the region.

Through such initiatives, RMH and AC continues to demonstrate its commitment not only to immediate medical care but also to the long-term well-being of the community. As the hospital moves forward, it seeks to uphold the legacy of Dr. Orpah Speicher, whose pioneering vision laid the foundation for this mission.

Rooted in Christian values, RMH and AC remains dedicated to serving with love, humility, and faith, continuing its mission of compassionate care for all.

## Proclaiming Christ in the Streets



Palm Sunday and Easter remain at the heart of our Christian faith. Palm Sunday marks the joyful entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, where people welcomed Him as King with palm branches and praises. Yet, Jesus came not as an earthly ruler, but as the Savior of the world. He came to bring forgiveness, hope, and new life. As written in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Across many Nazarene churches in India, Palm Sunday was observed with early morning rallies. Believers gathered with great enthusiasm, holding banners, raising slogans, and proclaiming the message of Christ in their communities. These rallies became a powerful witness, sharing not only the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem but also His purpose, His death on the cross, and His resurrection.

We are thankful to receive wonderful reports and pictures from the Eastern India District, Western Maharashtra District, and Eastern Maharashtra District. A collage has been prepared from these meaningful moments, reflecting the unity and passion of our people. We praise God for these districts and appreciate their faithful efforts in taking the Gospel into the streets. It is truly a blessing to see believers freely sharing about Jesus and boldly declaring His name.

Palm Sunday this year was observed on 13 April, leading us into the journey toward Easter Sunday on 20 April. While Palm Sunday reminds us of celebration, it also points us toward the cross. Jesus willingly gave His life for our sins. What seemed like defeat became the greatest victory.

Easter Sunday proclaims that victory. Jesus rose from the dead, conquering sin and death. His resurrection gives us hope and assures us of eternal life.

As we reflect on these celebrations, we thank God for every opportunity He gives us to share His message. May the commitment of these districts inspire many more to step out in faith, proclaim the Gospel, and glorify God through their lives.

## **Celebrating Women's Day**

Churches across India marked Women's Day on 08 March 2026 with joy, gratitude, and a renewed commitment to God's calling in the lives of women. The Church of the Nazarene in India continues to faithfully celebrate this special day across many congregations, recognising the vital role women play in family, church, and society. This year, we received encouraging reports from different churches that beautifully reflected this spirit.

The Western Maharashtra District Assembly (WMDA) organised a meaningful Women's Day celebration at Church of the Nazarene, Wanowrie, in the presence of District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Paulas Pawar. The theme, "Give to Gain," was drawn from Luke 6:38, reminding believers that giving in God's kingdom leads to abundance. In his message, Rev. Dr. Pawar encouraged women to live lives of sacrificial love, highlighting how women in the Bible became channels of God's blessing through their faith and service. The congregation was reminded that when women give love to their families, serve the church, and show compassion to society, God multiplies their influence.



# Women's Day



In Erode Bethesda Church of the Nazarene, District: Tamilnadu western church, the Women's Day service was fully led by women members, reflecting their dedication and leadership. The Word of God was shared by Mrs. Sheeba Amsaraj, whose message inspired and strengthened the faith of many. The celebration included special prayers, surprise gifts, and a joyful time of fellowship over breakfast, creating a warm and united atmosphere.

The Kerala Church of the Nazarene, Pioneer District, also marked Women's Day with a Spirit-led celebration. Across the district, women led the entire worship service, from prayer to preaching, demonstrating unity and confidence. Many stepped forward to read scripture, lead worship, and share testimonies, while some ministered publicly for the first time.

One member from WMDA shared, "This day reminded me that when we give ourselves to God's work, He uses us in ways beyond our imagination." Another expressed, "I felt encouraged and valued. It strengthened my faith and helped me see my purpose in Christ more clearly."

We thank God for the faithful women in our churches who continue to serve with love, commitment, and humility. These celebrations are not just events but powerful reminders of God's work through women. We praise God for these opportunities and for the churches that shared these inspiring reports. All glory to God!

# A Season of Revival

“Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?” – Psalm 85:6 was the heartbeat and prayer that marked the Seven-Day Revival Meeting and Fasting Prayer held at the Mid Maharashtra Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene on the occasion of the church anniversary.



Organized under the leadership of District Superintendent Rev. B. H. Waghmare, the gathering took place from 16 March to 22 March 2026 with deep spiritual hunger and expectation. The purpose of the meeting was to bring spiritual renewal among believers and draw them closer to God.



Throughout the week, the church experienced a powerful move of God through prayer, worship, and fasting. The atmosphere remained deeply spiritual, as believers gathered daily with a desire to seek the Lord wholeheartedly. Servants of God from various places ministered during the meetings, bringing Spirit-led messages that challenged, encouraged, and strengthened the faith of those present.



Many believers testified of God's work in their lives. Some shared about personal transformation, while others spoke of renewed hope and a deeper commitment to prayer. Several families experienced peace, joy, and unity in their homes, reflecting the impact of God's presence during this time.

The revival meeting became more than a program; it was a season of spiritual awakening. Hearts were stirred, lives were refreshed, and many were drawn into a closer walk with God. District Superintendent Rev. B. H. Waghmare

expressed his gratitude to God, saying, "We have witnessed God's presence in a special way during these days. It is our prayer that this revival will continue in the hearts of His people."

We praise God for His faithfulness and for the work He has done among His people. This seven-day revival has left a lasting spiritual impact, and we pray that the flame of renewal will continue to burn in the days ahead.

**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 ministry of Reynolds Memorial Hospital, its leaders, doctors and staff.
2. **Pray for** the participants who attended the revival meeting in Mid Maharashtra and dedicated their lives to Christ.
3. **Pray for** all leaders, pastors and clergy of the Church of the Nazarene worldwide.
4. **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.
5. **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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