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## MISSIONARIES TO INDIA JIM & AUTUMN ROBERTS ELIJAH, ALI GRACE & ANAYA

May-July 2017

Dear Pastor, Church, and Prayer Partners,

I just want to say thank you so much for your constant prayers and faithful support of our ministry. Without you this all would not be possible.

We have had a very fruitful and busy 3 months. We have had special services, kids programs, and many other things. We have had many visitors over the past few weeks because of these events. Not only visitors, but return visitors. We also have had a couple people either trust in Christ as their Savior or begin to seriously consider becoming a Christian.

Most people in the States do not understand what it means to become a Christian in a foreign country. These new believers are the only ones in their families who believe. They are making a decision that will affect not only their life eternally, but also relationally. They could be ostracized, abused, lied against, or even completely shunned by their families for this one decision. At least here in India, family is a big deal. It is the whole reason you do what you do, worship how you worship, and live where you live. There doesn't have to be any other reason other than that is what your family has always done. The pressure is immense on these new believers to stray from that path. Please, please, please pray for my people here in India, that they would be able to stand even when no one else is. Also, that the Holy Spirit would work in their hearts convicting them of the truth of the Gospel.

Our churches are doing fine, growing numerically and spiritually. It is good to see new faces who not only come once, but get engaged and involved with what we are doing at Grace Baptist. I am encouraged by what God is doing among us here in India. I believe with all my heart that God is going to do great things in this country and I am just glad I get to be on the ground level!

We are still raising money for the church building and land. We are praying that God will provide the rest of the 150k that we need by next year. So far, we have a little over 10k, which is a great start. Once we raise 50k, I will be able to start seriously looking for land to be purchased and may be able to find a good place for this price. Where we are looking is a little outside of the city because inside is just too expensive. As the city grows rapidly, land is becoming more expensive and is also moving further and further outside the city limits. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to email me: jimroberts423@gmail.com. I will do my best to answer any questions you may have.

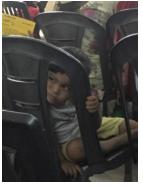
## **Prayer Requests:**

- **Building Fund**
- New church plant in the fall of 2017
- Church grown spiritually and numerically
- 6 City Initiative <a href="http://www.comeandseeindia.org/2017/05/04/6-city-initiative/">http://www.comeandseeindia.org/2017/05/04/6-city-initiative/</a>
- God to send laborers to the needy land















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