

# News from India

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India, the world's second most populous country is experiencing increasing pressure and violence against Christians. Reports indicate that since the current ruling party took power in 2014, a climate of tolerance of Hindu nationalism resulting in increasing persecution is rising dramatically. Leaders have vowed to rid the country of Christians and all other religions by 2021. In 2018 alone, more than 12,000 attacks against Christians have been reported. People who convert to Christianity from a Hindu background bear the brunt of this widespread violence. Christians make up less than 5% of the population of more than 1.3 billion people. It is our privilege and responsibility to come alongside our brothers and sisters facing persecution as they live out the Gospel.



23 Medical vocational school graduates



28 Bible School graduates



Bibles given to orphans at all Feed My People children's homes



New cookware and plates and cups for orphans in Tenali

You may wonder if we can make a difference, the answer is a resounding yes! Every gift makes an impact in the life of a precious or prospective child of God. Please join us in praying for protection of Christians in India.

## Pastor Yohan



Pastor Yohan, (center) faithfully served with Reverend Thomas for nearly 45 years.

Reverend Thomas recently informed us of the passing of Pastor M. Yohan. Pastor Yohan was the first pastor to work for Thomas, planting the first church for Feed My People (FMP), in Pothavaram, West Godavari district. He was the first FMP minister supported by Global Outreach, and has received monthly support for nearly thirty-five years. He endured much opposition and suffering for the cause of Christ. In addition to his pastoral work, he supervised many other pastors, led seminars and conventions, and cared for hundreds of orphans throughout his years of service.

He leaves behind his wife and children. Please pray for his family and also the children at Pothavaram as they mourn his loss. We will be sending some financial assistance for his family. Your generous support of pastors in India is vital to help these faithful servants of God.

“Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.” Psalm 82:3-4

## Water Tank Needed at Mango Tree School



Recent difficulties with the water system at Congo for Christ underscores the need for a water storage tank for Mango Tree School. In December, the water system was down for a few weeks, resulting in the need to carry water by hand from a river. This was a great hardship for the orphans who live at Congo for Christ, but also made it difficult for the children attending school. With nearly 300 students, you can imagine how challenging this was. Quite frequently the water system breaks down during rainy spells or when the pipes are broken or damaged.

Pastor Jeremiah has requested our assistance in building water tanks similar to the one pictured. The estimate of \$3,874 will provide two tanks holding 2,000 liters each. Any contributions towards this project will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks to all the sponsors who faithfully support Congo for Christ and all who give to help Mango Tree School.

“Don’t fail to do something just because you can’t do everything”  
Bob Pierce, founder of World Vision