

John Ricky Gootam

WORKS IN:

- Preachers workshops
- Gospel meetings
- Children Home
- TV/Radio ministry
- Bible Course
- Homeless shelter for the aged
- Village ministries
- Printing press/Tracks
- Homeless shelter for the aged



# India Harvest Jan 2019

Kakinada, India

JAN 2019

## Kakinada, India—Jan 2019



In the month of November I got to visit Tuni where I got to 450 high school students about God of the Bible. This is run by a non-profitable organization called NASA. There were 100 high school kids who wanted to do our Bible course of 26 lessons. We took their



names and by the end of December they finished the bible courses and got their certificates and a bible though us. The local preacher was attached to them and we are proud to say that 73 of them of all those 450 got to know Jesus and his blood. They will be returning to different village after they are done with their schooling.

Tim Wilks from “Fisher of Men” Program got to teach how to bring more to Christ. He is a graduate of Memphis School of Preaching in Tennessee. He taught this class for 11 weeks here in Kakinda, India. The last half of his trip he brought his family from Memphis to be with us. He also got to talk in our “Polishing the Pulpit” (PTP) which we held in the month



In 2018, I got to speak at 183 village gospel meetings. We

had a collage age couple visited us in June 2018 for a week after climbing Mount Everest. We had a group of 10 from Oklahoma State University Collage age students and while they were with us we had another group from Oklahoma visit us for a week. In the month of December eight speakers from America came to speak at our PTP.

INDIA HARVEST JAN 2019

“Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep” - John 10:7



PTP (Polishing The Pulpit) is a great event for the whole family. We had 8 speakers from America this year. This is first time for everyone except Tim Wilks (this is his third time, he is a graduate of MSOP( Memphis School of Preaching). We were grateful to have Bro. Stan and Georgia Butt, Shelia Butt, Tim and Rachel Wilks, Kelly and Ruth Ward and Josh Halloway from Florida but he is a MSOP. We had our meetings from Dec 2-7 here in Kakinada, India. We had 3200 showed up for this event. We had 264 Churches of Christ represented. Everyday 500 Kg of rice was



cooked in the afternoon and in the evening (Indians staple food is rice), every day 245 kg of chicken curry was made by our cooks and our church members of Satyavani Church. Every day 220Kgs of onion was cut (we put onion in everything). There were churches from 9 different states and 9 languages were represented at our meetings (each state has their own official language). Some of the local villages were grateful in supplying with vegetables, cooking oil (they brought 50 liters of sunflower oil). One congregation said they would give 100 coconuts for our



meetings and asked not to ask anyone for coconuts. We had separate classes for everyone. Butt, Josh Halloway, Kelly Ward and Tim Wilks taught in the mornings and in the evenings. Shelia Butt, Ruth Ward and Georgia Butt taught in the ladies. Rachel Wilks was with the



kids. There were other Indian preachers who taught in Telugu and Hindi languages.



1 Chronicles 16:24  
**“Declare his glory**  
 among the  
 nations, his  
 marvelous deeds  
 among all  
**peoples.”**



L2L(Lads to Leaders) is a program that has been going in Churches of Christ in US from past 50 years. This is a good program for the young boys and girls to become leaders for case of Christ in his Church. I have been hearing about this from 1997 when I went to Freed, my room mate (Grant Taylor) went through this program and is a great song leader and a speaker. I got to attend few of the convention to learn what this program is and how it is done. A friend of mine (Bethany Butt, a friend of mine from college has been talking to me of starting this program for the young people in India for few years. I got to be intouch with the main people who does this in US and got their permission to start this in India. This year finally we got to start first ever convention in Kakinada, India. On January 7th and 8th we had our first ever L2L convention was started with 530 who attend with 20 churches participating with their young people in Kakinada. Joseph got first prize in speaking. He spoke about Paul being zealous for God through his pain and suffering and still he got to preach Christ. He is from a village near Tuni.



To the left is the young man named B. Anil Kumar(in blue shirt holding the laptop). He is from a village from Coringa. He stood first above everyone in quoting memory verses. He quoted 452 memory verses. He has been memorizing from past three months. The first prize was a Dell laptop which he is holding. He worked very hard for this and deserves that. It is a used one but he was happy with the first prize. Second prize was Ganga who almost quoted 300 verses. Ganga quoted 262 and went up to 292 bible verses. She got second prize. Gnaga is from a remote village called Lambasinga. She has been in our Children home in Kakinada from past 4 years and is now 13 years old.





We had Acts of the Apostles as quiz. There were 9 teams which came from different villages and Rayavaram Church got first prize. Each team consisted of 23-26 members. We had 150 questions.

We also had singing competition. Tuni Church came first in singing both in solo and in group. Each group consisted of 6 to 8 members.



Drawing competition— We had 161 who participated in this and one fellow from Achanta church who drew “Jesus on the cross” got first prize.

Skits—There were four teams who participated in this and Rayavara Church got first prize. Their story was how Satan comes and attacks us though his followers.

Everyone who participated got a certificate, cap, T-Shirt and a note pad to be used for their schools.



*Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it—  
Proverbs 22:6*



# Lads to Leaders

బాలకుల నుండి పాలకులయ్యే వరకు

రేపటి కొరకైన దైవ నాయకులను తయారు చేయుట



Ricky Gootam

P.O.Box 80

Kakinada, AP -533001

India

E-mail: rickygootam@yahoo.com

Web—<http://www.satyavanicoc.com/>

Youtube live—satyavanicoc kkd



The church in Stillwater, Oklahoma is the overseeing congregation and stateside coordinator of funds for Ricky Gootam's mission work in the Kakinada area.

Stillwater church of Christ - India Missions

821 N Duck St.

Stillwater, OK 74074

405-372-7439 (o)

