

MODERN DAY NEW TESTAMENT MIRACLE

It was one of those hot, dusty days in Agra, India, and God had a divine appointment for his preacher. Pastor Hemant Patel and one of his men, Bro. Thomas, were passing out tracts and sharing the gospel with people along the street. Typically, they would go into the city where there were hundreds of thousands of people to witness to, but that was not the direction the Lord would lead on that day.

As they walked out of the city into the rural area, they met a man who rejected their gospel witness but said he knew someone who might be interested. The man led the two preachers to a village to meet a Hindu named Shiv Narayam. Friends and family affectionately referred to this Hindu man as Baba. This was the fortieth day of fasting and prayer for Baba. His Hindu religion had not given him the peace that he was searching for. As Baba looked at one of his Hindu gods, a dog walked by and urinated on the idol. "How could a god allow a dog to do this?" Baba thought in disgust. For forty days Baba would fast and pray for the truth – to know the true God.

Is God real, would He hear and answer?

On the fortieth day of the fast, heaven sent an ambassador halfway around the world to a remote village in India, hidden in the darkest of spiritual night, oppressed by the worst of poverty's woes, and chained to religion's slavery. Bro. Patel and his family had left the comforts and ease of America and moved to one of the most hostile challenges imaginable. Unless you have been there, seen it with your own eyes, smelled it, tasted it, heard it, felt it – my, how all the senses are taken to the limit in India. Words, photographs, nor video describe the oppression. Even after several years of traveling to India now, it's still hard to believe a country and its people can survive such conditions. Over one billion people living in ways most reading these words can never in your wildest imagination conceive.

Bro. Patel and Bro. Thomas should have turned and walked into the city where millions needed the gospel literature that they were distributing. However, they had a divine appointment – walking away from the city and into the rural village along the breath-taking dusty road in a humble dwelling, the Lord introduced them to Baba. On his fortieth day of fasting, two missionaries now present the One, True and Living God, Jesus Christ to this dear, searching Hindu man. You can believe Hell was not happy. As a matter of fact, the

Pastor Thomas, Bro. Baba, and his wife prepare for prayer in their village.

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