

Dear Ps Johan,

Greetings!

I trust in the Lord that you all are doing good. I praise God for your prayer and concern for the salvation in Balangir. Thank you for your involvement as the chief speaker during the Balangir Peace Festival 2009. As we know it was a great blessing for the people of Balangir. I am laying out the following few points regarding how and what had happened during the Peace Festival and what have been happening after that (the follow up work) that we must praise the Lord:

1) The Festival (crusade) was prayerfully guided by our Lord and was organised by NCET-WtW School Balangir and WTW Ministries (SA). And we are very glad to get support from local churches. The sole vision of this crusade was to win souls for the Kingdom of God.

2) It was the first gospel meeting held in Balangir after the communal violence in 2008. Mainly where a white man (Ps. Johan) is the main speaker. As per the agreement with Ps. Johan and also for security reasons we needed to get permission from the police. But due to the nasty politics we didn't get the written permission though we, the organizing committee, applied for it almost 45 days before. We prayed for the matter and very glad to share that on the first morning of the crusade we directly spoke to the MLA office of Balangir and we get the permission. (a feeling of how Paul would have been appealing before the ruler and administration).

3) The first evening (9th Dec): The meeting was started one hour late with a very few people (around 80), where there was an arrangement of 500 people. Much people didn't come in fear of any violence (a trap of Devil). But the greatest thing is that Mr. Ashok Ku. Mishra (Brahmin Hindu) submitted his life to our Lord Jesus Christ. We are doing follow up with him. He has some family barriers which is getting hindrance for his baptism. Plz do pray for him.

4) The second evening (10th Dec): Because of the few people in the first evening we put out 50% chairs out of the place. But we witnessed a great miracle that the place was full with an attendance of more than 500, in spite of the fear within the people to attend a Christian meeting and again we had to put in the chairs for the people. How great is our God! and would you believe 32 young girls gave their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ. This is amazing, now we have started Bible Study and prayer cell among the girls as they all are from Girls' Hostel.

5) The Third evening (11th Dec): There is an excitement in all of us that something great is going to happen this evening. But we witnessed more than our excitement that the place was full enough that we had to order 100 more chairs. It was jam packed. Though some people had to stand because we could not get more chairs for them. And we were just witnessing the scene that had been happening beyond our beliefs, more than 300 people gave their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ. (Watch the clip in fB profile or in www.wtwministries.co.za). By doing follow up to all of them we have already started 3 cell groups.

6) Our Lord delivered powerful messages through Ps. Johan that nobody moved from the place.

7) The worship team (WtW school) was excellent in worship and music.

8) The prayer team helped us in doing everything prayerfully. One whole day non-stop prayer was one of the greatest moments among them.

8) Our organizing committee did a great job in all areas for the success of the crusade.

9) Witnesses and Testimony:

(a) Mr. Maguni Kumar, Secretary of Baptist Church, says: "I felt as God was speaking to me through the voice of Ps. Johan and I am renewed";

(b) Mrs. Naresh Matthews says: "I am very sad that it was a three day programme, I wish it would have more than a week, I am really blessed with the worship and message,";

(c) Sist. B. Silpa Rani, Warden, says: " I was in the presence of God."

(d) Bro Ashok Nanda, Brahmin Hindu, says: " Now I have Jesus, I have peace and everything in my life and now I am complete".

10) It's all possible because of God's grace and power. Along with the mutual effort of NCET-WtW School, Balangir and WtW ministries (SA) prayerfully and financially and the Christian community of Balangir. Hallelujah!

Brother another good news is that we have got 8 new students for our second batch, so all together 11 students are ready for the second batch. Please continue to pray that we need at least another 10 students.

Thanks brother for everything, I will update you with the follow ups works.

For His Kingdom

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