

Marsh Lane Family,

We trust that your Christmas services went well and that the gospel touched the hearts of many people. We know the gospel doesn't always affect people instantly-although we'd love that! Here is a story of a young man that we have been working with for over 5 years, praying with him, sharing gospel truths as we have opportunity etc. Please read and be encouraged!

Vijay, our Indian friend continues to amaze us. He was the young man that I considered the "least likely" to come to Jesus when I first got to know him. He was so resistant to gospel conversations and rather antagonistic when they came up. Fast forward 5+ years, yes that's a long time, but the change is amazing. He spent the weekend here while I was away visiting my mom. Dale said the entire weekend was gospel conversations, questions, struggles, etc. In fact, during one conversation, Dale was telling him how much he (Dale) still needs the gospel daily. After giving some examples, Vijay pipes us with the clearest explanation of the gospel that Dale has heard from him. We both feel that he is on the path towards salvation. We might never know when the exact moment of conversion is for him, but he is definitely understanding and believing the truth of the gospel more and more. It seems like the only thing holding him back is "the cost". Another thing that he has mentioned is how everything thing they talked about that weekend keeps coming up. The pastor brought it up in his message the Sunday he was in KC, and then last weekend, the pastor of the church that he has been attending talked about those same things. He was amazed. God is truly at work. Would you please pray for him? He is going back to visit his parents from March 5- April 10. They could put pressure on him to marry someone in an arranged marriage. Please pray that he would encourage his parents with the fact that his choice to seek the truth isn't about "rejecting" his parents or even the rich cultural heritage and family legacy that they have passed on to him, but that this truth will actually help him to love them better and more genuinely.

You are a part of that story through your support! Thank you for your generous support again last year, and now continuing this year. We do feel humbled by your love and faithfulness. We are thankful for the way that we have been able to work with Crossworld for over 34 years now without worry of money. Thank you for being a part of our team. We did notice that you gave us an additional month of support in December! Wow, thank you so much. Now that we are in our 60's, our support base has started to dimmish due to death or people moving to a limited income. So any additional gifts are deeply encouraging and appreciated. So THANK YOU!