

# GOSPEL WALKS IN INDIA

Rev. A. Paul Benjamin — most call him Benny — is a respected pastor who is loved and known as a kind and humble man of God. A pastor of Fellowship of Blessed Hope Churches Conference, he presently serves the Vadapalani Church, Chennai.

Pastor Benny's father left his job to do God's ministry. Later on, the whole family (four children) became involved in ministry. Pastor Benny and his wife Philomina have three daughters: Damon, White and Beulah. His girls are named after AC missionaries. When starting his ministry, he was encouraged to work a secular job. He was touched by the American Advent Mission (AAM) missionaries and it was missionary Marion Damon who suggested he should consider ministry work full time. Upon her advice, he attended the Bible college run by the AAM at Kodaikanal. After completion of the course, he began to assist his brother who was pastoring at the Vadapalani Church.

Later, Pastor Benny went to minister at Nandanam, which was a church plant of the Vadapalani Church. Sadly, Pastor Benny's brother died thereafter. This was a great loss to him and the congregations, but our India missionaries encouraged him to continue in ministry. Pastor Benny became the minister at Vadapalani AC Church in 1996, where he has pastored ever since. He is very thankful for our AC missionaries, ACGC Mission Manager Immanuel and the workers in the mission.

Because of his love and care for others, many



**Pastor Benjamin & Family**

people come to Pastor Benny with prayer needs. He is a part of village, hospital, prison and children's ministry, traveling to many places to preach and pray.

Thirty-five years ago, he was inspired to begin a ministry called the Gospel Walk. One day, Pastor Benny was going through a newspaper, when he saw the caption — "Hindu Pilgrims conducting pilgrimage." He began to read his Bible in Matthew 9:35, "Jesus traveled around through all the cities and villages ... announcing the good news" and in I John 2:6, he read, "Anyone who says he is a Christian should live as Christ did." These words touched him. Once a year, he holds a gospel walk with committed believers from his church. He testifies that God has blessed him and those who walk with him.

*Pastor Benny shares...*

"When we do a Gospel Walk, we distribute tracts. Once we find a group of people; we preach the gospel to them. If anyone shows interest in Christ, we collect their details and connect them with

local church pastors. As we walk, we sleep under trees, in hospitals, on road sides, in police stations and in village heads' houses. Sometimes, we go without food and proper places to sleep. We have traveled to Tanjore, Trichy, Bangalore, Coimbatore, Thiruvananthapuram, Andaman Islands, Sri Lanka and in North India. Recently, we went to Kumbakonam — Tharangampadi. By this ministry, many have been saved, and we have their witness letters. All of this is possible through the grace of God."

In the *Gospel Walk* ministry, there are many blessings as well as many troubles. This is not an ordinary ministry and requires much dedication and prayer. One cannot participate unless he attends the prayers regularly for one whole year. Please pray for this beloved pastor, for his ministries at Vadapalani and their *Gospel Walks*.



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# PRAYER & PRAISE

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"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice."

(Philippians 4:4, ESV)

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## PRAY

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1. For Erwin and Rowena Cabrizos, who plan to travel to San Carlos City (Philippines) in August to visit the ministry and to hold a meeting with the pastor and ministry leaders.
2. For Agape House as they minister to the Salumayag tribe in Bukidnon.
3. For Malawi Conference President Cliff Sosono MacLean, who is on medication for the inflammation of his liver and needs our prayers.
4. For Ken Perkins, pastor of the Bear River Church in Nova Scotia, in Malawi until the middle of August. Pastor Perkins will be holding a two-week seminar for the pastors, while providing guidance for the pastors and conference leaders. Pray that Ken's presence in Malawi will bring revival to the conference and that Ken's guidance and direction will give Cliff encouragement and inspiration.
5. For ACGC Mission Manager Immanuel's wife Rani whose health is worsening. Pray for Immanuel and their family as they care for her.
6. Pray for our International Missions India Consultant Ernie Schache as he works closely with our Mission Manager Immanuel in managing and communicating with the India ministries.
7. Many of our ministries in Africa do not have the privilege to worship in churches with comfortable surroundings, yet they worship with much zeal and love for the Lord under trees on the ground. Pray for our churches in the USA to have this passion for Christ!
8. The International Missions office will be holding an Explore Missions event in Charlotte, N.C. in January 2019. Pray with Director Walsh as he makes plans for this event. Pray that many who have an interest in missions will attend.
9. For Jason Boyette (Garner, N.C.) and ACGC Director of Communications Justin Nash as they begin preparation of the 2019 Penny Crusade missions material.
10. For the upcoming Worldwide Agape House Reunion in October 2018.

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## PRAISE

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1. God that Juliet Baylon's elder sister Carlita and two children (ages 14 and 15) were baptized by Erwin and Rowena Cabrizos. Carlita is a member of the ministry in San Carlos City.
2. The Lord for the very active Agape House San Carlos. Pastor D.U. baptized four people and there were about 38 people gathered during the baptism and worship service.
3. God that members from our various Nigerian churches were in attendance and music ministry was provided during a week-long prayer conference. Prayers were offered up for ACGC and the AC churches.
4. The Lord for the numerous VBS that were held in our outreach ministries. Many reported good attendance.
5. Praise the Lord that our 2018 Penny Crusade is doing well. Pray that it will exceed our mission budget needs.

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### **Please pray for the following ACGC Directors' and Coordinators' Activities**

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**Beth Larkin**, *Coordinator of Women's Ministries & Event Operations*

**Matt Larkin**, *Director of Leadership Development*

**Steve Lawson**, *Executive Director*

**Justin Nash**, *Director of Communication*

**Dawn Rutan**, *Director of Finance*

**Jeff Walsh**, *Director of International Missions*