



## Ministry and Pastor Support, India

**International Aid Trust**  
Christian Compassion For A Hurting World



Since 2010 International Aid Trust India has been instrumental in establishing over a hundred churches and house groups in various states throughout the south of India. We aim to continue training pastors and planting churches, particularly in areas where there are no established Christian communities; such as rural villages, tribal areas, urban slums and inner cities. A focus of developing the network of pastors is providing regular theological training, to help them become more effective in their Christian ministry.

Each month a Pastor's Leadership Training seminar is held in Hyderabad. Regional pastor conferences have also taken place in various states including Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Maharashtra.



In 2016, the 'Living Word Theological College' in Hyderabad was established to continue the ministry training. It is located in a rented two storied building which provides residential and teaching facilities. Despite growing persecution of Christians, churches continue to grow, there are now 36 pastors in training through the Extended Bible Teaching Program. It's wonderful that these pastors are not afraid to go into the ministry and spread the good news of Jesus to people who wouldn't otherwise hear the gospel.

Bishop Dhanraj Kota (above left) is the International Aid Trust director for India, he prayerfully leads and pastorally supports the growing team of Pastors, visiting as often as possible. Many of the Pastors take the gospel to villages where people know nothing of Christian Compassion, haven't heard of Jesus and the new life that they can have in him.

Bishop Kota writes: 'We are facing lot of opposition and persecutions for the gospel from Indian BJP government with RSS and Hindu Vishwa Parishad groups. We are no longer permitted to preach to large groups in the open air. International Aid Trust Pastors from various states of India are working hard to make disciples and to send them to make more disciples with personal evangelism in the closed churches'.



Financial support for Pastors makes a huge difference to this ministry. Churches in very poor villages can't pay a wage and sponsorship enables Pastors to feed their families whilst doing the work God has called them to. Sponsoring a Pastor can also help fund a bicycle, as some minister in a number of remote villages, this enables them to travel more quickly to support their church members.

**Our pastors in India are doing so much to hold out hope in the name of Jesus, Pleas pray for them. If you are able to support financially just £35 a month can make a huge difference.**

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