

Community Groups are used extensively as the primary vehicle for discipleship at The Gathering and run on a quarter system. There is one in the fall, one in the winter and one in the spring. During the summer weeks we don't meet in Community Groups but we still offer the Growth Guides as a tool to help you grow personally. The Growth Guides are designed to help you dig deeper into the weekly sermon on your own or with your family and are available each week along with the note sheets at church as well as online.

COMMUNITY GROUPS ARE BETTER WHEN MEMBERS COME PREPARED. THIS GUIDE HAS BEEN PROVIDED AS A TOOL FOR THAT.

Consider...

Use the summary and discussion below to review and apply this week's message:

Message Summary

Since the very beginning of The Gathering, we have supported the ministry done by Koshy and Joicy Baby among the poorest of the poor in Delhi, India. Countless children have been educated and nourished physically and spiritually through this couple, and we were honored to have them ministering to us in our services this week.

This week we are giving Community Groups 2 options:

1. **Work through the informational prayer guide that we've provided from Operation World on the many needs faced as the gospel is preached in India, or**
2. **Spend an evening fellowshiping. Eat together, laugh together, and talk about life together. If the weather's nice, go outside and play a game together! Remember how good it is to BREATHE!**

Discuss

Use the following questions to review and apply the points learned in the message.

- What takeaway – if any – did you have from the message this week?
- Take the time to read through the attached document from Operation World and then pray for Koshy, Joicy, and the many other believers who are boldly proclaiming the gospel among unreached people – especially Hindus – in India.
- In a little less than a month, Pastor Paul and Richard Kimmer will be going to Delhi to accompany Koshy to remote villages in Nepal in order to preach the gospel as well as to pray about how our church can best serve the people there in the future. Pray for Paul and Richard: for safety, clarity, and for them to be led by the Spirit to the people God desires to reach with His great love.

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Geography

Area: 3,166,000 sq km

A further 121,000 sq km of Kashmir, a contested area, is administered by Pakistan and China. Geographically and politically, India dominates South Asia and the Indian Ocean. There are 28 Union States and 7 Union Territories.

Population: 1,214,464,312 **Annual Growth:** 1.44%

Capital: Delhi

Urbanites: 30.1%

HDI Rank: 134 of 182 ([UN Human Development Reports 2009](#))

Peoples

Peoples: 2,533 (88% unreached) [All peoples](#)

[Unreached Peoples Prayer Card](#)

Pray for the Unreached
Ad Dharmi of India



Country: India
People: Ad Dharmi
Population: 1,164,000
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Main Language: Panjabi, Eastern
Main Religion: Hinduism
Status: ■ Least-Reached
Christ-Followers: Few, less than 2%
Bible: Complete

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"Declare his glory among the nations" Psalm 96:3

Official language: Constitutionally there are 22 official languages. The official language is Hindi (spoken by 40% of the population). English is a subsidiary official language **Languages:** 456 [All languages](#)

Religion

Largest Religion: Hinduism

Religion	Pop %	Ann Gr	
Christians	71,011,000	5.84	3.7
Evangelicals	26,290,283	2.2	3.9

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Challenges for Prayer

Bible-believing churches and groups are growing to a degree that far exceeds what is reflected in official figures, but it is hard to reliably enumerate the scale of growth. Current reality on the ground, however, is but a fraction of the goals expressed by the Church and by mobilization movements such as Vision 2020. Some of the many factors related to this growth are:

- a) A multiplicity of dynamic, newer Pentecostal and charismatic fellowships. These have sprung up and spread to every area of India.
- b) The number of evangelical denominations has increased and congregations multiplied. Several key networks link many denominations – Evangelical Fellowship of India (links over 224 denominations and agencies), Pentecostal Fellowship of India (links all major Pentecostal denominations) and Baptist Evangelical Alliance, to name a few. These are used of God to mature, stabilize and mobilize believers through prayer, conventions, pastors' retreats, and coordination of training, literature production, missions and outreach.
- c) The charismatic movement in the Catholic Church began in 1972 and has spread to nearly every Catholic congregation. It has had a profound impact, brought many to new life and stimulated outreach; an estimated 10% of Catholics in India are charismatic in their faith.
- d) The Yesu Darbar, a gathering of Jesus followers in North India numbering in the tens of thousands, models biblical worship and fellowship patterns in an Indian context. There are literally millions of followers of Jesus (Yesu Bhaktas), secret believers and unbaptized Christians outside of established denominational structures. Pray for effective discipling of this growing group.
- e) Many networks interceding for the evangelization of the country have flourished, involving millions of Christians. Literally hundreds of new and often massive prayer movements and groups, many driven by women and even children, are behind much Kingdom growth in India.
- f) Millions have become more open to the message of Christ through literature, widely broadcast radio and TV programmes and extensively used Christian videos, films and cassettes. Indian-produced Christian media is vital to effectively reach Indians with the gospel.

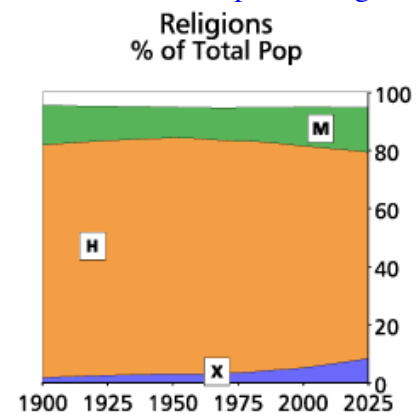
For an additional 13 Challenges for Prayer see Operation World [book](#), [CD-ROM](#), or [DVD-ROM](#).

More Information

The Operation World [book](#), [CD-ROM](#), and [DVD-ROM](#) provide far more information and fuel for prayer for the people of India.



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