

A STORY OF CHANGE

RAJINDER'S STORY

Rajinder George is from a family with a long-lasting Christian tradition in Kerala, South India. Though Christians only make up less than 18% of the state's population, many Christian families claim to trace their faith tradition back to the Apostle Thomas (who is believed to be buried in the next state over). Unfortunately, many of these family's faith has not endured in discipleship and have declined into a nominal religion.



This was the case for Rajinder and his family. Though they identified as Christians, their lives had no evidence of transformation in Christ. In fact, even if he wanted to, Rajinder was unable to offer one fact about Jesus. He was a Christian by name only.

Rajinder had a bad habit of causing rifts within his family. He would dishonor his parents through his decision making and disrespect, and generate all sorts of trouble. He became so much of a headache to his family that they eventually cut ties with him altogether.

Soon after the fallout with his family, Rajinder became very sick. His condition was so bad that he was hospitalized for over 6 months! During his treatment, Rajinder considered his actions with his family and was very remorseful. He had hoped his parents or his siblings would visit him in the hospital so he could apologize for his actions; however, no one in his family ever visited him.

Rajinder finally felt the weight of being disowned and without a family. Loneliness abounded.

Abhijay John, a Timothy from a TTI Training Center led by Pastor Sabu K.T., began making regular hospital visits when he started the DMD training. He would go to patients and share the gospel and prayer with them. Rajinder had always dismissed Abhijay, claiming he was already a Christian and did not need any help. However, one day Abhijay visited Rajinder in his lonely hour.

Abhijay listened compassionately to Rajinder and prayed insistently. Abhijay continued to visit Rajinder regularly, even bringing other Christians with him. He was continually challenging Rajinder to have a life-transforming interaction with Jesus.

Finally, Rajinder realized that he was wrong to think he was a Christian his whole life, and desired to join God's family for the first time! Rajinder gave his life to Christ.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." - 2 Corinthians 5:17

Immediately upon his discharge, Rajinder opened his home to other believers to pray regularly. He stopped making the dissentious choices that had plagued him, and the community took notice. In humility, Rajinder apologized to his family and asked their forgiveness. Eventually, they were reconciled, and Rajinder has been stirring his family's faith through his redemption.

Rajinder is now faithfully sharing the gospel to others in his community, under the discipleship of Abhijay. He hopes to plant a church, and continue to lead others to experience Christ, just as he has!

