

Fwd: January-2026 Update

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Dear Pastor & All Church Members,

Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I trust that you and your loved ones are doing well by God's grace. How are you? I sincerely pray that the Lord's peace, joy, and wisdom continue to rest upon you and your family.

I would like to share a brief update from our side.

Last month, I had a meeting with our Director and National Team Leader. We discussed several important matters related to the dubbing work, and by God's grace, we have finalized a few key points. We are truly grateful for the Lord's provision and His guidance at every step.

We've paused our work for now because of the Christmas incidents in North India. I'll let you know once we start again.

I'm also sharing some information about what happened here during Christmas time.

Christmas 2025 in North and Central India was marked by significant tension, as Christian communities faced coordinated harassment and physical violence under the pretext of preventing "forced conversions."

Major Issues:

- **Violent Disruptions:** Over 80 incidents were reported during Christmas week alone. Mobs disrupted prayer meetings, attacked carol singers (including children), and vandalized nativity scenes and mall decorations in states like Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh.
- **Targeted Harassment:** In Jabalpur (MP), a BJP official was filmed assaulting a visually impaired woman at a charity lunch. In Delhi, women were harassed and interrogated in public markets simply for wearing Santa hats.
- **Anti-Conversion Laws:** Right-wing groups used "Freedom of Religion" laws to justify raiding religious services and detaining pastors, even in cases where no coercion was found.
- **Forced Invisibility:** Many families moved celebrations indoors and removed religious symbols from their homes to avoid drawing attention.
- **Holiday Restrictions:** In Uttar Pradesh, the state government broke tradition by ordering schools to remain open on December 25th, further marginalizing the community's primary festival.

Advocacy groups like the United Christian Forum (UCF) recorded over 700 total incidents of violence against Christians in 2025, a sharp rise that has drawn condemnation from international human rights bodies and the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India.

Brief Update from Delhi

At present, Delhi is experiencing extremely cold winter weather, along with dense fog and severe air pollution. The air quality index (AQI) has reached hazardous levels, resulting in poor visibility and a thick layer of smog across many parts of the city. These conditions have affected daily life, including transportation, and have made breathing difficult for many residents. Schools and offices continue to function, but people are taking additional precautions due to the fog and poor air quality. We kindly request your prayers for health, protection, and strength for everyone during this challenging season.

Special Prayer Request

We humbly ask for your earnest prayers concerning a serious situation involving our ministry team.

During a prayer service, one of the pastors serving with us was arrested in Kannauj, Uttar Pradesh. After an initial inquiry, he was released the same night. However, the following day, he was summoned again after anti-Christian activists demanded strict action. He, along with his brother and a believer, was taken into custody and physically

mistreated while being questioned about others involved in the ministry.

As a result, two more pastors were later arrested, and at one point, a total of five believers were in police custody.

We sincerely request your prayers for:

God's divine intervention in this situation

Protection and safety for our pastors, their families, and all believers

God's wisdom, peace, and unity for all of us as we walk through these challenges

Praise the Lord!

By God's mercy, after a few days, three of our brothers were granted bail. We give all glory and honor to the Lord for His faithfulness, even in the midst of trials.

Thank you for standing with us in prayer and support. May the Lord richly bless you and use you as a source of strength and encouragement to many.

With love in Christ,
Vinod Alexander