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## INDIA

## God has opened the door for Christ to the World Ministries to reach India with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We began

partnering with the Far East Broadcasting Association in early 2008. Two radio drama series, *The Life of Jesus Christ* and *Persons Who Met Jesus*, have been translated, produced and are being broadcast in three India languages: Tamil, Kannada and Malayalam. Additionally, a fourth language Hindi, with translations slated for the fall of 2008, will be broadcast and potentially add 500+ million listeners! Millions of listeners are hearing these basic story-telling style radio dramas and are coming to know the one true God and accepting Jesus Christ as Savior.



The apostle John on the island of Patmos saw in his vision of heaven "a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb." Rev. 79 Our prayer is that many in India will come to know Christ through our broadcast ministry and

know Christ through our broadcast ministry and be included in that great multitude.







## India has more people groups with no Christian witness than any other part of the world. Less than three percent of the population is Christian, with 80 percent being Hindu and 13 percent being Islam. Whereas India's constitution provides for religious freedom, the rise of Hindutva extremism has resulted in many hate campaigns against both Christians and Muslims. Anti-conversion legislation and legal restrictions on Christian activities have been strongly demanded by those opposed to Christianity. There is great concern over the erosion of religious freedom and tolerance for the persecution of Christians. Many fear the undermining of democracy and the emergence of an intolerant Hindu dictatorship.

GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS.



**Our Broadcast Partner:** Far East Broadcasting Association (FEBA) is one of the largest Christian broadcasting networks in the country of India. Producing programs in multiple languages and broadcasting using FM, AM and Short Wave in selected cities throughout the country, the FEBA partnership with Christ to the World will result in reaching over 600.5 million potential listeners in their native languages.

**Country Profile:** India is a vast country of over 1.1 billion people. The country is made up of 22 Union states with a very complex racial, ethnic, religious, and linguistic diversity. The economy is predominately agricultural, but rapid industrialization and urbanization are taking place. India is one of the world leaders in computerization and software production. Many people benefit from market reforms and liberalization, but many do not. It is estimated that over 600 million people live in deep poverty.

## **Prayer Needs:**

- Translation and production volunteers for the radio drama series and Bible study guides.
- For non-Christian listeners to receive the muchanticipated broadcasts with open minds. Pray that they will understand the gospel message and that the Holy Spirit will open their hearts to accept Christ as Savior.
- Freedom of Indian Christians to proclaim the gospel without intimidation. Pray that those opposing the gospel will be tolerant of those who accept the truth.
- FEBA broadcasting partners and for the increase in effectiveness of the grass-roots leaders and house churches.