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# **Adopt-A-Pastor Profile**

Pastor Name: Hosea Chellu

Date of Birth: January 1st, 1980

**Family:** Esther Rani - Wife Abishek - Son (Age 15) Pranuthi - Daughter (Age 12)



## Year of Graduation From Bible College: 2004

Home Village Address: Mettagudem Road, Near Bus Stand T. Narsapuram - 534467 West Godavari District Andra Pradesh, India

## **Churches Where This Pastor Ministers:**

Gandi Gudem -Asbestos Roof Church Structure With 60 Members Started in 2004 -Church is gifted in praying for people and casting out unclean spirits -Church is in need of tile flooring

Metta Gudem -Asbestos Roof Church with 30 Members Started in 2012 -Church is in need of tile flooring

Bethel Nagar (Nomadic Village) -This church was started in 2015 and has 10 members -Their thatched roof church structure was recently washed away -They need a permanent church structure

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#### **Difficulties They Face In The Ministry:**

1) Difficulty in finding proper transportation between all three churches.

- 2) Safe water in their community.
- 3) Diseases such as Malaria and Jaundice

4) Medical care to help with snake bites which kill many in the village.

5) Opposition from the local chief. The church was burnt in 2004 and the pastor has been threatened many times and asked to leave the village. He has been beaten twice and local witch doctors threaten his family.

#### **Testimony:**

I praise the Lord for the blessed opportunity to share my testimony with you. I was raised and educated by an Orthodox Hindu family and school, My family was all very devoted and worshipped many Hindu idols. One day my father go deadly sick with heart disease and we did not have any money for the treatment. During that time a Christian brother visited us and asked us to pray and he lead fasting prayers in his church. There God truly healed my dad and that made me think deeper about Jesus, which lead me to my personal relationship with him. I was saved and baptized.

When I was searching for a job I heard the Lord calling me for His ministry. At first I ignored His calling and continued in search of a job to help my parents. The second time the Lord called me with the scripture, Isaiah 43:1-3. I obeyed His calling and submitted my life to do His ministry. Then I gave up my job search and took my family to a village where God wanted me to go. This is the same village where I am serving the Lord today. I was then given an opportunity to get trained by the Bethel Bible College and graduated in 2004 and then entered full time ministry. Since then God has been so faithful in taking care of me and my family and expanding the ministry at different levels and to different unreached villages with the Gospel. I an my family were threatened several times by the chiefs of the villages and by witch doctors. I was asked to leave the village overnight and my church was burned down on 1/4/2005. Although I was beaten by the people, God and Bethel ministries has stood with us in every walk of our life and ministry.