

Evangelist. Daniel David

Evg. Daniel David was born and brought up in a poor Hindu family. His father was a daily wage laborer in the bus stand. He would load and unload cargo and luggage on the buses. He, however, desired a better life for his son and so, with a lot of hope and aspiration, Evg. Daniel David's father named him Kotiswaran when he was born. The meaning of the name Kotiswaran in Tamil is "Millionaire", or a very rich man. His father wanted him to be, like his name, a rich man on earth.

In the course of time, Kotiswaran grew up and his father enrolled him in school. However, he did not fare well academically. In their house, it was the practice to seek divine answers or intervention if anything was amiss or wrong.

His family would go to a temple and ask the priest to pray to the deity to reveal why something was not the way it should be. Upset with Kotiswaran's poor show in academics, and following this tradition, his parents took him to the temple to know why he was not doing well in school. The temple priest advised Kotiswaran's father to change his son's name. He claimed this would bring a positive influence and the boy will do well in academically. Curious, his father asked the priest what name to keep. The priest gave him a choice of several names and his father chose the name Muniswamy.

So, Kotiswaran became Muniswamy and grew up worshipping all the gods and goddess in his family, community and the Hindu religion. He was very religious and grew up learning and practicing all traditions and rituals his family followed. At the age of 15, when he had just completed the 10th standard, he fell severely sick. He tried different doctors, medicines and forms of treatment for a cure. None helped. Being constantly sick, with no cure in sight, Muniswamy was depressed and frustrated. He felt that he was forsaken by medicines, doctors, gods and goddess and the people around him. He felt that his life was coming to an end.

One day, while walking despondently on the road, a stranger shared the good news of the LORD JESUS CHRIST with him. Muniswamy believed in this God who could create and cure if one called out to Him. Right then and there he called on the name of JESUS and was INSTANTLY healed from the illness that had plagued him for so long.

Thus Evg. Daniel David was born!!

