SAGAR



David Sagar

LANGUAGE

Teluga

MINISTRY PRIORITY

Training and Capacity Building

BIRTHDAY

12/28







DAVID serves as an associate global servant with International Ministries consulting on development in India. He promotes the relations and cooperation of global Telugu Baptist churches. David, together with Telugu Christian leaders, directs the Telugu Baptist Samaikyatha (spirit of unity and equality) initiative to

build a network of fellowship of over 1 million Telugu Baptists in India. This initiative also seeks to reinvigorate mission-minded churches and join hands to bless Indian communities globally. David is a resource person for the Baptist Council of Telugu Churches and the India Mission Coordination Committee. He is an active member of the American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago and the Alliance of Asian American Baptist Churches.





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MINISTRY STORY

I would like to share about the Telugu Baptist Samaikyatha (TBS). The word samaikyatha means "the spirit of unity," and my ministry focuses on uniting Telugu Baptist pastors and church leaders within the two Telugu states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. My work includes anyone, irrespective of their local group affiliations, as well as anyone who has the mind of our American Baptist global servants, who desires to spread the gospel and support medical and educational institutions.

The Telugu Baptist mission was started in the 1840s and many missionaries modeled unwavering, sacrificial, relentless service. But when they left, the local Telugu Baptist leaders became greedy, and the church divided. In January 2020, the TBS was created with a vision to bring the Telugu Baptists together by organizing various programs to connect them. As the COVID-19 lockdown was enforced, the TBS team felt the need to offer some activity to encourage, inspire and keep God's Word moving. They held a series of monthly Zoom lectures to educate, equip and refresh leaders and cover our

David addresses Baptist pastors and leaders at the Lone Star Telugu Baptist Church in Nellore, Andhra Pradesh, India.

heritage, history and its principles. The meetings provided a rich context for Baptists, especially Telugu Baptists.

In 2022, I conducted a conference at Secunderabad to unite 125 Baptist pastors and church leaders and equip them with TBS's vision. I have visited many Baptist churches to assure them of International Ministries' commitment and love toward the churches in India and to strengthen relationships. This would not be possible without your support. Thank you!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for the unity of all the Telugu Baptist pastors, church leaders and their congregations.

Pray for the persecuted and the victims of war within the world.

Pray for the Manipur situation in India: for their peace, safety and economic hardships.

SCRIPTURE

"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

Philippians 1:6 (NIV)

