

## ***NEW LIFE WITH JESUS***

***“Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his Name, He gave the right to become children of God.” (John 1:12)***

Inder and his wife Anjali with their child Janvi belonged to a dedicated Hindu family. Early in the morning they worshipped their god by lighting a candle in front of the idol picture, burnt incense and waved their hands as sacrifice. They were going as well to their temple to worship, and offer food and even gold sacrifice for their prayers and petitions to be answered. In a certain period of time they were under a routine and traditional life – doing things and following principles and beliefs as the world around them was doing.

Inder and his family live in a foreign land. He is a young salesman bringing goods and products to different shops and stores. Anjali is a plain housewife taking care of their child and home. She had come in this foreign land after bribing one man to arrange a residence visa to stay with her husband. This act was against the law of the land, but as for them it was not a problem because this had been prevalent to their friends. They did not consider it as sin and never thought about its consequences. A time later, their child Janvi who was about 10 months old became very sick. She was taken to a hospital and found after complete investigations that the baby had Leukemia, a blood cancer.

This drastic event was of great distress to Inder and his wife. They were facing hard time, suffering problems and pain and at the end there could be the death of their child that they really love. At that moment they had reached an impossible situation, “a mountain they could not climb!” If the doctor said to them there is no hope, then “*who can heal?*”

The couple looked around but there was no hope, even the idol pods that they worshipped could do nothing. But, “***What is impossible with man is possible with God.***” (Luke 18:27) The Living God, the Creator of heaven and earth showed mercy to Inder and Anjali. Through Christian friend God sent to them, and spoke about Jesus and His sacrifice for the whole world. They shared that, “***For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believed in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.***” (John 3:16) That was an offer that no one had ever presented them – to believe in God’s son, Jesus Christ, who gives eternal life. The Church people elaborated to them about God’s love for all mankind by their visits and prayers for the child. They explained about the sins that lead to the death of men. “***But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.***” (Romans 5:8) Inder and Anjali also heard from these Christians about Jesus’ power to heal the sick and to raise the dead. They let them read from the Bible, “***And Jesus healed many who had various diseases.***” (Mark 1:34) At this point God met the couple in their desperate need of someone who can give life to their child.

Inder and Anjali believed in Jesus and agreed to put the child in the hands of the Lord. Together with God’s people, they asked the Lord Jesus to forgive their sins and to heal their daughter from Leukemia. The Lord touched the child and the

healing process started to flow in the child’s body. The Lord showered His grace and blessed all the medicines and medical aids applied to the little child, and indeed the child was healed from that sickness. That miraculous healing opened the hearts of both Inder and Anjali to fully give their lives to Jesus, the Saviour and Lord. They confessed their sins. They realized that the idols they had been worshipping were false gods who could not heal or provide their needs. Sincerely and wholeheartedly they believed in the living God and they received new and eternal life through Jesus Christ. They gave up worshipping idols and the Lord changed them dramatically. Jesus gave them the power to live a new way of life. Their attitude in life changed as they decided not to live in sin but to serve the living God. The love of Christ started to penetrate their hearts and minds; their anxiety was replaced with real peace and joy, having the confidence that Jesus, the Lord and Saviour can satisfy all their needs. He is their great Provider, their great Healer and from Him they receive hope, strength and life.

Meanwhile, the man who provided the residence visa for Anjali was caught by the police for illegally arranging the residence visas for 39 people. The authority deported all the people who were involved, but they reconsidered Anjali’s situation. The Immigration department took her passport in custody and informed her that she would be deported as soon as their child is discharged from the hospital. But even after Janvi recovered Anjali was kept with her family. After two years the authority called Anjali but not for deportation. They offered to her that she could stay with new visa. God fulfilled His promise to them: “***You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country. The fruit of your womb will be blessed.***” (Deuteronomy 28:3-4)

Inder’s family experienced the miraculous hand of Jesus Christ. They tested the love, goodness and faithfulness of God. Janvi was totally healed. Anjali was given a visa. Because of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the mountains that covered them were removed. The church helped them to study and apply the word of God, the Bible, in their lives. They continued to fellowship with the believers and their faith in Jesus Christ increased and grown deeper. They started to tell the people about Jesus, how He entered their lives and saved them from troubles and death. They invited people to follow Jesus and to receive His blessings. The miraculous healing of their child became their testimony whenever they speak to the people. The love of Inder and Anjali to the Lord Jesus had been increasing and their style of living tremendously changed. Everyday they offered time and effort to serve God, telling the people about their personal Lord, Jesus Christ, who died for the sins of all men and rose again from the grave to give life to those who believe in Him.

***My dear and beloved: You need real love to live in the world, and this kind of love you will only receive when you accept Jesus as your personal Saviour and follow Him as your personal Lord:***

***“Father God in heaven, I thank You for sending your son Jesus who died on the cross for my sake. O lord, I want to experience your love. Please open my eyes to see your goodness and to follow you all the days of my life. Jesus, You are my Lord and my Saviour and I invite your Holy Spirit to renew my life.” This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.***