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INDIA

LANGUAGE

Teluga

MINISTRY PRIORITY

Training and
Capacity Building

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LOCATION

India



ABOUT

DAVID serves as an IM Consultant for India Development. He promotes the relations and cooperation of global Telugu Baptist churches. David and Telugu Christian leaders direct the Telugu Baptist Samaikyatha (Spirit of Unity and Equality) initiative to build a network of fellowship of more than one 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 Metro Chicago Association and the Alliance of Asian American Baptist Churches. David is an associate global servant.

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MINISTRY STORY

A brilliant idea flashed in my mind during the 175th anniversary of the Lone Star Telugu Baptist Church in Nellore, India, in 2019. I closed my eyes and praised God for the thought that the sacrificial work of the American Baptist missionaries should continue by bringing unity among the Telugu Baptist Churches, leaders, and pastors. After I got home, I shared that experience with Rev. Dr. Benjamin Chan, IM area director for India. He encouraged me to pursue it, and the Telugu Baptist Samaikyatha (TBS) came into existence.

Together with Dr. Wilson Kumar and a group of Telugu Baptist pastors and leaders, the TBS decided to focus on unity among the Telugu Baptists. The primary objective is to look at the roots and the foundations laid for the Telugu Baptists by American Baptist missionaries. We want to work in their footsteps to bring back the noble concepts of peace and unity. During the peak of the pandemic, TBS successfully reached out to many Telugu Baptists and created a common group through WhatsApp and Zoom for communication, prayer, and fellowship.

We strengthened unity among Telugu Baptists through these programs:

- Unity as Harmony with Dr. Larry Greenfield, USA
- Standing in the Gap, a call to help COVID-19 victims
- Telugu Baptist Missio Nexus Part I, remembering the missionary heritage



Addressing the importance and purpose of unity among Telugu Baptists in one of our Telugu churches in Kurnool.

- Consortium of Dealing with COVID crisis with physicians from the USA and UK

We are already seeing a great impact among Telugu Baptists coming together in unity and will carry this vision into the future.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for all the Telugu Baptists in India and around the globe.

Pray for the Telugu Baptist Samaikyatha and its programs.

Pray for the Christian ministry in India.

Pray that the international community will stand in solidarity, with support for our unity-building agenda.

SCRIPTURE

“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”

Ephesians 4:3 (NIV)