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“The Witch Doctor who Couldn’t Heal himself!”

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Bagicha Singh spent his life worshipping trees and idols in a shrine in his home in a small Indian village. He believed in the power of his gods and credited them for making him wealthy as a witch doctor. People flocked to his home in Mundrichurimra village to be healed. Bagicha had everything he needed but one thing; he lacked peace of mind.

Then he fell ill. He vomited constantly. He felt dizzy. Headaches plagued him. He turned to his witchcraft to heal himself, but the spells that seemed to cure others didn’t help him. He paid big money to various physicians, but no one could help. He wept bitterly. “I’m dying, I’m dying,” he cried to family members.

His witchcraft business suffered. For a while, people continued to come to him for help. But he turned them away, saying, “I cannot heal you because I also am sick.” One day his son called a Global Mission pioneer who led a Seventh-day Adventist church in a neighboring village and asked him to pray for his father. The Global Mission pioneer, Samson Soni, went to Bagicha’s home, but the witch doctor refused to speak with him. “I don’t want prayer,” Bagicha said. “My witchcraft is more powerful than your God.” Samson wasn’t dissuaded and prayed anyway.

After the visit, Bagicha’s health worsened, and he was taken to the hospital in Jalandhar, a city of about 1 million located about 90 minutes away by car. A physician ran tests and announced that Bagicha had a brain tumor. “You will die soon if we don’t operate,” the physician said. But the operation was expensive. Bagicha had earned great wealth at witchcraft, but he had lost it seeking a cure. Now he and his family only had half the money needed for the operation.

Samson heard that Bagicha was in the hospital and came to visit. Bagicha was feeling forlorn, and he perked up when he saw Samson. He turned to the physician standing nearby. “Here comes Jesus who can heal me,” Bagicha said.

Samson asked the physician for permission to pray. When the physician agreed, he prayed with tears in his eyes. “Dear God, in the name of Jesus, please heal Mr. Bagicha to glorify Your name. In Jesus’ name, Amen,” he said.

The next day, the physician ran a check and, to his surprise, could find no trace of the tumor. He called a specialist for a second opinion. The specialist couldn’t find the tumor. The shocked physician remembered Samson’s prayer, and he questioned Bagicha closely.

“Where is the brain tumor?” he asked. “Which God do you believe?” Bagicha smiled joyfully. “I used to be heavily involved in witchcraft, but the Global Mission pioneer prayed and revealed Jesus to me,” he said. “Now I believe in Jesus. I believe that Jesus has healed me from the brain tumor. Jesus came to me through the Global Mission pioneer.”

The next Sabbath, Bagicha sought out Samson at the Adventist church in the neighboring village. “Your Jesus healed me,” he said. Back home, he told his story to his family and neighbors. “I have been healed, and I have been freed from my witchcraft,” he said. “You also must come to the church where Jesus heals.”

Because of Bagicha’s testimony, many people started coming to the church on Sabbath. About 50 people took Bible studies from Samson, and half of them were baptized in September 2018, including Bagicha and three members of his family. The others were continuing to take Bible studies, and others were joining them.

Today Bagicha is a faithful member of the church. “Pray for me that I may remain faithful to the Lord and be prepared for the second coming of Jesus,” he said.

Bagicha and his 25 family members and friends were baptized by Samson Gulam Masih, the nearest Adventist pastor to their village.

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World Church Prayer Requests

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- Pray for more unbelievers, like Bagicha, to see the power of God in answer to prayer and to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior.
- Pray for God’s blessing on the 3rd Quarter Day of Prayer and Fasting, happening July 3rd, 2021.
- Pray also for the upcoming 24/7 United Prayer event to be held on July 3rd, as we focus our prayers on the spiritual and physical needs of brothers and sisters in India. (Watch 247unitedprayer.org for details!)
- Pray for believers in Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and other countries surrounding India, that are now experiencing a spike in Covid cases.