

## JESUS Film Showing Raided by Hindu Extremists in North India

*Assist News Service* yesterday reported that the JESUS Film crew has been attacked by a group of Hindu extremists while carrying out their mission in the Uttar Pradesh state, Northern India.

The JESUS Film Project, spearheaded by the Campus Crusade for Christ, distributes the film "JESUS" - a two-hour docudrama about the life of Christ based on the Gospel of Luke. The film has been seen across the world and translated into hundreds of languages since its initial release in 1979.

This time the Film has now stepped out into the land of Northern India, however, the local Hindu extremist groups seem have reacted vigorously to the movement. *Assist News Service* said a raid was carried out by at least 35 Hindu extremists on a showing of the Jesus Film.

George Ninan, the South Asia Director for Campus Crusade for Christ (CCC) described, "When the film showing was going on, around 35-40 men attacked them, tearing up the screen and beating up people."

During the attack, all the viewers fled the scene. Karan Bahadur, the leader of the film team suffered the most. "He could not escape and was badly beaten and became unconscious," Ninan said.

It was reported by *Assist News Service* that Bahadur was taken captive, tortured, and questioned in detail about his family and work. The following night he was released near some railroad tracks and told to run for his life. He ran as far as his strength allowed, then hid himself in bushes that lined the track. The next morning Bahadur jumped aboard a slow-moving freight train, then eventually made his way by truck to Lucknow, the capital of Uttar Pradesh state.

After Bahadur was found, the Jesus Film crew reported the incident to the local police, but they have refused to deal entirely with the matter. The police did recover some of the film equipment from the school compound, but the generator used to supply power for the equipment is still missing.

"Praise God there was no serious injury to our staff and that we could get the projector back and the film," Ninan, the South Asia Director for CCC said. "Ninan, on staff with Campus Crusade since 1971, prays daily for the gospel to breakthrough in India."

In Uttar Pradesh where Buddhism and Hinduism are dominant, less than one percent of the population knows Jesus Christ. Over 100 incidents of violence have been documented against Christians since 1998, including the rape of four nuns and one nun being shot in the face. Many Christians have been injured, killed and left homeless by such attacks.

However, persecution has not deterred missionaries and caused a hindrance to the propagation of the Gospel. For CCC's Jesus Film ministry, the team at the Uttar Pradesh state in Northern India is just one of 900 operating in different parts of India.

George Ninan, the South Asia Director of CCC, remains hopeful about India. "Most of the ministries are seeing results," he says. "Please continue to pray for their protection."

### Greetings friends!

It's been a busy month getting used to our new surroundings in Novi. Thank you for your prayers during our move. Here is a news story from just last week. Please pray for the situation in India. Many of our missionaries face great danger and persecution daily.

## Frequently Asked Questions

I'm going to be adding a Frequently Asked Questions section to the web site soon. Here is one question answered, and if you ever have any others feel free to call or email.

Q. I've lost the return envelope to send in my support. What should I do?

A. Just send the check to

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**Attn: Contributions**

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**Orlando, FL 32862-8222**

Include our staff number (0566607) on a separate piece of paper. That's it. You'll get a return envelope for the following month with your receipt. By the way, if you are just beginning financial support we would ask that you send the first check to us so that we can record it and process it. After that you'll get return envelopes to send it directly to the Campus Crusade address above.

This answer and many more will be on our web site soon.

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Please pray for us as we prepare to go to the U.S. Staff Conference in July in Ft. Collins, Colorado. This is a conference for all U.S. staff in every Campus Crusade ministry. It will be the first time that we will be able to meet most of the staff of the JESUS Film. I am very excited to meet the people with whom I'll be working on a daily basis! We are also praying that it will be a time of refreshment and recharging for us. We're staying in the dorms at Colorado State which will be quite interesting with the kids!

Coming next month -

Short term missions projects with the JESUS Film that you can pray for - or go on!

JESUS Film stories from around the world

An update from Lisa

And just for fun—here are some recent pictures of the girls. Hope you enjoy them!

