

REACH QUARTERLY UPDATE

In Philippians 1:3-5, the Apostle Paul writes, "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you...because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." What was Paul referring to when he wrote that the Philippians were his partners in the gospel? We receive the answer in Philippians 4:15, "And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only." Their partnership in the gospel was giving! When we generously pool our resources to advance the gospel, we are participating in nothing less than gospel-partnership. **I am so thankful to God for our partnership in the gospel through the Reach Initiative.**

Through our partnership in the gospel, Chirag's life and eternity have been changed by the good news of Jesus Christ. Chirag grew up in a Hindu family, but never felt at home in it. **During high school and college, Chirag threw himself headlong into alcohol, marijuana, cocaine, and other drugs. His substance abuse came to a head one night when he passed out behind the wheel after a night partying and was arrested.**

The Father used Chirag hitting rock bottom to begin drawing him to Christ. A few years later, a young woman introduced Chirag to Citylight Church. **Over time, various men from Citylight Church took Chirag under their wing; they shared the gospel with him, helped him learn the true gospel, and urged him to turn from his sin and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. By God's grace, Chirag repented and believed in the Lord Jesus Christ.** In August Chirag publicly declared his faith in Christ - despite the high cost of going against his family's religion - and was baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Chirag concluded his baptism testimony with these words to describe his conversion and new life in Christ: "So now I can finally say that I am free, free forever amen, and that when death was arrested and that's when my life began." **Thank you for your partnership in the gospel; it's part of what made gospel-transformation in Chirag's life possible.**

Prayerfully yours,

MATT COHEN

Lead Pastor



Chirag's Powerful Baptism testimony this Summer



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OUR PROGRESS



\$ 4,026,843.83

**GIVEN TOWARDS OUR
2 YEAR 4.3 M GOAL**

(as of oct 15th)

WAYS TO pray

This ministry year (July to June), Citylight Church is focusing on becoming a praying family that asks **boldly and surrenders completely**. We have big plans for God's glory; our only hope for accomplishing them is by focusing not first on our plans, but on asking our Father **boldly** for what we need, and surrendering everything to his sovereign will. **Please ask boldly...**

- That the Father will supply every need so that Citylight Church can be gathering at 4050 Main Street by September 2024.
- That the Father will strengthen Citylight Church in the faith and increase our numbers daily this year (**Acts 16:5**).
- That the Father will raise up a dozen people from the Citylight Churches in Philadelphia to join Pastor Tim and his family in NYC next summer to plant Citylight Church New York City.
- That the Father will raise up the right man to serve as Citylight Church's next executive pastor.