



Why Does the Timing Matter?

Because the ground under Christian ministry in India is shifting, and it is shifting fast.

As of mid-2026, thirteen Indian states have anti-conversion laws on the books. Uttar Pradesh amended its law in 2024 so that certain conversion-related offenses now carry a sentence of 20 years to life in prison. Uttarakhand's law, amended in 2025, ranges from three years to life imprisonment, with fourteen years specifically for cases involving foreign funding, and defines "allurement" so broadly that a local ministry partner told Open Doors, "the simplest act of kindness to another person can be seen as an inducement to convert them." Maharashtra's version, passed in March 2026 and in force since July 30, sets penalties of up to 7 years for a first offense and up to 10 for repeat offenders, and requires anyone intending to convert to give the district magistrate 60 days' advance notice before doing so. Open Doors documented more than forty persecution incidents against Christians in Uttarakhand alone between January and July of 2025 — closed churches, falsely accused pastors, and prayer meetings treated as crimes.

On June 22, 2026, India's Ministry of Home Affairs went further, tightening the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act itself. The new rules explicitly bar foreign funds from being used for religious conversion or "conversion-oriented work," require every foreign-funded organization to register its specific activities and locations in advance from a narrow, government-approved list, and give existing nonprofits one year to realign their registration or lose the ability to receive money from outside India at all. This is not a hypothetical threat. More than 20,000 organizations have lost their FCRA licenses since the law's 1976 enactment, including Compassion International (2017) and World Vision India. A separate proposal, still pending in Parliament as of this writing, would let the government take over and manage the assets of any organization whose registration is revoked.

Why Can't We Ask for "Christian Ministry" Funds?

This is the part we want to state plainly, not bury in fine print: Gospel Heritage Ministries cannot receive money sent from outside India and designated for "Christian religious" activity — evangelism, church planting, discipleship named as such — without it passing through this exact regulatory system. Every foreign gift connected to religious work in India is now watched, categorized, and restricted at the point it crosses the border. That is where the law stands today, for us and for every ministry like ours.



Dear friends and partners in the Gospel, we thank the Lord for who He is, and for you — for every one of you who has prayed for us, given to us, and stood with us as we've served in India and prepared to return. This letter is about a piece of ground: 333.47 square yards in Kondapavuluru, Andhra Pradesh, Plot #69, sitting right next to Vijayawada's international airport. We're asking you to help us secure it. But we want you to understand *why now*, because the timing is not incidental. It is the whole point.



What This Property Is For

This is not a purchase for its own sake. Our prayer is that this small plot becomes, over time, our family's home when we return to India, a discipleship and training center, and a base from which ministry can reach out toward Hyderabad, Chennai, Bengaluru, Visakhapatnam, and — through those we train and send — the far northeast of India, including Nagaland. “What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also” (2 Timothy 2:2). That verse is the whole shape of this project: a place to teach faithful people so that they can teach others.

That is why property matters right now, this year, more than it might have five years ago. A plot of land, purchased and held, is not a recurring stream of “religious activity” funding that has to be re-registered and re-justified every year under an increasingly narrow list of approved categories. It is a fixed asset — a place we will own outright, debt-free, before the rules tighten any further. We cannot promise you that owning this ground insulates us from every future regulation; we don't know what the next round of amendments will bring, and we intend to follow whatever the law requires when it does. But we do know this: the window to secure a stable, permanent base is open now, and with every passing month, the path narrows.

What We're Asking

The total cost of Plot #69 is ₹48,35,315 — approximately \$50,484. We are not asking for all of it at once. We're asking in two phases:

Phase One — \$16,705. This is the immediate commitment: a booking amount plus a follow-on payment that the developer requires within weeks, to hold the property before it is offered to someone else. This is our present, urgent goal.

Phase Two — \$33,779. This is the remaining balance, due on a payment schedule we'll finalize once Phase One is secured.

Would You Pray, Give, and Share?

Would you pray with us that God provides this ground for a permanent place of Gospel ministry in India? “Each person should do as he has decided in his heart — not reluctantly or out of compulsion, since God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7). If the Lord leads you to give toward Phase One, we would be grateful beyond words. And if you can't give right now, would you share this with your church, your small group, or a friend who might? We are trying to reach \$16,705 as quickly as we can, and the fastest way there is for this letter to travel further than we can carry it ourselves.

We want to have a place to begin the moment we land in India — not a rented room, not a borrowed building, but a place already ours, ready to open its doors. We believe that is worth working for now, while the door is still open.

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