“HEY KIDS, REMEMBER”

Ganesha, this elephant-like idol, is the best known and most worshipped of all the many Hindu gods. Pray that Hindus all over the world will learn about Jesus, the only true God.

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G grew up in Guyana, over the border from Suriname, South America. I was a Hindu but became a follower of Jesus. Now I live in Suriname and tell other Hindustani
people about Jesus.

One day a friend came to me and asked, “Do you have a Bible you could give me for a friend?” Both that man, Ronald, and his friend are Hindustani men in Suriname. Their ancestors came from India and followed Hindu ways and so did they.

Ronald told me, “We keep worshipping the Hindu gods but have no peace and our life is a mess.” I shared the good news of the gospel with him. “Through Jesus you can know inner peace and joy, and most importantly forgiveness for your sins. But remember, following Jesus means trusting in Christ alone and giving up your idols.”

Over a year after asking me for a Bible, Ronald said, “I’m reading that Bible you gave me. May I come see you?” My wife Nadira and I went to the home of Ronald and his wife, Marijke. Ronald is an older man with back pain and Parkinson’s disease. Doctors have not been able to help him, and prayers to their Hindu gods brought no help or peace, either. Marijke cares for Ronald at home. She is a Javanese Indonesian, and was a Muslim before becoming Hindu like her husband.

Psalm 96:1-3 (NIV)
1 Sing to the LORD a new song; 
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
2 Sing to the LORD, praise his name; 
proclaim his salvation day after day.
3 Declare his glory among the nations, 
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

What are true things about God that Hindus need to hear about? (See the chart on page 6 and think about Psalm 96:1-3.)

Pray that more Hindus will hear about the true God.

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~Psalm 96:1
do you think about what I have shared with you?”

Ronald replied, “I read the Bible and I know that my life has no hope and peace. I also know that only the God of the Bible could truly change me and save me from my sin. I want to put my trust in Jesus.”

I led him in prayer to confess his faith in the Lord. What a joy to watch him give his life to Jesus!

When my wife and I visited Ronald and Marijke a few days later, I looked around and said, “The pictures of Hindu gods are gone. You threw them away already. That’s wonderful!”

Together we praised and thanked God for removing fear from Ronald’s heart and giving him boldness to stand up for Jesus Christ.

At the same time, Marijke told Nadira, “After 23 years of going through religious rituals, I am not satisfied with my life. I have no genuine peace, only inner turmoil.”

Just as Ronald had done, Marijke was also searching for what could bring her hope and joy. Nadira told her that Jesus could forgive her sins and give her everlasting peace. Marijke eagerly prayed to receive Jesus as her Savior.

Since Ronald and Marijke began following Jesus, we have seen changes in their lives and smiles on their faces. Nadira and I meet with them each week. They want to learn more about God and his Word. Many of their relatives live in the community and we hope that the Lord makes a way for us to use their home for a future house church. Join us in praying that they will continue to grow and be strong in Jesus.
Use crayons or colored pencils (not markers) to color this picture of a Hindu worshipping false gods.

As you color, pray for the Hindu people in Suriname. Pray that they will listen to the Shiwdats tell them about the true God.

Pray for Gurudatt and Nadira Shiwdatt and their son, Nathan.

- Ask God to lead them to Hindustani people in Suriname who are ready to hear about Jesus.
- Also ask God to make those people curious to want to know more.