No Doubts At All

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Ashook lives in Mizoram, a beautiful and unique region of Northeast India full of hillsides with many cities and towns. For personal reasons he left his home in Jharkhand (India) and came to Mizoram. He is thrilled to share his testimony of how he became a Seventh-day Adventist.

Can you imagine being the only Christian in an area of tens of thousands of people who are opposed to Christianity? Here is Ashook’s amazing story.

“I was born in a region in India where everyone is a Hindu. People offer things and fruits to the gods to please and appease them. These practices never really made sense to me, but since I was born into a Hindu family, this is what I had to do.”

Ashook was touched by the message on the radio.
"I was in school away from home, but I came back to visit with my family. While at home, I heard AWR. I liked the music; that’s why I listened to the radio. The next time I turned to the station, there wasn’t music, but I heard a speech. Why was he speaking like that? Of course, the talks were in Hindi. I continued to listen, and one night at the end of the program when they gave the address, I wrote it down.

“The pastor talked about lifestyle and how it affects our health. Our lifestyle is not good; drinking, smoking; the things we eat . . . So, I wrote the pastor a letter. Soon an evangelist came to visit me and talked with me. I went with him to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. I attended a Bible study and then decided I would get baptism. My heart was convinced.

But Ashook’s new discovery was not without peril.

“My father and family knew I listened to the radio, but they didn’t realize what I was doing. I was actually afraid to tell them, because the village I come from is Indian Brahmin caste – the highest class of Hinduism. Everyone is Hindu and every family has a temple; in our home we worshipped and gave offerings to the gods. People do not become Christian at all. There are no churches. I was the only Christian there.

“Letters (in Hindi) from AWR used to come to me at my home. My father read everything, and of course after some time he knew. Then the main problem I had to face as a result of this was that I had to support myself financially. I was 15 years old and still had to get my education, but I had to leave my home; I wasn’t welcomed in my family anymore.

“I wanted to work in Adventist mission, but the problem was that I don’t have proper qualification. All over India, if you aren’t a graduate, you can’t get a job at all. I still have three years to finish college.

When we asked Ashook whether, having known everything he knows now -- the hardships forced upon him because he accepted Christ -- if he would do it over. He responded with a beautiful and peaceful smile:

“Oh yes. No doubts at all. Maybe so many people in India like me may not know about Jesus, so maybe in our prayers we should remember the people who are suffering. AWR has a great meaning to me because whatever I am, I am completely changed because of AWR."

Many more like Ashook are waiting for someone to tell them the story of Jesus. AWR IS telling the story in scores of languages around the world! But the message cannot reach anyone without your financial help.

Please partner with AWR today. Your support will make a huge difference in the lives of many people around the world—people like Ashook.

Maranatha,