March 2012

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Without the support of his family, Umesh and his wife now had no income and no place to live. Overwhelmed by hopelessness, he decided to get a divorce.

Then something happened he didn’t expect. Umesh received a visit from a team of gospel workers from Quiet Hour Ministries. They were offering Bible studies in preparation for meetings near his home in Sri Lanka and had been told of the situation Umesh faced.

After the first visit, Umesh agreed to begin Bible studies. As his heart was touched by the Word of God, Umesh soon began attending the local Seventh-day Adventist Church.

When the Quiet Hour Ministries evangelistic meetings began, Umesh was a regular attendee. And he spent many hours talking to the volunteer evangelists and going over the teachings of the Bible.

At the end of one of the meetings, Umesh said he was ready to begin a new life in Christ and be baptized!

When the meetings came to a close, Umesh and 16 other precious people were baptized. He is now an active member of the Negombo Adventist Church in Sri Lanka. And though his family has forsaken him, Umesh has found a new family in the church community.

Read a full report from our evangelistic meetings in Sri Lanka, Pakistan and the United Arab Emirates in our Spring 2012 Echoes magazine.

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