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# Maithili

## UPDATE



Ravi Gupta

## Following in the Footsteps of Paul

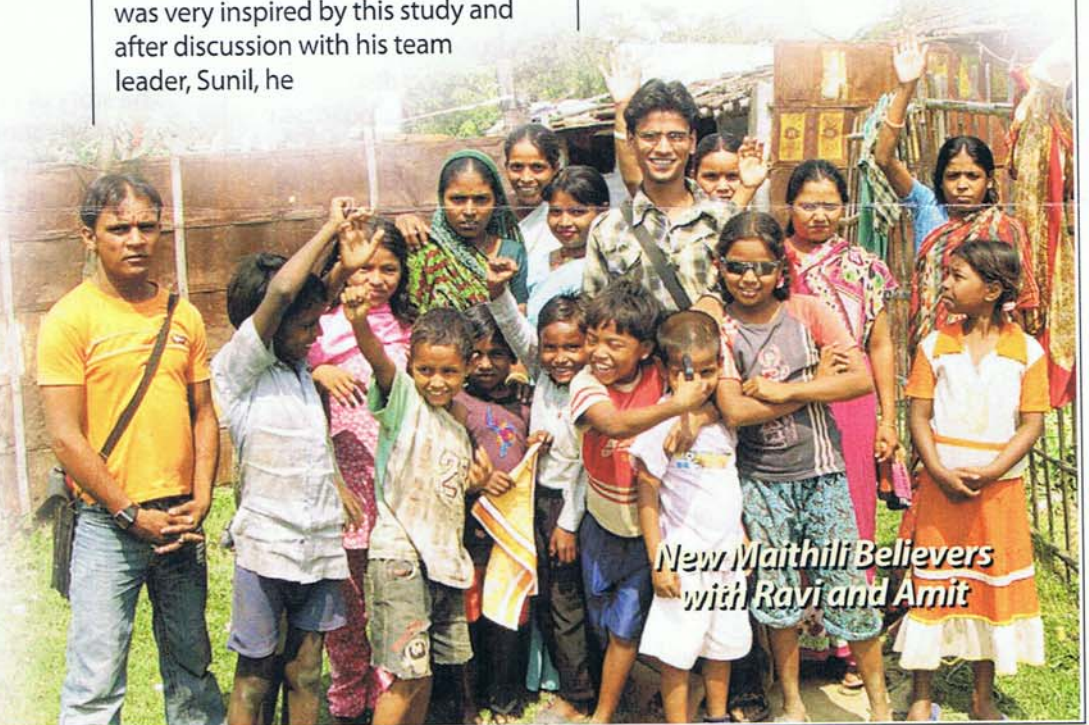
*Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you. ~ Philippians 4:9*

The Apostle Paul was the central theme of study and discussion among the church planters in Bihar for the past few months. They have spent time analyzing the characteristics of Paul's missionary journeys, follow-up methods and leadership development models.

EPIC church planter, Ravi Gupta, was very inspired by this study and after discussion with his team leader, Sunil, he

decided to put feet to what he'd learned. He chose his own "Timothy," Amit Gupta, to accompany him. With prayer and little funds they started their journey.

As the Holy Spirit led them, they moved from village to village prayer walking vast areas in Supaul and Saharsa districts. As they went, people



*New Maithili Believers  
with Ravi and Amit*



gathered in multitudes to hear the Word of God. They prayed and God healed many sick people. Just like in the Book of Acts they commanded demons to leave and people were set free to the great joy and astonishment of observing crowds. Those who practiced witchcraft turned away, repented and accepted Christ.

associate teams were praying for the success of this journey some with fasting! Ravi and Amit reported spiritual encounters from time to time and the prayer requests were circulated over phone and internet, an advantage Apostle Paul did not have!

During this journey Amit's sister died in her marital home when a gas cylinder used for cooking exploded. Even this tragedy did not deter Amit and he did not leave the field to attend her funeral. What on earth and above can separate these youths from the love of God and the determination to do His ministry? They have greater faith than some of their leaders!



In one situation resembling Paul

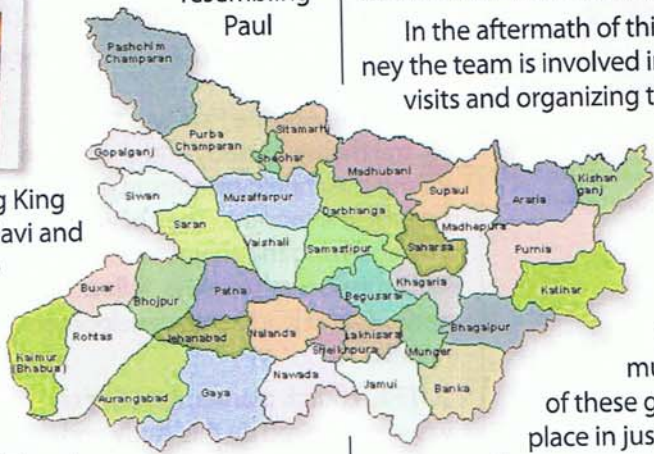
In the aftermath of this great journey the team is involved in follow-up visits and organizing training for

the new leaders being raised from these new churches.

We expect multiplication of these groups to take place in just a few months.

New Maithili House Churches

addressing King Agrippa, Ravi and Amit were invited to meet with one of the Bihar state politicians in his home. Ravi gave long discourses from the Word of God. The politician and his entire family believed! They have been asked to come again. The result of the 20-day journey was 85 souls saved, 7 baptized and 5 house churches planted. Ravi and Amit stayed with the people for a few days to disciple and help them get



started in group worship and prayer. Meanwhile the leadership and

The story of the first century church is repeating itself. It will continue to repeat where there are willing and enthusiastic hearts. God is doing wonderful things among the Maithili in Bihar! Please pray for Ravi and Amit who are faithfully following in the footsteps of Paul. ❖



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