

Matthew 9:20-22 *And look! A woman suffering from chronic bleeding [for] twelve years, having approached Him from behind, touched the fringe of His cloak. (21) For she was saying within herself, "If only I shall touch His cloak, I will be cured." (22) Then Jesus having turned around and having seen her, said, "Be having courage, daughter; your faith has cured you." And the woman was cured from that hour.*

Acts 16:14 *And a certain woman by name Lydia, a dealer of purple [fabrics] of [the] city of Thyatira, worshiping God, was listening, whose heart the Lord opened to be paying close attention to the [things] being spoken by Paul.*

Acts 16:40 *So having come out from the prison, they entered to [the house of] Lydia, and having seen the brothers [and sisters], they comforted them and departed.*

Remember the woman with the issue of blood that Jesus healed? Ever wonder what happened to her after the healing took place? Well in our case she turned out to be a Lydia, an influential and respected business woman in the village.

Everyone in Kalipur knew that Sushila was suffering from a tumor in her abdomen and had been suffering for many years. The doctors gave her no hope and they all expected the worst. But God had other plans. When Jaitin and Stifen went to the village as guests of one of the families they spent the evening sharing the Gospel and asked if there was anyone present who would like prayer. There was no response. Feeling a little disappointed they ended the meeting and were preparing to leave when this small woman quietly appeared and requested prayer. Her abdomen was hugely extended with a tumor that the doctors said was hopeless. Jaitin and Stifen prayed and God did a miracle. The tumor disappeared! Suddenly the prayer requests were flooding in and people were begging to know more about Jesus.

Now this village of 200 homes with approximately 5 people per home has the honor of being the first fully Christian village on the island. Praise God!

They've started baptizing and will be doing so in small groups until everyone in the village has been buried and resurrected with Christ.

We praise the Lord for His mighty and continual work among the Bengali of Andaman Islands. Please continue to pray for the trainers as well as the new believers and the new leaders being raised among them.

Blessings,

Crista

P.S. As the work grows it will become increasingly important to be careful about releasing information. Please forward this information only to those you feel it is important and please not to anyone in India. We do not want anything to jeopardize what is happening. Thank you!