

VARANASI, INDIA:

**Oldest consistently inhabited city in India and
it is also the spiritual capitol of India.**







FAMILY



Unbeknown to me while interacting with Davidson Singh since 2012, that Davidson was going to be ordained in 2014 by Apostles Jim and Ramona Rickard in southern India with Resurrection Apostolic International Network. I found out when I saw these pictures on Facebook !!! Pastor Ramona graciously let me take with me to wear the dress she ordained him in.



Davidson Singh is an Ordained Preacher/Teacher, Singer/ Worship Leader, Translator, English and Music Teacher





This is the first church we ministered in that was outside Varanasi in a small Village. We were the first Caucasians come there.



Preached, handed out children's hand made cards Judy brought from her church she attends in Wisconsin, and we prayed for each person. People came from the village that had not been in that church before.





On the bottom left are pillars where Buddha gave his first sermon. While praying through the Sarnath Archeology Site, I/ we are praying for one and all Buddhists to come to know the full truth of God..





I preached and prophesied for everyone at this second church of Apostle Pastor Marry Gomes's 160 churches she and husband have planted. Her husband is in Mumbai recovering from a stroke. One of the biggest deliverance happened here for a young man that walked away from the Lord. Judy and the church surrounded Davidson and I as we ministered to set him free of many demons. Marry privately video taped it.

It was a divine appointment as was so many as we bonded in the Lord with Principal Harendra Kumar of Cutting Memorial Intermediate Collage. and wife Vimla and family. (Estd. 1841, A Minority Christian Inst. Via Methodists). Vilma gave Judy and I both a sari. We went to their home twice and to his office and prayed at the campus.





13 hr. train ride each way. Thankfully we went at night in 3 tier sleeper car shakin' & rattle'n! Visit with a special family friends of Davidson. Christeena teaches at the elementary school on the Seminary property.

A special visit, Lunch, a personal tour of Lalitpur Bible Seminary with the Director of 37 years. Rev. Kishore Mathews wife's dad was the original Director of 60 years and builder with support o Methodists missionaries.



We had the honor of going to the school Davidson has started in a village outside Varanasi. We enjoyed the children so much and am happy to be helping with this venture. He is soon starting another school in another village. He has those that help teach that he has taught and mentored as well as they having education training/school. Some of the children come for better education after the public, others can't even afford that and may not even have a home.



Pastors and spouse's worship during our training, equipping and prayer ministry gathering. By the time they all came because of the difficulty of travel because of Prime Minister Modi was in town for the elections. There were 50 that were able to come. Next time we will do a 2-3 day gathering , God willing.



Pastor Davidson's sang and interpreted while his dad, who also is an Apostolic Pastor sat at the door as a watchman praying. Judy and I with Veronica Fernandez, wife of Sebastan director of Compassion Intl. director in Varanasi that lost his job.

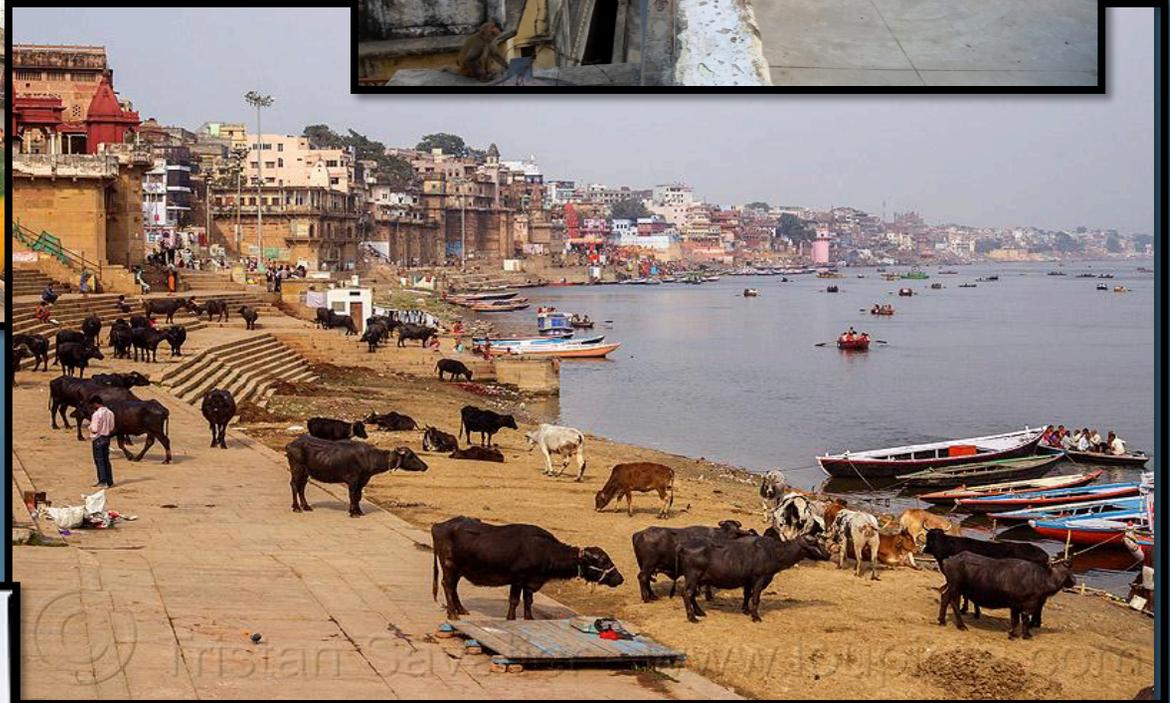
While most are poor, there is much color displayed in, on and throughout their buildings.



Typical street scene with food vendors and cows, dogs, water buffalo and monkeys now and then.







Cows, water buffalo, goats, monkeys and dogs are seen throughout the city streets, water and land. In the country and small villages you may see a camel, sheep, or an elephant.

The poor and animals alike search for food or treasures.



There is plenty of cow dung to be found for various uses.





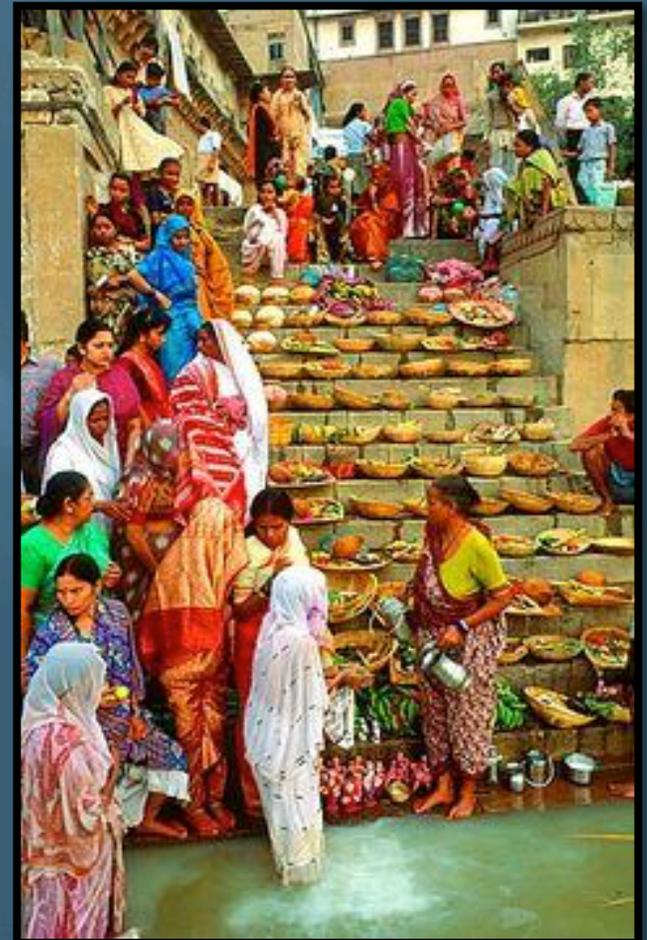
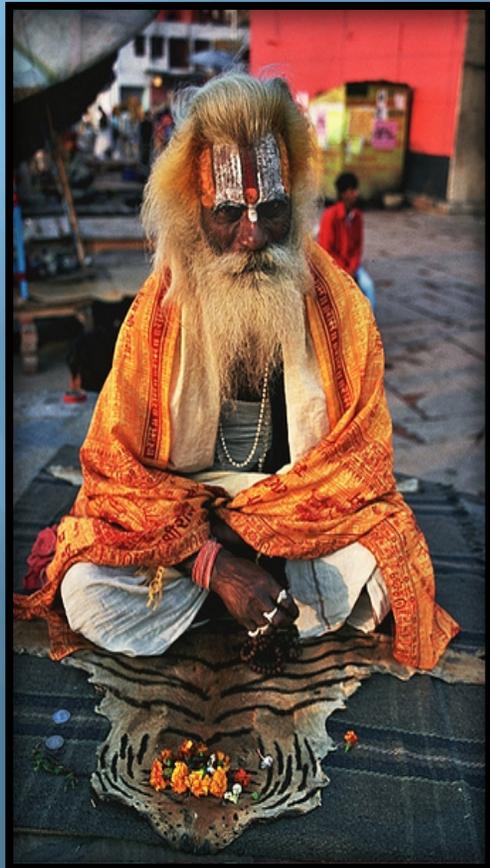
Ghats in Varanasi are riverfront steps leading to the banks of the River Ganges. The city has 87 ghats. Most of the ghats are for bathing , washing cloths and puja (Hindu) ceremonies while a few are used exclusively as cremation sites. All of them shared with the animals that you see such as cows, water buffalo, dogs, monkeys etc.



There are temples and shrines everywhere along the river and throughout the city.



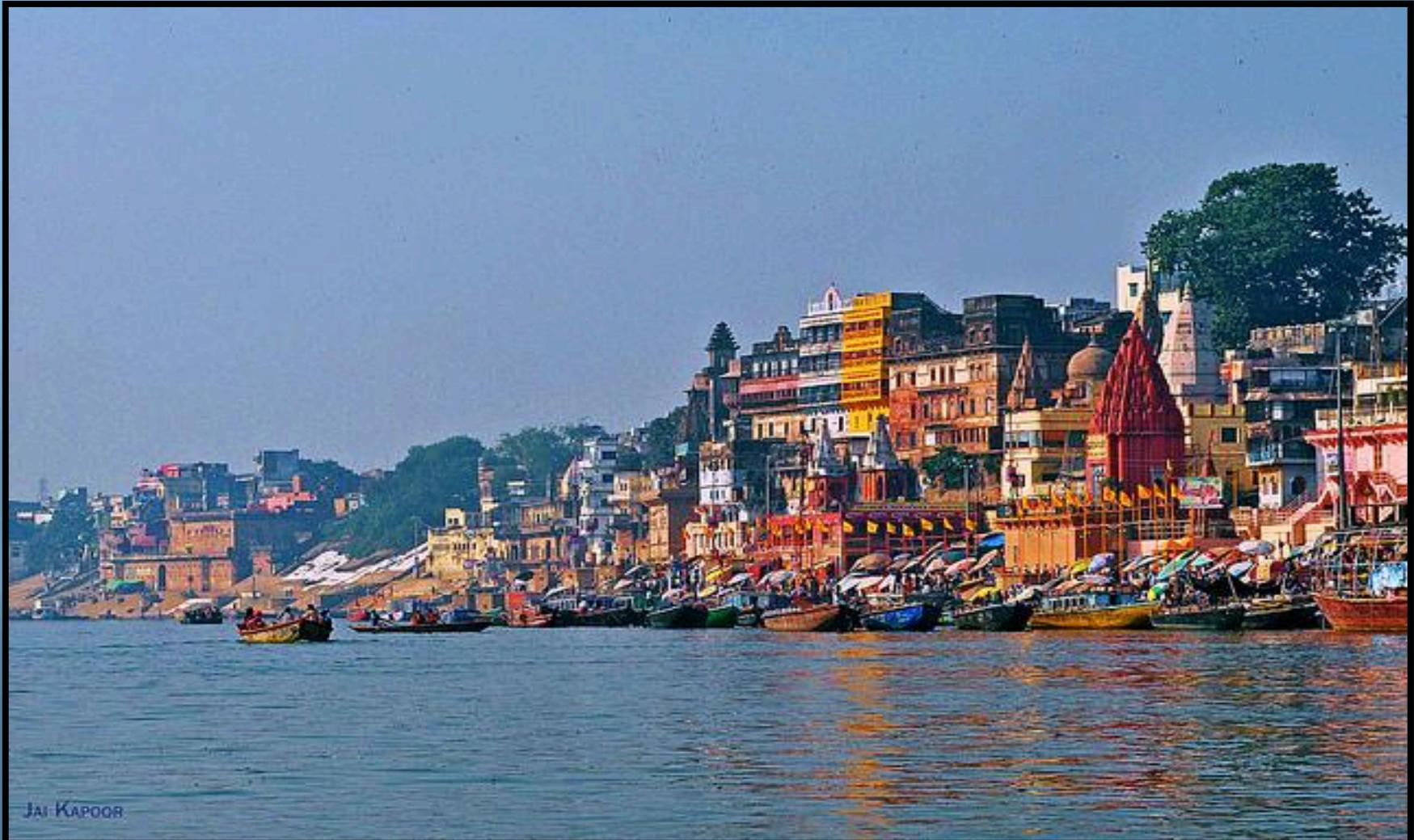
The majority of population is Hindu, but there are also Buddhists, Muslims and many other beliefs as shown below, including a minority of Christians. The Hindu scriptures claim that there are 330 million Gods. In the picture to the right they are presenting fruit as an offering. Candles are lit, a prayer said and released to float down the Ganges River which is considered sacred. There are many, many other traditions and ceremonies and temples everywhere.



Ganges river is named after a Hindu goddess called Ganga. Geographers to Historians and Mythologists regard Ganges as the heart of Indian culture, tradition and living. They bath in the river as a sacred practice. Animals have free use of the river as well. Every Hindu comes to Varanasi to the River. It is believed if you die in Varanasi, India you immediately go to heaven.



**Please pray for Varanasi, India
and all of India.**



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