

Recent Missionary story of Eddie's family Rita and Gary Lyon:



November 21, 2004 – What a great day! A young man from India who just finished the discussions in our home here in Connecticut, asked Gary to baptize him. What a thrill! The only problem is his name – Adictea Kumar Shrivastava. See why we call him Eddie? Rather than have me hold up a cue card or write it on his wrist, Gary had Eddie write it out phonetically so he could keep the card in his pocket and practice all week. He did a great job! And the whole baptism went wonderfully.

Our mission president, Clayton Huber was one of the speakers – always a special feast. He told about Andrew, going to inform his brother, Peter, telling him, “We have found the Messiah”. And of Philip telling Nathanael “We have found him (The Messiah), of whom Moses in the law and the prophets did write.” (This is interesting – When I got home I wanted to read this for myself but I couldn’t find the account where Andrew told Peter in Matthew, Mark or Luke only that Jesus called these men to be fishers of men, but finally found it John 1:40-48.)

And then President said, “This is like you, Annika, as you rushed to tell Eddie and as we all should do – share this wonderful news with everyone; “We have found the Messiah!” President Huber has so many scriptures memorized and he shares them with such a moving, reverent spirit. What a marvelous blessing it is to learn and grow this way. Missions are incredible!

Eddie was so receptive during the discussions, truly just a ‘dry Mormon’. Gary remarked to Eddie as they were getting dressed right after the baptism that he felt that Eddie was certainly a golden contact and that right from the first lesson Gary felt that he was gaining a strong testimony and knew it was true.

Eddie replied that many of the public schools in India were Catholic and that he went to a Catholic school even though he was Hindu. He had also studied the Muslim religion and they all lacked something but when he heard us and the missionaries teach the Gospel, everything was so right, so marvelously true, no big holes like he had found in the other religions. He knew he had found the whole truth. After the baptism Eddie and Annika and about 8 other YSA came over to our house to eat blueberry crumb cake I made this morning, and the gulab jamun, an interesting dish from India that Eddie made. Of the dozen people there that night we had young adults from Estonia, Mexico, Peru, Puerto Rico, Canada, Costa Rica, the U.S. and of course India. A wonderful day and a perfect ending. What a blessing and a privilege to get to know people like Eddie and Annika and have a little part in teaching them of these great truths

