

Fr. Maria Babu, Andhra Pradesh India.

Fr. Maria wrote to us in 2015 pleading for help for his people. There is much persecution in that part of India and frequent attacks on property. His health was not good and indeed he was moved from his original parish. His people are very poor and the children need many things including food and better clothing. He asked us again for catechetical and devotional material which we have been sending ever since the first contact. Many many rosaries have found their way there, as well as other objects notably for the 'Legion of Mary'. There are many joining this and beautiful medals are sent as required... for investiture, all donated to us. We have also tried to send gifts of money as often as we can, sometime difficult to do because of 'policy'. He offers many Masses for people's intentions. The problems in India are great and attacks from various faith groups increase. We are sent regular updates on the situation and would love to do more to help. Even a small amount was helpful in obtaining uniforms for the children but as you can see in the picture ...no shoes....! He works tirelessly to aid his people with little Church support. We would love to help especially with food for the children...



He also does radio work especially on Our Lady Mary so we send out books relevant to this mission as resources for him.

There is a need to understand the situation here as well as all our projects... and this requires much prayer....

Reference

Dear & loving Mummy

Mar 18, 2016

Thank you so much for your kind and loving Message I am very grateful to you. I have received Two parcels one with 12 Medals and the other one with some beautiful Rosaries and some Leaflets and one beautiful statue of the Divine Mother. Thank you so much once again. Thank you so much also for your prayers and Blessings . Please keep on praying for me. Please be sure of my Holy Masses and prayers for all of you. The Newman Book is more important for me for the Messages. I am very happy that you are getting it for me Thank you so much With love and prayers

Your Missionary son Fr. Maria Babu



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Update June 2022... We have now got an excellent relationship and communication with Fr. Maria Babu. Over the last years, in spite of Covid we have managed to send parcels to him. He is especially grateful for all Marian things which he uses for his broadcasts and for his people (Rosaries, small statuettes, medals.

Covid and poverty combined to make his shepherding very difficult and complex and he is not in good health. We feel it is a privilege to be able to help him.

Below is a picture of a more recent parcel and a prayer meeting of his people.



September 2023. Update. We continue to send many parcels, specially rosaries, small statuettes, and altar things as well as Marian books to Fr. Maria Babu. He has many difficulties at this time and needs our support.



September 2025...

We continue to outreach to Fr. Maria Babu as he struggles with ill health and poor resources. As a Missionary Priest he is always asking us for small religious objects which he distributes as part of his evangelising work. We also try to supply him with stipends. He is always grateful for all the rosaries, both for adults and children. Very small statuettes and crosses are always helpful. As he speaks about Our Lady we try to supply him with books on various aspects of Marianology. We were particularly aware of Fr. Maria Babu's ill-health and sometimes able to gift small amounts of money, which he used for necessary medication. He is especially grateful for books about Our Lady, which he used for his evangelising work and on YouTube. What thrilled him is a parcel containing a chasuble with gold on it, for celebrating Mass on Feast Days.



Update October 2025

We were most surprised when we did not receive an acknowledgement for a parcel sent in July and Mass stipends a month or so earlier... We started to worry and received the following message:

“Loving Mother,

Your Article in the Encouragement on popes and Papacy is very nice and interesting informative. Thank you so much

Thank you so much Loving Mother

With love and prayers

Your poor Missionary son

Maria Babu”

04/06/2025 (2 weeks before he died)

Seriously concerned, we searched the internet and eventually found the following obituary:



We were deeply saddened that he died on 28th June (2025). More so because nobody had informed us. He often worked without any support so maybe we should not have been surprised. He was one of the first people to contact The Host Apostolate for help, in June 2014.

His relentless pleas for help sometimes made us smile at his zeal, even though sometimes our resources needed to be spread more widely

We will miss his regular contact and it has been a blessing to be in touch with him.

We pray that others will take over his mantle. We hope that all the good he has done will be remembered and his reward will be great in Heaven.

Fr. Maria Babu Kandula Rest in Peace... with love and prayer, Halina

