

# THAMBALAGAMAM EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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Respected,

On behalf of the Thambalakamam church we would like to let you know that our church was established in a village named Puthukkudiyiruppu in the year 2021. This was not started with new people. Rather they were members of Telugu nagar Grace Fellowship Church at Thambalakamam. This church was started before 30 years and it was run by Pastor Jeyakanth. In this situation, taking advantage of the war, Pastor Jeyakanth with the help of the foreign pastors who support our church, went abroad and settled with his family. During this time, in his absence the local pastors were appointed for the Grace Fellowship church which was established by him at Thambalakamam. But Pastor Jeyakanth remained as the senior pastor of the church from abroad. Then pastor Raja (Kanna) residing at Telugu nagar, who was looking after the church activities from the beginning, was appointed as pastor for Grace Fellowship Church at Thambalakamam in the year 2013. But Pastor Jeyakanth remained as the senior pastor of the church from England.

In this situation, many accusations raised against the senior pastor in various situations by different people. But we didn't believe these in the beginning since our people believed him. So Pastor Jeyakanth took advantage of the support of our people and the blind belief that the church believers had on him, and retained his reputation among the foreign pastors. As a result, the

standard of life and the reputation of the senior pastor of the church grew in the midst of the foreigners.

In this situation, the real face of Pastor Jeyakanth showed off in spite of him being a faithful Christian religious pastor inside the country and abroad. In the year 2019, Pastor Jeyakanth had immoral conversations with a widow woman who came seeking monetary support from him and also he tried to have immoral relationship and Pastor Raja (Kanna) of Grace Fellowship church, Thambalakamam came to know about this and met Pastor Jeyakanth with a witness regarding this. In the beginning pastor found to accept his mistake and later he tried to take revenge against Pastor Raja (Kanna) and others, thinking that they would be a harm for him in later days. So as a result, he tried to remove Pastor Raja (Kanna) from the post of pastor from his church. As his real face came to light, his activities were in a worst manner. So as Pastor Jeyakanth's activities were against the Holy bible which we believe, Pastor Raja (Kanna) realized the same and decided to resign from the post of Pastor at Grace Fellowship church Thambalakamam in the year 2021. As the majority of the church believers didn't accept the decision taken to resign, argued and had discussions with Pastor Jeyakanth. In this situation, Pastor Jeyakanth spoke against the people who were in favor of Pastor Raja (Kanna) and told that he is the church pastor and it is his church and those who hear his word could stay there or else they could leave the church. The people who were in the church were so confused and without peace and there were problems rising often among them.

Pastor Raja (Kanna), after realizing that this will result in a worst situation, resigned and left the church. Following him, the workers who were responsible

for most of the church activities and majority of the believers (Nearly 200 people) left the church.

Then we conducted the worship services in the houses with their permission, with a hope of getting a proper solution. But we couldn't continue since the number of people attending the service exceeded. Since we didn't get any favorable solution from the church which we were attending in the beginning, we built a temporary shelter in a land owned by a believer of our church and conducted the worship services there. But it was very difficult to conduct the worship services in that shelter during the summer and rainy seasons. At the same time, the land owner considering the situation of the church decided to donate his land for the church and we decided to construct a building with the support of the well-wishers and church believers. And it was decided to utilize the building for preschool and social service from Monday to Friday and the same building would be utilized for church activities on Saturday and Sunday. The building was constructed on the basis of the above decision taken and activities were carried out accordingly.

But we got instruction from the government office stating that this building should not be utilized for church activities.

So on this basis, we would like to let you know on behalf of our church people that we don't involve in forcible religious conversions and we request the permission to worship Christianity which we are doing in the past years.

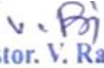
Moreover, we raised our voice against pastor Jeyakanth of Grace Fellowship church, a member of that church in the beginning, since he didn't live according to the Holy Bible, which we consider important and primary, and was doing sinful activities continuously. We moved away from that church

since he never minded us and was using his authority over us. In this situation, if you didn't give permission to conduct the church worship service, then where would the 289 people go and conduct the meeting. The government officials are answerable for this question. At the same time, if you are permitting us to conduct worship service in our church, then we request you to permit us to conduct worship service in Telugu nagar Grace Fellowship Church with a pastor whom the people select for them. The reason is that as per our church members' consensus, as majority of them is with us, Pastor Jeyakanth is not worth for the Pastoral ministry and he has failed according to the Bible.

So we humbly request you to provide us a solution without giving ear to the false and non-evidential accusations, and considering our country's present situation and giving importance to our religious freedom.

Yours

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