

Free to Sing

Music. I love music, don't you? But, this morning, Noelle told me about two stories where Christians in India were attacked because of their music! Pastor P. Anjenayulu, in Andhra Pradesh state, was driving with his family, between two villages. A stranger stopped them and asked them for a ride. The pastor said yes, and the man got into their van. But, the stranger didn't like the Christian songs the pastor and his family were playing, and he started making phone calls. When they got to the village, a mob of over three hundred people attacked the pastor's van! They broke out the windows and windshield and ordered the pastor to hand over the Christian music.

And that wasn't the first time Christians in India were attacked because of their music. Back in 2006, in another part of India called Chhattisgarh, eleven Christians were attacked on Christmas Eve for singing Christmas carols! Then, the attackers lied about the Christians and had them arrested!

I am so thankful I am allowed to sing songs about Jesus any time I want to. Next time I sing to God, I hope I remember to ask Him to help the people who can't.

"Dear God, please help the people who love You in India to sing and praise You. Please take care of them and keep them safe. And, please help the people who hear them to come to love You instead of hating other people. Thank You. In Jesus' Name. Amen."