

## SAGAR



# David Sagar

## INDIA

### LANGUAGE

Teluga

### MINISTRY PRIORITIES

Training and  
Capacity Building

### BIRTHDAY

12/28



### LOCATION

India



### ABOUT

David is an active American Baptist pastor in Chicago also serving as an International Ministries associate development worker in India.

Building on 11 years of service as an IM special assistant to India, David will provide discipleship and leadership

training and build networks to bless Indian communities globally.

He will also be available as a resource person for the Baptist Council of Telugu Churches and the India Mission Coordination Committee.



### MINISTRY STORY

David immigrated to the U.S. in 1982 and became a naturalized citizen in 2005.

Today, his home church is the Antioch Telugu Baptist Church in Northlake, Illinois, the church he planted in 1992. It is the first Telugu Baptist Church in the United States, and his ministry with IM in India is a global extension of the church's ministry.

David has a doctorate in Leadership Transformation and has done advanced studies in counseling techniques and the principles of personality. His passion and desire is that all his training and study experience attained in U.S. will help and encourage in equipping leaders to carry on God's mission more effectively within their Indian context.

David has conducted several workshops and seminars on leadership development and relational building among the Baptist convention of the Telugu Churches. He also built a relationship between IM and the Lone Star Telugu Baptist Church in Nellore, India, where he participated in the church's 175th anniversary celebration in 2019.

Currently, David is leading an IM initiative in collaboration with Telugu Baptist leaders to bring unity among the more than one million Telugu Baptists. Globally, this initiative also seeks to reinvigorate mission-mindedness and to prepare the church for the future.



Dr. Rodney Ragwan (left) and David (right) presented a plaque to the pastor of the Lone Star Telugu Baptist Church (center) in Nellore, India, commemorating its 175th anniversary.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for the ministry in India.

Pray for all the Telugu Baptist churches in India.

Pray for the *samaikyatha* (Telugu for "unity") among Telugu Baptists in India and the rest of the world.

Pray that the international community will commit itself in solidarity to our unity-building agenda.

### SCRIPTURE

*"... being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."*

Philippians 1:6 (NIV)