



# Salvation Stories

**SALVATION IS A "BEFORE AND AFTER" EVENT!**

## **Salvation Story: Surjit**

My name is Surjit Kaur. I was born in village Fatheruwal, Hoshiarpur district, Punjab, India. In my family there was my father (name Mr. Keval Singh), my mother (name Mrs. Gurdev Kaur), my two brothers and my two sisters.

My parents have both passed away. (I will explain about it in the following testimony.)

We all belonged to the Sikh religion.

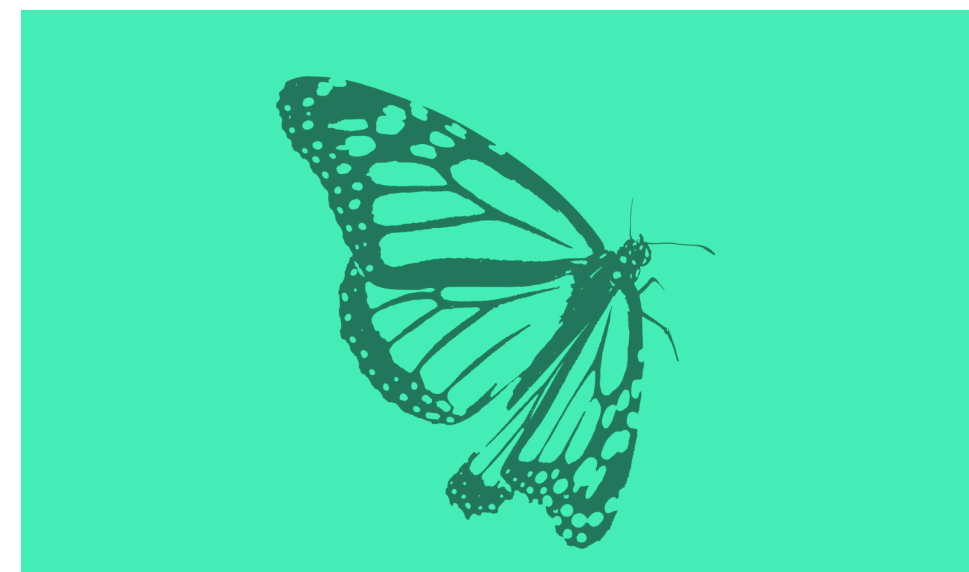
**Family background:** My father used to go back and forth to Saudi Arabia for some professional work. Every 2 years he'd come home for 2 months off. During one of those breaks in 1992, my elder sister was married according to Sikh customs. With my father, our whole family celebrated all the Sikh festivals with a lot of excitement. But even after doing all that, there was no peace in our home.

**Father's paralysis problem and our family believing in Jesus Christ:** Then in April 1997, our whole family moved from Hoshiarpur to the Ludhiana district in Punjab. We lived in a rented house. We'd only been in Ludhiana for a short time when, because of family issues, my father got stressed and had a paralysis attack. Even after 3 months of continuous treatment, he didn't get any relief. After that, one of our distant relatives told us about the Lord Jesus Christ.

At first my mother refused to even listen about Jesus. Then things at home got worse. Due to money problems, we didn't even have food to eat sometimes. When we were totally stressed out, that relative said to us, "You don't need to go to church because a pastor can come to your house and pray for your problems." (Because my father couldn't walk.)

So Pastor Sultan Masih started coming to our home and sharing the Good News with my mother, father, and us. After hearing the Word, we started believing in the Lord Jesus Christ and accepted Him as our Savior and Lord. And soon, through

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prayer and by God's grace, my father was completely healed. Along with my parents, both my sisters, one brother and I also started believing in Jesus with a true heart. My other brother, who's the oldest out of all us siblings, wasn't in faith because at that time he had gone abroad to work and earn money. And after going there, for many years he didn't keep any contact with our family — no letters, no phone calls.

**More events in the family:** But right when the rest of our family started believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, that brother contacted us by phone and helped us by sending money. We even bought our own house in Ludhiana.

In March 2004, I married Pastor Shivinder. The very next day, my younger brother also got married. The same year, I went to Jammu & Kashmir with my husband Pastor Shivinder to serve God. Four months later, my mother suddenly passed away. Because of that, our whole family was in deep shock for a very long time.

When my mother was alive she used to tell non-believers about the Lord Jesus Christ. And she spent a lot of time every day in prayer and regularly went to church with our whole family to have fellowship with other believers.

After my mother's death, my younger brother who was already married, turned away from believing in Jesus Christ. The big reason was that his wife didn't believe in Jesus Christ. During this time, my brother and father started having disagreements over some things.

In August 2006, my father passed away due to a heart attack.

**My elder brother returned from abroad believing in Jesus Christ:** One day my elder brother who was abroad came back to India to our home in Punjab. After that he also was married. After going through different life experiences, now he and his family — wife and one son — also believe in Jesus Christ. My younger sister got married around 3 years ago.

**Ministry and family life in Jammu & Kashmir:** After going to Kashmir with my husband for ministry, God blessed us with three children — son Joshua (21 years old), daughter Sakshi (18 years), and another daughter Ruth (16 years).

**Persecution in the ministry area:** While serving with my family in this northernmost part of India, Jammu & Kashmir, we've faced persecution from people many times. Because in this area the Muslim population is about 98%, and sharing the Gospel here isn't easy.

One incident that happened is when my son Joshua was very small and in my arms, my husband was sharing the Gospel personally (one by one) with some Muslim men in a park. One of them got really angry, started cussing, and threatened my husband and moved to hit him. But I quickly stepped between them and loudly told some guys standing nearby — who were friends of that man — to pull him away from my husband. I requested my husband to leave from there, and that's how we left.

Besides that one, there are many other incidents where my husband shared the Gospel with people or would give someone a small Gospel booklet. One man took the





booklet and threw it in the fire. Another time someone tore it up. And another man, after hearing the Gospel, threatened to bury my husband alive, raising his hand to hit him, and falsely accused him saying, “He’s trying to make me a Christian by luring me with 1 lakh rupees.” I thank God, He has protected my husband and saved him from every harm and persecution during those times.

Problems in having fellowship: We live in a rented house in this ministry area. Even having Sunday house-church fellowship is tough. Last year we had to leave a house because the locals kept complaining to our landlord over and over that every Sunday 20-25 people gathered at our place to pray.

Before that, we left a different house so we could have Sunday fellowship without any issues.

Our family has to live in two different places: Since last year, because of my son Joshua and daughter Sakshi’s studies, I’ve been living with them in our own house in the Ludhiana district, in Punjab. My mother-in-law also lives with us here. My husband and my daughter Ruth are living in Kashmir in the ministry area.

Social Media ministry: By the grace of God, we started to do Social Media Ministry in 2024. Through this ministry we are able to share the Gospel with many people. We teach many people through this platform. God has taught us so many things with it. This is a wonderful resource to reach the unreached people.

Prayer requests:

1. Please pray for our whole family to grow spiritually and be to be used a lot in ministry in the Kashmir region as well as other areas too. And that through the Social Media Ministry, we bring many people — into God’s kingdom.

2. For our children’s studies and their future.

3. Please pray for my mother-in-law to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as her Savior and Lord. Also, pray that my brother and his family and all our other relatives come to believe in Jesus Christ.

Your thankful,

Surjit Masih

