

Ramesh Kumar is a Christian from Uttarakhand that now lives in Rampur, Uttar Pradesh. Uttar Pradesh is the most populous and one of the most unevangelized states in India. It is currently a stronghold of Hindu fundamentalism. Ramesh has been working with Maranatha Vision Centre in Rampur to change that. Every time he visits New Delhi he comes to our office for prayer, encouragement, and to share stories. He is our partner in the Gospel.

When India went into lockdown, millions of poor wage earners lost their jobs. With no savings, their lives were in danger and many have died. It's very common in India for men to leave their rural villages and go to major cities for work. Once they lost their jobs, they all started migrating back to their villages. A large number of such workers came from villages in Bihar, one of India's poorest states, and worked in Delhi. When they left Delhi to return to Bihar, they travelled through Rampur, Uttar Pradesh. Therefore, Ramesh was on a popular route for many of these starving migrants.

He sets up a small kitchen outside in temperatures over 100 degrees and feeds an average of 2000 migrants a day as they travel through Rampur returning to their homes. These migrants, mostly being from Bihar, are among the poorest and worst suffering of all the people in India from the lockdown. It's been a tremendous joy of ours to see Ramesh's work in his city and to partner with him in serving the suffering and spreading the Gospel. He distributes Gospel tracts with the food.





The above picture is Ramesh in the center with his volunteers cooking food. The picture on the right is of his signs set up on the road.

