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Karnataka State, India - Pastor Kumar, a GFA native missionary who faced possible death this Sunday, has safely come through the weekend.

Last Friday he was confronted with a mob of anti-Christians who beat him and told him they'd kill him in front of his wife and two-year-old son if he conducted church services. The more than 40 new believers in this south Indian village-whom Kumar led to Christ over the past two years-were also threatened with death if they set foot inside the church.

Pastor Kumar and his GFA leader approached the local police, but they were unable to assist him. However, the district police chief later contacted Pastor Kumar and warned him to stay away from the church on Sunday, as he believed the threat was serious. Kumar and his family followed the police chief's advice. The believers, along with the church elders, met in another location for worship.

Meanwhile, Gospel for Asia leaders have appealed to the Indian government's Home Ministry in Delhi to intervene on their behalf.

Please continue to pray for Pastor Kumar, that he would stand firm in His service for the Lord Jesus. Remember also the more than 600 other GFA native missionaries who faithfully serve in the state of Karnataka.

Taken from the latest news at www.gfa.org.