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CHOSEN *to be Holy*



For He chose us in Him before the creation
of the world to be holy and blameless
in His sight in love. - Ephesians 1:4



FRONTLINE...

Holy unto the Lord

Ermines are peculiar little animals that live in the European and Asian forests. Their fur changes into a pure white colour during the winter, and they strive to keep it spotless. The hunters hunt these ermines for their fur. They are not caught using nooses or traps but by heaping filth at the entrance of their burrows. Then the hunting dogs are let loose to chase those little animals towards its burrow. But when it sees the filth at the entrance of its burrow, it decides to get caught by the dogs rather than make their pure fur dirty. The Hebrew term for Holiness is “Kadesh,” which means “set apart, cut off.” God has **chosen us to be holy** (Eph.1:4) and has **set us apart to be holy** (Lev.20:26). A call to live a holy life, then, refers to a life set apart and chosen by God for a special and noble purpose. For this, God chooses individuals, families, and nations. When God chooses us for a life of holiness, He expects the same kind of purity that we see among the ermines, which choose purity over life. God expects us to be holy like Joseph, an individual who had the zeal to keep himself pure (Gen.39:1-20), like the Rechabite family, of whom the Lord Himself gave witness about their purity (Jer.35:1-19), and like Pinehas, when God chose the Israelites to be a holy nation for Himself (Deu.7:6; Num.22-25), but when they were deceived by Balaam and his words, the kind of zeal that was seen in Pinehas when he sensed the unholy act among the people of Israel should be seen in us too. I should expect “being holy unto the Lord” to begin with me, then with my family, and only then with my nation. God chooses those who have a zeal for holiness. He sets them apart and uses them. May the Lord grant us the ability to be the kind of honourable vessel that can be used for a noble purpose every day!

- **Mercy Selwyn** (*Communication Department*)

**You are to be holy to Me
because I, the Lord, am
holy, and I have set you
apart from the nations
to be My own.**

- Leviticus 20:26

**Only when we understand
the holiness of God will
we understand the depth
of our sin. - Billy Graham**

**Make every effort to live
in peace with everyone
and to be holy;
without holiness no one
will see the Lord.**

- Hebrews 12:14

**The greatest miracle
God can do is to take an
unholy person out of an
unholy world, make them
holy, put them back into
the unholy world and
keep them holy.**

- Leonard Raven Hill

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Our Vision:

Reach the unreached Indians with the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Our Mission:

Evangelize the nation with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, serve to transform communities and share the Vision with the Indian Churches for their larger participation.

FMPB serves as an arm of the Church to plant Churches across the country.

FMPB does saturation evangelism among various people groups.

FMPB invites Churches, institutions, families and individuals to pray and support its work.

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From the General Secretary...

Dear partners in the mission of reaching the unreached Indians,

Greetings to you all in the everlasting Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark 3:2 & 3 gives an important aspect of Jesus life on earth. "Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, "Stand up in front of everyone."

Jesus went into a synagogue where a man with shriveled hand was sitting. Jesus knew that people are watching him to find a reason to accuse him. If he heals the man, they would blame Jesus that He violates the sabbatical law. Jesus had other options to heal the man and to evade that accusation. One was to heal the man after sabbatical restriction time, so that the people waiting to accuse Jesus may not have anything to say against Him. But Jesus who always depended on the Father, did not do any such gimmick. Knowing that they would plot to kill Him as mentioned in verse 6 "Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus", Jesus healed the man. As we are facing such kind of threats in and out, let us do prayerfully and consistently what is right in the eyes of the Father and for what we all have been chosen by the Lord of Hosts to take the gospel into every one of our country.

Visiting southern districts of Tamil Nadu

After Christmas, I visited the southern



districts of Tuticorin, Tenkasi, Kanniyakumari and Tirunelveli from 27th December to 30th December. In this period I visited many prayer group leaders, retired missionaries and participated in leaders' meetings and church meetings.

Meeting with leaders of Faith Comes By Hearing

Faith comes by hearing is an organization, doing the ministry of recording the Bible and provide audio devices to the church groups and new believers. The leaders of FCBH visited our Headquarter and we had a fruitful meeting on partnering to enhance the ministry.

The home call of Mr. Paul Duraisamy Porpatham

Paul Duraisamy Annan was an ardent leader of FMPB movement for a long time. He ministered to spread the vision of FMPB in the width and length of Tamil Nadu. He had his home call on 6th January 2023. A great soldier of Christ went to be with Him. I attended Annan's funeral service and pay my respect in his native place of Madaththur in Tenkasi district of Tamil Nadu

Golden Jubilee Youth Camp

FMPB organized a youth camp to commemorate the youth wing's completion of 50

years in the Lord's service. The meeting was conducted from 14 - 16th January 2023. 1040 young brothers and sisters gathered in Nazareth. The organizing committee and the prayer group leaders have arranged everything for a blessed meeting and brought many young people to the meeting. Many youngsters surrendered their lives to the love of Jesus and committed to go to share the gospel.

Important meetings and programs in February

Finance Management Committee

The FMC is scheduled on 4th February in Chennai. The budget for the year of 2023 - 2024 will be scrutinized in this meeting and recommended to the Executive Committee for approval.

Management Committee

The Management Committee meeting will be held from the evening of 4th February and will continue on 5th February. Kindly pray for the proceedings of the meeting.

Interview

Interview to select missionaries will be conducted on 6th and 7th February 2023 in FMPB Headquarters in Chennai. Please pray that the Lord of the harvest, send out more workers into His harvest field. Also pray for the candidates safe travel and God's guidance to the Interview panel to choose the right people.

National Planning Conference 2023

The National Planning Conference of this year is arranged in Chennai on 11th and 12th February to pray and plan for the ministry of FMPB. This is a meeting of leaders and missionaries who are

invited. Please pray for this very important meeting.

Executive Committee meeting

Following the NPC, the Executive Committee will meet on 12th afternoon and 13th of February 2023. Your prayers for this meeting is very vital.

Regional Secretaries meeting.

The Field Regional Secretaries meeting is arranged in Chennai on 14th and 15th of February. This meeting is becoming very important and significant in the context of severe opposition to the gospel in various states of our country.

The Silver Jubilee of St. Thomas English School, Jhavda, Gujarat

St. Thomas English School in Jhavda of Gujarat is serving the society in education for the past 25 years with accolades. It is celebrating its silver jubilee on 18th February 2023. Your prayers are very important to carry the educational ministry into the future.

We thank you for your sincere prayers and support to the ministry of FMPB. Remember all the missionaries of FMPB in your prayers atleast once in a day as many missionaries, Evangelists and the believers are facing difficulties and opposition in various places. Pray that the Word of God may spread across the nation without any hindrance.

Your fellow servant in God's Mission



Rev. John Berlin S.

HE HAS CHOSEN YOU UP TO BE HOLY

Ephesians 1:4



When did He chose you?

He chose us before the foundation of this world. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me (Ps 5:1) says David. How can one be chosen before the foundation of this world to be holy? There is a funny story of a baby which was born in a hospital. The nurses took the child to be cleaned. The right palm of the child was clenched. Unable to open the nurse called the doctor. The doctor bent over the child. The child opened the palm and caught hold of the long golden chain that was hanging from the doctors neck. At the same time a golden ring fell off from the tightly fisted hand of the child. That ring belonged to the nurse who was in charge of the delivery. So the Doctor enquired about the child's parents and found that the father was a thief. Yes the father was a thief, so the infant boy too was born a thief. How is it possible for a person to be chosen to live holy even before the foundation of the world, if a child is born with a sinful attitude and characteristic of a parent?

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast. (Eph 2: 8-9). ... the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world (Rev 13:8) and according to (Rom 6: 8) this is possible because He even

when we were yet sinners Jesus Christ died on the cross and revealed His love in order He might show the incomparable riches of His grace expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus (Eph 2: 7). So all the people who believe on Lord Jesus Christ and confessed their sins submitting themselves to live a holy life is chosen to stand in the line of the holy ones. If you have received this blessing it is good. If not today you believe on Christ Jesus and confess your sins and leave it to live a holy life and possess the place with God in eternity.

How long are you chosen to live?

You are to be holy to Me because I the Lord is holy and I have set you apart from the nations to be my own (Lev 20: 26). He had given this same promise to our forefather Abraham. When he was 99 years old the Lord appeared to him and said "I am God almighty, walk before me faithfully and blameless" (Gen 17:1). The people who are chosen to live holy need to be holy not only in their 99 years but also in their 175 years.

Today many people who have consecrated themselves to live a life holy and have reached their peak of the ministries have backslidden, and have lost their blessedness by having caught in the world, flesh, gold, material, position, desire for authority etc. Samson who was chosen

to be a Nazarite (Jud13: 5) right from his birth, could not safeguard his life to live holy finally became a laughing stock and a clown as his eyes were gouged out.

Even today many miracles and signs might happen. Yet among them if they do not decide to hold on to holiness, still appear to be clownish preachers. So let us stay strong in our calling as his chosen ones, and be very careful till the day we will be meeting Jesus Christ face-to-face.

What will we get?

The ones who are chosen to be holy even before the foundation of this world (Eph 1:4) will not be left empty when they finish their life. God will honour them with much glory as said in (Mat 25: 21-23) "well done, good and faithful servant you have been faithful with the few things. I will give you in charge of many things come

and share your master's happiness" with these words He will welcome you into His eternal kingdom. According to (1Pet 1:2,5) you who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to receive in the last time. As the great blessedness is kept for us, let us serve Him with gladness.

I pray that the grace of Him who is able to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy be with all the members, leaders, missionaries and increase. Greetings!

Mr. Paul Duraisamy Porpatham,
FMPB- Ex Honorary Tamilnadu Representative

This message had been written by brother just the day before his death (05.01.2023)



Obituary

(07.05.1944 - 06.01.2023)

Brother Paul Duraisamy (aged 78) has passed away on 6th January 2023. His mortal remains were laid to rest on 8th Jan '23 at Madathur, his native place, with hope of resurrection. Mr. Paul Duraisamy took charge as the 4th district leader of Tirunelveli in the year 1978 while he was working as a head master of a school in Tenkasi. He along with Mr. Chelladurai who was also a teacher in Udumalaipettai availed leave for one year from May 1979 to May 1980 in order to promote the ministries of fmpb at state level and specifically in the districts of Madurai and Ramanathapuram. With all limitations he stayed in the school buildings, verandhas of simple houses, conducted missionary challenge meetings in Churches and several home gatherings. He took efforts in developing and encouraging several prayer group

leaders and added new members to support the mission. He called youngsters with respect and encouraged them spiritually to become committed leaders, mission activists and fulltime missionaries. He was winsome and with his affable nature roped in new members, started prayer groups, raised funds for the ministries. He built and led teams of volunteers with his exemplary leadership skills and organizing abilities to expand the support base. He was frank and outspoken yet accepted counter points with an open mind. A zealot who lived with a vision to see India know the love of Jesus Christ also dedicated his daughter, a post graduate software professional to join the band of missionaries. He contributed his ideas very well in the Executive Committee, General Body and National planning conference meetings and served as the state representative for Tamil Nadu. As an educationist he mooted the idea of starting low budget primary schools to provide standard education for Malto children during a mission trip and served as the chairman of the first committee for floating Rajmahal Christian Primary Study Centres. He also played a crucial role as the convenor of the search committee in selecting the 8th General Secretary of FMPB. We thank God for his life well lived.

We pray for his wife Mrs. Kamalam Jebakani, families of their daughters Hephzibha Packiam, Daisy Porchelvi, son Samraj Porpatham and the grandchildren to consoled and comforted in their bereaved hearts.

Rev. John Berlin S, General Secretary

Missionary Dedication



Mr AnilKumar and his wife Mrs Kavitha were dedicated in the Christ Lutheran Parish Srikalahasti. They are being sponsored by Mr. EM Lincoln and his Wife Mrs. Anitha Lincoln. The dedication service was conducted by brother Joel Naveen and Rev. John Stephen along with PCC Treasurer Mr. Jeeavaratnam and Secretary Mr. PA Abraham. The Inauguration Prayer and the Word of God was shared by Mr. Martin. Prayer Bediction was given by Rev Micheal Babu Presbetarian In Charge.

- Rev. Prasanth Meesala Sec, Mobilization Tirupathi. Chittoor

Kolar Gold field to Gujarat field visit

Along with the promotional secretaries of Kolar Gold Fields, we, the workers, members, and supporters altogether 14 people of Bethel Mission Church, proceeded to Gujarat with a view to

visiting the fields in the Sahyadri Region on November 31st. We visited the Regional office, and with the help of the secretary based in Khergham, we were able to visit Ahwa, Pippalvada, Keelipani, Waghai, Randha Children Home, Ozar Church in Silvassa Mission Field, Jhawda English School, and hostels for the children. God helped us know the needs and pray for those things with much burden. With much burden, we returned safely to our home town by the grace of our Lord Jesus.



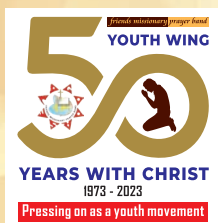
ERODE- Area

From October 24th to November 4th, 18 of us from Erode had been to Asom. We spent the first day in prayer and fasting with the missionaries. The next day we heard the testimonies of our believers from Lakhimpur Field. We glorified God for His mighty acts of removing the bent in the backbone of a lady and of restoring the sight of a lady. It was a surprise that even at midnight some women believers came in to help us push the vehicle back to safety. The last visit was to the Kohpur mission field, and with much burden we made a decision to pray, support the missionaries, and build Churches. God helped us return safely to our destination.



God Gave the Contrite Heart!

In Haryana, at Jeevan Nagar mission field, when we conduct prayer meeting at Suresh's house in Sirsa, his close neighbour Umesh Kumar used to leave the house but join only for the dinner fellowship. He did not give room for sharing the Gospel with him. We have been praying for almost one year for the change of his heart. God touched him and now he attends our prayer fellowship along with his family members and praise God by singing songs and reading the Bible. Glory to God!



The Golden Jubilee year of the Youth Wing of FMPB

(1973 - 2023)

We praise and thank God for the leaders involved in founding this organization FMPB and were responsible

In taking this movement forward with their leadership, stewardship and for the legacy they had left behind.

Our Lord is still working tremendously to fulfill His eternal plan and purpose in and through us.

In the year 1973, a **Youth Jamboree** was organized in a grand manner during Pongal holidays in Moyal Theevu (Rabbit island) of Thoothukudi under the leadership of Annan, Emil Jebasingh.

Let us rejoice because till date FMPB continues to be a movement of the youngsters. Even now let us venture to celebrate this 50th year of this youth with much happiness.

The Tamilnadu Youth wing has declared this year 2023 as the golden Jubilee year in order to fulfill the Vision and the growth of FMPB fit into God's eternal plan.

The Youth Jamboree of the Youth Wing was celebrated during January 14th -16th of 2023 at the premises of

Jeyaraj Annapakiam CSI Engineering & Polytechnic Colleges.

The Youth Jamboree was opened by Rev.Daniel Gnana Prakassam with the word of prayer and words of encouragement. The sing song session was led by The Youth Wing of Palayamkottai. The first day's session was

led by the Youth Wing leader Rev. Daniel Arulmani. The Chief Guests and the speakers of the conference were felicitated and introduced by Rev.TYP Asir.



The Golden Jubilee Souvenir:

Rev. John Berlin prayed and dedicated the golden Jubilee Souvenir.

The Vice President of FMPB, Mr. James Dharmabalan conveyed his greetings to the delegates.

The convener of the Conference, Dr.Arulraj Daniel announced the schedules, rules and regulations of the conference.

1040 people registered and participated in the Youth Camp. In that 665 youth, 215 teens and 160 leaders were participated and blessed. In the very first message delivered by Evg. Susi Prabhakaradas, 263 youngsters accepted the Lord as their personal Saviour.

When Bro. Navaneether challenged the youth in the first 'Sandhya' meeting (sunset devotional message)

68 youngsters committed themselves for the full time ministry. On the second day's Sandhya 85 youngsters dedicated their lives to become fulltime missionaries.

Dr.Jagadeesa Pandian IAS, former Chief Secretary of the Gujarat government shared his reminiscences of attending the first youth Camp in 1973 held at Rabbit Island in Thoothukudi. He presented the current challenges and the opportunities prevailing across the nation for The Mission to be a blessing to our beloved nation India along with sharing his rich experiences from the early days as a youth till the recent past through his illustrious career as a civil servant.

The hour of Action:

During this hour of action, we received Rs. 72,505/- as offertory. The Youth Wing accepted the challenge to raise funds for 50 two wheelers of which we received promises to buy 6 motorcycles on the spot. We thank the principals of the colleges, registrars and staff of the college on behalf of the organizing committee of this Camp.

The treasurer of the conference Mr. J. Selvaraj gave the vote of thanks which was followed by a dedication service and thus the 2023 Youth Camp came to an end.

- Rev. Daniel Arulmani, Youth Wing



Missionary Diary

**Pour out the Spirit
of Prayer!**



In the year 1990, while I was just walking down a lane in Siwan, Bihar; I saw people were in festive mood and got immersed in gala celebrations. I was moved on seeing people offering pujas to a particular deity, lavishly spending money, even though they were living abject poverty. Suddenly a burden to pray for them gripped me firmly so I just stood in the corner of the lane and was interceding for the poor people who were spending a lot of money even in their state of abysmal poverty. Wondering, why I felt such a heavy burden, I prayed on the spot that God should change their state of poverty and that they should move from darkness to light and returned back to home. I shared this with my wife and we prayed as a family. Days passed. After a few months, a believer by name Surendhar brought home a person named Dasarath from the same lane in which I stood and prayed a few months back. I was surprised to see a person in my house from

the community for whom I prayed with great burden. When I shared with Him the love of Jesus Christ, he sharply refused saying that he was a worshipper of a particular deity and told me that he does not need Jesus. After a period of time due to an incident that had happened in the life of my friend, a great change in the attitude of Dasarath was seen. So he came back and voluntarily told me that he needed Jesus and listened to me carefully when I shared about Jesus Christ. Today he is a worker in the vineyard of Jesus Christ in the same district. Along with Dasarath more than 100 persons have tasted the love of Jesus Christ. So whenever our Lord lays a great burden on our hearts, we too need to stand in the corner of a lane and pray for the particular cause to see that a Dasarath is being touched and in turn many may experience salvation in their lives. This is an unforgettable incident in my missionary journey. When the Spirit of God lay His burden in our hearts and nudges us to pray, we can see a big harvest in each mission field and in the neighborhoods where we live. **The need of the hour is a life soaked with spontaneous intercession offered at anywhere and anytime without hesitation or delay**



Rev. S. Devadas,
FMPB

when we are burdened to pray. Implicit obedience on our side will lead in the making of many Dasarts who can be a blessing to his family, his society and to his country. We read that **“Know that the Lord hath set apart the godly for himself: the Lord will hear when I call to him” (Ps.4:3).** In 2 Peter 2:9, we read, **“the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials”**

So my dear prayer warriors, please see to it, that your burden to intercede does not die like the ‘glowing embers in a dying camp fire’ but fan it to burn like a leaping flame. Do it now before it dies out. May our Lord help us to keep our spirit of prayer burn ablaze.

- Selwyn

1000 Hours Chain of Prayer

From Feb 22nd to April 5th 2023

This prayer, which was started in the year 2012 during the Lenten season, has been fruitful, enabling a great number of souls to hear the Gospel, and the results are encouraging. This year, let us mark the dates, from February 22 to April 5 to participate in this prayer, sitting at His feet to be enriched. We cordially invite you to stand in the gap and intercede for the prosperity of our nation, revival of our churches, for missionaries and ministries during the Lenten days 2023.



Prayer Methods

- ♦ **Chain of Prayer** - In the Prayer Groups, Churches and Operational Mobilization Districts
- ♦ **12/24/72 hours of fasting Prayer** - In all the Regions of the Mobilization Ministry
- ♦ **1 hour/3 hours of Intercessory Prayer** - In Churches, Prayer Groups and in the Residences of Leaders & Members

Let us join in large numbers as individuals, families, Churches, Prayer Groups in the Chain of Prayer and see the glory of God revealed in our Nation!

Thank you!

Note: Kindly contact your concerned Mobilization Secretaries or Prayer Wing for the Prayer guides.

(prayer@fmpb.org / 044-2657 4311)

- Prayer Wing, FMPB

TRAIL BLAZERS

Morning Star of Reformation



*These shall make war with the Lamb,
and the Lamb shall overcome them:
for he is Lord of lords, and King of
kings: and they that are
with him are called, and chosen,
and faithful. Rev. 17:14*

John Wyclif was a Yorkshireman, who was born in 1330 and died on December 31, 1384. He was educated at Oxford, and had become famous there as a teacher of philosophy before he began to show any difference of opinions from those which were common in the Church. Ever since the time when King John disgusted his people by his shameful submission to the pope, there had been a strong feeling against the papacy in England; and it had been provoked more and more, partly because the popes were always drawing money from people,

and thrusting foreigners into the richer places of the English Church. These foreigners squeezed all that they could out of their parishes or offices in England; but they never went near them, and would have been unable to do much good if they had gone, because they did not understand the English language.

And another complaint was, that, while the popes lived at Avignon, they were so much in the hands of their neighbours, the kings of France, that the English had no chance of fair play if any question arose between the two nations, and the pope could make himself the judge. And thus, the English had been made ready enough to give a hearing to anyone who might teach them that the popes had no right to the power which they claimed. There had always been a great unwillingness to pay the tribute which King John had promised to the Roman see. If the king was weak, he paid it; if he was strong, he was more likely to refuse it. And thus, it was that the money had been refused by Edward I., paid by Edward II., and

again refused by Edward III., whom Pope Urban V., in 1366, asked to pay up for thirty-three years at once.

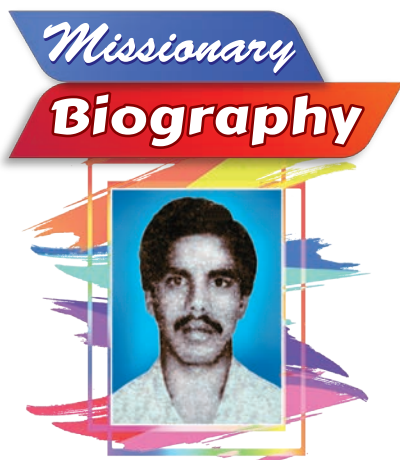
In this case, Wyclif took the side of his king, and maintained that the tribute was not rightly due to the pope. And from this he went on to attack the corruptions of the Church in general. He set himself against the begging friars, who had come to great power, worming themselves everywhere, so that they had brought most of the poorer people to look only to them as spiritual guides, and to think nothing of the parish clergy. In order to oppose the friars, Wyclif sent about the country a set of men whom he called poor priests. These were very like the friars in their rough dress and simple manner of living, but taught more according to a plain understanding of the Scriptures than to the doctrines of the Roman Church.

In those days almost all books were written in Latin, so that none but learned people could read them. But Wyclif, although he wrote some books in Latin for the learned, took to writing other books in good, plain English, such as everyone could understand; and thus, his opinions became known to people of all classes. But the greatest thing that he did was the translation of the Bible into English. The Roman Church would not allow the Scriptures to be turned into the language of the country, but wished to keep the knowledge of it for those who could read Latin, and expected the common people to content themselves

with what the Church taught. But Wyclif, with others who worked under him, translated the whole Bible into English, so that all might understand it. We must remember, however, that there was no such thing as printing in his days, so that every single book had to be written with the pen, and of course books were still very dear, and could not be at all common.

It is said that once, when Wycliff was very ill, and was supposed to be dying, some friars went to him in the hope of getting him to confess that he repented of what he had spoken and written and done against them. But Wyclif, gathering all his strength, rose up in his bed, and said, in words which were partly taken from the 118th Psalm, "I shall not die but live, and declare the evil deeds of the friars." He was several times brought before assemblies of bishops and clergy, to answer for his opinions; but he found powerful friends to protect him, and always came off without hurt. Pope Urban V. summoned Wyclif to appear before him at Rome; but Wyclif, who was old, and had been very ill, excused himself from going; and soon after this he died, on the last day of the year 1384. the soldiers of the Lord are faithful. "They follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth," and nothing shall ever separate them from His love and from His service. So it was with John Wycliffe and so it will be with all who truly follow the Captain of their salvation.

- Bro. David Benny



Mr. Edward Gnanamuthu

(1963 - 1990)

The family of FMPB lost one of its very young missionaries named Mr. Edward Gnanamuthu in an accident in the mission field. It was particularly sorrowful as he was newly married and went to be with the Lord too early in life. "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

Early Life

Edward Gnanamuthu was born on the 11th of January 1963, in Thissaiyanvillai of Tamilnadu. His parents were Mr. Gnanaiah and Mrs. Balasundaram. Edward Gnanamuthu from the childhood onward proved himself to be very active and naughty. He studied in an elementary school in Thissaiyanvillai, but continued his higher studies from Sirkali where his mother along with the other children shifted. He returned to Tissaiyanvilai to finish the final year of his schooling as the family shifted back to their native.

College Life

Edward Gnanamuthu pursued his college studies in Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirapalli as a hosteler. Even though he was taught the Christian ways of life by the parents, he felt emboldened as he was out of the sight of his parents in the hostel. He did things according to his heart's desires. His friends led him to many sinful activities. He had the gift of writing poems. He wrote many poems just to please his friends.

Salvation

After finishing his undergraduate degree, he came to Chennai seeking a job. When he was in Chennai, he was attracted by the writings on Communism and began to read books written by communist ideologues. So, he used to raise his voice and confess that "there is no God" along with his friends. But his mother sincerely prayed to God for the salvation of his son. One day he attended a prayer meeting out of compulsion. Then, he criticised the prayer meeting and discouraged his friend too. That night, he found a New Testament in his room and started reading it. The Spirit of God ministered unto him through the portion he read. When he continued to read it, God convicted him of his sins. Then he cried to the Lord and confessed all his transgressions and invited Jesus to his heart. The peace of God filled his heart. He loved the Word of God so much that he made it a habit to read the Bible and meditate daily.

Call of God

Few years later he came to his home town on study leave. When his mother invited him for the family prayer, he told her that he had to study for the forthcoming examination and shut the door. Now, God transformed

him completely; he joined with young people and began to pray as a group. His interest in attending the spiritual meetings conducted by Church grew everyday. Soon, his job took him to Coimbatore City. There he joined the local evangelist team and proclaimed the Gospel. He had the passion to become a missionary and preach the Gospel to the unreached. So, he left the job and came back to his native. He met the Church catechist and shared about his interest. Along with the catechist he went to nearby villages to share the Gospel. He joined the Bethel home at Thissaiyanvillai as a warden. And there he shared with the students the love of God every day. He was transferred to Pasumlai Bethel children's home, where he continued the ministry among the home boys. At that time he heard about the North India ministry of FMPB. And he cultivated the passion to pray for the missionaries. While reading the Bible, God called him to the mission field. He committed his life to go as a missionary at that very instant. He joined FMPB in the year 1987 and received missionary training for a year. After finishing his training, he was sent to Himachal Pradesh and then to Haryana.

Marriage

Mr. Edward Gnanamuthu's parents chose Ms. Deborah Vijayarani, an FMPB missionary from Gujarat, as the bride for him. Ms. Deborah Vijayarani's parents were Mr. Navamani and Mrs Darling, firm FMPB supporters of Kalakadu. The marriage was held on the 9th of May 1990. They travelled back to the mission field within a few days of marriage. They were sent to Hanumangarh of Rajasthan. Before they left for Rajasthan, as a family they went to Manimutharu Reservoir for a picnic. On the way back as

a family they met with an accident but God miraculously saved everyone. At that time, Edward's mother and sister were sick, so they requested the newly married couple to postpone their travel to North India. As they hesitated to extend their leave, his mother bid them farewell with tears and prayers.

Ministry and Early Home Call

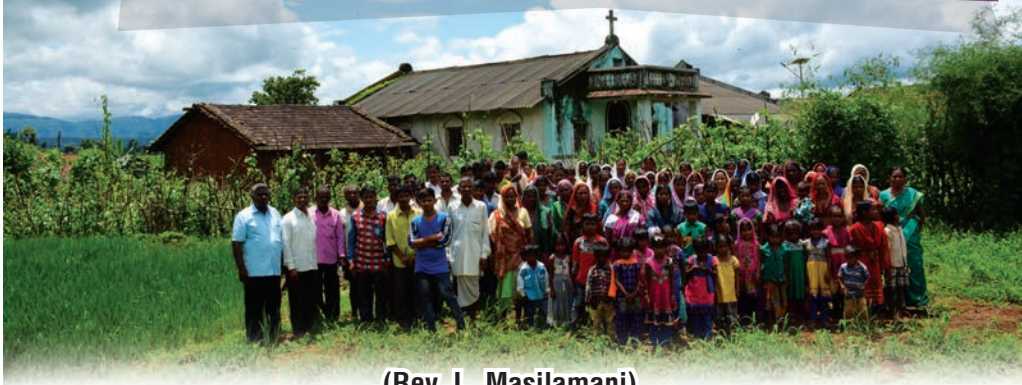
As a young couple Mrs and Mr. Edward Gnanamuthu reached Hanumangarh and started their ministry from a rented house. They started their ministry prayerfully and happily did the ministry. On the 7th of July 1990, he posted a letter in the postbox and while returning home. Then he tried to cross the railway track near the Hanumangarh railway station. But his shoe got struck under the railway line. Before he could take it out, a passing train hit him. Obviously, he did not notice the oncoming train. There was a heavy loss of blood and he lost his life. He met with this accident two months after their marriage. As a family they had lived only for a very short time. During this time this tragedy happened in their life. It shook the whole family of FMPB. All the missionaries living nearby rushed to the spot and he was buried with the hope of resurrection. Mrs. Deborah Vijayarani, as a missionary, strengthened herself in Christ as no one could comfort her in this situation.

After some time, Ms. Deborah Vijayarani continued her ministry in Gujarat. She did a fruitful ministry among the children and women. Now she is involved in the full Bible translation in the Vasava language. Even though Mr. Edward Gnanamuthu lived a short span of life he did his best for the glory of God.

- Rev. Dr. E. Rajan

Naktia Hanwat Church History

Ahwa Mission Field, Gujarat



(Rev. L. Masilamani)

Naktia Hanwat is a medium size village located in Dangs Taluk of Dangs district, Gujarat state. In 2011, the literacy rate of Naktia Hanwat village was 55.96 % compared to 78.03 % of Gujarat. As per the Constitution of India and Panchayat Raj Act, Naktia Hanwat village is administrated by Sarpanch (Head of Village) who is the elected representative of the village. In Naktia Hanwat village, Schedule Tribe (ST) constitutes 99.11 % of the total population. There is no population of Schedule Caste (SC) in this village. Of the 477 workers engaged in various works, 449 were cultivators (owner or co-owner) while 3 were Agricultural labourers.

The Beginning:

On 8-5-1981, L. Masilamani, his wife Mrs. Vanmathi and their first son M. John Kingsly (two years and eight months old) opened the Ahwa field and settled in a rented house in Pipaldahad village. Soon they found out that people were receptive in the nearby Junnar village and they moved to Junnar village on

30-11-1981. Very soon opposition brewing in Junnar village, made the missionary family move to Ahwa on 30-8-1982. The Ahwa CNI Church Pastor Rev. T. V. Gaikwad helped them much during this opposition time. As the Dolyambar village headman and Manu Bhai invited the missionaries to their village, Missionaries went to live in the Dolyambar village on 12-3-1983. This village became a strategic place to spread the Gospel to the nearby villages. The believers sought the help of FMPB missionaries to develop the ministry in their nearby villages.

Naktia Hanwat village comes under the hills of Sahyadri in the eastern border of Dangs district. Next to this village after crossing the hills through a hilly road comes Dhule district of Maharashtra. Damu Bhai Ramtu Bhai was the first Christian from this village who worked for the founding of the Church in this village. He narrates his story of how he became a Christian:

"I was smoking, drinking liquor and worshipping the idols, which led me to a life

of poverty. I did not have peace in my soul and there was no peace in my family. My wife was suffering from chest pain and she used to have shivering due to cold in her legs and hands. I tried many ways for her to be healed. I called the shamans (bhagats) and gave him fowls and goat for the sacrifice. But she did not get any cure from this. Then I tried to heal her through medicines by consulting doctors and also gave her herbal medicines. But she was not getting better by all these efforts. There was one Christian named Punya Bhai in Bilbari village. He told me to believe in Jesus Christ for my wife's healing. I asked Punya Bhai to pray for my wife. Punya Bhai prayed for my wife and she became well. I heard about missionary L. Masilamani ministering in Dolyambar village. I went and met him in Dolyambar. I joined the Church. I have been serving as a Church elder from the beginning of the Church in Naktihanwat village."

After getting healing, Damu Bhai was attending the Sunday services in Jhari village. FMPB evangelist Bharat Bhai started conducting night meetings in Damu Bhai's home every Friday. There were five families in the first meeting. Slowly the village people heard about the healing power of Jesus Christ through this meeting. Nathu Bhai Gangajiya Bhai was one such man who was searching for a cure for his wife's sickness. He narrates his story:



"My name is Nathu Bhai Gangaji Bhai. My wife had bleeding problem and asthma. We tried the bhagats and spent much on them. But she did improve. Doctors prescribed her tablets. These tablets caused much vomiting for her. So she stopped taking the tablets. There was one religious sect doing satsang (bhajan). One of our relatives was doing this. We went there. He said that this disease is a big one. You have to try something else to get healing for her."

At this point Nathu Bhai's wife tells how she got delivered from all her sicknesses.

"My son Balya was a small boy. I could not walk. I told that I will be with my children. There was one Christian in our village named Dhamu Bhai. Evangelist Bharat Bhai used to come to his house. I told my husband that I would like to go to the Christian meeting. Village people told me that in Christian religion people will not weep when one dies. They discouraged me. But I had the confidence of getting cured in that meeting. So I attended that meeting. Believers, elders and evangelists prayed for me. Their prayers healed me. Then we believed in Jesus Christ and joined the Church at Karkhadi. Every Friday night meeting was going on in Dhamu Bhai's house. For Sunday service we went to Jhari village."

Thus people started attending the Friday night meetings conducted by FMPB evangelists in Damu Bhai's home from 1987. For one and a half years the meetings were going on in Dhamu Bhai's house. Bharat Bhai and Sampath Bhai were coming to conduct those meetings. Many people were brought to faith by these evangelists and Church elders Dhamu Bhai and Nathu Bhai. For Sunday services, believers were going to Jhari Church.

Church Growth in the midst of opposition:

Nathu Bhai tells about an opposition caused by his village people with the support of a local politician.

“Our village people went to Dhedu Bhai, a leader in the political party and a leader in the Wood Cutters Co-operative society and told him to stop the Christian meetings in the village. He called us and I went with Dhamu Bhai with a missionary in Ahwa. He told us not to create division in that village. He told us to contribute money for the celebration for the festivals. We told him that we will not be able to do that. We will support any other social concerns of the village.”

Rev. L. Masilamani wrote in the Field history about this meeting of Dhedu Bhai:

In connection with the Naktia Hanwat opposition by one man called Maharya Bhai, L. Masilamani met Dhedu Bhai with Damu Bhai and another believer in his jungle mandali's office in Ahwa. He talked with the missionary very harshly and tried to convince the believers to follow their traditional faith.”

After one and a half years, Bhatya Bhai built a new house near the present Church. As the room in Dhamu Bhai's home was small, the meeting place was shifted to Bhatya Bhai's house in 1988. Bhatya Bhai sought healing for his sick daughter. But after hearing the Gospel in the meetings he decided to continue in faith even if his daughter would die. He also faced opposition in his village for the Christian faith. He narrates his experiences:



“I myself was making liquor and I drank a lot of liquor and smoked tobacco. My life became very poor and broken. There was no peace in our house. My daughter was suffering from a sickness. Her legs and hands became straight and her eyes also looked differently. We tried to get healing through our ancestral faith methods like offering sacrifices of cocks, goats to our gods and goddesses through the bhagats. In spite of spending much on medicines and other things my daughter did not get well. I saw many people following Christian faith in my village for the sake of getting well from illnesses and we decided that we too would become Christians. We told the Church elder Damu Bhai that we are ready to accept Jesus Christ. Then the elder prayed for my daughter. God heard that prayer and my daughter became very well. Seeing this miracle we started believing in Jesus Christ. Then we joined the Church. We were attending the Friday meetings in the village and the Sunday services in Jhari. Within three weeks she became fully well. After ten years my daughter got sick again. She was taken to many hospitals in big cities like Dhule, Ahwa, Chinchpada, Bardoli etc. She was not cured. I decided to continue in faith even if my daughter dies. My daughter died. But I decided to continue the Christian meeting in my house and I thought that I

would go to heaven to meet my daughter and I did not give up my faith. One day opponents started conducting a meeting very close to our meeting place. The Panchayat President was leading that meeting. I told him to stop the meeting. They stopped that meeting. After one year the village people came against us. A meeting was convened in the house of the village head man. They threatened us. I asked them to point out any mistakes in the lives of Christians. I told them that I was working in the houses of village people. I asked them to find any fault with us. They repeatedly told us that Christianity was not needed in this village. Then they planned to beat me as I did not agree with them. I told them to beat me if they found fault in my activities. They accused me of rowdiness. I declared that we would not leave faith even if we were beaten. I challenged them to beat me if they found fault in me. They stopped opposing us for three years. Again after three years they asked us to contribute money for their festivals. I told them that we would give a contribution to their festivals on the condition that they should give a contribution to our festivals. Then they stopped opposing us.”

For two years the night meeting was going on in Bhatya Bhai's home. After one year, one kacha Church was constructed with a pucca stone foundation in Nathu Bhai's land.

Church Construction:

Rs. 20,000 was received for Church construction in Naktia Hanwat village in February 1992. A semi-pucca Church was built in 1992 in the land of Nathu Bhai

Gangajiya Bhai. Believers gave their free labour with one time food for this Church construction. This Church was dedicated by Rev. Thangasamy from Coimbatore on 21-10-1992 and the sponsor of this first Church was Mr. Gnanapragasam of Tindivanam. This Church was dedicated at midnight. About this Church dedication the field history register reads:

“On 21-10-1992, Coimbatore sponsors Rev. Thangasamy, Mr. Devadurai and Mr. Dominic went with L. Masilamani by a jeep to Naktia Hanwat without any prior notice. Believers were brought to the Church at around 10 pm. Suvarthik Gopichand Bhai was brought from Amsarpada village (where he conducted night meetings). At 11 pm the Naktia Hanwat Church was dedicated by Rev. Thangasamy. All of them returned to Ahwa at 2.30 am in the mid night”

Church Demolished in 1998 Opposition:

There was an organized opposition during Christmas time of 1998 under the leadership of a sadhu who was heading a fanatic group and instigating the natives to oppose Christians. As a result of this, opposition thirty three Churches were demolished in Dangs district. This Church was also demolished on 29-12-1998 in the 1998 opposition.

Nathu Bhai recollects this incident:

“In the year 1998 during Christmas time anti-Christian forces demolished our Church in our village. They threatened us and told us not to follow the Christian religion. We made a complaint to the police and the Collector.

Missionary D. Abraham guided us in these matters. The District Collector came to our village and told the village people not to give trouble to the Christians and everyone should be allowed to practice their own religion in the village. From that time onwards there has been no opposition in our village.”

After the demolition of the Church the congregation gathered in the veranda of Nathu Bhai's son Ratan Bhai's house. A new Church is built in the same place. Money was received for a new Church construction in 2000. Government gave Rs.16,000 as a subsidy to construct the Church due to the demolition in 1998. It was finished in 2001. This new pucca Church was dedicated in 2003. The Church was dedicated by leaders from Mumbai. The Panchayat President told us not to build the Church in the village. But believers insisted on constructing the Church in the same place where the old Church was. The length of the Church is 38 feet and width 27 feet.

Information about Ministry and Church:

Total members of the Church are 190. During persecution 50% of believers were backslidden. Now 110 people from 32 families are in faith. Believers from three families from Khel village attend the Naktia Hanwat Church. 80 to 85 people attend the Sunday service.

Naktia Hanwat is a Pastorate Centre. Vahutia, Dumriya and Haripada congregations come under this pastorate. In September 2016, Rev. Dhansukh was the pastor of this pastorate.

Weekly night meetings were conducted in Khel village. Believers from Naktia Hanwat attend this meeting. One or two families join the Church because of these meetings. Three families joined the Church in 2016. Prayer meetings are being conducted from 8 pm to 9.30 pm. every Friday night. 20 to 25 people participate in this prayer meeting which is conducted by Church elders. Pastor comes occasionally.

Missionaries who worked in this field are Rev. L. Masilamani, Rev. Bethuel Bardhan and Rev. D. Abraham families. CNI Pastors who worked in this Church are Rev. Balya Bhai, Rev. Chiman Bhai and Rev. Dhansukh Bhai. The Church received offerings of Rs. 1500 to 2000 per month through thanksgiving offering, cottage prayer meeting (yearly conducted in each house), Sunday services, tithes, harvest festival, first fruits etc. Due to migration of Christians for around 8 months in an year in the sugarcane fields, offering would be less.

Prayer Concerns:

- ◆ Jugar play (playing cards) with money among the youth is a problem.
- ◆ Backslidden believers should return to the Church.
- ◆ New people should taste the love of Jesus.
- ◆ Migration of believers happen due to unemployment in the village to distant places. 75% believers leave the village to eight months for work elsewhere. Only 25% believers remain in the village.



Happy Birthday

MR. BENJAMIN JYOTI
MR. ARONSINGH NARZARY
MR. SHANKAR M.
MRS. KANTI DEVI SHIVSHANKAR

Jammu & Jammu Kashmir

Samba:

David Ayyanar & Manpreet Kaur.

Praise God for: 900 new people were reached out in 4 villages with the Gospel. 350 tracts and 15 New Testaments were given out. 2 believers were added to the fold of Jesus. The few people from Chakmanga village who accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, confessed their faith. New families from Katti village responded well to the Gospel. A new Sunday worship started at Kootah village. Joginder who suffers from a skin infection should receive healing from the Lord. The believers of our Bible study group are regular to the study and are growing in their faith. The Samba field believers and elders are helping us to connect with other people of their village with the Gospel.

Pray for: The people of Sangwali village who oppose the proclamation of the Gospel to stop their actions. God to open doors and for getting good responses in Kootah village and its surrounding villages. The communities of Mahasha and Rajput people groups to find salvation in Christ alone. The healing of evangelist's wife Ritu from piles and Missionary's wife Manpreet from migraines. The backslidden believers of Rediyan and Pongwal village to renew their faith in Jesus Christ. New contacts and good responses from the villages - Chakmanga, Pandlour, Pargwal, Sargal and Rajpura. A proper land to be got for the Church construction at Sungwali and Rediyan villages.



By His Wounds We Are Healed

In Guna of Madhya Pradesh, Banti Barela from Lalakeda village was felling firewood in a nearby jungle. A trunk of a tree fell upon him. He was severely injured in his stomach leading to excessive internal bleeding. The doctors did not give any hope for his survival. But believers joined together and prayed fervently to the Lord. The Lord saved him miraculously and today he is doing well. Hallelujah!





Happy Birthday

MR. ARTHUR JEBARAJ A.
MR. PRABAHAR N.
MRS VASANTHARANI GEORGE
MRS. ROSHILA MOCHAHARY
MRS JOYCE SHOBANA PON AUGUSTIN
MR. MARKUS MALTO R.
MRS. MANINI BEBARTA ASTABAN
MR. JOSEPH KIRUBAGARAN S.

Himachal Pradesh

Rampur: Daujapo Goite & Florence Lamvung

Praise God for: 965 people were reached in 7 new villages. 543 tracts and 40 New Testaments were distributed. 58 Follow up ministry programs were conducted in various villages. The believers donated generously for the construction of Church building to purchase zoomer bulbs and musical instruments for the Church. Unexpectedly many new people turned up to celebrate the Christmas with us and had the opportunity to hear the message about our Savior. The Lord gave 59 new contacts during this Christmas season.

Pray for: Rupalal to stop drinking and allow his wife to attend the Church service. Asha to receive healing from a stone in her gall bladder. Deliverance of Saroj from evil spirit attacks. The Lord to grant an open door and to give new contacts to reach out with God's Word. God to grant a great harvest of souls in our mission field through our prayers and mission activities. The youth of our Church to be submissive to authority and to grow in Christian maturity.



At the Mighty Name of Jesus

Rani Bai from Apasingpada village in Boradi field of Maharashtra became sick and was admitted in the hospital. But in the hospital, she began to shout and beat whoever went near her. So, the doctor stopped the treatment given to her. Later the Church elder was called to prayer for her at the hospital. The missionaries too prayed and counselled her family member to have faith on Jesus. They assured them that Jesus will heal her. When they reached home, they got the news that she was healed. Later she attended the Christmas program. Hallelujah!





Happy Birthday

MRS. MURUGAMMAL ESTHER ALBERT PRABHAKARAN

Nerwa: Emmanuel & Sangeetha Jesintha.

Praise God for: God's mercy flowing abundantly in our mission field. Christmas programme were conducted in Atal, Bharanu and Bhungal villages. The new people who attended the Christmas program should find hope in the Word of God. Mahersingh, was healed of a paralytic attack by the grace of God. Manisha who has prolonged illness was on the verge of giving up her faith, but attended the women's spiritual meet at Atal Church. The Lord helped her to regain her lost faith and was strengthened to face her challenges. Geetha at the right time underwent a successful surgery for removal of tumor from her uterus. The Lord blessed Himachal Pradesh with good election results.

Pray for: The Nerwa field believers to discover the importance of Sunday worship service. Shobaram's family is depressed because their daughter eloped and married. They should find hope and comfort in Christ. Believers at Bharanu

Church should be inspired to attend Church regularly. Dharini Devi, our Church building owner, suffering from a kidney problem should be healed. The Sunday school children should have a revival and grow in the understanding of God's Word deeply. Our believer Mohanlal's wife who wants to accept Christ into her life to accept and confess without any hindrance.

Karsog:

Pawan Kumar & Prabhashini Devi

Praise God for: Gospel was shared to 50 persons. 5 villages were reached with the Gospel. 1 Bible and 25 New Testaments were distributed. Follow up ministry was done in 8 places, and outreach in 2 places. Christmas programs were celebrated in Basantpur and Karsog. A new born baby girl that was struggling to breath began to breath normally when Meera prayed for her.

Pray for: The congregation in Karsog and Basantpur to grow strong in the Lord. Local evangelist who are burdened about their own people's salvation to help in the ministry. Jairam to be relived from a court case and to get a job. The missionaries to achieve the target for 2022-2023.



Happy Birthday

MR JEBAKUMAR PERIYASAMY

Punjab

Sangrur:

Gimbhal Dilipbhai

Praise God for: Gospel was shared to 1000 persons. 1 village was reached with the Gospel. 5 persons confessed their faith in the Lord. 1 Bible and 40 New Testaments were distributed. Through carols and Christmas programs many were evangelized. Pritam Singh a doctor who had backslidden for 10 years recommitted his life and confessed his faith. God healed Davinder Kaur from paralytic attack when our missionaries prayed for her.

Pray for: A group of Sikh community is opposing the ministry; they need to be touched by the love of God and the believers to be strong in their faith. Sonu Kaur becomes deaf only while praying to be delivered from the demonic possession. Shamanpeet to be delivered from demon possession. Sashibala Sharma to be healed of sugar which has made her bedridden.

Budhlada:
**Naba Hamom &
Dulanti Reang**

Praise God for: Gospel was shared to 2000 people through 7 satsungs and Carol programs. 5 Bibles and 15 New Testaments were distributed. Christmas programmes were successfully conducted in Budhlada, Bareta, Talwari, Moonak and Kulana road.

Pray for: More people to evangelize Bareta, Moonak, and Talwari areas. For the upcoming Women's camp to be a blessing. Sanjiv and Manisha to be blessed with children. New openings to screen Jesus film, satsangs programmes and for outreach ministry in new villages.



The faith of the Patel!

Budhu Lekami is from Pipli Village in Bande field in Chhatishgargh. He was disturbed by evil spirits. As a result his stomach used to swell up and his body used to elongate. The village people tried to help him and tried several treatments but it was all in vain. So the missionaries and local evangelists were invited by the Patel of the village to pray for Budhu. So when they prayed earnestly, he was completely healed. The Lord's name was glorified in the whole village.





Happy Birthday

MRS. ARPUTHAM SELVI VIJAY
MR. DEIVANAYAGAM SAMUEL
MRS. ANUGAMI EKKA JAHAR SAI
MR. VENKATA PRAVEEN KUMAR

Haryana

Dineshpur:

Ramaswamy Jerome & Antoni Rajam

Praise God for: 80 new people were reached with God's word and 2 became believers and joined the Church. The Christmas program held in Teja Faiya was attended by 300 people. Even though the house owner of the Church building did not allow the Christmas program to be held, the believers offered their houses to conduct the same. Babu received healing from a stomach swelling due to kidney failure. Pooja was blessed with a suitable life partner through prayers. Pawan's wife got deliverance from evil spirit possession. Narayan was healed of a heart problem which had led her to face severe debt in the past due to hospitalization.

Pray for: Srilanka village where the believers often lose their cattle to wild animal attacks. The Lord should give them protection. Seema's baby

in her womb is in an upside-down fetal position. The Lord should bless her with a safe delivery. Priya and Pankaj who have given their exams for police selection to be selected to join the force. Mulkeeth Singh to experience healing from TB that he suffers.

Pehova:

Bahubhai & Saraswati

Praise God for: 1250 people were reached with the word of God. 2 became believers and joined the fold. 170 New Testaments and 4 Bibles were given to the people who were interested. Christmas programs were held in 4 places successfully. Elsa who suffered from speech and hearing impairments was healed through faithful prayers made for her. Rotas and Seema have professed their faith in Jesus. Geolu was delivered of an evil spirit possession.

Pray for: The healing of Savitri from liver infection and Somi from back pain. Puja and Soniya to get a suitable life partner in Christ. For the release of Sandeepkumar who is currently in jail. Kamalesh and Sushma, to be delivered from the bondage of the evil spirit. The people of the villages of Gulhla, Cheeka, Tutiana, Kharodi and Bhaliya to be led to faith in Jesus.



Happy Birthday

MRS. PATRICIA TAMIL SELVI KUMAR
MR. HAMOM NABA SINGH

Tosham:

John Davidson & Esther

Praise God For: Gospel was shared with 155 persons. The 10 families and 3 persons who came into our contact through Christmas program to accept the Lord. Vijay was healed through prayer as he was foaming at the mouth due to epilepsy. Thanksgiving service and New year service were conducted in Bhojraj. The 40 believers attended the Christmas program at Rajnagar and for those who attended pre-Christmas in Jind.

Pray for: Sunny our believer's family to accept the Lord. Tosham, Balawas, Bhojraj to form as a congregation soon. The responsive persons to confess their faith boldly. Kagda and his son, Seetaram, Pratap, Rajpal, Rambhagat and Dhupsingh to be delivered from alcoholism and drug addictions. God to heal Rohit, from epilepsy, Jashwant from mental disorder, Vijay from dumbness, and Ajay from heart disease.

Jeevan Nagar:

Aliyakim Jena & Deepika

Praise God for: 380 people heard the Gospel. 135 New Testaments were distributed. Follow up ministry was done in 24 villages. 12 satsangs were conducted. Pre-Christmas program and Christmas services were peacefully conducted and 400 persons participated in it. The backslidden Jarnel Sing was paralyzed But God healed.

Pray for: The Dabawalli congregation to revive and all the scattered believers to gather again to worship the Lord. More number of prayer cells to be started and to restart those which had stopped functioning. Training program for women, young adult to be started soon.

**Vindicated by the Lord
during Christmas**

Jharkhand, Tinpagar field. In Madangasi village, one Soppan Kalko became a believer and donated his land for a Church to be built. Because he refused to give money for his village temple puja, he was exiled from his village. However, during the decoration of the Church for Christmas, Soppan's neighbour's son was possessed with an attack of the devil and no one could do anything. When our believers gathered and prayed together, he received deliverance. Praise the Lord!



Happy Birthday

MR. DURAISAMY K. FRANCIS
MR. PRASANTH MEESALA
MRS. PADMAVATHI NARAYANA NAIK
MRS. THANAPUSHPAM ARULRAJ
MISS. HELAN MARIYAM R.

Uttarakhand

Nanakmata: Sivakumar & Sushila Marak.

Praise God for: In 3 villages, Christmas programmes were conducted and 50 people attended the meets. Two new families responded to the Gospel. 5 new villages were reached and 70 people heard the Gospel and received the Gospel tracts. Bhalvinder of Mativa village miraculously recovered from a road accident. Lakvinder a believer in our village, got a job opportunity in Dubai and migrated. Rinku a believer in one of our villages was delivered from addiction to alcohol.

Pray for: Harman Singh a 9-year-old boy suffering from cancer to be healed by God's mercy. Triloke Singh a new contact is suffering from persistent leg pain making

him unable to walk. He should experience a miracle from our God. Mangat Singh in a domestic dispute, burnt his wife to death. The Lord should take care of his two toddler children and he should repent and find hope in Christ. Nisha a believer, suffering from a discharge issue should be healed.

Maldhan Chaur: Shishu Paul & Anita

Praise God for: Gospel had been shared to 700 persons. 2 villages were reached with the Gospel newly. 3 persons were added to His fold. 60 New Testaments and 6 Bibles were distributed. 2 outreach program and follow up ministry was done in 18 villages. Christmas program was conducted in 5 places. Geeta and Anita were delivered from demon possession.

Pray for: The ministry done in Thari and Patrampar to grow and flourish. The Gurudwari people to stop disturbing the ministry done in Bhopurdam. More worshipping groups to be started. The plans of extending the ministry to Ramnagar and Pirumada area to be successful. Geeta, Anjali, Anita Bisaari, Tejpal and Brigesh to accept the Lord.



Happy Birthday

MR. SIBI SELVIN SAM
MRS. GAVIT SUNITABEN RASHYABHAI
MRS. REKHA CHAMPIA

Delhi

Patparganj:

P.G. Christopher & Mabel

Praise God for: 1146 persons were reached with the Gospel. 6 persons confessed their faith in the Lord on Christmas day. 78 New Testaments and 18 Bibles were distributed. Follow up ministry was done in 5 villages. Personal evangelism was done to 35 persons. 1 outreach program and 75 house visits were done. Key leaders training was conducted for believers from Delhi and Uttarkhand. Joseph was admitted in different hospitals and unable to walk for 15 days. He was healed when the missionaries prayed for him in the hospital and is able to walk now.

Pray for: Ebe and Sudha who are in jail for selling illegal and banned items to be delivered and to repent. 35 audio Bibles for the elderly and illiterate believers to be purchased. Sajwanagar to get a Church building to worship the

Lord and for other social work activities. Kavita, Vicky and Vimala to be healed from stone in the gall bladder. Subash, Nikita and Suresh should be healed from epilepsy.

Rajasthan

Kherwara:

**Devubhai Bhoya &
Jamuben**

Praise God for: 270 people heard the Word of God and 31 believers were added to the fold of Christ. Sakirsi, a new village was reached with the Word of God. The opposition in Herawara village ceased by the grace of God. Sharmila is blessed with a safe delivery. 70-year-old Champaben was healed of mental illness through prayer. Gautam, Ghalaji, Mukesh, Trilock and Balshankar and their families heard the Gospel and are now attending the prayer meets regularly.

Pray for: Prayer meetings at Jelana and Herawara villages to restart again. Avinash suffering from blood cancer and Sonu suffering from a heart problem to be healed. Basanthi suffering from tumour and Mukesh from TB to be healed. A children camp, youth camp and a seekers camp that has been planned for the next month to be fruitful.



Happy Birthday

MRS. JECINTH JOANNA RAMAMUNI PRASAD
MRS. DEENA KUMARI BEBARTA ASHAPRAPTA
MRS. DURGA DEVI © RUTH MARY SANKAR A.

Udaipur: Ashish Kumar & Savita Devi

Praise God For: The Gospel was shared to 180 persons. 3 villages were reached with God's Word. 8 persons were added to His fold. 100 New Testaments and 7 Bibles were distributed. 1 seekers camp and 2 believers camps were conducted. Teachers, Village Sarpanch (head man) and many non-Christians participated in the Christmas programs that were conducted in 5 villages. Vivek a little boy was protected from a poisonous snake. Bagaram was healed from epilepsy and vertigo due to prayer. Kalibai a blind person started getting the government pension after a break of 2 years along with the arear money.

Pray for: The Bhil people group along with our believers should grow in the Lord. Madhu, Magu and Lakshmi to be delivered from demon possession. Jalam, Manak, Rakesh and Dinesh Kasota to be saved just like their wife's and children. An opened door is needed

in Magvas, Ogana and Girwa for the Gospel.

Uttar Pradesh

Ghatampur: Jangkhudun Touthang & Ngaithianching Hauzel

Praise God for: 225 new people were reached and Christmas was celebrated in 7 different places. 48 Bibles were distributed and 12 Night fasting prayers were conducted. An organized persecution was planned and executed in Ghatampur area many a times, but our Lord through the believers have protected the missionary from going into the hands of the persecutors. The Lord's protection of our families from major sickness and providing for the financial needs.

Pray for: False news of our mission activities being spread by anti - Christian groups sometimes end up in police framing false cases upon our believers without proper enquiry. God to protect the missionary from the anti-Christian elements. Our local evangelists and believers to remain strong in Christian faith and to bring their relatives to Christ amid persecutions. 6 of the Church buildings and land to be protected by the District Magistrate of Kanpur and he has ordered an enquiry. Government officers to show favour upon the Christian Churches.



Happy Birthday

MR. SOLOMON A.

Gonda:

**Om Prakash Gupta &
Tumpa Chawdury**

Praise God for: 50 people were reached with God's word. Our Hostel children celebrated Christmas with skits and dances. The local believers and parents took part. On Christmas day Bibles were gifted to many new comers. A set of new clothes were gifted to our hostel children for Christmas. God's grace was so evident in our hostel ministry and in the mission field work.

Pray for: Our believers Vidyaram and Archana are in the family way after 8 years of waiting to be able to deliver safely. Mission work in various forms is done in Bhadua, Shambutara, Tilkai and Khukurbukwa villages. The Holy Spirit should open the hearts of the hears to believe and respond to the Word of God. The 10th and 12th students of our hostel should perform well in their board exams.

Our hostel land has an ongoing court case with the Lucknow Court and God should grant a judgement in our favour. The Lord should provide safety and security for our children and our families.

Rania:

**Mongwai Phom &
Nisha**

Praise God for: 300 persons heard the Gospel for the first time. 10 New Testaments were distributed. 2-night meetings, 2 children's meetings and 8 regular Sunday services were conducted. Follow up ministries were done in 12 places. In spite of an unfavorable situation in UP the Christmas services and programs took place without any disturbance; the number of participants were more than the previous years. The believers themselves met the expenses for the Christmas programs.

Pray for: The believers to be strengthened to face the opposition. Those who hear God's Word to repent and accept the Lord. Anuratha to be delivered from demon possession. The 4 Bible study groups to enable the believers to be nurtured and to be rooted in the Word of God.



Happy Birthday

MR. BINAYA KUMAR GURU

Madhya Pradesh

Guna:

Sateesh & Sharmila

Praise God for: 7 new villages were reached with the Word of God and 450 new people heard the Gospel. 2 Youth meetings and 6 children meets were conducted. Raising was saved from a poisonous scorpion bite. Lotu from Pipakedi village was delivered from evil spirit possession through prayers. 55 people participated in the Kalapani field Christmas program. In the Christmas morning worship at Mohanpur centre, around 800 believers came and took part.

Pray for: Our Sakatpur Church believers who compromise their faith to pagan cultures in certain aspects of their life to stay strong in the Lord. There must be peace between Roman Catholic believers and our Church elders. Our evangelists must grow in faith. The Lord would help Guney who is exiled from his village for 45 days because of the death of his cow by falling into a well.

Khargone / Gagoaw:

Binit Prasad & Amojita

Praise God for: 770 new people were reached in 3 new villages. Follow up ministry was done in 8 villages. 6

believers were added to the fold of Christ. 42 New Testaments and 665 Gospel Tracts were given to those who were interested in the Gospel. Christmas program was celebrated by the believers in Devjiri and Silotia villages with attendance of over 800 people. Santu was healed of her chest pain. Silla, Keshu, Mahesh, Rekha, Biren and Sita were healed of their sickness when they prayed. The Lord saved Kallu from the verge of death after he consumed poison. The prayer meetings were renewed at Mahimandli village. Ganesh who was opposing his parents for attending Christian meetings has now started to attend prayer meetings, himself. 30-year-old Latku who suffered from mental imbalance experienced a divine healing in response to prayers.

Pray for: Rani to be delivered from evil spirit possession. Lal Singh, Roshan, Ghunsingh, Bhagirath, Gajroo and Bablu to be delivered from alcoholism and to come back to the Church worship. For a few selected men of Bhokraniya village who are opposing the construction of a new Church to stop opposing. Kajna, Sunil, Jabal Singh addicted to alcohol refuses to allow their wives to attend prayer service. Resumption of Worship service to resume at Chandabolbhatu village. Silla, Mangli and Bhorka to be delivered from demonic possession. Pyar Singh threatened by witch craft for his faith in Christ to be bold in Christ. In Silotia village, many non - believers attended the Christmas program and a few of them would choose to respond positively.



Happy Birthday

MR. JEEVARATNA BEERO
MR. RONJAY NARZARY

Dabra: **Satikant Paricha & Sagarika**

Praise God for: Christmas celebrations were conducted in 7 different congregation and close to 100 new people participated and heard the Gospel. 200 Tracts, 350 New Testaments and 8 Bibles were distributed to those who showed interest to receive. The Lord gave new life to Sripa from the verge of death. Chotu and his family are eager to know more about Jesus. The Lord silenced the voice of our persecutors of faith and helped the ministry to grow.

Pray for: The Prem Nagar Church construction to be completed soon. The Sultanpur Church building work to be started at the earliest. The Nayagoa Church boundary work permission to be granted by the concerned authority. Shima to be healed of epilepsy. Shima of Amarpura village disturbed by nightmares to be delivered from

bondage. New believers from Bhijpur, Amarpura and Dabra to confess their faith publicly. Our plans to start 2 new Bible study groups at Bhitwarwa and Dabra villages to be successful. Our casual volunteers Atal, Vishal and Sandeep to grow in ministry.

Bagli: **Wilson & Rashmita Wilson**

Praise God for: 350 persons have heard the Good News for the first time. 3 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. 25 believers boldly confessed their faith in Jesus. 1 worshiping group has been started at Ambajhad village. 1 congregation has been started at Palasiya village. Around 400 people attended the Christmas celebration, out of that 150 were new and they are willing to accept the Lord. The Bori village head signed paper that helped the people to celebrate Christmas without any opposition.

Pray for: The anti-Christian elements to stop all their plans and activities soon. Rukuma and Sukma to be delivered from demon possession which keeps them blinded. Sanjay a person with demon possession is freed from chains but should experience the full deliverance from the Lord.



Happy Birthday

MRS. STELLA PRABHUDASS
MR. SANJEEB KUMAR ANDRAP
MRS. KAMPUNG TABA CHUCHAO
MRS. VIOLET HANSDA
MRS. GURPREET KAUR KULDEEP SINGH

Jharkhand

Tinpagar & Bhagiya: Jebakumar & Ponlatha

Praise God for: Christmas and New Year Services for the believers in Bhagiya field was a great blessing to all who attended. The Christmas program at Paisa village was attended by the Panchayat chief himself and gave a great encouragement to our believers. 24 people accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. We have 750 believers in the Bhagiya field and 250 believers in the Tinpagar field currently.

Pray for: Our new missionaries Jayanthi and Arthi completed their ministry training in our field and shifted to Jhansi centre for further training. Pray the Lord should mold them well for ministry. The Lord should provide for the Church built in Madankasi village which lacks water resources as the nearby lake is dry. The backslidden believers

should be led by the Holy Spirit, back to the church.

Barharwa: Krishnan Kumar & Shanthi Lal

Praise God for: Sunil Ravi Das, Lugni Devi, Arjun Kumar Soniya are attending the Church newly. 3 days fasting prayer was held in the village. 7 people have joined the fold during the fasting prayer. night meetings, house visit, Sunday school, ladies meetings, volunteer training, Church elder training, Friday fasting prayer with women prayer cell had been held in various villages. Praise Him for Pallav Gupta who got healed from thyroid, Soni and Suraj from bleeding problems and many believers from snake bites.

Pray for: Debanti Devi vill-Pattodajheel to be healed from Arthritis, Ratni Devi from viral disease, Patassi Devi from paralysis attack, Shriram from Thalassemia, Mukul Saha from spinal nerve problem. Abraham Ravi Das's family to be free from the land dispute case. The people who are jobless to get the suitable jobs due to which they are migrating to various parts of India leaving their families behind.



Happy Birthday

MRS. LAL NUN MAWI HMAR KIPGEN

Hansdiga:

**Timothy Senthilkumar &
Muthu Selvi**

Praise God for: 1080 new people were reached in about 13 villages. Magaram was delivered from his fears and he is now faithfully attending the worship service. Braving the cold weather, all the believers came for the Christmas and new year services. Many people are benefitted through the Bible reading plan that we follow. It is delightful to hear our believers share testimonies that, when they pray for other people's need in the Church, the Lord hears and answers their prayers.

Pray for: The few families who are prepared to confess their faith in Talgani, Jalpe, Sarkra and Baniya villages. The believers should be led by the Lord to share their faith to their relatives and family members and lead them to Christ. Suniram a church elder struggling with the sin of adultery should experience deliverance in Christ. Our Church believers not to dishonor the name of our Lord by joining in with the unholy revelry during the

celebrations in the village festival times. In Baniya village, 3 families who are ready to confess their faith should not face any obstacles in this process. Our believers should not compromise with the Catholic faith without understanding the difference in doctrines.

**Amarpada: Vyasu Babu
& Sowndarya Rekha**

Praise God for: 3800 new people were reached in 9 new villages. 5500 tracts and 38 Bibles were distributed. The Word of God was proclaimed to transform lives. Christmas celebrations happened in 10 places in a grand manner. 20 people accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. Bahumuni Murmu was miraculously saved from a fire accident during cooking. 14 outreach night meetings and 29 different camps for various categories of people were conducted.

Pray for: Bisunpur kacha Church construction work to be completed. God's restraint upon the evil forces and power of darkness in Amarapara mission field. God should grant a child to Mantri Murmu and Phulwanti Hansda family, Solomon Marandi family, Bablu Basky family & Richard family. Tanish Tudu to be delivered from evil spirit's possession. Gupin Soren to be healed of tuberculosis. Jacob and Hoponmoi to have healing from paralysis.



Happy Birthday

MR. DANIEL THOMAS
MRS. MERCY DEBORAH SENTHIL
MR. VASAVE ELESH PRABHU
MR. AYYANAR M.

Gopikandar: John Dinesh & Binny Gnamam.

Praise God for: His guidance and protection to the missionary's family in ministry throughout the last year. Christmas service celebrated in Pipra Church and believers of 16 congregations gathered there for worship and cultural program. 2 new believers from Mohulbana field were added to the fold of Christ. In 10 villages, follow up ministry was conducted and 113 people heard the Gospel. God provided for an audio system to be purchased for use in our Gopikandar field.

Pray for: Dukran Dehri has backslidden from his faith despite being blessed with a physical healing upon him to resume back to his faith. Sibu Dehri and his family had decided to publicly confess their faith after being healed from TB on the verge of death. Poolmuni Maharani's husband and son to

accept the Lord and for her to experience healing from her leg pain. People who heard the Gospel to respond in repentance and faith. For our children Adeline and Alwina to grow in Christian maturity.

Santal Sahibganj Region - Hiranpur:

Jeevan Ranjan & Snigdha

Praise God for: 3 Churches were dedicated- Beldiah, Sanjodi and Hariyala. The regional Church elder's family getogether and youth convention were conducted after a gap of two years. More than 1000 young people participated in the youth convention out of that 63 have committed to serve God where ever they are and 20 as cross-cultural missionaries. Christmas programs were conducted in all the congregations. The believers celebrated it by inviting their relatives for the programs.

Pray for: The long-range target of reaching 17 lakh Santals with the Gospel and 200 Churches built by 2030 to be achieved. A jeep to be bought, 40 mini-LCD and 40 stranger boxes, for effective and fast outreach ministry. All the believers in each congregation to get involved in evangelizing their own people with the Gospel.



Happy Birthday

MRS. PON LATHA JEBAKUMAR
MR. SATHEES KUMAR C.

West Bengal

Tapan:

**Kingsly Livingston &
Delphin**

Praise God for: 50 house visits, outreaches in 7 villages were done. 700 people newly heard the Gospel and 20 became believers and were added to the fold. Our believers invited their relatives and friends to witness the Christmas drama that was enacted and many heard the Gospel. The Lord helped Sabitru Murmu to successfully correct her details in her Aadhar and School certificate and she donated Rs 500 to the Church in gratitude. Kavita Tutu, Sompam Marandi and Manuel Soren were healed of various sicknesses.

Pray for: Sunita Soren to be delivered from her fear of the evil spirits. Baha Murmu to be healed of her nerve problems and Bhitiya to be healed from paralysis. The families of Sunil Baskey, Noresh

Soren, Toro Kisku, Bimol Kisku and Rabi Hasdak to receive Christ as their personal saviour. Ganesh to be healed of his mouth cancer. Sumesh Tudu and his family should re-commit themselves to full time ministry forgetting their past bitter experiences.

Asom

Gogamukh:

**Praween Das &
Margreat**

Praise God for: Aaynsri a new village was reached with the Gospel. Through screening of Jesus film 285 persons received the Gospel. Carol service was conducted in 5 villages. Mass outreach ministry was done in 3 village. Gospel was personally shared with 16 persons. 2 Old Testaments and 155 New Testaments were distributed.

Pray for: Lala Misong the only believer in his house to evangelize his whole family. Mohan Pegu, Une Misong and Pormanondo to be delivered from alcohol addiction. Pormanondo Pegu, Tora Pegu, Nijul Pegu and Rumi's family to resume back to faith. Bina Pegu to be healed from ovarian tumor.



Happy Birthday

MRS. RUHAMA GURU
MISS. VANGALAPUDI CHANDINI

Jengraimukh:
**Rabindra Murmu &
Selina**

Praise God for: 250 persons heard the Gospel for the first time. 114 New Testaments and 2 Bibles were distributed. The missionaries are settling down in the new mission field. 9 villages were reached with the Gospel and 1 night meeting was conducted.

Pray for: The missionary couple to be blessed with children as they are married for 5 years. They have to be protected from the anti- Christian elements. Their work towards achieving at least 5 souls each month to be possible. Local evangelist with a burden for their own people to be identified among their own people to help in the ministry.

Odisha

Dhenkanal:
**Santu Marandi,
Suresh Malto**

Praise God for: Bishnu Digal and

Gurubari Bobonga were healed from typhoid after so many months. 314 people in 13 new villages were reached with the Gospel. In many villages church elders training program was conducted. Almost 5 villages were followed and waiting for the new people to be added to His fold in the upcoming days. 6 people were added to His fold. Praise Him for the new church committee and new elders formed in the Basaibato congregation.

Pray for: The people of Haridapada village and Ghutusahi village where the village people don't allow our believers to take water for their drinking. The healing of Mahanty Kunkel who got Paralytic attack before 6 months, Silky Soren and Srimati Soren who are siblings who cannot walk and they are on bed from birth. for upcoming believers camp, film ministry, house visiting, soul winning training and all programs to be conducted well without any hindrances.



Happy Birthday

MRS. TEJASWITA BEBORTA
MR. SUKINLAL C.

Keonjhar: Pratyush Nayak & Leona Pratyush

Praise God for: 30-night meetings held in the villages. 987 people were reached in the meetings in 16 villages. Fasting prayers, mass outreach and women's meetings were held in the villages. 17 people were added to His fold. Jano Munda from Mamlaposi Church, Namita Purthy from Dimria village was delivered from the evil spirits. Kande Purthy 3 year old boy was suffering from blood vomiting and got cured after prayer. Praise God for Adi Munda in Pallahara hostel whose hip got dislocated and then healed by prayers.

Pray for: Santu Munda, Uma Munda, Babuli Munda, Sabitri Munda, Tiki Munda and 10 other people are opposing the work of our missionaries. A Kacha Church to be built at Badadevta and Chakadar. The need of evangelists in Keonjhar field. The evangelists families to be used mightly. Supai Munda who is unable to hear and talk since birth. for the lost souls to be saved. The believers who

are suffering from liver and kidney problem to be healed. The casual volunteers' wife Chandmuni Munda for the safe delivery of her child.

Jashipur:

Sukin Lal & Jayarani, Abiraham, Aravind Kumar

Praise God for: The 21 people who were added to His fold. The new believer Maina soren from Chirakuttu who was healed from brain malaria and along with him 10 of family members accepted Jesus Christ as personal savior. Praise Him for the hostel children. Praise Him for all the children who got admission in the higher secondary school. 1-day spiritual nurturing program was conducted for the hostel children. By His grace and with the guidance of the tuition master all the children are doing well in their studies.

Pray for: The outreach program in 3 new villages. for the 21 believer's baptism program. for the Pathijori village people who are against the congregation. for the spiritual life of the hostel children. For the need of hostel warden. For the mass movement among the HO people group. for the need of four-wheeler vehicle for the children to go school. for the hostel children's health during this monsoon season. They should gain immunity power against the diseases.



Happy Birthday
MRS. ANBUMALAR BALAMURUGAN

Gujarat

Bhavnagar: Akhilesh Kumar & Kiran Devi

Praise God for: The ladies meeting that was held in the village. For all the 40 people who heard the Good News in Bhadi village and Bhavnagar Fulsar village. For the 2 new villages that was reached with the Gospel. Fasting prayer, Friday services which was held without any opposition. Cottage prayer was held in 2 believer's houses. Outreach ministry was done in 4 villages.

Pray for: The people who are migrating to other places in search of jobs to stay strong in the Christian faith and values. The ladies who believe Jesus in private to confess their faith boldly. Dinjibhai to get Loan from bank without any problem. Namrataaben from Dipakchowk to confess and accept the Lord as a whole family.

Choramba:

Pushparaj & Jothi Nirmala

Praise God for: 103 persons heard

the Gospel newly. A new gathering has been started at Ranreri village. The construction of a Church at Venderdevi village has begun. The backslidden believers have resumed their faith in the Lord and are attending the worship services. Those who are ready to confess their faith in the Lord are bold enough to openly profess it. The new Gujarat government consist of 5 children of God in it; for the open door that exists till today for the Gospel.

Pray for: The target of reaching 150 souls for the Lord to be made possible. The drug addicts and the alcoholics and those living with suicidal tendencies to be delivered. Vipul Singh of Ranveri village to be healed from the severe injury due to accident. Kandoli to be healed from kidney stone problem.



God's Healing

Rekha Palle of Asifabad in Telangana was suffering from T.B for the last six months. She was bedridden. She was taken to several hospitals but they sent her back. The missionaries along with the congregation fasted and prayed for her. By God's grace God heard our prayers and healed her. She is now able to do work.





Happy Birthday

MR. KUNA CHANDRA PAIK
MR. JOHNSON V.

Umargam:

**Asir Moses &
Amirtha Golda**

Praise God for: 220 persons were reached with the Gospel. 15 New Testaments and 5 Bibles were distributed. God protected the believers during the election period. Swarthicks training and elders' meetings were conducted. Gospel was shared in Malav, Borav and Vikalvada villages.

Pray for: The night meetings that have been planned in Ginder, Talvada, Vikalvada and Jeroli villages to be conducted without any hindrances. The target to be achieved for this year. The believers to actively get involved in soul winning.

**Dadra &
Nagar Haveli**

Silvassa:

**David Rajasingh &
Kanmani.**

Praise God for: 620 people were reached out and 39 became believers

and were added to the fold of Christ. About 40 Bibles were distributed to the people who accepted them. In 44 congregations, Christmas carols were sung in various homes. 584 women participated in the leaders' meeting held in 9 places. The Church construction work that has been started in Valchand village to be completed without further delay. Rasila Ben got healing from her stomach ailment after 2 years of fervent prayer. Rathu Ben prayed for 4 months for her husband who got separated from her. The Lord reunited them. Hemaben received a child after 5 years of waiting in prayer. The Lord helped the Christmas services to be conducted in Boantha, Tuthni, Voaroli Jungle, Golanda and Modipatti without any hindrances.

Pray for: Kalpana Ben to have her tumour removed and to be blessed with a child. Many women to be blessed in the women's conference to be held in January. Maruben to be healed from paralysis. The youths to be spiritually blessed during the youth conferences. Santosh to be delivered from addiction to alcohol. Saina Ben to recover from the injury she suffered when she was returning home after ministry.



Happy Birthday

MR. THILAK S.

Maharashtra

Mukada:

M. Shankar & Anandhi

Praise God for: 500 new people who were reached with the word of God in 4 new villages. 31 became believers were added to the fold. 15 Bibles and 85 New Testaments were distributed to the people. Devram was miraculously healed of kidney stones when he persistently prayed. Manumad, Karoli and Karuval are new villages reached with the Gospel. Under the Govt scheme, many believers received free houses in the Kadadipada village. There was a revival amongst the backslidden villagers of Pardesyamet village. 250 people in Nandugav village and 1500 people in Poshera village participated in the Christmas programme. CDC children and youth were counselled for their personal problems. 20 persons participated in the Believer's training programme held in Kozz Savarpada village.

Pray for: The land documents to be prepared for the church

construction in Sakri village. The need of committed volunteers to conduct worship programmes and help in field ministry. People who have been addicted to alcohol, debauchery and witchcraft to be delivered from these evil spirits and accept Christ into their lives. Chandrakanth, a 6 year old boy to be healed of his hearing impairment. Kalpana suffering from a mental disorder to be healed.



Peace in the midst of storm

In Bagli field of Madhya Pradesh, on 24th December, there was a phone call from a village head (Sarpanch). He told "today a group of anti- Christian elements people will come and see what you are doing". This news went viral in that field. After hearing that news the missionaries gathered all the believers and evangelist and everyone prayed earnestly. An immediate action was taken. The key believers, elders gathered and rushed to the village head's house. There was a heated argument among them. Finally, our people strongly told them that the headman must come and see what they were doing and that they won't allow any anti-Christian elements in their area. Finally, the sarpanch accepted their request and signed the permission letter to conduct the Christmas program. And by God's grace they all celebrated the Christmas Mela which turned out to be better than what was before.





Etapalli:

Arvind Vasave & Eju

Praise God for: Christmas was celebrated in 10 different areas and about 1000 new persons heard the Gospel. 23 of them became believers. 600 Tracts and 10 Bibles were given in these events. A Mass outreach was held in Gedda area and a children's camp was conducted at Halevara village. For Yesudas who was healed from a mental illness in response to our fasting prayer. He has now started worshipping in our Church.

Pray for: Bandu Hichani to grow spiritually and not give up the faith. Kunni Maha needs healing from Cancer. A lot of our young men to find God fearing life partners. Samma Narote suffering from a mental sickness. The believers who are under the influence of alcohol to experience freedom from this addiction. The Church construction work going on in Markhal village should progress smoothly. The Church construction work to be started in Wategatta and Ghatsur

village. God's Word to lead the believers in Etapalli field towards real faith in Jesus.

Challisgoan:

Timothy & Mamata

Praise God for: 2 new villages - Umarkhed and Deoli, were reached and 750 people heard the Gospel. House visiting was done and prayers were offered, Marathi tracts were distributed. About 25 Bibles were given. 9 people accepted Jesus Christ into their lives. 290 people gathered for the two Christmas programmes that were organized. Believer's camp and Key leaders meeting were conducted successfully at Mukhed where 30 people attended.

Pray for: God's mercy upon those who migrate and for the protection of our believers' families and for their basic needs to be met during this winter season. A need for a suitable land for Church construction in Chalisgaon field, for the believers to gather and worship. The healing of Gopal from paralysis, Arthi with an ear problem, Surekha and Ashwani suffering from piles. The need for a local evangelist to support the field ministry.



Happy Birthday

MR. ISAAC RAJA D.
MR. SENTHIL KUMAR TIMOTHY
MRS. ANITHA PRABHA ANANDAKUMAR
MRS. EEMANDI ANURADHA

Akkalkuwa: Jagmohan Singh & Swathi

Praise God for: Being able to reach 625 persons in 5 new villages. 2 new believers were added to the fold of Christ. Christmas programme was celebrated in three villages -Moramba, Dabriamba and Ratanpada. Carols in various houses were conducted for the first time in Akkalkuwa field.

Pray for: The new people who heard the Word of God to accept Jesus as their personal saviour. Sarmila Bai, Bangdi Bai and Santosh to receive a healing from sickle-cell disease. Piyush, Mannesh and Pradeep to be delivered of tobacco addiction. 3 fasting Prayers, all Night prayers and 2 mass outreaches to be conducted in the next month. God's help in proclaiming the Word boldly.

Molgi / Narmada: Bharanidaran and Selvarani.

Praise God for: 600 people were reached in about 4 new villages and 6 believers were added to the fold of Christ. God enabled us to screen Jesus' film and 25 people watched the film. Women's camps were held at 9 places. Children's classes were conducted at Bhijirigoan, Bharkund, Mattiyabari and Gigdabari villages. A Youth camp was conducted in Gigda and 30 youths attended it and were blessed. In the outreach Christmas programmes, 650 believers and about 400 non-believers participated. At Bharkund village, a believer who stood for the local body election won the leader's post. The first Christian marriage was conducted at Narmada mission field.

Pray for: God's protection upon believers who migrate to Gujarat for work. The Church construction work to finish soon at Thel, Mattiyabari, Vitlabari, Welkhadi and Bharkund villages. The Kathri Patilpada congregation came back to us, but one of the Church elder's causes disturbances as he wants services to be held only at his home. Samaria to accept Jesus as her personal savior.



Vadfally:
Bidyut Kumar Singh,
Hebal Hemram

Praise God for: Two villages were reached newly with the Gospel. One Bible study training with 7 people is continuing. Christmas programme was held at Koniji Gujarat area and 230 people gathered and celebrated the Christmas service. 150 new people joined our believers during the Christmas service. The police and village sarpanch gave full permission for the meet. Regular night meetings, Nurturing events and children's' classes are also held.

Pray for: Those who newly heard the Gospel should come to faith in Christ. Champa for the past 3 years had been suffering from demon possession to be delivered. People who hear the Word of God continuously but refuse to believe and have a hardening of hearts to respond to the Gospel. Believers who migrate to Gujarat for work

should remain steadfast in their faith and Christian witness. The Church elders of Vadfally Church to take an active part in proclamation of the Gospel. God may grant the right life partners to both the missionaries and to continue to serve the Lord as a family.

Boradi:
Omprakash &
Sapna

Praise God for: The Gospel was preached to 1100 people. 4 villages were reached with the Gospel. 23 were added to the Fold of Christ. 1 Bible and 10 New Testaments were distributed. Follow up ministries were done in 3 villages. Around 800 persons were evangelized through carol rounds. Believers' night, women camps, children camps and Bhajan programmes were conducted.

Pray for: The process to start building a Church at Umarda to speed up. Bula Bai to be healed of chest pain, Taruna Bai from skin allergy, Machinder from paralysis, Sunil from polio and Ravi from blindness. Suramal Bhai should be delivered from alcoholic addiction.



Happy Birthday

MRS. ANGEL JEBA HENRY
MRS. SUBHRA BAG MINTU KUTUM
MRS. SARATHI ARUN KUMAR
MRS. SUMATHI GANESH
MRS. NEETU DINESH KUMAR
MR. STEPHAN HANSDA

Karnataka

Khanapur:

Vinayaraj & Shantha

Praise God for: 3 persons were added to His fold. Christmas services and other programmes went on well without any major problems. Follow up ministry was done through jeep. And distributed kanadda Bibles to some new contacts. House visiting, conference call prayers are also conducted to strengthen the believers.

Pray for: The Churches to grow more indigenous. The compound wall work at Khanapur Church to be done soon. The believers in Khanapur Church and Nandagada Churches to grow in the fellowship.

Mungod:

Sunilkumar & Sangeeta

Praise God for: 500 persons were reached with the Gospel. Gospel was shared to in villages. 25 Bibles and 6 New Testaments were

distributed. Christmas program were conducted in Balabeedi and Indra Nagar. Sham who was finding it difficult to meet both ends received a cow from the government for their livelihood. God healed Saroja from gynec problem. Devendra and Prakash families are newly attending the Sunday services.

Pray for: Those believing in black magics and idol worship to be delivered from their strong holds. Naina to be blessed with children. 5 persons are getting ready to confess their faith in the Lord; they have to grow a mature in the Lord. Sangeeta to be healed from tumour in the leg.



Wonder Working God

In Pehowa field in Kaithwal District of Haryana a young girl Grace who is a boxer and had won medals in Under 13's category in Haryana and also in other states. She developed a sudden pain in her brain. She was taken to a hospital where she was declared dead. Preparations were taken by the hospital for the post-mortem of the body. However, believers prayed for her fervently. In a divine miracle, she came alive. The greater miracle was that, 10 families who heard about this miracle surrendered their lives to Jesus Christ. Glory be to God





Sunday

Happy Birthday

MR. SURESH JOSEPH

Kolar:

Samuel Beberta

Praise God for: The Church reconstruction work at Seepur village is going on well. The Lord protected the missionary from a possible snake bite in the Church construction area. The Lord blessed one of our believer's daughter Gayatri to be married to a good life partner. During the Christmas carol singing, 12 new families were reached with the Word of God. For Ushama, Roja and Shivani who are carrying to have safe deliveries. Rani who underwent a successful surgery by the grace of God.

Pray for: Revival to take place in the ministry in AK and Gowda and among the Khargar people groups so that they would experience salvation in Christ. A muslim brother Nadeem who heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ should seek the truth and find it. My mother Jyothi who is not feeling well at the moment to be healed.

Shiggaon:
**Sunilkumar &
Sangeetha**

Praise God for: 1500 new people were reached with the Word of God in 10 new villages. One person accepted the Lord Jesus Christ. 1000 tracts, 5 Bibles and 6 New Testaments were distributed. Christmas programs were conducted in Dhunasi, Savnur and Shiggaon Churches. Many local people attended these programs and heard the Good News. Suresh suffering from kidney stones was healed by the Lord through an operation. Kareamma was healed of her chest pain when they prayed for her.

Pray for: The health of the missionary's children who keep falling sick at their school in Dhonavur. The healing of 13-year-old Priyanka suffering from a severe back pain. Laxamma's daughter and son to get jobs for their living. Hirappa and Nagamma to be reconciled with each other by God's mercy. Banjara community believers are threatened that if they attend church, their ration supplies will be stopped. Praveen to recover from a back bone fracture. Praveeti to be healed of her chest pain.



Happy Birthday

MRS. NIANG KHAN MAN VUM BIAK LAL
MRS. ANITA SHISHU PAL

Telangana

Asifabad:

**Rameshbhai Vasava &
Sunitaben Vasava**

Praise God for: The Gospel was shared to 960 persons. 2 villages were reached with the Gospel. 2 believers have confessed their faith in the Lord. 1 Bible and 12 New Testaments were distributed. Night meetings were conducted in 3 villages, follow up was done in 8 villages and ladies camp was conducted in 1 place. 14 Bible study groups gather to study the Word of God systematically. Bhajan program was conducted in Markagotta.

Pray for: Pardi people to accept the Lord and to grow spiritually. The people of Kautaguda to accept the Lord. The backslidden believers to resume back to faith. The Gond and new Bodhi community people to accept the Lord among all their barriers. God to heal Sunil Kumar from left eye sight problem and Vijayabai from one side of the full body pain.

Andhra Pradesh

Damalacheruvu:

**John David Raj &
Ebenezer Gnansekari,
Anil Mahale &
Prashanthi Mahale**

Praise God for: The Christmas programs were conducted in Iravanaikaripalli, Koduguchintha, Ramapuram, Kothur and Damalacheruvu Churches; through these programmes around 450 were blessed and got new contacts through it. Simonraj Siva an engineer resumed back his faith along with his family. Sarahama was healed from kidney stone. Annapuranama was delivered from demon possession, Ramamoorthi from alcoholism.

Pray for: Lavanya a secret Christian's family, Mohana son of our believer, Jothi's husband, to accept the Lord. Nathamuni, Suman, Yegambaram, to be delivered from alcoholism. Mercy Jeyalatha and Timothy to resume back to the faith. Ravi to get transfer from V.Kota to Irala so that he can get involved in the Church ministry. Prabhakar to be healed from paralytic attack, Yobu Prasath from injury caused by accident and Muniyamma from breathing trouble. The believer girls to get God fearing life partners.



Happy Birthday

MR. VINU P., MR. SAMUEL J.
MISS. IRENE LETTHENMUONG HAOKIP

Rodham: Debodatta Lima & Sonia Rani

Praise God for: 700 persons heard God's Word for the first time. 30 New Testaments and 2 Bibles were distributed. Govindapa was financially blessed after accepting the Lord. Carol rounds and Christmas programs were conducted without any hinderances. Indrani gave her first salary as offering to the Church.

Pray for: A rented room has been identified for worship at Roddam village. Aruna, Amruta, Anita, Gayatri and Sunita to get right life partners. Gayatri and Damodar family of sanipalli village to accept the Lord as their personal Saviour. Ramanji and Nagabhusan to be delivered from alcoholic addiction and not stop their family from attending the Church service or prayer. The Youth to get involved in the ministry and for God to use them.

Tamil Nadu

Chengam: KS Joshua

Praise God for: Church Elders'

trainings are going on consistently. 3 Levels of trainings have been completed. Elders from 32 Churches have been trained to lead their own Churches with new souls. Taftee courses have been imparted to the evangelists regularly. A fasting prayer for evangelists was held. A Regional Church council ministry magazine has been prepared and sent.

Pray for: Govindswamy has to quit alcohol and commit his life to Christ. His wife has lost two of her brothers and in need of comfort. Anbu's family separated because of his drinking habits. Our Church elder Settu to find a committed life partner. Selvaraj's grandson is dumb and he needs a miracle in his life.



Peace Prevails Through Unceasing Prayer!

In UttaraKhand, at Dineshpur mission field, our new believer Sahib Ditta of Seithilingaj village lost her only son, daughter and other three members of the family one after the other. The non-believer neighbours mocked them for becoming the followers of Christ. The missionaries along with the believers, conducted prayer meetings in their house quite often. God consoled them with the peace which the world cannot give and which cannot be distorted. Praise be to God!



Mr. Bharanidharan was the son of an artist Mr. Subramani and his wife Mrs. Thilagavathi who lived in Pollur which falls under the Thiruvanamalai district of Tamilnadu. His goal and his heart's yearnings were to become an artist. Unfortunately, while he was studying in +2, his father had a heart attack and passed away. As he had to shoulder the responsibility of his family, he started a business. As it ran into heavy losses, disillusioned he walked towards the railway track determined to put an end to his life. On the way, God graciously sent His servant who shared with him about the love of God. As he had accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour, he was sent along with Artist Navaneethar Annan who is in charge of the Gospel Ratham to participate

in the 300th year of celebration of Missionary Ziegenbalg. He was mentored by Bro. Navaneethar spiritually and through watching the life history of missionaries enacted by the drama team, committed his life to serve God in North India as a missionary and joined as a full-time missionary in the year 2008.

On 26.06.2009, according to God's will, he got married to Miss. Selvarani who was working among the Malto, from the year 2002 to 2009. She was born as a second child to Mr.Vedhamanickam & Mrs.Tamilarasi of Tuticorin on 21.07.1984. She had accepted Christ and had committed her life to full-time ministry in the Annual Camp conducted in Coimbatore in the year 2000. After finishing her studies - DMLT in the year 2002, she was directly sent to Jharkhand after her interview. In 2003, she was sent to Jhansi for training and was sent to work among the Malto people group from 2004 -2009.

Mr. Bharanidharan was sent to be trained at Jhansi Training Centre. They served in the mission fields in Godavari Regions for the next two years. They joined the Gospel Ratham ministries for the next five years and again went back to Khandesh Region and were placed in the Tadukon field. Now, they are joyfully serving the Lord in Narmada field.

They are blessed with two children, Mercy born on 2.22.2011 in (6th std), and Agnes born on 28.8.2014 are studying in Santhosa Vidhyalaya, Dohnavur. Let us uphold this missionary family in our prayers.



**Mr. Bharanidharan
& Mrs. Selvarani
Family**

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