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I have
chosen
you

1 Peter 2:3

THEME OF THE YEAR 2023

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God - this is your true and proper worship. - Romans 12:1

Pride

Hypocrisy

Rage

Dissension

Love of Money

Self

Enmity

Vulgar Thoughts

Wild Partyng

Homicide

**Chosen to be a
LIVING SACRIFICE**

'Living Sacrifice'



**"THE MAIN
PROBLEM WITH A
'LIVING' SACRIFICE IS
THAT IT KEEPS CRAWLING
OFF THE ALTAR"**

Dr. David Reece

FRONTLINE...

An elderly Pastor who pastored a small congregation in Scotland was pressured to resign, because there was not even one new person who got saved and joined the Church. But the pastor replied that a young boy named Vboby got baptised in his church and had committed himself for full time ministry during a spiritual meet. When the offertory tray was passed on to the boy during the time of offertory, he found that he did not have any money. So he asked for the plate to be kept on the floor and he stood upon the plate and said "I am giving my life as an offertory to the Lord" and surrendered his life fully to the Lord. In the later years this boy called Vboby became the missionary Robert Moffat who joined with another young missionary John Williams and laboured for the Lord for many years in the continent of Africa. His daughter followed his footsteps and married another missionary to Africa -

David Livingstone and continued the ministry in Africa. A young boy's surrender of his life as a living sacrifice in the yesteryears paved the way for a big community to be significantly reformed.

In the Old Testament, the Lord himself instituted sacrifices for his chosen people to offer, in order to grow and strengthen themselves in the Lord. The Lord also desired for these sacrifices to be offered out of love and obedience to the Lord (1 Sam 15:22,23). If the heart of a person who offers these sacrifices is far from the Lord, it would render the sacrifice meaningless and would even dishonour the Holy Name of the Lord. This is what is mentioned in Amos 5:21-24 - The Lord hates the festivals and sacrifices of the Israelites because their hearts are far from the Lord. In the Old Testament times, a bull or a pigeon would be cut and the pieces offered as a sacrifice on the altar [Lev 1:12, 8:20]. But the Lord put an end towards these kind of sacrifices when He sacrificed his only beloved son Jesus Christ on the cross as a living sacrifice for us [Heb 10:12]. The only thing the Lord expects from us is a broken and a contrite heart [Psalms 5:17] and the fruit of our lips - sacrifice of praises [Heb 13:15]. Encompassing both of these into our lives when we worship God, we ought to surrender the whole of our lives as a living sacrifice just as Robert Moffat did. A living sacrifice does not indicate a sacrificial living just for a day, but rather committing to deny our self, take up our cross and follow Him daily for the rest of our lives. This is what Paul declares as a spiritual act of worship in Romans 12:1. This indicates that we crucify our old man with the carnal desires on the cross and declaring 'It is not I, but Christ who lives in me'. To offer ourself as a living sacrifice implies that we need to be ready to pay the price to completely surrender our life to hearing the voice of God, doing His will and living a Holy life. It is easy to die for the Lord in a day, but very hard to offer our whole life as a living sacrifice to the Lord for a life time daily. We should have the mind of Jesus reflected on our thoughts, words, actions and habits as we commit ourselves as a Living Sacrifice to the Lord daily. May the Lord help us to give our lives as fragrant incense unto this nation!

- Mercy Selwyn (Communication Department)

**Walk in the way of love,
just as Christ loved us
and gave Himself up for
us as a fragrant offering
and sacrifice to God.**

- Ephesians 5:2

**When I consider the cross
of Christ, how can anything
that I do be called sacrifice.**

- Amy Carmichael

**You also, like living
stones, are being built
into a spiritual house
to be a holy priesthood,
offering spiritual sacrifices
acceptable to God through
Jesus Christ. - 1 Peter 2:5**

**If a commission
by an earthly king is
considered an honor,
how can a commission
by a Heavenly King be
considered a sacrifice?**

- David Livingstone

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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.

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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!

God has given to FMPB, the theme of this year "I have chosen you" and we are learning truth based on that title in every meetings of this year. God has chosen us to sacrifice everything, we cherish and holding closer, in His alter and making Him the King in every areas of our life. The Holy Spirit teaches that powerfully by recording the incident mentioned in Mark 10:17 - 31. This is the encounter between Jesus and a rich man regarding inheriting the eternal life. Verse 21 says, 'Jesus looked at him and loved him' and having love on the man, Jesus said one thing you lack, go and sell everything you have and give to the poor. Then in vs. 29 Jesus promised if anyone sacrifices anything for Jesus and the gospel they will get hundred times in this world of what they gave up and will inherit the eternal life. The path to receive is to sacrifice for Jesus and the gospel.

The last one month had a busy schedule due to various administrative meetings and other meetings. The Lord has been good in all the meetings and blessed them with His Presence and His living Word.

Ministry council

The 7th Ministry Council meeting was held on 19th and 20th of January having 18th



as the fasting and prayer day. The missionaries holding responsibilities in Zonal level and above from the three departments of Field, Mobilization and Headquarters gathered to plan for the future course of our ministry. Three outside experts presented 6 papers

and following every presentation there was a sufficient time of discussion. The council discussed the present situation prevailing for the ministry and after the discussion took an unanimous decision to move forward with the power of Christ to share the good news to our fellow Indians without any wavering due to the situation around us.

Azhagiya Sangamam

The annual scan meeting 'Azhagiya Sangamam' (Beautiful gathering) was held in Tarangampadi on 28th and 29th of January 2023. Around 1000 businessmen and families gathered in the place where the seed for modern protestant mission was planted some 317 years ago and got rejuvenated in their spiritual life and commitment of reaching the nation with the gospel.

Finance Management Committee and Management Committee

The Finance Management Committee was held on 4th February and recommended an annual income budget of Rs. 83 crores for the financial year of 2023 - 2024. The Management committee was held after that

Interview

The interview to select the new missionaries was held on 6th and 7th of February. 22 candidates attended the interview and 17 were selected as missionaries. After medical checkup they were sent for the one month mobilization exposure and following that they will go for 5 months field exposure. Kindly remember them in your prayers.

National Planning Conference meeting and prayer

The 12 hours national planning conference prayer was observed on 10th of February. The participants earnestly prayed for the requests shared by the Secretaries. National Planning Conference was organised on 11th and 12th February 2023 at Gurukul auditorium, Chennai. The reporting and discussion time was very lively. The roadmap 2023 - 24 and beyond was presented by the end of the conference.

Executive Committee meeting

The 213th Executive Committee meeting was held on 12th and 13th of February. God helped the committee to take decisions based on God's will.

The chains could not hold them

The arrested Evangelists and believers in Uttar Pradesh were granted bail in the high court. Their witnesses testifying the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit in the midst of such persecution to keep them joyful in the Lord and to witness the Lord's goodness to other inmates.

Jhavda School Silver Jubilee

A very humble beginning in 1997 has blossomed as a English Medium Higher Secondary School in Jhavda village of

Gujarat which has produced many children in higher positions in many walks of life. The CNI Gujarat Diocese Bishop Rt. Rev. Silvans Christian attended the Silver Jubilee celebration of the school along with missionaries, prayer group leaders and political leaders. This school stands as an example for God's goodness.

Important meetings and programs in March.

Please pray for the following meetings I attend.

Tuticorin fasting prayer and meetings on 4th and 5th March

The higher studies committee will have its meeting on 10th March

Field Zonal Secretaries prayer and meeting will be held on 13th March to 16th March in Nagpur.

Cross cultural communication training

From 17th March to 24th March, I will be teaching Cross Cultural Communication to the trainees in NIM, Jhansi who are getting graduated on 25th March 2023. This subject will help the missionaries to learn to preach the gospel in a cross cultural context.

We thank you for your sincere prayers and support to the ministry of FMPB. Remember all the missionaries of FMPB in your prayers at least once in a day.

Your fellow servant in God's Mission

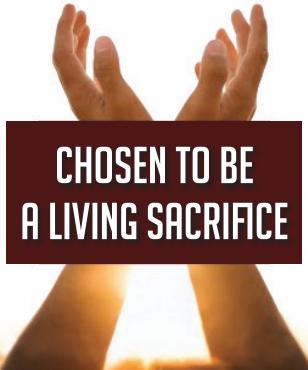


Rev. John Berlin S.

In the letter to the Ephesians Church, Apostle Paul writes in Eph 1:4 “even as he chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him”. It is an amazing thing to realize that God has chosen us before the foundation of this world!

In the Old Testament, we read that God had chosen several people for His work. He had chosen Noah and his family to procreate this world after the destruction of the earth by flood. He then chose Abraham and his descendants Isaac, Jacob... to be His own people. Moses was selected to redeem the Israelites from slavery under the Egyptians. He also used Joshua to divide the land of Cannan amongst the Israelites after they reached the promise land. After this several judges were chosen to lead Israel. Later, Samuel was selected by God to anoint Saul, the first king of Israel, David who chosen as the man after God's own heart. And then, prophets like Isaiah, Jeremiah were raised by God to warn the Israelites about their sins against God and to proclaim the coming of the Messiah.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, during His ministry, had chosen 12 of His disciples and appointed them as apostles – to follow him and continue his earthly ministry (Luke 6:13,14). Jesus Christ speaks about this in many passages in the Bible. This choosing



of people for God's work still continues. While there are many people being called, but only a few have accepted his calling (Mathew 22:14). These were chosen to do His purpose, and this is not based on our own wishes or referrals.

Jesus says in John 15:16, “You did not choose me, but I chose you”. So it is God who has graciously selected us to do His will on this earth.

Those who obey his calling are made as achievers. God has chosen some as full time missionaries, some as pastors, evangelists or leaders or overtime workers 1 Peter 2:9 says “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light”. Apostle Peter writes that, all who accepted Jesus Christ as their saviour are chosen to proclaim the Gospel. This has been given as the ‘great commission’ in Mathew 28:19, 20 and Mark 16:15 before the Lord Jesus Christ ascended to heaven.

Jesus Christ, who gave himself to redeem us requires of us to offer our bodies as living sacrifice to Him. Romans 12:1 say “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.” God has called/ chosen us to dedicate or sacrifice our life Him.

What can be sacrificed?

People generally think that all their possessions belongs to them. But we should understand they do not belong to us. It belongs to God alone! We are obliged to manage our God-given possessions wisely. Psalms 24:1 says "The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein". We also read in 1Cor 6:13, 19 that our body is the Lord's and that it is the temple for the Holy Spirit to dwell in. Therefore, our will, our life, our possessions, our families don't belong to us. All these belong to God and we are chosen to sacrifice everything to God.

What we ought to understand is that sacrifice is not losing what we have, but to use them or spend them with responsibility and integrity for the glory of God. So we must understand this and be prepared to sacrifice three things of our life to God -Time, Talents and Treasure (material blessings).

Our Time

We all are given the same amount of time (24 hours) that should not be wasted. We have to plan the day properly to execute our day to day work or else we will not have enough time to do God's work. The time taken to finish a work in 8 hrs cannot be extended to 12 hrs. If it does, we will not have sufficient time to finish other activities like Bible reading, prayer, mission related activities, family time or simply to relax.

We read in the Bible that when Jesus Christ lived on this earth, He knew that He had only 3 ½ years for His ministry. But He wasn't hasty; rather he did everything perfectly in its time. Apostle Paul's writes to Ephesians

5:15, "making the best use of the time, because the days are evil". Therefore, we have to make the best use of our time.

In order to do that, we have to plan and prioritize the work for a given day. For example, from the incident in Luke 15:8 - 10, (the parable of the lost coin), to find the lost coin, she lights the lamp first, then begins sweeping the floor and carefully searched for the coin and only then she managed to find the coin. Planning in such a way will help us to manage our time properly. Some people think that planning is not required for mission works. But, in Luke 14:28 - 30, Jesus highlights the importance of planning for the construction of a tower. Therefore, we have to plan and spend our time wisely which will bring glory to God.

Our Skill / Talents

Talents or skills or gifts are given to us by God. Though it may vary or differ from person to person, at least one talent is given for every person (Romans 12:6). Some people think that they don't have any talents or skills. But that's not true. We have to find the talents we possess and use it for the glory of God and for the benefit of others. We read in 1 Peter 4:10, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace". Thus, we should use it for the benefit of others.

We will receive more blessings when we use the gifts given by God. When it is left unused, these gifts will be taken away from us. In the parable of talents told by Jesus in Mathew 25:14 - 30, those who used their talents were given additional talents. The one who buried his 'one and only' talent, not only was the talent taken away, he was also punished.

Therefore, we are called to use our talents, skills and gifts for the glory of God.

Our Wealth

Wealth is given in different measures to different people. It's given sufficiently such that it can be used. Therefore, one has to pay careful attention to the way this wealth is utilized. We read in Luke 12:34, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" and in 1Timothy 6:10, "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils". We should not become slaves of money and we should be careful in dealing with it. It is common for people to say that 'this is my money, profit or investment return from business, I earned it from my business or hard work' and it is enough to give 1/10th as a tithe to God and the rest belongs to me, that is wrong! Everything we have is the Lord's. Whatever belongs to the Lord should be used in the way He wants it to be used. Deuteronomy 8:18 says, "It is he who gives you power to get wealth".

There is an increase of false teachers and ministries these days. We must pay careful attention that through our support our wealth doesn't go in vain by supporting false teachers or ministries. We have to spend our wealth for the growth of good ministries, which brings blessings in return.

Sacrifice has to make an impact in our life. God expects us to offer sacrifices from our heart first, more than from our fullness (Mark 12: 41 - 44). We are chosen by God to offer ourselves as a sacrifice for Him, as Jesus Christ has sacrificed Himself for us. Are we ready to sacrifice ourselves, our time, talents and wealth for our Lord? One of the famous quotations of Jim Elliot is that "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose". All of our possessions are temporary. Nothing is permanent in this world. Are we ready to lose the temporary to gain eternal riches?

*"I gave My life for you,
What have you done for Me?"*

Mr. Reginald, President - FMPB

Field visit

A group of 10 left for Odisha for a field visit from Madurai in November 2022. We visited the Dalbhumgarh Children home in Utkal Region on 2nd and 3rd November. We had a time of Fasting and prayer with the missionaries in that region. We felt the need for a generator for the home and decided to buy one for that home. We

worshiped the Lord along with the believers in Jagannathpur field. We came back to Madurai with the burden in our hearts to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send more missionaries to Odisha and also to support the ministry done in Odisha. Glory be to God!

Missionary Diary

I was requested to express some events or incident that happened during my ministry with FMPB here with I reflect 3 incidences that really are always in my mind. First of all I praise God for calling me to be a part of FMPB family between 1972 2009 as full time worker and even till today as a volunteer.

Word of God: Gaya was my second mission station in Bihar as my co-worker and I did not get a house to stay us was staying in the local CNI Church. One evening as I was sitting inside the Church, it was about to become dark outside one young man entered inside and he didn't look happy. I came to know after my conversation that he was Nanth Kumar who was doing his college studies at Gaya. His father who was holding a high position in Bihar Government made him to stay with a servant to make food for him in a rented house. He told me that he read the Bible verse written on the Church compound wall she wanted to know more about Jesus Christ at those days I could not speak fluently in Hindi but I managed communicate to him she kept coming every time in the evening he requested and invited me to his house one day many times he told me and so I decided to visit him I fixed an evening with him and went to his house. To my great surprise I saw the picture of Jesus Christ on the wall and no other pictures of other Gods were there he gave me tea and snacks and was very different Centre I wonder how this young man got Jesus picture and how old in the he could put it in the Wall of his house Gospel produces beautiful men women Barclay comments Gods word has power to change people

Sacrifice: Giving to God's ministry should not be spoken out. It should be between God and the one who gives. I went to see a family I'd known for a long time one morning. The husband was running an auditing firm and he was married and had two children. The wife's family was very well to do. After I spent time with both husband and wife I prayed for them and was about to leave. The lady asked me to wait and she went inside the house and returned with a bunch of something that was covered with a cloth and gave it to me. After 2 seconds I could realize that they were the Wedlock (Thali) other jewelry that she were given to her on her wedding day by her parents. She told me to use it for constructing a Church in FMPB field. My hands where shivering to take it from her. And I did not know whether to receive it or not. I looked at her husband and he nodded and approved me to take it for FMPB ministry. Giving to God is to be unknown before men but known to God alone. May God help us to reach our nation through His Word, Prayer and sacrifice!



Rev. Alexander Arulanandam
(Retired Missionary)

2022 - 2023 The following is the list of children of our missionaries who are about to appear for their Std. X and XII Government Public Examinations in the ensuing months. Pray for the Children in Homes and of FMPB members so that they shall come out with flying colours in their examinations.



Staff Children Studying in School in Standard 10th (2022-2023)

Sl. No.	Children's Name	Parent's Name
1.	ASHIN ALEX PRASAD	- Rev. JOHN KUMAR C
2.	JOVITA SANNIDHI	- Mr. BENJAMIN B
3.	PAUL JOYSON	- Rev. PONNUSAMY S
4.	CALEB BRAINARD RAJ V.	- Rev. VIJAYAN T
5.	AYUSH BIBHOR KISKU	- Mr. MIRJYO KISKU
6.	NITIN EBENEZER BHUINYA	- Rev. LAULIN BHUINYA
7.	ABIGA GRACE	- Rev. EDWARD RAJADURAI R
8.	JOYCE ANGELIN D.	- Rev. AMIRKANTA DIGAL
9.	NAITIK KUMAR	- Rev. SOMA BHAI VALU BHAI
10.	EARNEST KAMALESH	- Mr. GAMIT KAMLESH SINGABHAI
11.	KARUNA SUSAN ABRAHAM	- Rev. ABRAHAM THOMAS
12.	JEBA MARCIA	- Mr. KUMAR V
13.	J SHARON ANGELINE	- Rev. JOHN SAMUEL A
14.	IDA JEYA SHARON D.	- Rev. DANIEL ARUL MANI J
15.	JOSEPH DANIEL S.	- Mr. SENTHIL KUMAR P
16.	SALONI PANI	- Rev. MANOJ KUMAR PANI
17.	CHUNKIM K.	- Mr. DITUNGBOU K
18.	PEARSON PRINCE	- Mr. BHORSAT BABUBHAI CHIMANBHAI
19.	EMILIN SHARON K.S.	- Mr. KINSLY A R
20.	ROSHNI	- Mr. PADVI SOMALIA MANSUBHAI
21.	RAGLAND	- Mr. PAULRAJ R

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| 22. | VIJYA KUMAR NAIK | - Rev. MANJYA NAIK G |
| 23. | BRENCY JASMINE | - Mr. BARNABAS A |
| 24. | SHERWIN EBENEZER | - Mr. JEBAKUMAR P |
| 25. | CHRISTINA PREETHI ANGEL | - Mr. DURAISAMY K |
| 26. | JUDHSON TAYLOR | - Rev. JUSTIN Y |
| 27. | MELWIN BLESSO M | - Mr. MITHRAN E |
| 28. | SWEETLINE RACHEL J. | - Rev. JOHN PENIN J |
| 29. | ANURAG G | - Mr. GEDDAM SRINIVASA RAO |

Staff Children Studying in School in Standard 12th (2022-2023)

SI. No.	Children's Name	Parent's Name
1.	SAMUEL JONATHAN A	- Rev. AUGUSTUS PUSHPARAJ
2.	PALLAVI BHANGSING VASAVA	- Rev. VASAVA BHANGSINGH MOULY
3.	JEFFIN PHILIP	- Rev. ASIR MOSES THIYAGARAJ S
4.	ANNIE KUTTY MANOJ	- Rev. MANOJ P J
5.	JEEVA ROSHINI	- Mr. CHRISTOBER P G
6.	JOHN JEBARAJ	- Rev. CHELLADURAI J
7.	JEREMIAH JESUMON GOLDEN	- Rev. GOLDEN J INBARA
8.	JOHNTY RAXSON	- Mr. WILSON D
9.	CHUNAUTI TANDY	- Rev. CHITTARANJAN TANDY
10.	PACKIA AKSHA T.	- Mr. THOMAS R
11.	FRANICHA MUSHAHARY	- Rev. PRODIP MUSHAHARY
12.	SNEHA B	- Mr. THIMMESH M P
13.	S. JOHN WESLY	- Mr. SENTHIL KUMAR P
14.	CHRISTY EVANGELINE	- Rev. BALAJI G
15.	JOHN WCLIFF	- Mr. BENHUR Y
16.	GRACELIN VANIYA	- Mr. NAGARAJAN M
17.	EVELYN JOYCE	- Mr. FELIX KAMALIOL EDWARD S S
18.	AGNES FANNEY CROSS	- Mr. MUTHAIAH U SAMUEL
19.	SHALOM PRINCE	- Mr. VADEKAR DILIPBHAI RANGUBHAI
20.	EBENEZER ISAAC	- Mr. KINGSLY ISSAC JOHNSON M
21.	IMMANUEL AARON K.S.	- Mr. KINSLY A R
22.	HESED JOHN BHARATH	- Mr. RAMAMUNI JBV PRASAD
23.	IDA MIRACLE	- Mr. MAYILSAMY T
24.	SUNNY JOYSON B	- Rev. BAAGI SATEESH
25.	ANUGRAHAN JUBEL R.	- Rev. RAMESH VELRAJ A
26.	BHAGAVANTH	- Rev. VEDIYAPPAN L
27.	SRAVANTHI N	- Mr. BALAJI NETALAM
28.	PRASHANSA KUMARI	- KOKANI PRAVINBHAI (LATE)

- HRD - FMPB

Missionary Biography



Mrs. Amala Victor

(1957 - 2015)

Mrs. Amala Victor was born in a Christian family in Alangulam, near Tenkasi on the 11th of October 1957. Her parents were Mr. Muthiah and Mrs. Soranam. Mrs. Amala also had two sisters Annapackiam and Gnanasundari and two brothers - Gnanadiravium and Moses. She was the youngest and grew up as a pet child of all the family members.

Early Days and Salvation

Ms. Amala's father died when she was studying in the school. It shattered the family as they all depended upon him for their livelihood. As Amala was the pet child, she missed him very much. After high school her mother refused to send her to higher studies. Instead she was sent to learn type writing.

In 1975 she attended a Church Convention. She was convinced by the preaching and the Word of God convicted her of her sinfulness. She confessed her sins and accepted Jesus as her personal saviour on 29th March 1975. A great joy filled her heart and she devoted herself to praying and reading the bible regularly. She actively participated in the children ministry of the Church. FMPB used to conduct Gideonite's camp in Courtallam. In one such meeting in 1976, many young people committed their lives to go as missionaries. Ms. Amala also committed her life to go as a missionary. The family hesitated to send her as a missionary as she was a girl.

Marriage

Ms. Amala was actively involved in the Sunday School ministry and youth ministry. She also joined with other young girls and prayed for missionary work. Her mother and brothers found a bridegroom for her, who was a missionary with FMPB. Ms. Amala thanked God that He fulfilled her commitment to go as a missionary. So she happily accepted the proposal. As per the rule, a male missionary can get married to a fiancee only after the training. So, Ms. Amala attended the fiancée interview and was sent to Calvary Bible School, Allahabad. The family with tears sent her to North India. A senior missionary Mr. Edward Prabhudoss was travelling to North in that same train which Ms. Amala had boarded. Going alone to North India for the first time was a thrilling and a trembling experience. The missionary who was travelling in the same train met her and encouraged her. He also

came forward to help her, if needed. They travelled by Tamilnadu Express. During their journey the train met with an accident. Many bogies got derailed, nearly 50 people died. But God saved Mr. Edward Prabhudoss and Ms. Amala without any injury. Then, the missionary came to her and asked, "Shall I help you to go back or do you want to travel to Allahabad?" Ms. Amala wanted to go ahead with her travel plan. Another train was pressed into service and they proceeded their travel. Finally, Ms. Amala reached Allahabad after changing the train at Jhansi. Her first North India trip was a nightmare to her in her missionary journey. After the training, the marriage of Mr. Victor Murugesan and Ms. Amala was held on 28th December, 1981.

Church Planting Ministry

After the marriage Mrs and Mr. Victor Murugesan traveled to Selamba, Gujarat, to start their family life and ministry. She paid extra attention and learned the local language and began her ministry among the children and women. As the mission field was in the interior jungle, there was no electricity, toilet facility, transport, potable water etc still they were happy to continue their ministry in that place. People responded to the Gospel and accepted Christ as their saviour, village after village. Many congregations were established with these converts. Then they shifted their base to Navapur, Vyara and Wagai.

In 2007, FMPB sent them for their Theological studies to Serampore University, Kolkatha, and West Bengal. After the studies, Mr. Victor Murugesan was in charge of

Western Zone and then the Central Zone. He led the ministry as the Secretary. Mrs. Amala was the suitable helper for Mr. Victor. God blessed their married life with two girl children. The first one was Persis Packiavathi who got married to Mr. Alwyn and leads a witnessing life for the Lord. The second daughter Shekina got married to Mr. Charles Samuel and lives in Chennai.

Last Days

Rev. Victor Murugesan became the Secretary for Property, Projects and Asset department and carried out his work from Chennai HQ from 2014. Mrs. Amala Victor was actively involved in the promotional work in Padi and Korattur area. She took part in the meetings of the women prayer groups and motivated them to pray for the missionaries. She had severe back pain and was treated for it. As the pain became unbearable, she was admitted in the hospital. She underwent thorough medical check up to find out the reason for her pain. She was diagnosed with cancer which spread internally and affected her spine. It came as a great shock to her and her family. Then, she was given the appropriate treatment for the cancer. There were periods of uncertainties in her health condition. Some days she would feel better then some days she would find herself much weaker. The cancer spread into other parts of her body, leading to deterioration of her health. On 8th January 2015, Mrs. Amala Victor went to be with the Lord, leaving behind her dear family. Her body was buried with the hope of resurrection. She did her ministry with joy and with full efforts for the glory of God.

- **Rev. Dr. E. Rajan**



International Women's Day is celebrated on March 8th since 1910. It is commemorated as a day to bring the world's attention to issues like injustice, gender discrimination, violence and lack of equality against women. The theme of this year's Women's Day is 'Embrace Equity'. The passion and enthusiasm by supporting and valuing all differences (culture, race, language) can lead our society towards equality.

Even a country like our India which has the ideology of unity in diversity, we do see a situation of not being possible in adhering to it. In our country which is full of different languages, races, castes, religion and culture, the egalitarian approach or egalitarian lifestyle that the world says may be difficult for a woman in our country. But the Bible and the history of the Church affirms that if a woman who is willing to depend on God and obey God's plan can achieve good things for the society and the country in which she lives.

A woman named Jochebed, who gave birth to a God's Servant named Moses and a little girl named Miriam, Moses' sister, did great things to keep Moses alive. What was the result? The Zeal for God was planted in Moses heart. He gave up the palace life of Egypt and became a friend of God, a leader and father of the people of Israel!

In the New Testament, Timothy's grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice raised Timothy to be a faithful believer by example of their life and great teachings! This made him the "role model youth" that Paul praises and later became an Archbishop in charge of society and churches!

Not only that, Dr. Ida Sophia Scudder (December 9, 1870 - May 24, 1960) who established the Christian Medical College and Hospital in Vellore was well-known to the International Medical World and a vessel of belief for all the states of India. She obeyed the God's call and set her foot on Indian soil in the 1900s to fulfil His plan though the circumstances were not so easy during those times. Even today the Hospital is providing life to millions!

Even in our Friends Missionary Prayer Band, what can we say about the sacrifice, courage and tireless work of the women missionaries who obeyed God's call and stepped across the culture and preached about God's word from our early days! till today aren't the tearful prayers and sacrifices of the women prayer groups that supported them could be left untold? The result is in form of large number of believers and Churches who were transformed!!!

Dear Sisters! No matter how many differences we have, when we fully depend on the God who knows us by name and obey God's plan, each one of us will be a creator of a history!

Happy Women's Day to all!

- Maniselvi Sarathy

KHUSHHAL MAJRA CHURCH HISTORY

PEHOWA FIELD - HARYANA REGION (NORTH ZONE)

Written By Mrs. Agnes Edward

Khushhal Majra is a medium size village located in Guhla Tehsil of Kaithal district, Haryana with total 292 families residing. The Khushhal Majra village has population of 1486. Khushhal Majra village has lower literacy rate compared to Haryana. In 2011, literacy rate of Khushhal Majra village was 60.18 % compared to 75.55 % of Haryana. This village is administrated by Sarpanch (Head of Village) who is an elected representative of village. Khushhal Majra village of Kaithal has substantial population of Schedule Caste. The village Khushhal Majra currently doesn't have any Schedule Tribe (ST) population.

About Guhla Cheeka and Pehowa fields:

The Guhla Cheeka mission field was opened on 1.7.2004. Mr. Vinayaraj and Mrs. Shantha Vinayaraj were the pioneer missionaries of Guhla Cheeka field. In spite of their hard toil for a year, they did not reap any fruits.



Due to their ill health, they were transferred in March 2005. After a gap of few months' missionaries, Mr. V Johnson and Mr. Bhorsat Babu Bhai were stationed at Guhla Cheeka field on 21.6.2005. In October 2005, missionary Mr. Sarat Chandra Digal was posted in the place of Mr. Bhorsat Babu Bhai. The Guhla Cheeka mission field was merged with Pehowa field and was made as a sub-center under Pehowa field from 2010.

First believer and the Ministry at Khushhal Majra village



In Nov 2005 missionaries Mr. V Johnson and Mr. Sarat Chandra Digal went to Khushhal Majra village in their bicycles and

met the boy, Amarjeet who was wearing a cross pendant in his neck. Mrs. Sukhdevi, M/O Amarjeet who is the first believer of Khushhal Majra church narrates the rest of the story- "My youngest son, Akshay was not well. He had mental problem. I went to every place where people said that he would be healed. My eldest son, Amarjeet was in class 5 and he used to go along with his friend to a satsung conducted by a pastor in our neighborhood. He got a cross pendant from there and wore it in his neck. One day while he was standing in the street, Johnson bhaiya and Sarat bhaiya met him. They used to go to villages in bicycles. They asked my son about the pendant and asked if he wanted to know more about Christ. From then on they started visiting our house. They shared the Gospel to us. We responded to the gospel and put our faith on the Lord. My youngest son, Akshay used to run away from the house because of his mental problem. After our faith on the Lord, our son got better. He did not run away like before. I and my eldest son, Amarjeet took baptism at a Church at Cheeka. Before accepting Christ, we were in poverty. We just had a single room to live. I and my son started praying for blessing in our family and God has blessed us in every way." Mrs. Sukhdevi's brother-in-law Mr. Laxman and his wife Mrs. Tulsi also accepted Christ seeing the improvement in the health of the boy Akshay. Another man named, Mr. Prem also called as Pappu from also accepted Christ through the radio programme, "The Voice". On 20.7.2006 six people from Khushhal Majra village took baptism at Cheeka. They were baptized by

Rev. Philip Asirvatham. The worship service was conducted at Cheeka in a rented house. After a year or so, Sunday worship was started at Mr. Sukhdevi's house at Khushhal Majra. As the number of attendees was very less, the missionaries asked the believers to attend the worship at Cheeka till the church was built.

Church Growth:

The first believer Mrs. Sukh Devi shared her testimony to her fellow villagers and Mrs. Krishna who was dejected due to no blessings in the family went simultaneously to the Church and a Baba's satsung. She felt good at the Church, so she and her whole family accepted Christ and took baptism. Mrs. Krishna and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Reshma shared the gospel to Mrs. Swadesh Rani from the same village. Mrs. Swadesh Rani who was suffering from black jaundice and the doctors too gave up hope on her survival was healed when she attended satsung.



Local evangelist Mr. Sanjeev Kumar was a follower of Radha Soami. His mother rendered her service to that guru. He got into a fight and was booked under several cases. To be acquitted from the cases he sold an piece of land and was cheated and a false case was filed against him by the one

who bought the land. When he had gone to his sister's house she took him to a worship service conducted by a pastor from UP, he spoke on the topic faith. God touched his life and helped him to get acquitted from all the cases against him and when missionary Sarat called him for ministry he joined as a local evangelist and is serving the Lord at the Khushhal Majra Church.

Few other believers who accepted Christ and joined the Khushhal Majra church narrate their testimonies.

Mrs. Nirmala's husband an alcoholic was delivered when she attended a satsung at Khushhal Majra and following that the Church service there. Later both were added to the Lord's fold. Rekha's husband who was tormented by evil spirit received the deliverance and He accepted the Lord. They both confessed their faith in the Lord in 2020.

Gyan Chand from Sadarhedi village was a worshiper of peer baba. His daughter-in-law was possessed by the spirit of peer baba. Their grandson Ajay was also possessed by an evil spirit. Missionary Sanjeev who took refuge into Gyan Chand's house from a heavy down found the grandson being tormented by the evil spirit, he shared God's Word and prayed and he was delivered. So Gyan Chand accepted the Lord and confessed his faith in the Lord.

The Kushhal Majra congregation members are from the following villages: Tatiana, Sadarhedi, Guhlaand Khushhal Majra. They are from Bholpuri Rajput, Chamar and Jat communities. The Church name is Prabhu Yesu Masih Prathna Bhawan. It is a Pucca Church and it was founded on January 2013.

Opposition:



As the Jat community people are dominant at Kushhal Majra village, they opposed the Church construction. But the first believers boldly confronted them and were successful through prayers. In March 2013, former local evangelist, Mr. Arvind created lot of problems. He disturbed and threatened the missionary. The believers helped in the labour work and provided free refreshment to the workers. On 30.9.2013 the Kushhal Majra Church was dedicated for God's glory. Prayer group members from Tamil Nadu were present. Northern zonal Sec. Rev. N Rajadurai, Haryana Regional Sec. Rev. Aliyakim Jena and other Haryana missionaries were also present in the dedication service. Missionary Mr. Sarat Chandra Digal & family was the Pehowa field missionary during the time of church construction and dedication.



TRAIL BLAZERS

Henry Knight

- Missionary of the South Pacific Island

Henry Knight was born in 1774 in Bromsgrove, England. Along with William Carey, he was the first missionary sent out by the Nascent London Missionary Society. This society sent England missionaries to under developed countries; this was not the case with the other missionary societies. Hence many showed interest to join the London Missionary Society. Knight at 22 years started his missionary voyage to the South Pacific Islands in September 1796. On the 5th of March 1797, he reached Tahiti. Now Tahiti is a pleasant holiday spot with beautiful beaches and sceneries but it was not the same then. The immorality of the Tahitian people spoilt the beauty of the island. The Tahitians were ensnared into the customs of divas as a result of their ignorance and superstitious beliefs. When the missionaries reached the island they met their king, Bamaro. The king who was more interested on their equipments and tools gave them a warm welcome. He never paid attention to their intentions. Bamaro

gave them a big accommodation and the missionaries started their mission work enthusiastically. On 1st of March 1797, Knight conducted the first Christian service with the help of a translator who was a non-Christian. By force Bamaro took away their equipments and tools, similarly the islanders were interested on the gifts from the missionaries. Hence a material scarcity occurred; they even looted the residual things. Robbery was common among the islanders and was even accepted in their religion. They were worshipping a god by the name 'Thief's guard'. They heard the Word of God but their hearts were doomed with darkness and entwined with worldly material things. They are well known for their battles and murders.

They believed that battles are common and peace was a shame. They practiced revenge wherein they will sundry the dead corpse to make a hole in the centre and wear it as a dress with hands in front and legs hanging behind. Human sacrifice was practiced, especially one in three children are killed either by their parents or child murderers. At times, they even throw their



children into the sea or a volcano as a sacrifice. These sacrifices were as a remedy for their sins. Drunkenness makes them go insane. Sick and old people are buried alive to evict the burden on anyone. The practices of this people are beyond imagination and obscure. Further the count of missionaries started to dwindle gradually. Few left mission work and started to earn from harbor operations. One missionary was even killed.

Work load and burdens deteriorate the interest among missionaries but Knight persevered with zeal. On the 10th of March 1801, Knight preached in the local language so became the first missionary to learn and preach in their language. During these seven years, support materials were dispatched only twice. Of which, once it was destroyed in a shipwreck. In 1803, Bamaro died; it was estimated that he had scarified around 2000 people. He died without knowing the Lord. Then his son, Bamaro II became the king. In 1805, six missionaries decided to leave the island. In 1808, the missionaries' residence was destroyed completely and their possessions were all looted.

In the following year, the remaining missionaries also vacated the place and Knight was left alone. Knight translated the Bible into the Tahitian language and distributed to the people for reading. As a result of Knight's repeated tries to preach the Gospel to Bamaro II, the first Church

was built in 1813. In 1815, Bamaro II eliminated all the idols and temples from the island. The customary practice of the islander came to an end. Seeing this change a few of the missionaries who had already left came back to the island. On the 11th of May 1819, the first Church was dedicated by the Royal Missionary Society. The law based on Christian values was declared to govern the people from the next day. This law was written by Knight and in the later days this had been adopted by the other South Pacific islands.

In 1819, Knight baptized the first person who was none other than Bamaro II. Following this hundreds of islanders were baptized and many went as missionaries to preach the Gospel in nearby islands. After 47 years of work in Tahiti Island, Knight entered his eternal home on the 1st of May 1844.

I have often said one of the greatest secrets of missionary work is work! If a missionary works, he will get the Spirit; if he gets the Spirit, he will teach by the Spirit; and if he teaches by the Spirit, he will touch the hearts of the people and he will be happy. There will be no homesickness, no worrying about families, for all time and talents and interests are centered on the work of the ministry. Work, work, work—there is no satisfactory substitute, especially in missionary work. - Ezra Taft Benson



Happy Birthday

Mr. Tinggeu Zeme, Mr. Dalzakam Suantak
Mrs. Surabhi Beero Ashok Nayak
Mrs. Ellah Pamei Zeme, Mr. Binot Sompramary
Mr. Lunkim Tongkam Khongsai
Mr. Ditungbou K., Mr. Jaybeer Singh
Mr. Letkhulon Baite, Mrs. Tingnei Neng Singson
Mr. Dihe S., Mr. Omprakash Gupta
Mr. Thangvansang G., Mr. Kuldeep Singh
Mr. Jamkhongam Haokip L.
Mrs. Margreat Singh Das, Mrs. Hoitin Mate Lal
Mr. Ningthoujam Alon Singh

Jammu & Kashmir

Narot: Jeewer Joeswa & Priya Devi

Praise God for: 2 believer's camps, seeker's camps and women's meets were conducted respectively. The Lord is enabling the missionaries in learning Dogri and Punjabi languages for the betterment of ministry. Santhos received deliverance from alcoholism and accepted the Lord Jesus as his personal Saviour. Lalu received healing from a high BP. Lucky from Pathankot was delivered of demon possession. Pooja received deliverance from a severe headache she suffered for many years, when she believed and prayed. Now both she and her husband are attending the Church services.

Pray for: The Church construction in Naan village has been stopped because of the threatening's made

by a local Pastor. A land to be purchased for Church construction in Naagri village. Akash suffering from severe drug addiction while his wife is a strong believer who prays to be delivered. One Deepak who opposes the ministry in Maichuk village to repent. Lucky who is into drugs and very abusive to his wife to be delivered from his evil behaviour. Balvir and Jyothi who remain childless after 20 years of marriage may be blessed with children miraculously. The worship at Pillar village has been stopped because of the opposition by the village headman. Pray that the Lord would change hearts.

Himachal Pradesh

Anni: Ginsawm & Chinghoikhim

Praise God for: Good News was shared with 600 new people. 20 New Testaments were distributed. Our youth training at Khekar Church was a blessing to the 11 people who attended it. Bhujoru received healing from the neck pain and breathing issues that she faced. The gas cylinder and stove for Church use, was purchased through funds raised from Christmas donations.

Pray for: Kayali Ram and Kanli Ram families to be delivered from evil spirit possession. Manbahadur to come out of alcohol addiction. 3 new families, who heard about Jesus, should believe and respond in faith. Youth training and believers training to be conducted in the near future.



Nerwa: S. Emmanuel & Sangeetha Jesintha

Praise God for: 235 new people were reached in 7 new villages. The Lord saved Sanju from a motorbike accident when his bike skidded into a river. A women's training programme was conducted for the first time at Atal Church in Nerwa field. 8 children attended the 2 day VBS conducted in Bharanu Church.

Pray for: The Nerwa field believers must value the importance of Sunday Worship at Church. The owner of the Bharanu Church room, suffering from a kidney ailment must receive healing by God's Grace. The son of Shamal must receive complete healing from cancer. The Atal Church is under persecution and people threaten to close the Church. God should protect and guide the believers. Lalit was depressed on losing his Rs 30,000 and a mobile and called home to say he will not live anymore and just disappeared. The Lord should enable him to live. The Sunday school children should experience a revival and grow in faith. Our believers should not go back to the same sin from which God mercifully freed them from.

Reckong Peo: Paplu & Kalpana, A. Shankar & Ruth

Praise God for: 630 new people heard the Gospel in 6 new villages. A small group leaders training and a believer's trainings were conducted. Our new believer Pancharahe was healed of the blood vomit sickness he had. Reena's family was newly added to the Lord's fold. Manbagduri's uric acid problem was healed by God's Grace.

Pray for: Anita's grandson suffering from burnt injuries in his neck to heal completely. The need of local people to become staff, to help in the ministry. People of Reckong Peo, Powari and Sangla to be led to confess their faith publicly.



Healing - Gateway to the Gospel!!

Anita from Lakanpurbandi of Khalwa field in Mathya Pradesh was suffering from a persisting stomach pain. The missionaries and the Evangelists prayed for her when she came to the Church. She received a miraculous healing. She believed the Word of God and through her healing the Gospel was shared to 20 of her relatives in her village. They were receptive to hearing the Gospel because of a living witness for the Lord's miraculous intervention. Pray that many from this village would choose to become believers.





Happy Birthday

Mr. Paul Anandhan R.
Mr. Jeevan Ranjan Mohapatra
Mr. John Samuel A.
Mrs. Prastuta Bati Pani
Mrs. Mercy Elizabeth Sivasankaran
Mr. Thang Chin Lian L.

Punjab Lehragaga: Isacc Abel & Anna Roslin

Praise God for: 2 persons were added to the fold. God delivered Somnath and Sonam from addiction to alcohol. Some youth who participated in the Christmas programme have started attending the Church service as a result a worship team has been formed. 46 youth took part in the retreat conducted and have renewed their commitment to help in the ministry.

Pray for: The families of Bharu, Mangru, Manpreet and Jaypal to grow in the knowledge of Christ Jesus. Sunil, Somnath and his friend who are attending the worship service to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. For the Lent meetings and ladies meeting planned during this month.

Ahmedgarh Mandi: Choudhary Rajesh & Sarita Paul

Praise God for: 15 New Testaments were distributed. The two satsang meetings that were conducted had 90 of the 120 people who attended as first timers who heard the Word of God. The Good News Jesus film was screened in 1 new village and gave the opportunity for many to respond to the Lord. The elders who attended the Bible study were motivated to do well in their responsibility. Surajmala Devi from Akhbarpur Chana, was delivered from evil spirit and gallbladder stone.

Pray for: The 600 new people who heard the Gospel to respond by accepting the Lord. The Youth Bible study group is active in doing programmes, but not growing spiritually. Paramjit Kaur and Laxman Singh to be healed of their breathing problems. Sauman Kaur and her son Ajay to be delivered from an evil spirit possession. Prem should recover well from a surgery resulting from a head injury. The evangelism team should motivate others to listen to the Good News of Jesus Christ.



Happy Birthday

Mr. John Berlin S.

Mr. Thimmesh M.P., Mr. Kishanta Limma
Mr. Dinesh Maraiya, Mrs. Pansuri Mohlin

Barnala: Bidhan Hansda & Pansuri Mohlin

Praise God for: 250 new people were reached with the Word of God. A youth meeting and a ladies meeting conducted were a blessing to those who participated. Jasbeen Kaur received a healing from malarial fever.

Pray for: Puja Kaur who has a tongue infection for a year and unable to eat well should be healed. Priyanka Kaur's family affected with evil spirit possession to be delivered. Gurmeet Singh's family wants to accept Jesus Christ. Pray for a release from a court case against them. The families of Happy, Gurmeet and Priyanka to come to the fold of Christ. Makan who suffers from a back bone fracture to be healed.

Bathinda: Sanjeeb Anand & Prastuta

Praise God for: 150 new people heard the Word of God and 6 became believers and added to the fold. A youth meet and a women's

meets were conducted at Mandikala where 25 youth participated and 50 women participated and were a blessing to them. Kiran Kaur suffering from a mental disorder was healed through continuous and steadfast prayer. Rashmi wife of our missionary Pratap is gradually being healed from her chronic anaemia.

Pray for: God's leading to reach out to new villages and that new people would be led to the Lord. Tarsem Singh, Rajendra Singh and Sukhpal to be delivered from their addiction to alcohol.

Mansa: Debratto Biswas & Manna Singh

Praise God for: 2 Satsang programmes were done to share the Gospel. 3 new villages were reached. 800 new people heard the Word of God. Sandeep Singh and his whole family were sick for 15 days. By prayer they experienced a healing. Whole night prayer meets in 2 villages were held, where they experienced God's presence powerfully during these meets.

Pray for: A vision to reach out to 1250 new people in the upcoming months to be possible. The Holy Spirit should prepare the hearts to receive the Gospel. Our believer Pooja Kaur's married life would be a blessing. The three Satsang programmes for the unreached would be a spiritual blessing for those who attend it.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Thangammal Jebaraj
Mr. David Ponding, Mr. Sunil Matthew K.
Mr. Ravi Kumar S., Mrs. Stella David Perumal
Mr. Sambhunath Nayak, Mr. Lubin Murmu

Moga: Justin & Saral Jansi

Praise God for: 4 new believers were added to the fold. 250 new people heard the Gospel. 7 night meetings were conducted in the villages. Hardeep Singh was delivered from drug addiction through prayer. Kerat has been healed from pneumonia and Gurpreet healed from chest pain.

Pray for: Open doors for the Gospel to prevail in Ajithwal, Jalalabath, Chudchak, Raikot, Kotly, Dharamkot, Bopara, Pinderkalan, Kishan Pura, Jagron, Chiddekk and Dudike villages. The believers who confessed their faith should be regular worshippers in the Church. Riki, Rasan, Mamta Rijian and Seema are to be blessed with children. Bopinder Kaur should receive complete healing from cancer. The Ajithwal congregation elders must do the ministry with passion and commitment. Those who are seeking a good Christian life partner must find them.

Haryana Fatehabad: David.S & Jeba Grace

Praise God For: The Gospel was shared to 140 persons. 10 New Testaments and 4 Bibles were distributed. 8 women's meetings, 14 Satsangs and 12 house visits were done. Asha was having complication while delivering a baby in government hospital, so she was told by her relatives to go to witch doctor who gives some kind of sugar that helps the women to deliver normally; but she said that Jesus heard her prayer and that she will deliver normally and Jesus honored her faith and helped her to deliver normally. Anju a new believer has started to win souls for the Lord. Kailash stopped opposing his wife Rajini for her faith in the Lord. Prakash was healed of joint pain through prayer in spite of the doctors suggesting a knee surgery.

Pray for: Rohit, Ashok and husband of Radha to repent of opposing the Gospel and to accept the Lord. The liquor shop that is near Hansraj house to permanently get closed because it is a disturbance to the Jhansal village congregation gatherings in his house. Laddu to be healed from skin disease and Usha a widow from AIDS. Nisha, Najeeb Kour, Saroj and Babita who have marital issues to join with their husbands' peacefully.



Happy Birthday

Mr. James Arulraj M.

Jeevan Nagar: Aliyakim Jena & Deepika

Praise God for: Gospel was shared to 130 persons. 27 New Testaments and 2 Bibles were distributed. 6 Satsangs, 12 Fasting prayers and follow up ministries were done. 3 Odd-Rajput families and 2 families from Dhanak people group have heeded to the Gospel and are attending the Dabawali Church. The youth from Dabawali Church are taking initiatives in all Church activities.

Pray for: The 50 Odd- Rajput families to be reached with the Gospel and all to join the Fold of the Lord. The Nam-Dhari group is threatening the believers in the Santh Nagar area to excommunicate them from the village. They are taking note of the families that are attending the Sunday worships; the believers to be strong in faith the people who oppose

to accept the Lord. The 9 people groups - Balmiki, Bazzigar, Kumhar, Chamar, Odd-Rajput, Rai Sikh, Majabi Sikh, Dhank and Naik, that are listening to God's Word to come into Christ fold.

Kalanwali: Vijayakumar & Jebala

Praise God for: 5 New Testaments were distributed. Gospel was shared to 50 persons and 1 village was reached with the Gospel. 20 people participated in the Youth meeting conducted for Kalanwali field. Gurditta Singh and Raman family who were separated due to misunderstanding are united after a period of 6 months

Pray for: The new contacts from Panniwala Ruldu and Jodhaka Dhani to know more about Christ Jesus. Harban's family a new contact from Panniwala Ruldu who suffered a stroke and is paralyzed on the right to be healed. The gang fights, firing and murders taking place these days in Kalanwali to cease and the people to feel secure (3 people were murdered through firing in two incidents recently). Backslidden families of Kaka Singh, Tari and Gora Singh to be restored back to faith.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Gilbert Williams S.
Mr. Solomon Gnanasekhar J.
Mr. Tong Kho Lun Kipgen, Mr. John Arulraj
Mrs. Lianbiaknemi Singh

Uttarakhand

Nanakmatta: Sivakumar C & Susila Marak

Praise God for: 60 persons heard the Gospel for the first time. 4 villages were reached with the Gospel. 1 person has come to the saving grace of the Lord. 10 New Testaments and 4 Bibles were distributed. 6 Cottage meetings and 1 service were the believers confessed their faith in the Lord. Pinky was able to concieve after 3 years through prayer. God protected the missionary from a poisonous snake and believer Satvinder Singh from a big accident.

Pray for: Rimku Singh to get a job and enough salary to take care of his family needs. Bere Kare to be healed of the burnt wounds caused

due to spilling of hot water in her legs andd Gurmit Kour from gynae problem. Raj Kare to be delivered from demon possesion. Ravindar Kare and Simrjeet Kour who are PG holders to be blessed with a government job.

Maldanchaur: Shishupal & Anita

Praise God for: 80 new people were reached in about 2 new villages - Siwara and Kandrabad. 20 New Testaments were distributed. 4 new families have come into contact with us from Saina and Banjara communities. The Holy Spirit should work in their hearts to help them believe in the son of God. Rano Kaur experienced a healing from paralytic attack.

Pray for: An ongoing Church land dispute in Mohan nagar and Thari village to be resolved. Anita, Geeta, Pramjeet and Uma should be delivered from evil spirit attacks. The Lord should enable Geeta, Anjali, Basanthi, Anita, Tejpal, Brajesh, Kalicharan and Champa to confess their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Hamuel Limma
Miss. Rani Uranw

Delhi

Patparganj:

P.G. Christopher & Mabel

Praise God for: 430 new people heard the Gospel. 47 New Testaments were distributed. 20 believers gathered at the Church for the Republic Day celebration and prayed for our nation. 85 children participated and heard the Gospel during a special service for children and gifts were distributed to them. Paulraj was healed from injuries and fracture he suffered during a service. The Lord protected 4 of our members from persecution at Gadkeda village. Benny received healing from a urinary infection after he had a stent intervention.

Pray for: The families of Vijaybahadur and Gurudeen to be comforted over the loss of their loved one. Our believers' children who are writing their 10th and 12th std exams to score well. Poonam, Raja, Preeti, Neha, Roshan and Asish to get suitable Christian life partners and settle in their life.

Sundari, Fatima, Komal, Caroline and Renu to have safe delivery of their child. Asha, Elisabeth and Latha to be blessed with a child. The unity of the believers and the Church committee to function well in Trilokpuri and Kalyanpuri villages. The Lord should heal Vikas and Diwan from having seizures.

Rajasthan

Kajuwala:

V. Kumar & Patricia

Praise God for: 100 new people were reached with the Word of God. 8 Gospel meetings and 12 Bible studies and follow-up meets were conducted. Rajandeep Kaur consumed poison due to a family problem, but the Lord saved her from death. The families of Gurpreet Singh, Harman Singh and Jaspreet Singh show much interest in the Gospel. Suman shows interest in the Gospel and is growing in the Lord.

Pray for: Vidya to be delivered of an evil spirit possession and his whole family to accept the Lord Jesus Christ. Sandeep Singh should be led to confess his faith in the Lord. Krishan Singh to find a suitable life partner. Poola Singh and his whole family to know Christ in their lives. Guldeepsingh to be healed of a gland in his privates.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Vasanthi Stella Emmanuel
Mrs. Ponnuthai Gnanasundari Arthur
Mr. David P., Mrs. Pravati Mani Vinod Kumar

Udaipur: Ashish Kumar & Savita Devi

Praise God for: 50 people were reached in 1 new village and 30 New Testaments and 4 Bibles were distributed amongst the people. The VBS ministry was successfully done in Kadkiyapala village and 125 children attended and were blessed. Asha suffering from bleeding disorder is completely healed. Lalu with an anaemic disorder was sent home from a maternity hospital and still delivered a baby safely by the Grace of God. Gudiya was delivered from an evil spirit possession.

Pray for: The people of Kalivas and Alsigarh villages are being persecuted for their faith in Jesus Christ. They should remain strong through the difficult times. The Lord should grant Aruna and Manju a safe delivery of their babies. A new contact Dileep's wife Mira is suffering from an evil spirit attack.

The Lord should deliver her, so her whole family can believe in Jesus. Naresh, Rahul, Shambush, Devilal and Prabul our new believers to get Christian life partners. Shobani to be delivered of her mental issues and evil spirit attacks.

The Prodigal Son!!

Khandbara field (Maharashtra) In Mavchipali village a man named Chamrya accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior 20 years ago. Due to some family problems he went away from the Lord and lived a worldly life. He had no fellowship with Jesus. Mean while he was affected by an abdomen tumor. In order to get healed, he visited various hospitals and practiced other religious rituals like black magic and witch craft. Everything was on vain. Finally he made a decision to return to Christ, he gathered near about Rs 50000/- to meet a famous Christian healing preacher. In the month of December '22 Missionaries and local evangelist visited the backslidden believer's houses to greet them Christmas wishes. There they met Chamrya and were requested to pray for him. He confessed his sins and the living Lord Jesus Christ healed him completely in the same night. Morning there was no tumor in his stomach. Now his family is so happy and attending the Church with family. All the glory to our Almighty God alone!!



Happy Birthday

Mr. Selva Kumar R. @ Joseph Wilson

Mrs. Promila Soren

Mrs. Sharmila Satheesh

Uttar Pradesh Kaimganj: Ebenezer G. Sam & Jebarani

Praise God for: The Word of God was heard for the first time by 50 persons and 14 Bibles were distributed. The Gospel was shared to Sapera People group from Haryana and to new contacts in Shyam Nagar. Ashok of Ramapur Dabir village who had blood infection and boils all over his body and was told that he will not survive due to black Magic, was delivered completely through fasting prayer. Ankush (9 years) school student of Aliganj who had stammering witnessed that he is totally healed and is good at reading and also able to score 90% and above because he read and memorized Bible verses.

Pray for: Sobith to get through the Competitive exams and Monu and Vandana who are preparing for the board exams to score well. Our believers Mahesh, Sermon, Renu, Satendh to get good profit in their

business/shops and to pay off all their debts. Jitendh our new contact at Shyam Nagar to be able to clear off all his debt due to repeated sickness in his family. Kunal (3 year old) of Sapera people group (from Delhi) to be able to speak and walk and Ritik (3 years) of Ljoure and Hans (12 years) of Chilaka to hear and speak well. Laxmi of Veerampur village who was separated from her husband for a year to reunite. Sivangi daughter of Jaipal to be delivered from Satanic bondages. Pawan of Gadiya village to be healed from leg injury and his brother's son to be healed from 2 holes in the heart.

The God of Shadrach, Mesach & Abednego!!

Thawli from Thathapani village of Khandwa field in Madhya Pradesh was cooking in her house. All of sudden there was a gas leakage which began to flame up. Not knowing what to do she ran out of the house praying "Lord, please help me and save me". The villagers rushed to her house and helped to put out the fire. When the village asked her how did you manage to come out? She answered "My Savior Jesus Christ only brought me out". After hearing her testimony, the village people also wondered in amazement and praised the Lord Jesus Christ.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Asir Selvaraj C.

Mr. Praween Das

Mr. Satikanta Parichha

Madhya Pradesh Pansemal:

Bhanngsingh and Yeman

Praise God for: The Gospel was shared with 206 persons. 4 villages were reached with Gospel. 5 believers were newly added to His fold. 33 New Testaments and 3 Bibles were distributed. Ladies meetings were conducted in 4 villages. Ranu who was suffering from swollen legs which made her to walk with a support of stick is healed and is able to walk without it through prayer. Hemaraj family from Malpur village has resumed back their faith. Sofi Bai gave birth to triplets and they are all doing fine.

Pray for: Kala Bai, Jamdevi, Sukhalal, Ghatiya, Taru Bai, Rekami Bai, Fhuldhar, Susa Bai, Masi Bai and Saisingh to stop opposing our ministry and to accept the Lord. Kala Bai, Bhigla Bai, Mosambi Bai, Reena Bai, Thalia Bai, Fathi Bai and Ambi Bai to stop doing witchcraft and blackmagic. The Village Elders to stop threatening the believers.

The opposition to cease in the following Villages, Umarveda, Kevdi, Ghatiya, Raikheda, Mankui, Temla and Sapkhadki. Lakshmi Bai to be healed from kidney stone, Usha Bai from mouth cancer and Kala Bai from TB.

Guna: Satheesh & Sharmila

Praise God for: 450 people heard the Gospel in 7 new villages. 9 of them were added to the fold of the Lord. Mansingh ailing from neck cancer received a complete healing in response to our prayers in faith. Sarada was blessed with a baby girl after 3 consecutive miscarriages. 60 people participated in the believers meetings held in Mohanpur and Amroj. Suresh, a 5 year old boy was miraculously cured of a vomiting syndrome. His whole family started to attend Church. A prayer meet has been newly started in Hasali village.

Pray for: All the new believers to grow strong in their faith. The media people took photos and videos of certain activities in Mohanpur village which should not cause any hindrance to the ongoing ministry. Our Evangelist's son, Kapil's family have lost two of their children. Pray the Lord should give them comfort and inner peace. Many in Barela community have lost their lives in suicide; the Lord to put an end to the suicidal spirits.



12
MARCH
Sunday

Happy Birthday

Mrs. Shiny Kinsly

Khandwa Region & Khalwa: Isaac & Seetha

Praise God for: 2649 people were newly reached with the Word of God in 37 new villages. 46 people were newly added to the fold of believers. 87 New Testaments and 32 Bibles were distributed amongst the people who heard the Gospel. Soma who was unable to walk received a miraculous healing. Sonubai was blessed with a beautiful baby despite complications at birth. Gori who suffered from an evil spirit attack for 12 years was delivered and Mukesh too was delivered from evil spirit possession. A few believers who were suffering from depression were delivered by the Lord and found peace in Him. Nirubai's field was beset with witchcraft and did not yield fruits. This year with prayer the Lord gave an abundant harvest of pigeonpeas. Khumsingh who went to many magicians to get relief from his bone problem without any success finally was healed through faith and prayers

Pray for: New worship groups to be started in the following villages -Palipura, Vadufaliya, Mukedi, Rathlipura and Kalikirayah. The people of the Udainagar field who joined a cult group called the Shippandh to come out of it. Anita who is battling various sicknesses due to diabetes should be healed by the Lord. Our believer Raju's shop items were stolen. When he filed an FIR, he is receiving threats and persecution from people asking him to give up his faith on Jesus. The Lord should meet Raju's needs as he is suffering financially. Anil and Mukesh should receive healing from their mental sickness.



Thirst for the Living Word!!

Nannidevi, our new contact in Ljoure village of Kaimganj field in Uttar Pradesh had stomach pain and spent many sleepless nights and was on medication to sleep. A few weeks in this month, she attended the worship in her village. She took home a New Testament and made her grandchildren read it daily and heard as she was an illiterate. She also prayed in Jesus Name and God healed and she is able to sleep well without any fear or pain now. She shared her testimony in the worship service and glorified the Almighty God.





Happy Birthday

Mr. Hutoi Achumi K.
Mr. Yesuprakash J.

Khargone / Gogaow: Binit Prasad & Amojita

Praise God for: 1106 persons were reached with the Gospel. 28 New Testaments were distributed. Follow Up was done in 32 villages. Outreach programmes were done amidst of oppositions. God healed Chanu from body swelling and gynae problem when she attended the fasting prayer. God revived Jhaosna when she fainted suddenly and when the believers and evangelists prayed for her. Ramesh a drug addict returned home and his attending the Sunday service after being away from home for 18 years because of his wife's prayer and faith in the Lord. Latku was healed of mental illness and got back her memory when the believers prayed for her.

Pray for: The prayer meeting which have been stopped due to opposition in Bhuinda, Badkiya, Raibedpura, Balsamud, Ottawat, and Langdibaidi; it should be resumed. Rumsing who is mentally not sound and tries to kill his wife for her faith in the Lord to get healed, Dinesh from leprosy, a 13 year old boy Lokesh and Shonu

from fits. God to heal Lila who has extra growth in throat and have been advised for an operation. A young man Virat who suddenly became dumb and later became blind after a series of itchy symptoms all over his body should receive the touch of the Lord. The Church construction at Bokharani that had been stopped due to opposition to resume soon to its completion. Dilip and Bilorsingh families to resume back to faith in the Lord

Bihar

Araria: Jennis & Suganthi Pushpam

Praise God for: Film program was conducted and tracts were distributed in three places; 600 people watched the program. The protection God gave to 2 children and 2 adults from Snake bite. 2 year Ansu Kumari was affected by severe skin infection due to wrong treatment given for fever but now is healed due to prayer.

Pray for: The believers in Iakhimpurkha, Rangdhaga, Balpatti, Gajvi Shankarpur, Kochgama, Nagarpathganj, Teddymusari and Pulkachakatha to be revived in their spiritual life and to be strengthened in the prayer life so that they can face any worst situation in their faith life. Church to be built in Gajvi Shankarpur, Kochgama and Rangdhaga villages. The Musahar children to get seat in school in there premises.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Elizabeth David
Mr. Vyasu Babu A.
Mrs. Vung ThianChing Thang
Miss. Birari Ritaben

Jharkhand

Pathna & Barharwa Girls Santal Hostel: Peter Prabakaran & Vimala

Praise God for: 1950 people were newly reached in 18 new villages. 8 became believers and are added to the fold. 6 Bibles were distributed. 10 children's camps and 20 believer's camps were conducted. Our Church elder Munjilal and his daughter survived a major motorbike accident without any injuries. Salomi Soren received healing from cancer through prayer and herbal medicine. Maranmalai Soren received healing from chest pain and Selina who suffered a snake bite, but survived through prayer to become a testimony. The 210 children who reside in our

hostel should grow up in faith in the Lord. The dining hall construction for the hostel is completed. A 3 day programme for younger children was conducted successfully.

Pray for: The Church elders and evangelists to do the ministry with the fear of God and to overcome the temptations that may lead them astray. The people who migrate to other states in search of work should not migrate back to their old worldly ways, but remain firm in their faith. The 3 families from Simaldap village who are ready to confess their faith to be bold in the Lord. A Church planned to be built in Durgapur village should come to fruition. The 2 children – Maku Kisku and Sukurmuni Marandi who have not returned from their homes after vacation due to family issues to come back to continue their studies. Paulina should completely recover from Brain TB. The school bus registration should be completed so the children can travel to their school in our bus. There must be sufficient water supply for our 210 residents and staff families till there is rain.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Aruna Kingsly, Mr. Stalin Jeeva N.
Mrs. Paran Jothy Lucina Subramanian
Mrs. Angelin Vasanthi Elangovan
Mr. Hijam Kenedy Singh, Mr. Rajan S.

Litipada: Ebenezer Samuel & Mabel Florence

Praise God for: 7 new villages were reached with the Word of God and 330 new people heard the Gospel. 23 of them confessed their faith in Jesus. Som Hembrom's family accepted the Lord as their personal saviour and the Lord gave them peace in their family. A snake coiled itself on the leg of our believer during a spiritual meet. The Lord protected her from danger. Lakender Madya was beset with evil spirit attacks and could never get relief through black magic and rituals. When he heard the Gospel, he believed and the Lord delivered him from all evil. Now he attends Church regularly. Our CDC children wrote their exams well and scored well. A Church elders' family gathering at Kumarbajha village was conducted after a long gap.

Pray for: The new believers to be strengthened in their faith. One non believer is suffering from fits for a long time, but started to believe in Jesus. The Lord should provide a complete healing. Some of our

Church elders are very weak in their faith. Believers should take an active decision to pray fervently during the lent season. The believers who migrate in search of work should remain a witness wherever the Lord leads them.

Amalgachi: Gajen Champramary & Roshila

Praise God for: Our believers voluntarily support the spiritual programmes with their finances. 13 people were led to the Lord Jesus Christ. We could see the believers grow in Christian Faith. The Lord healed many of our believers from various sicknesses during this winter period.

Pray for: Our Church elders who are illiterate that God would enable them to read. Our local evangelist children often fall sick. The Lord should strengthen and heal them. Our believers should live an exemplary life for others to see. For a Church to be constructed in Talmi Village, Goddakepu Village, Kalupara Village and Borora village. Many of our Church elders and families struggle financially. Pray for the Lord's provision for their needs. Some non Malto people instigate our believers to turn away from their Christian faith. Barnabas, Sunil, Simon and Samuel's families who are the few Christian families in their villages should grow in the Lord. Rubiya and Sunila who have backslidden from the Lord to return back to faith.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Yecto Chophy, Mrs. Animol Jacob
Mrs. Agnes Ebenezer Edward
Mrs. Shefali Hansda

Santal Discipleship Ministry- Chottagagri: Sudhaharan & Florence

Praise God for: Two batches of Evangelists Training Programmes were successfully conducted at Chottagagri Field. Evangelists were able to learn about a God designed family, marriage, divorce, remarriage, Godly character and were blessed by the spiritual learning. The Lord protected the lives of the missionaries when they fell down from the bike while they were returning from the Sunday service. House visits were done in Belpahad, Kolyanpur, Harichand and Bodband villages and prayed for the families.

Pray for: The spiritual blessings of the 2nd set of Evangelical Training programme and the regional level conventions to be held in March for the Santhal Sahibgang region, Santhal Dumka region and Santhal

West Bengal region. Our missionary families, Babu and Violet, Rabindra and Celena, should be blessed with children. The families of Stephen Murmu and Munni Marandi to be able to experience God's peace. Mangal Marandi has to overcome his alcohol addiction and be a regular worshipper at the Church. William Handsak a 4th std boy unable to attend school because of his persistent headache should receive a divine healing.



The Zeal of a young girl!!

Komal from the Dindori field in Maharashtra was married to a non-believer. The mother-in-law compelled her to meet with a magician so that she would give birth to a baby boy. Since she is a believer, she refused to meet the magician and also endured all the suffering caused by the in-law's family. She was able to do all of this because of her fervent prayer and unwavering faith that the Lord would bless her with a son. God honoured her faith and gave her a son. The missionary was asked to name the child, and the boy was named Rayan (the little king). Komal was glad to name the child because her mother-in-law also wanted such a name. Halleluiah!





Happy Birthday

Mr. Selvaraj A.
Mrs. Savita Devi Ashish Kumar

Nonihat: M. Benhur & Mary Jhansi

Praise God for: 800 people newly heard the Word of God. 17 of them were added to the fold of the Lord. Sunita who lost her memory related to a head issue was healed because of prayers. Rubilal who suffered from lack of speech and memory impairment was miraculously healed. Rakesh Soren was saved from a cobra he accidentally stomped upon. Sarsa, Mamta, Kisku, Kordopi and Babulal received healing from epileptic attacks. The children's camp and the believer's camp which was organised was a spiritual blessing to the participants.

Pray for: The restoration of health of our local evangelist Michael who is suffering from severe TB infection. Deepal Soren and Rani Soren to be healed of Rheumatoid Arthritis. Lalitha Soren suffering from Cancer and Bavuhena suffering from a spinal cord issue and unable to walk to receive healing from the Lord. To obtain a land in Sajeva village for the construction of a Church and a training center. The Santhal convention scheduled to be held in March in Riyadi village to be conducted peacefully and would be of

great spiritual blessing to the believers. Efforts taken towards screening of Jesus film and night meetings would bring in a harvest of souls.

West Bengal

Pakuahat: Ramakrishna & Anjali

Praise God for: 1800 people newly heard the Word of God in 25 new villages. The Lord enabled 2 of them to be added to the fold of believers. 8 Bibles were distributed amongst them. Personal evangelism was done in 12 villages. Suresh who was persecuting his family for attending Church has now repented and attending Church himself. A Kachha Church was dedicated for the Salbona congregation. God transformed a drunkard Sujan Hembrom to become a witness for the Gospel as a volunteer. In this severe winter season, the Lord protected the missionaries and our evangelist's family.

Pray for: People who heard the Gospel to repent from their sins and turn to God. People who are ready to confess their faith should have the courage to do so. Luki Murmu and Sugi Mardi families have lost their breadwinners to depend upon the Lord for their daily needs. Guru should repent and turn to the Living Lord. The Church elders should be responsible for the ministry of their congregations. Kalu, Sorju, Sunil, Muni and Rajiv families to come back to attending the Church worship services.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Indramma Daniel Vijayaraj

Tapan: R. Kingsly Livingstone & Delphin

Praise God for: The missionaries got a house for rent at Kumarganj area after a long search. 10 villages were reached with the Gospel through outreach programmes and through the Jesus film ministry, around 900 witnessed the Gospel being presented to them. Sabitri the youth worker had her breast tumour removed successfully through a surgery after 6 months of struggle, pain and fear. Sunita was healed from her fear of the evil spirit and Philip's father had got healed from the sickness of vomiting blood.

Pray for: Sabitri to recover well and to have her other breast tumour operated upon. The Lord should provide her strength to attend her board examination. Our men believers from Baspada, Nakdahar, Nehemba and Bonahar villages are not attending Sunday services because of their poverty and spiritual disinterest. Mutrapur, Kudumsor, Jamalpur, Holidhana,

Borom, Pukrightu, Kalitola, Seyalgachi, Shikardanga, Kakna villages to have an open door for Gospel and worship centres to be started. The youth should be interested to testify in their villages. The believers in Muraipur village who have backslidden into their old habit of alcoholism to realise and repent. Sukal Hasndak who has committed his life to work for the youth as a casual worker to soon become an evangelist.

Asom Jonai:

Sunil Singh & Joy Bella

Praise God for: The Sunday school materials were prepared for this year and Sunday school teacher's training was conducted. One Local volunteer was trained to do ministry. Comprehensive seminar was conducted by the organization in Jharkhand for the missionaries to equip them more.

Pray for: Sodonatho Doley to give up drinking habits. Gobin Daw must be able to stay committed to his faith in the Lord. An open door for Gospel in Padi, Gaali, Baire Jone, Sille, Ginamomora. The youth and children are able to grow in the Lord through the Sunday classes and the youth gatherings. Osad Doley to be healed from Depression.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Renuma Sadangi Deeptilal Mali
Mrs. Delphin Kingsly Livingston

Gohpur: Nathan Kumar Bebarta & Nirupoma

Praise God for: 200 people heard the Word of God in 13 new villages. Hemolota Doley, Biju and Dhoniram received healing from boils and a persisting sickness. The believers are growing in faith with the help of the Holy Spirit. The missionary's mother Sulochana is undergoing chemotherapy treatment for cancer is recovering by the mercy of God.

Pray for: Open doors to share the Gospel in Lebrung village where 70 families reside. Hemolota, Depa, Sunil, Dilip Patir, Ausur, Jivan kuli, Upikanto and Hemodhor who show interest in the Gospel would be led by the Holy Spirit to believe in Jesus Christ. Honkoria and Jonojati are two groups who oppose the Gospel should repent. Bolin kumbang, Gulapatir and Bibhikon cause trouble to those in the Christian faith. The Miri people group suffer from a heritage disease called as Yakamilli which they traditionally

believe is caused by the Malevolent spirit. The Lord should deliver them from evil spirits. Sab Patiri, Nabeen and Siboson Patiri who are irregular in attending Sunday Service should experience a change of heart to worship God faithfully.

Gujarat Mosda: Paulraj. R & Koilpushpam

Praise God for: The Gospel was shared to 850 people. 4 villages were reached with the Gospel. 8 Bible were distributed. Christmas programmes were conducted in 8 villages. Around 2800 persons participated in that programme. Christmas was celebrated for the first time in Takewada village by spreading a shed in the open area and around 500 new persons heard about the birth of Jesus and way to salvation for the first time. Gajendrabhai's family and Dhanjibhai accepted the Lord into their life.

Pray for: Those who heard the Gospel during the Christams programmes in Vedcha and Takewada villages to accept the Lord into their lives. Swapna to be healed of the fracture in her hip that she endured during an accident. The obstacles to be removed in building a Church in Gumina.



Happy Birthday

Mr. David Perumal, Mr. George C.R.
Mrs. Puspita Rani Behera
Mrs. Gnana Selvarani Jeeva
Mr. Bimal Chandra Murmu
Mr. Samuel Beborta

Bodeli: Yesu Babu & Usha

Praise God for: 58 new people heard the Gospel and 7 were added to the fold of Jesus. 4 Bibles were distributed. A night prayer was conducted in Sankarpura village. Spiritual meetings are regularly conducted for the people of Bodeli field. Follow up ministries were done in the villages where the Gospel was newly presented.

Pray for: A false case has been foisted upon Vijay our local believer and he was arrested and has now secured bail. God should vindicate him for his innocence. Sharon and Deepika our believers should qualify in the clerical exams they had written. Heera's family was exiled from their own village because of their Christian faith. They have settled in a farm in the nearby village. Pray the Lord would bless them for their commitment.

Aravalli Region: Isaac Raja & Magdalene Grace

Praise God for: 63 people were newly added to the fold of Jesus. The Gospel was shared in 10 new villages. God helped some believers to conduct thanksgiving meets in their homes. The Jhalod hostel children had a special Christmas programme. Abishai who suffered from demonic possession ran away from home. In response to our prayers, he was delivered and returned home safely after 38 days.

Pray for: Mana, Santosh, Vikram and Warsing to be delivered from their addiction to alcohol. The Rampura congregation should not stray away from their faith by listening to other teachings. Suhani, a 6 year old girl who lost her speech and hearing to be healed by God. Ramesh who suffers from a mental illness because of demonic attacks for the past 7 years to be healed. Rajuben who suffers from witchcraft to be freed. Shanthi Lal and Sugmal to be healed of their paralysis. Ashok and Amari, our volunteers suffering from a spinal cord problem to be healed. Church construction work at Lakampur village has been stopped for the past 4 years because of opposition. God should make a way for the Church to be finished. Pray for the people who actively oppose the faith and ministry, to taste the love of our Lord.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Celina Hansdak Kisku
Mrs. Propilla Bosumatory Prodip
Mr. Govindarajan E., Mrs. Sasikala Venkatesan
Mr. Rajendran J., Mr. Ganesh R.

Choramba: Pushparaj & Jyothi Nirmalabai

Praise God for: 3 new villages were reached. Family meetings were conducted for the Swarticks and they were very much encouraged in the Lord. Sunday School was started in 2 new places. Chandu, Kantu and Anitaben were delivered from evil spirit possession. A Sunday Service is newly started in Gondu village. Anitaben a widow after her deliverance from evil attacks has now regularly started to attend Church.

Pray for: Chandu's wife to accept the Lord Jesus into her life. Her son, who is a stumbling block for her faith also to accept the Lord. Tanginiben and her daughter to be saved in Christ. Vinesh to be delivered of Alcoholism. Dayabai and his two daughters lost their eyesight due to a curse prevailing over them. The Lord should deliver and heal them. The believing youngsters to choose life partners

who have accepted Christ, because of mixed marriages, many have backslidden in faith.

Pipalwada Girl's Hostel: Pon Augustine & Joyce Shobana

Praise God for: The successfully conducted a meeting for senior students. A one-day retreat and a thanks giving prayer was also conducted. The Lord used 5 sisters from VBS team in a meaningful way. A special gathering on a Sunday was a spiritual blessing. The fee was paid to the EB office to shift the electric pole out of our campus. The Lord protected all our students from the severe winter conditions.

Pray for: The spiritual growth and discipline of our children. The girls appearing for their 10th and 12th exams to do well. The Lord should heal those students who are down with sickness. The staff quarters building work should be started quickly and should be completed before the rainy season. Electric poles should be brought safely from Dolwan. The travel mercies for our children while going to school every day. Mohini to be healed completely from a mysterious hand swelling problem. Children should not get infected with the contagious Chicken Pox.



Surat: Mathavaroy & Jebathangam

Praise God for: 35 new people heard the Gospel. 2 Bibles were distributed. The Lord enabled the missionaries to do God's work amidst of opposition and threats surrounding them. Raghul, Romi and Harendra got a job. Roshan was delivered from his alcoholism. The Lord brought a change in the lives of Sangeethaben and Laxmiben from the abuse they experienced from their husbands. Srikant was delivered of an evil spirit attack. Silendra and his wife were reconciled with their mother after our prayers and counseling.

Pray for: 35 new people who heard the Gospel to know the Lord and accept Him as their personal Savior. Silesh and Subam to get a suitable job. Neethu, Roshni, Vidhya, Usha, Bijut, Sangita, Anujkumar, Atul Bupendra, Kusum, Meena, Kabitha, Kushbu, Sona Geetha Sadhirben, Pramila, Nilesh and Nisha should receive healing from different body ailments. Satyam to be delivered

from his addiction to gaming. The backsliders-Neeruben's family, Seemaben and Priyankaben to resume back to the faith. Hemuben, Poonamben, Sumithraben and Priyankaben who have committed to help in Children's ministry to be able to do well.

Dadra & Nagar Haveli (U.T.)

Randha: Markus Malto & Sara Malto

Praise God for: Spiritual activities such as Bible study, Sunday school and Wednesday fasting prayer etc have been started newly in the Hostel. The Lord protected our children from various winter related sicknesses. Badal, Pratiksha and Jyothi suffered from bone fractures and the Lord restored them to good health.

Pray for: The students writing their 10th standard exams should achieve success. The spiritual activities started must run continuously for the upliftment of the children and should help them grow in faith. Ishmat and Mansu suffering from shoulder pain should receive healing from the Lord. God should heal the children suffering from scabies in the Hostel.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Sukanto Kumar Singh
Mrs. Nemzavah Thanglal Zou

Khanvel: Arul Aseer & Suguna

Praise God for: The ladies meeting was conducted, more than 250 ladies gathered and in Gents meeting many participated and were blessed. God healed Sangeetha Ben of Kinnoli village from eye problem: she is able to see properly after much prayers. Arvind Bhai of Umarvani village who could not fold his leg or walk was healed when he applied prayer oil and prayed with faith.

Pray for: 15 children are preparing to write 10th and 12th board exam to score well. Vijay Bhai of Maduben village to be healed of cancer and his parents to accept the Lord. God to heal Swarthik Sathish Bhai of Khanvel from depression.

Maharashtra Igatpuri: Nagarajan & Thilagavathy

Praise God for: Eight people were added to His fold. 140 persons have heard the Gospel. Worship groups have been started in Vagubachawadi, Vihigav, Shirshet villages. Ramdoss from Modala village along with his family were delivered from drug addiction and from the effect of drugs withdrawal; he is ready to confess his faith in the Lord.

Pray for: Sarala's husband's family members to stop opposing her for her faith. Nivruthi, Mohan, Eknath, Pandurangan to be delivered from drug addiction. Dukaram's four sisters are facing problems in their families and their husbands are deserting their wives due to the witchcraft done by his father Jhethu to be delivered. God to heal Santhesh from Kedd village (7 month old baby) and Asish (new born baby) from eye infection and Chander of Shirshet village from wounds in his private part from which he suffers for last 16 year. Harichander of Aveli village is to be delivered from demonic spirits.



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MARCH
Friday

Happy Birthday

Mrs. Nirola Digal
Mr. Kenoz Stanley Inbaraj

Dindori: Alex Prabhu & Priya

Praise God for: Kangamalungi and Jalgaon Gogengav are the two new villages where Gospel was shared. In Thari and Lahanmani villages, new weekly night meetings were organized to share the Gospel to these people. Latha, Santha, Kusum and Balibai who were once backslidden have returned to the Church. Kusum who suffered from a chest pain received a miraculous healing after we prayed. Mandha who was healed from a liver problem must believe in Christ. Subash received a job offer when he trusted the Lord and prayed. God miraculously protected our local volunteer when he fell from a motorbike.

Pray for: Vaman and Puja to be cured of fits. Sunita to be delivered from an evil spirit possession. Madukar a mason should receive healing in his hands from a sickness

that hinders his work. Vaman and Reka should be reconciled by the grace of God and lead a happy family life. Beema to be healed of recurring boils in his leg. Sindhu should be healed from a mental sickness and Sardul and Sarath from a chest pain they suffer. Baiya and Kajal should have a blessed wedding and both should accept the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour.



An Anxious heart comforted!!

Veerbhai Singh's wife of Jhalod field in Gujarat gave birth to a baby boy. The baby was born with water in his lungs due to the late delivery. As a result the baby was having difficulty in breathing. Within thirty minutes, the doctor had to transport the infant to the hospital. He claimed that otherwise the child will not survive. Veerbhai Singh committed himself and prayed as he carried the infant through the dense crowd and traffic. There were barely five minutes left and God helped his child. As soon as they reached the hospital, the baby received intense care. The child is now found to be healthy by God's grace and Veerbhai Singh's prayer. Hallelujah!





Happy Birthday

Mrs. Lhingneihoi Zou

Jimmalagatta: Srinivas Lazarus & Sunita

Praise God for: 1100 new people were reached with the Word of God, but one was added to the fold of Jesus. 1 Church was built. A mass outreach was done in 6 villages. Believers along with the missionaries were involved in street preaching in 6 villages. Many received New Testaments and heard the Gospel with gladness. The Lord calmed the opposing voices and granted us open doors for the ministry. Premlatha a nurse received a complete deliverance from witchcraft. The Government sanctioned new houses to our believers in response to our steadfast prayers.

Pray for: Venkatti's mother went to be with the Lord. The Lord should comfort the grieving family. The salvation of Mallayya, Hansakka, Priyanka and their families. Mallesh and Pentakka families to overcome their fear and confess their faith

publically. The villagers should be protected from tigers which roam the roads to the villages during the night time. Mallesh's wife abandoned him and his small daughter. The Lord should unite the family. Dileep, Lakshmi and Sunita to attend the worship services regularly. Shyamrao to be delivered from alcohol addiction. The Main challenges that is found in this mission fields - Dense forests, wild animals, robbers, naxals and human sacrifices practiced.



Faith in Action!!

Faith of the Minder of Kherwala village in Sangaria field of Rajasthan was bitten by a snake while working in the field. Everyone advised him to perform pujas in Goga Medi (Snake temple) to get healed. But his daughter Pinky insisted him to stay at home for a week so that she could pray for him. The wound was bluish and was spreading in his leg. She applied prayer oil and prayed fervently with faith for her dad's healing. God honored her faith and healed her father completely. In another incident Minder's life was saved when just as he moved a branch fell where he stood. Glory be to God!





Happy Birthday

Mr. Jacob Gnanapandithan M.
Mrs. Maria Selvi Dharmaraj
Mr. Albert Santhosh Raj J.
Miss. Ching Nei Sian

Khandbara & Navapur: Balaji Netalalm & Jagadeeswari

Praise God for: 1200 people heard the Word of God in 12 new villages. 85 New Testaments were distributed amongst them. Follow up ministry ministry was done in 10 new villages. 2 new families have started to attend the Church. 3 backslidden believers of Bhadwad congregation have been restored to their faith. The Lord healed Chamrya from a tumour in his stomach. 12 new families were met during the outreach ministry; God's Word was shared to them personally. We have started new VCC (Village Church Council) in 2 congregations Devmogra and Sonpada.

Pray for: Our Jeep ministry proclaiming the Gospel in the selected routes should be fruitful. Our vision casting meets, youth and children meets should be a blessing. The Lord should open doors for regular night meetings in Teenmavi, Bilgavan, Bhetki, Bilipada, Kasare, Talvipada, Asalipada, Sutarpada and

Kevdipada villages. An audio system is required for use in our bajan and night meetings. The need of a local evangelist amongst our believers to be fulfilled. Vikant, Ravi and Jayanth families to receive salvation. An opportunity to start a weekly prayer meeting in Palipad village. A need to build a kachha Church in Kolgar village. The panchayat should give a land and N.O.C towards the construction of this Church.

Mary Girl's Hostel - Shirpur: Shanti Murmu

Praise God for: God has protected the missionary and the girls and given them His grace to grow in Him. The Sunday Service, fasting prayer, counseling and Sunday class programmes are happening regularly. The Lord healed the girls from various kinds of sickness during the winter season. The Lord protects the girls when they walk to reach their school crossing a major roadway. The girls are doing well in their academics.

Pray for: God to grant us our own land for a hostel building as we are currently operating in a rented facility. Our children to grow deeper in faith and become disciples for the Lord. The Lord would help Jagruthi's family members to be saved in Christ. Our ministry amongst our own hostel children should bear fruits in the future.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Moorthi T.

Khandesh Region: M. Vinu & Subila

Praise God for: 1200 new people heard the Word of God in 12 new villages through Jeep ministry. Another 3100 people were reached through the Jeep outreach at 26 villages. The Jesus film was screened in 27 places. 447 New Testaments and 17 Bibles were distributed. 20 people who heard the Gospel became believers. Follow up ministry was done in 127 villages. Dharasingh was delivered from an evil spirit possession. 35 new families received the Gospel. Special all night prayers were conducted in all the mission fields.

Pray for: The doors of villages where we have already reached should be opened for the continuous proclamation of the Gospel. Those who accepted the Lord should grow in their faith. The Vision Casting programmes with the believers

should fulfil their objectives. For the right persons to be sent for the extension of ministry in Satara and Tinasmal sub centres. God's Grace must be upon the backslidden people and they should be restored to the faith.

Talasari: Mayilsamy & Yesumani

Praise God for: 421 people were reached in 5 new villages. 16 people were added to the fold of the Lord. Sriyas a 3 year old girl miraculously healed of her blood clot in response to the prayers made by the Church. The Lord helped her father to testify in the Church. Training and a family programme was successfully conducted in Uthuva village.

Pray for: The healing of our believer Danku who is suffering from leprosy. The Lord should enable all those people who are prepared to confess their faith in Lokerpada village. Vanita Suthar a new family is ready to confess their faith in Christ, but held back because of fear of the repercussion of the villagers. The Lord has prepared some people in Velugam village to confess their faith in Christ.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Jerinah Shimrah

Karnataka

Nidagundi:

**Joseph Kirubagaran,
Narendra Kumar**

Praise God for: Gospel was shared to 70 persons. 1 village was met with the Gospel newly. 1 Bible was given to the person in contact. Prathiba a 4 year old girl was delivered from demon possession. Sivani a 2 year old baby was healed of hernia.

Pray for: The missionary's house owner is posted in Rajasthan BSF (army) had fractures in both his legs and doctors are not giving the guarantee for him to walk. A field is being planned to be opened in Devar Hipparigi and Sindagi taluks; God to give an open door and prepare the hearts of the people to accept the Lord. The youth Nagesh, Jayaneshwar, Leelavati, Shanthava,

Vidhya, Susila, Hema, Nagamma, Basu and Dyamanna's parents to accept the Lord.

**Gajendragada:
Manjya Naik & Ratna**

Praise God for: 250 new people were reached in 2 new villages. One person accepted the Lord Jesus Christ. Roshaya admitted in the hospital with a brain tumour was critically ill. By prayer, God restored him and he is getting well. Hulgappa suffering from a kidney stone received healing from the Lord. Nirmala remained childless for 12 years. As we prayed for her, the Lord blessed her with twins in her womb.

Pray for: The Church construction at Kustagi village to progress well. Ramesh addicted to alcohol for 5 years should experience deliverance and believe in the Lord Jesus. Nallama to safely deliver her baby in April as she has suffered a miscarriage earlier. Sudha should find a suitable life partner by God's grace. Manorama to receive healing from heart ailment.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Alice Ranjit James
Mr. John Andrews Sugirtharaj

Kolar: Samuel Beborta, Johan Malto

Praise God for: Ladies meeting was conducted and 9 of them participated. Gowda people group are heading to the Gospel. God delivered Jayaamma, Chalpati from demon possession. God healed Raju who became serious due to fever through prayer. The missionaries are able to learn Kanada.

Pray for: An open door for the Gospel in Kupalli, Antharangada, Betanahalli, Karanganahalli, Shilingiri and Teranahali villages. Chalpati to be delivered from the habit of alcoholism. Chaudama should be healed of mouth cancer. The believers and the Sunday school children to grow continually in faith

Andhra Pradesh

Madanapalli: Venkatesan Crescens & Sasikala

Praise God for: A seekers camp was conducted successfully and 7 new people confessed their faith in Christ. 2 Bibles were distributed during the field trips. 2 outreach night meetings and 4 believer's meets were conducted. God gave us open doors in Adivilopalli, Avalapalli and Guvkunta villages to share the Gospel.

Pray for: Believers Training programme was arranged in Dandoluru village. Training for soul winning would be imparted to those who show interest and attend. Madhuraveni suffering from several sickness and evil spirit attacks to be delivered soon. Avalapalli Village people who are living in the darkness of spirit world and most of them are possessed by the dead spirits to be delivered. Pray the Holy Spirit would open their eyes towards the Lord. Karunakar Reddy showed us a place and promised to level it with JCB for a prayer hall construction. The Lord should fulfill His plans towards this land.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Konkani Sampathbhai
Mrs. Kshetrimayum Priya Devi Jeewer
Mr. Abraham S.

Penukonda: Desai Dhilipbhai & Randhe Laxmiben

Praise God for: 580 people were newly reached with the Word of God. One new village heard the Gospel. Seven believers from Penukonda field attended the believers training held in Kodikonda Church and they were blessed. A morning prayer by conference call is regularly happening. Outreach ministry done in Chinnappareddypalli and Duddebanada Penukonda field. A seeker's camp was conducted in Adudagalapalli village. Samuel, a young boy fell into a water tank. The Lord protected him from drowning and his life was saved. The opposition in Maravapalli village is slowly subsiding by the grace of God.

Pray for: Anandamma and Kuruvamma who are bedridden and unable to walk, to receive healing from the Lord. Somsekar has a leg infection and not getting

cured because of high diabetes. The Lord should heal him. Nandini, Rahelamma and Mariamma to be blessed with children. The compound and training centre work in progress to be completed.

Rodham: Debodatta Lima & Sonia Rani

Praise God for: 460 new people heard the Gospel and 2 were added to the fold of the Lord. God healed David from many days of persisting stomach pain through a surgery and he is doing well now. Naarsha and Laxmi have confessed their faith in Christ. Ramalingapa and Srinivashulu opposed the service and threatened the believers, but the Lord enabled them to stand strong. Ramanji and Naresh have successfully written their police examinations. Subharaipa and Gangama got good jobs.

Pray for: Ravi and Lakshmidevi to be blessed with a child as they await the blessing for a long time. The salvation of Ramasubhaya, Naresh, Kamlama, Earjana, Gangaratnama, Gautami and Nikita as they suffer from various business failures. The salvation of Lingapa and Srinivashulu from Turukulapatanam village who oppose the ministry. The need of a Church land in Rodham village to be fulfilled.



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MARCH
Friday

Happy Birthday

Mrs. Amirtha Golda Asir, Mr. John Ezung
Mrs. Thoti Gurramvari Hima Bindu Ramesh
Mr. Basanta Guru

Tamil Nadu
Ilampillai:
Wilson Selvakumar &
Jaya

Praise God for: 30 people heard the Gospel. Balan was exempted from layoffs in the company where he is working. God protected Kumar from a major accident.

Pray for: Satheesh, Santhosh, Aaron, Prabu, Kumar, Krishnan, Gnanaprakasham, Lakshmi, Azhagamma, Neela, Maheshwari, Vellaiamma, Geetha, and families of Manikandan and Sundharaj to receive the Salvation. Nirmal, Kumar and Angel to be able to get suitable life partners. The people in Pakirakadai village to come under the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. The people who are addicted to drinking liquor to be delivered. Kuppuraj to be healed of Cancer.

Mecheri:

Dharmaraj & Maria Selvi

Praise God for: 50 people heard the Word of God and 1 new village

was reached. The Lord healed a 5 year old boy from an intestinal problem. The healing of a believer's cattle from boils. The Lord protected the missionaries during the entire ministry.

Pray for: Munusamy's wife to accept the Lord. God should heal Shanthi of her dysfunctional limbs that she suffers from now and then. The extra growth from Savithri's eyelids needs to stop growing and get healed soon.



Turned out quite
to the contrary!!

A few anti-Christian elements, with the help of the Sarpanch (head of the village) and the police inspector had planned to demolish the Borpada Church of Peint Field in Maharashtra. There were prayers offered from different parts of the world for the Lord to intervene in that matter. God answered the prayer, and the Sarpanch was removed from his post for some reason, and the inspector too was transferred to another station. By the grace of God the Newly appointed Police Inspector is favourable to the Christians. Glory be to God! we need to get the stay order soon to stop them from demolishing the Church.



Mr. Giri Babu & Mrs. Lourdu Mary family

Giribabu was born as the eldest son in a Hindu Family to Mr. Konka Markondiah & Mrs. Krishnannama on January 1st 1975 in Chittoor District of Andhra Pradesh. He has two more brothers and all of them were staunch Hindus as their grandfather was a Pujari doing pujas on daily basis. His mother was possessed with evil spirit so used to dance in the temple. They had no peace in their family. A visit of a Christian pastor brought a dramatic deliverance to his mother and also his house owner who too received divine healing from demon possession. Though He had a Bible, for fear of others he did not read. After this he started attending the Church and he finished his graduation in S.V.Arts School Tirupati.

One day when he was sleeping near the altar, thrice a beam of light flashed. When he opened the Bible, his eyes fell on Exodus 4:1. His pastor Gali Ganga Raju explained to him that the Lord was calling you for the ministry and so arranged him to do his Theological studies in HBI, Chennai.

God showed him this verse **MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR THEE** in golden letters. The Pastor Michael guided him to fast and pray for 3 days. A week later, he met Bro. Solomon Raju who in turn introduced him to Rev. David Raju who took him as a CV in FMPb. Within a short span he was shown a girl who too was waiting upon the Lord for guidance to do ministry with FMPB . As she was already involved in youth and hospital ministries in Bangalore and they were united in Holy Matrimony on 03.06.2004

His wife Lourdu Mary was born to Christian parents Mr. Robert and Mrs. Dhanmani on 23.09.1979 in Bangalore as a second child. She has three siblings. She is a B.com graduate and has an additional qualification of GNM Nursing. They joined FMPB as full time missionaries on 11.01.2009 and were immediately sent for training in UP Jhansi after which they joyfully served the Lord in various places in Jharkhand, among the Santal people group, and then to Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh in Dabba field. Currently they are continuing in Morena Mission field in Madhya Pradesh. They are blessed with two sons Justin King Paul (29.05.2005) and Jason Paul (01.01.2007), studying in 11th standard, and 9th standard respectively in Grace Academy in Dehradun. Kindly uphold this family in your prayers.

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