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*Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow Me. Luke 9:23*

## Chosen to *Carry your Cross*



# FRONTLINE...

## Willing to bear the Cross?

A man was on a journey, carrying a heavy cross. Initially, he felt that he was all alone on that journey. Later, he realized that there were others who were carrying the cross too. But it looked like they were all carrying their crosses easily. So he began to grumble and complain, and he decided to cut a small portion of the cross. Then he continued his journey. Again, he felt that his cross was too heavy for him, so he cut another portion of it be cut away. Again, the Lord cut it down.



Now it was easy for him to carry it, so he happily continued his journey. He reached a spot where each individual had to cross a valley placing the cross he/she carried across the valley. But this person, who cut the cross twice, was dismayed when he realized that his cross was not long enough to reach over to the other side. Now helplessly he went back to the Lord, and the Lord helped him to cross to the other side. We are chosen to carry the cross that is meant for us every day. Lk 9:23. The day we accepted the Lord is the day of our salvation, and we need to grow in our salvation every day and have to move on to the next level of discipleship, for which we must deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Him daily. Lk 14:27 says, "And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." It is to the cross that a Christian is challenged to follow his Master, where he conquered sin and death. Following Jesus means enduring suffering and pain for His sake (Jn 15:19). The cost of following is total self-denial, sacrificing the earthly desires (Mat 8:18-22; Lk 14:26-33), but the reward will be glorious (Mat 19:27-29; Mk 10:29-30; 1 Pet 1:3-9). Christianity has always insisted that the cross we bear always precedes the crown we wear—Martin Luther King, because there is no crown without the cross (2 Tim 2:7-12). Perhaps we will stumble; perhaps we will fall, but God is always ready to answer us when we call Him to our aid. The Saviour is waiting to give us His grace and His love, which heal all our hurts. As we travel along with the Lord, bearing our cross, let us lift those who have fallen along the way to salvation (Rom 15:1) and uphold all those that are in the forefront, directing those who go astray towards the Cross. Let's lay our sorrows, sicknesses, pains, failures and sins down at the cross and instead take, joy, healing, victory and Salvation!

- Mercy Selwyn (*Communication Department*)

**And whoever does not carry  
their cross and follow Me  
cannot be My disciple.  
Luke 14: 27**

**"He who embraces  
the cross and bears it with  
patience, lightens the  
weight of the cross. Indeed,  
the weight itself becomes  
a consolation; for God  
abounds with grace to all  
those who carry the cross  
with good will in order to  
please Him" - St. Alphonse**

**Whoever does not take up  
their cross and follow Me  
is not worthy of Me.  
Matthew 10:38**

**"It is to the Cross that  
the Christian is challenged  
to follow his Master: no path  
of redemption can make  
a detour around it"  
- Hans Urs von Balthasar**

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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 the Risen Lord Jesus Christ.

We are remembering the events happened two thousand years ago which paved the foundation of Christianity. Both important events of crucifixion and resurrection come in this month. In 1 Corinthians 15:14. Paul says, "And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain". Without resurrection we have nothing to depend on or put our faith on. The 16th chapter of Mark says that the three women who were on their way to the tomb were filled with worry and anxiety. In addition to the pain of Jesus death, they also had a problem that is who will roll the stone away from the tomb? Vs 4 say when they looked up; they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. Look unto the resurrected Jesus, and then all the large stones of our lives which may be unmovable will be rolled away. Happy Easter!



25th to 27th of February near Barharwa, Jharkhand. Around 7000 believers gathered with joy and enthusiasm to worship the Lord and to hear His Word.

## Visit of mission fields by the Tirunelveli CSI Bishop

The Bishop of CSI Tirunelveli Diocese Rt. Rev. ARGST Barnabas along with his wife visited the Santal and Malto ministries in Jharkhand for three days in February. The Bishop dedicated two newly constructed Churches for the glory of God, visited hostels, school, villages and our hospital. The visit was a great encouragement for the missionaries and believers. FMPB thanks the Bishop and his wife for this visit.

The President and the Vice President also visited the ministry along with their spouses on the same days and extended their stay for some more days.

## Tuticorin Diocese Fasting Prayer

I was given an opportunity to share the Word of God in the diocesan prayer meeting of Tuticorin CSI Diocese on 4th

## First Oraon Church Dedication in Jharkhand

The first Oraon Church in Jharkhand by FMPB was dedicated on 24th February. The KK Nagar, Chennai prayer group was present for the dedication.

## Santal Convention

The convention for our Santal believers of Santal Sahibganj Region was held on

March. The Pastors and the believers of the Diocese gathered in large numbers to pray for the nation and the Church. Such prayers are to be multiplied in all Churches to reach the nation.

## **Shanmugapuram Convention in Tuticorin**

God helped me to deliver God's Word in Shanmugapuram CSI Church, Tuticorin on 4th and 5th in the Lenten days convention. The Word of God was also preached in two morning services and also in the combined youth meeting. The Presbyter and the committee members of the Church had made good arrangements for the meeting.

## **Higher Studies Committee**

FMPB's Higher Studies Committee was convened on 10th March to decide the missionaries and courses for higher studies based on the norms set, from the applications received

## **Ordination Committee**

On 10th the Ordination Committee gathered and finalized the list of missionaries and Evangelists to be ordained by two dioceses. FMPB thanks the Bishops who are helping the ministry of FMPB by ordaining the missionaries.

## **Field Zonal Secretaries meeting**

The Field Zonal Secretaries prayer and planning were held in Nagpur Field Office from 13 March to 17 March. The Secretaries attended with their spouses. I had the opportunity to be with them for three days in which we could pray together and discuss important ministerial areas to move forward in our mission.

## **Haggai Training**

I have written earlier about the Organization's plan to conduct refresher training course for all our missionaries through Haggai India. It is a 5 days training and the second batch was conducted in Jhansi, UP from 13th March to 17th March. I had the privilege of being in Jhansi on the 17th and distributed the certificates to the participating missionaries.

## **Cross Cultural Communication training**

How to present the Gospel in a cross cultural context is an important thing the missionaries should know. This vital subject is being taught to our missionaries and to the new missionaries for many years now. For the present batch of new missionaries, I am teaching this subject in NIM, Jhansi. May the Lord equip our missionaries with wisdom to present the Gospel in different cultures!

## **Important Meetings and Programs in April.**

Please pray for the following meetings where I participate.

### **Kakinada meetings**

From 1st April to 3rd April, I will have meetings in Kakinada Pastor Benny's Church and in their ministry place.

### **Divisional Heads prayer and meeting**

The Divisional Heads prayer and planning meeting with the General Secretary is scheduled in Bengaluru from 10th April to 13th April.

## Entrusted camp

The youth meeting for the ministry committed young people from North Tamil Nadu Zone is organised in Chennai on 14th to 16th April.

## Family gathering Kaliyakkavilai

22nd of April the Kaliyakkavilai Mobilization is arranging a FMPB family gathering.

## Nandurbar Hostel Dedication

The Nandurbar, Maharashtra girls hostel new buildings will be dedicated for the glory of God and benefit of the children on 15th April.

## Mobilization Secretaries' family meeting Mettupalayam

The Tamil Nadu & Pondy mobilization full time and Honorary Secretaries' family gathering is arranged in Mettupalayam on 29th and 30th of April.

## Tamil State Conference 2023

By the grace of God the Tamil State Conference 2023 is being arranged in Bethel Salem from 18th May morning 10am to 21st May morning 8am. Please pray and plan to attend this important meeting in the important time of our country's history. Kindly pray and bring new people for this conference along with you.

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.

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# ***The purpose and impact of the Chosen***

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Let's understand the purpose of God choosing us first rather than we choosing Him. **What if we had chosen him? Not known:** Will the celebrity know the individual? Not likely. God has loved us and chosen us means: He has called us out, by name and it is an invitation for a special relationship. (Isaiah 43:1; 1 Peter 2:9) Believers hairs are numbered, tear accounted for, and more precious than birds. (Luke 12:7, Psalms 56:8; Matthew 10:31).

**Not connected:** The great personalities of the world could be beyond reach. It is a sort of a distant relationship. Their personal phone numbers or other contact details are not easily available. They could be connected in public domain as a fan or follower. Disciples are children of the Living God, with privileges, rights and responsibilities. (John 1:12). **No covenant:** There is no contract between a fan and the celebrity. Disciples are people of New Covenant that is sealed by the Blood of Lord Jesus Christ. (Luke 22:20). Even in the covenant it is God who makes the covenant with us and he helps us to remain in it. If we make we will fail in it. **No conversation:** Celebrities tend to communicate through public media. They are one way communication, not possible to respond in a way that would reach them.

Loving Father speaks to each believer. As a sheep of the Good shepherd, it is possible to hear his voice. (John 10:27) Lord listens to prayers; the whole humanity comes to him (Psalms 65:2). That's why God has given us the Living words through which

## **I. I Have Chosen You: Intent**

God's promise to Zerubbabel is I will make you like a signet ring; for I have chosen you. (Haggai 2:23). Zerubbabel is mentioned in the ancestors list of Lord Jesus by Matthew, the line of Lord Jesus adaptive father, Joseph. (Matthew 1:12) He was the grandson of King Jeconiah, the descendant of Solomon. Though he did not reign as king of Judah, God gave him authority of a signet ring which was comparable to throne, or crown or scepter. God has chosen his people, whom he knew will respond to his call, even before the foundation of the world. (Ephesians 1:4)

**You did not choose me:** The initiative came from God. (John 15:16). There are people who choose their leaders or celebrities as idols or sportsperson as role model or intellectuals as mentors. Being one among those followers does not have any value. God took the initiative to love us and chose us. (John 15:16)

He communicate with us and we in turn communicate with Him through prayer. **No care:** One cine actor fan was excited when a new movie was released; he celebrated that by dancing on a moving truck. Fell and was dead. Did anyone care for him or the bereaved family? Peter writes God cares for His disciples (I Peter 5:7). Not only during the time of accident but every time we go to Him, He care about it and addresses that problem. **No Comfort:** God always comforts His people (II Corinthians 1:3). God is near to the broken hearted (Psalm 34:18). His love, wisdom, and protection are his children's unfailing comfort. The celebrities rarely comfort a common man that also they do it through the media only. **No Confidence:** These human heroes have feet of clay and will fail, will not be able to even protect themselves. But Eternal God the Rock is the refuge of His people (Deuteronomy 33:27). God's faithfulness is the safety net.

**In God's Service (IGS):** Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers are proud of their appointment, opportunity to serve the nation. All IAS officers would not become Chief Secretary to State Government or Principal Secretary to Prime Minister. However, each officer is considered as an asset for the government. All officers have their appropriate level of service, based on their expertise, experience, and need. All believers, both men and women are In God's Service (IGS) irrespective of their age, experience, education, and context.

**Pray:** All believers are expected to pray, intercede for harvesters to be sent for harvest. "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers

into his harvest." (Luke 10:2). Pray for new harvesters and toiling harvesters on the field. **Witness:** All born-again people of God are His witnesses in the world (Acts 1:8). Their words, deeds, behavior, attitude, relationships and lifestyle should reflect God's attributes of love, wisdom, grace and goodness. In other words, they are the light of the world, and salt of earth (Matthew 5: 14-16)

**Make Disciples:** Disciples are called to be disciple-making disciples. (Matthew 28:18-20) God's desire is for all humans to repent and receive Him. (II Peter 3:9). Disciples from all tribes, people group, language, nations will be in heaven worshipping the Lord. (Revelation 7:9). Making disciples should be the desire, the passion, the priority, and the life purpose.

## II. I have chosen you: *The Impact*

**No random choice:** God's choice is not a random choice or multiple choice but specific choice. God chooses each of his children uniquely, specifically and for the Kingdom purpose.

**Chosen to do God's will:** Ananias said to Saul: The God of our father has chosen you. (Acts 22:14). An unlikely candidate is chosen. One who harassed, intimidated, imprisoned, injured and killed the disciples of Lord Jesus Christ was chosen. The choice was not to pacify and silence, the hyperactive and restless Saul. He was now chosen for doing God's will in accordance with the purpose of the Kingdom of God

**Set Apart for Him:** Holy means, to be consecrated or set apart. (I Peter 1:15-16).

Chosen people are set apart from others, marked by God. Soldiers cannot indulge in civilian affairs. (II Timothy 2:4). Soldiers are a few, compared with the whole population. There are many things that are permissible, lawful, morally right, even good, nevertheless, they are not for those who are set apart. (I Corinthians 6:12: 10:23)

**Such a time like this:** Mordecai said to Esther that she had become a queen for such a time like this. (Esther 4:14). All believers, including Esther are chosen 'according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will.' (Ephesians 1:11). Esther did not become a queen by accident or random events that happened around her. She was placed by God in that context and position. Esther was chosen to be a queen by the Lord for a special task. Therefore we need to know the purpose for which He has chosen us in such a time as this and make an impact in this society.

**1. Sense of urgency:** The harvest, when ripe should be reaped. Delay could make the grains to over ripe and then rot. In local churches, delay means people grow up and fail to receive vision. Children grow up fast, so do young people. Children in the congregation could grow up without learning missionary biographies. Young people may grow without getting information or exposure to missions. Most do not know the importance, significance, and priority of mission.

**2. Opportunity factor:** Open doors ought to be used immediately. It is applicable to the field as well as those who could go. Young

people when established in profession and getting married may find it difficult to go. So whenever we get an opportunity to serve God let us make the best use of it to serve Him.

**3. National context:** There are several factors that keep changing. Some provide opportunity for the growth of the Kingdom of God, and some may become hindrance to the gospel. For example, Anti-conversion law could be an obstruction to the preaching and disciple making efforts. People migrate looking for opportunities. Labourers from states like Uttar Pradesh migrate seeking jobs in Tamil Nadu. Such migrants are open to the Gospel. Let us resolve to gain these souls for the Lord.

**4. Global context:** The Church is global and so are the missions. Lord Jesus Christ and gospel is for whole humanity. When God provides opportunity to take the gospel to faraway lands, while travelling for education or job or business.

As we have understood the purpose of God choosing us and the impact we need to make as chosen ones, let us know His will and bear our cross daily and follow His footsteps. God invites us for this cause. We who follow Him have two choices. One is to follow Him as a fan till the end of our lives; the second choice is to be a disciple who bears the cross. Let us pray and work so that there will be ripples of changes in this needy nation when God chooses us to be His disciple and we make an impact in this society as the chosen one. May the Lord's name be glorified!

**- Rev. Dr. J.N. Manoharan,**

(Regional Director South Asia  
Community Bible Study International)

# Silver Jubilee Celebrations



On 18th February 2023 St. Thomas English School was jubilant because of its festivity of their Silver Jubilee celebration. The students, staff and people from different villages had traveled from far and near and were gathered for the celebrations. Around 2000-2500 people attended the celebration. The children sang a few songs led by Mrs. Joybell, our school mathematics teacher, following which the worship was conducted by the Blessing worship ministries. The occasion was graced by the presence of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Silvans. S. Christian of the Gujarat Diocese and General Secretary Rev. John Berlin. They were welcomed at the entrance by Rev. Christopher Thomas, one of our senior missionaries, and other Committee Members of the Silver Jubilee team garlands. The other dignitaries were also welcomed and honoured with garlands, bouquets, and shawls.

Cultural dances (Dangi), singing accompanied by the children playing musical instruments, and other programmes by the lady staff members, family of St. Thomas English School, and the alumni members added beauty and grace to the ceremony. The celebration was inaugurated by the lighting of the candle by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Silvans. S. Christian, and our General Secretary Rev. John Berlin and senior missionary Ms. Mary Stella. The present students along with the alumni performed various programmes like dances, songs, etc., which were appreciable.

The Western Zonal Secretary, Rev. Joseph Durairaj, formally welcomed the gathering and the Jhawda Church Pastorate members also welcomed our Chief Guest. The keynote address was given by the General Secretary, Mr. Mohanbai Kokani- MLA of Tapi District, the South Gujarat Coordinator, Rev. Kiran Gamit and the Director of Mount Olive School, Rev. Anil Bhai Kokni, gave felicitation speeches and their best wishes for the school. Mr. Aajubhai Vasava the Regional Mobilization Secretary too was present on the occasion

The Silver Jubilee message was given by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Silvans. S. Christian. He thanked FMPB for their great mission work in Gujarat and also encouraged to continue with the school and to go further aiming towards higher educations by opening colleges and much more by joining hands with them.

The alumnae students recollected their past experiences while sharing in the school and the hostel. They were full of gratitude for the institution for the important role it played in the success of their lives. The history of the school was narrated by former principals Mrs. Kanaganesam and Mrs. Jothi Pusparaj, who are also our missionaries. The prizes were distributed to the toppers of classes 10 and 12 in 2022 by the Field Secretary, Rev. Solomon Gnanasekar and he encouraged them to excel in their studies. The vote of thanks was proposed by the principal, Mr. Hari Babu Gundra. The computer laboratory and the smart board for the students of St. Thomas English School were inaugurated by the chief guest. The celebration ended with a grand lunch served to all.

“It’s the Lord’s doing and it is marvellous in our eyes.” Thank you for all your prayers for the family of St. Thomas English School.

- **Rev. Joseph Durairaj**  
Secretary - Western Zone

*“I am called by God. My authority is above that of the kings of the earth. By revelation I have been selected as a personal representative of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is my Master and he has chosen me to represent him. To stand in his place, to say and do what he himself would say and do if he personally were ministering to the very people to whom he has sent me. My voice is his voice, and my acts are his acts; my words are his words and my doctrine is his doctrine. My commission is to do what he wants done. To say what he wants said. To be a living modern witness in word and deed of the divinity of his great and marvelous latter-day work.” - Elder Bruce R. McConkie.*



*“Therefore I will praise you, LORD, among the nations; I will sing the praises of your name.”*

We thank God for his mighty deeds and blessings showered on us. Due to covid 19, the last two years we could not conduct the annual convention (Mela) in our Santal Sahibganj Region (SSR). After a gap of three years, our SSR's Annual convention was conducted at Telbita village of Pathna Field from 24th to 26th of February 2023. It is a milestone in the history of FMPB. More than 6700 believers participated, among them 1400 youth and 1500 children. The convention was presided over by the Bishop of Tirunelveli, Rt. Rev. A.R.G.S.T. Barnabas, the FMPB president (Mr. Reginald), the vice president (Mr. James Dharmabalan), the General Secretary (Rev. John Berlin), the Field Secretary (Rev. Solomon Gnanasekar), Rev. Baneswar Tudu (Pastor AG), and Rev. Paulraj (Secretary-NEZ). The members from prayer groups, the PPA department, the Youth department and the Communication department too were present.

The meeting was inaugurated by Rev. John Berlin and Mr. James Dharmabalan by lighting of the candles, followed by the inaugural speech by Rev. John Berlin. The entire programme was led by a wonderful choir team, with melodious songs and cultural dances. Mr. Reginald shared God's Word on the theme, "I have chosen you."

Rt. Rev. A.R.G.S.T. Barnabas shared God's Word on the second day session. The 4th edition of the Santal Song Book was dedicated by our General Secretary, Rev. John Berlin. On the third day (Sunday), a holy confirmation service was conducted and around 324 youth got their confirmation on that day. 98 youth committed their lives to God's ministry. One woman donated a gold cross and three families offered their goats as offerings. All the expenses were met by the people themselves. And the meeting came to an end with no deficit but with a surplus.

**- Rev. Jeevan Ranjan Mohapatra, Secretary, SSR**

# Missionary Biography



## Rev. Bethuel Bardhan (1961-2017)

It was very hard to digest the news about the sudden demise of our beloved missionary Rev. Bethuel Bardhan on 1st July 2017, who was working as Promotional Secretary in Cuttak area of Odisha, due to his sickness.

### EARLY DAYS

Rev. Bethuel Bardhan was born in a Christian family of Chellikada village of Gajapathy district of Odisha. His parents were Mr. Barun Bardhan and Mrs. Elisaba Bardhan. As he was born in a Christian family, right from his childhood he attended the Church regularly and took part in the Sunday school activities. He had absolute faith in God but did not have a personal relationship with the Lord. He had three brothers namely Bayel, Bahumila, Sunil Kumar and a sister named Sukhasini. When he grew up into a young man; he had a lot of friends. In due course they led him astray and he found himself involved in many unchristian activities. He moved away from the Lord.

### SALVATION EXPERIENCE

One of his brothers took a lot of efforts for the repentance and conversion of Bethel. But Mr. Bethuel did not yield to his counsel, and continued with his old life. One day his brother took him to a prayer meeting, Bethuel went with him because of his brother's compulsion. People in the prayer meeting sang songs with joy, worshiped the Lord with gladness and prayed earnestly. What he witnessed had an impact on the life of Mr. Bethuel. Someone in the assembly sincerely prayed for Mr. Bethuel's salvation. He liked the meeting, still he felt like a fish out of water. Then on another occasion his brother invited him to attend a prayer meeting, Mr. Bethuel without saying any excuse went along with him. A guest speaker was called to deliver the sermon. He spoke from the Bible passage Mathew 3:10-12. God ministered to him through this verse "The axe is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire". This verse touched his heart and Mr. Bethuel confessed his sins, repented for his sins and accepted Jesus as his personal saviour on that day. His brother was happy and encouraged Mr. Bethuel to read and meditate upon the verses in the Bible regularly. Mr. Bethuel started attending the youth meetings and joined in the prayer meetings. This Christian fellowship helped him to grow in the Lord. The whole family was filled with joy. He joined his Christian friends like Jeevaratna Beero and Philemon and prayed sincerely. He learned from them many spiritual things.

### MARRIAGE

When he was in the high school, Mr. Bethuel lost his father. Since the family lost its breadwinner he had to find a job to

support the family financially. His studies came to an end and he never went to the college. But he got a job in Khadi Kraft. As an employed person he helped the family. He actively participated in the Church affairs and became the Secretary of the local Church. Later he became the Treasurer of the Church. His mom had concerns for him. She took initiative and found a suitable bride in Ms. Sukanti for him. Mr. Bethuel Bardhan and Ms. Sukanti got married in the Baptist Church on 19th June 1981. God blessed their married life with two daughters – Sujatha and Sunitha - and a boy Sangram.

## **GOD'S CALL TO THE MISSION**

Mr. Bethuel and his friends used to pray for the missionaries who were doing the ministry through FMPB. His friends shared about the ministry of Friends Missionary Prayer Band. Pangajlal Bardhan and Jeevaratna Beero joined FMPB and went to North India as missionaries. Whenever they visited Odisha, they shared their experiences in the mission fields in North India in the prayer meetings and in the Church. Mr. Bethuel was highly motivated to involve in the ministry of FMPB. Later, God ministered to him and he committed his life for the missionary work. As a bread winner of the family, he was not able to go as a missionary immediately. But God continued to work in his heart, his friends also encouraged him to obey God and his missionary friends urged him to join them. In the midst of his family responsibilities, he took a bold decision to go as a missionary. In 1991, as a family they attended the interview conducted by FMPB at Hyderabad. They were selected and sent for one year training in Bethel Bible Institute, Danishpet. After their training, they went to Gonda for language and practical training.

## **CHURCH PLANTING MINISTRY**

Mrs. and Mr Bethuel were sent to Karkadi field of Gujarat state. They spent time to learn the local language of the people and started their ministry. They admitted their children in the Santhosha Vidhyala, Dohnavur. Along with the other kids of the missionaries, they continued their studies. Once, the parents travelled from their field to Nagpur to drop their children in school. When they got off from the train with their children and tried to board another train, they noticed their important suitcase was missing. They were shocked and discouraged knowing that it was stolen in the train. Then they reached the Field Office Nagpur with the hand luggage. The other missionaries shared their dresses with them. The children also got the needed dress. In the beginning days of their ministry they faced a trying incident like this. In the midst of crisis, they also learned about the grace of the Lord through the love of fellow missionaries. When they began their missionary work at Kakkadi, they found a very small house for their stay. There was no electricity or toilet and no access to drinking water. Besides that part was not connected by road or transport facilities. The village was located in the interior place of a jungle. But the Lord God who is Emmanuel was with them. After learning the language of the people, they started to share the love of God. Many responded and Mrs and Mr. Bethuel sincerely prayed for the sick and needy people. God did miracles and confirmed the Word of God through miracle. One day, a villager called on him and requested him to pray for his buffalo which was yielding good quantity of milk till recently. This family depended on the buffalo milk for their livelihood. Suddenly the buffalo stopped to yield milk and became

sick. This family was reduced to poverty and there was no food at home for them to eat. They requested the missionaries to help them to come out of this situation. Mr. Bethuel prayed earnestly and God healed the buffalo and it began to yield milk. So, this family accepted Christ. The ministry started flourishing and very soon people from different villages accepted Christ. They continued to conduct night meetings. As a result, four congregations were established. Hundreds of people worshipped the Lord in the newly built Churches. Some jealous anti-Christians started working against the missionaries. They even foisted false cases against them. From 1996-98, they started their ministry from Pimpalner mission field. Here a local magician accepted Christ, and God did a miracle in his life. He had a problem in his leg and he was not able to walk. He took a lot of efforts for the healing by conducting poojas, but nothing worked in his favour. But day by day the pain in his leg increased and the muscles were damaged. Mr. Bethuel was called to pray for him; he prayed for the healing of this local magician. God heard the prayer and healed the man. He began to walk and started doing his regular work. So, he accepted the Lord and the village people who witnessed this miracle also put their faith in Lord Jesus. In that area, within a few years more than three thousand people were baptized and four big Churches were built. In 1996, the CNI Diocese of Bolangir ordained Mr. Bethuel as a presbyter. From 1998 onwards, Rev. Bethuel was given the responsibility to officiate as Regional Secretary. Then, he was in charge of the Leadership Training Institute at Pipalwada and trained many Church elders and local

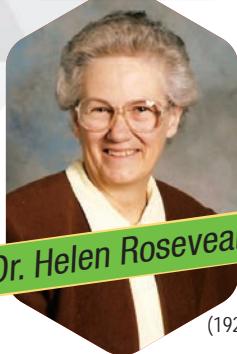
evangelists. After that for the next six years he led the Prayer and Revival ministry based at Pipalwada. In 2006, he was again given the regional responsibility and he started his ministry from Chandrapur, Maharashtra.

## LAST DAYS

Rev. Bethuel served the Lord among the Kukna tribe in Gujarat and brought the Gospel to Bhil people of Maharashtra border as pioneer missionary. He served the Lord in different capacities such as Secretary of South West Region II, Secretary of RARE Center of Pimpalner, Secretary of Leadership Training Institute in Pipalwada and Secretary of Odisha Promotional ministry. Finally, he participated in National Missionary Conference at Coimbatore as family and went back to Odisha and continued his promotional ministry. He was admitted in one of the hospitals at Bhubaneswar for Gall Bladder stones removal on 10/06/17. The operation was successful. However, he was suffering from high blood pressure and had breathing troubles. The doctors said that his kidneys and liver had stopped functioning because of jaundice. With no further result to the treatment, Rev. Bethuel Bardhan entered into glory on 01/07/17. Rev. Bethuel, always had a smile on his face and was a man of very pleasing demeanour. With enthusiasm and burden for souls, he was prepared to move to an entirely new area for preaching the Gospel whenever he was asked to shift his base. Remember his wife Suganthi and two daughters Sujatha and Sunitha, who are married, and the son Sankram Kesari in your prayers

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

# TRAIL BLAZERS



Dr. Helen Roseveare

(1925-2016)

Helen Roseveare was born in 1925 at Haileybury College (Hertfordshire, England), where her father taught mathematics. Raised in a high Anglican church, Helen's Sunday school teacher once told their class about India, and Helen resolved to herself that she would one day be a missionary. Despite the Christian heritage of her family, and faithful attendance at church, Helen sensed a void in her life and distance from God.

She enrolled in Newnham College at Cambridge University to study medicine. There she joined the Cambridge Inter-Collegiate Christian Union (CICCU) through the invitation of a student named Dorothy. She became an active participant in the prayer meetings and Bible studies, reading the New Testament for the first time. But she later said that her understanding of Christianity was more head knowledge than heart engagement.

In the winter of 1945, the Lord seemed to meet her in a personal way during a student retreat. She gave her testimony on the final evening, and Bible teacher Graham Scroggie wrote Philippians 3:10 in her new Bible, and told her: Tonight you've entered into the first part of the verse, "That I may know Him." This is only the beginning, and there's a long journey ahead. My prayer for you is that you will go on through the verse to know "the power of His resurrection" and also, God willing, one day perhaps, "the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death."

She felt an increased sense of calling toward missions, and publicly declared during a missionary gathering in North England, "I'll go anywhere God wants me to, whatever the cost." After graduating from Cambridge with her doctorate in medicine, Helen studied for six months at the Worldwide Evangelization Crusade college at Crystal Palace. In Mid-March of 1953, at the age of 28, she arrived in the north-eastern region of the Congo (later named Zaire).

In the first two years, she founded a training school for nurses, training women to serve as nurse-evangelists, who in turn would run clinics and dispensaries in different regions. In October 1955, she was asked to transfer seven miles away to run an abandoned maternity and leprosy center in Nebobongo. Working with local Africans, Helen helped to transform the center into a hospital with 100 beds, serving mothers, lepers, and children, along with a training school for paramedics and 48 rural clinics. Outside of these facilities, there was no other medical help for 150 miles in any direction.

Exhausted, Helen returned to England in 1958 for a furlough, during which time she

received further medical training. The Congo became independent from Belgium in 1960, and civil war broke out in 1964. All of the medical facilities they had established were destroyed. Helen was among ten Protestant missionaries put under house arrest by the rebel forces for several weeks, after which time they were moved and imprisoned. From there she tried to escape. As a result she was found, dragged, struck over her head and shoulder, kicked, tooth broken, yelled at, insulted, cursed etc. Her captors, she wrote, "were brutal and drunken.

Helen Roseveare was brutally raped. On that dreadful night, beaten and bruised, terrified and tormented, unutterably alone, she felt that God had failed her. Surely He could have stepped in earlier; surely things need not have gone that far. She had reached what seemed to be the ultimate depth of despairing nothingness.

In that darkness, however, she sensed the Lord saying to her: You asked Me, when you were first converted, for the privilege of being a missionary. This is it. Don't you want it? . . . These are not your sufferings. They're Mine. All I ask of you is the loan of your body. She eventually received an "overwhelming sense of privilege that Almighty God would stoop to ask of me, a mere nobody in a forest clearing in the jungles of Africa, something He needed."

One word became unbelievably clear, and that word was privilege. He didn't take away pain or cruelty or humiliation. No! It was all there, but now it was altogether different. It was with him, for him, in him. He was actually offering me the inestimable privileged of sharing in some little way the edge of the fellowship of his suffering.

After returning to African in 1966, she soon left Nebobongo to establish a new medical center in Nyankunde in northeastern Zaire, producing a 250-bed hospital, maternity ward, training college for doctors, a center for leprosy, and other endeavors. There, too, she experienced several trials and relational difficulties. She never claimed to see visions or hear the voice of the Lord, but she did sense him rebuking her attitude. On one occasion, her conviction from the Lord went as follows: You no longer want Jesus only, but Jesus plus . . . plus respect, popularity, public opinion, success and pride. You wanted to go out with all the trumpets blaring, from a farewell-do that you organized for yourself with photographs and tape-recordings to show and play at home, just to reveal what you had achieved. You wanted to feel needed and respected. You wanted the other missionaries to be worried about how they'll ever carry on after you've gone. You'd like letters when you go home to tell how much they realize they owe to you, how much they miss you. All this and more. Jesus plus. . . . No, you can't have it. Either it must be "Jesus only" or you'll find you have no Jesus. You'll substitute Helen Roseveare.

In 1973, Helen returned to the UK for health reasons, settling in Northern Ireland. She traveled, wrote several books, and served as a missionary advocate. She went to be with her Lord, from whom she counted it a privilege to suffer, on December 7, 2016, at the age of 91. "God never uses a person greatly until He has wounded him deeply. The privilege He offers you is greater than the price you have to pay. The privilege is greater than the price - Helen Roseveare

# Bawan Church History

GHATAMPUR FIELD,  
KANPUR REGION,

**Mrs. Agnes Edward**



**B**awan is a medium size village located in Ghatampur Tehsil of Kanpur Nagar district, Uttar Pradesh with total 258 families residing. The Bawan village has population of 1434 of which 781 are males while 653 are females as per Population Census 2011. It is located 50 KM towards South from District headquarters, Kanpur.

Under the leadership of Mr. Paul Daya Singh the pioneer missionaries of Ghatampur mission field Mr. Azariah Raj Kumar and Mr. Raja Edwin Moses opened this field in the month of March 1991.

Mrs. Geetha from Thaga village heard the Gospel and accepted Christ through the people of another organization met Mr. C R George and confessed the faith along with her husband, Shiv Kumar on 11.6.2005 at Ghatampur. Through her prayers her nephew and niece who were suffering from some kind

of sickness were healed. Inspired by this, she started conducting worship in the school (Koriyamode, near Bawan village) where she was residing and teaching. 40 to 50 people gathered for worship there. People who came to the satsung were healed and became believers. Soon she joined FMPB as casual volunteer (was made a local evangelist later) and was taking care of Koriya sub-center along with another woman, Mrs. Shakuntala.



Mrs. Gudia's sister-in-law. Through her Mrs. Gudia from Bawan village heard of the

satsung and experienced a miracle in her son's life. Here she narrates her testimony. I met Geethadidi and asked her to pray for Kamal. She gave us some prayer oil and we applied it on Kamal's neck. Through prayers our son got healed and from then on we decided to accept Christ. Mr. Pratap who had a wound in his feet too was healed and relieved from his pain. Local evangelist, Mrs. Geetha went village by village riding her bicycle reaching along with the missionaries' wives for ministry. Another one Geetha who was also a tailor before heard the Gospel and her husband who was jobless got a job and there was a change in his character. As the attendance increased, the worship was shifted to Ajith's house at Bawan village. The worship continued there for 2 years.



In fulfillment of her vow Priyanka who secured more than 70% marks, she confessed her faith on 21.6.2011 and was growing in the Lord. She started reading the Bible every morning and evening and whenever she got time. One evening, her father saw her reading the Bible and he scolded her. He threatened to tear the Bible if she did the same. That same night when her father went out of the house, he saw a bright light above a neem tree. In the middle of the bright light he saw Jesus Christ. He fainted and fell down

immediately. When he came to his senses, he asked pardon and promised not to oppose Priyanka anymore."



Due to frequent quarrelling at Ajith's house the worship was shifted to the house of Raguraj and then to the house of Gore. Again due to backsliding or some issues the worshipping place was further shifted to another believer's house. The worship continued there till the Church was built. So the Bawan congregation believers prayed for a suitable church land at their village and the Lord heard them. A 4 biswa (4500 sqft) land was purchased from Mr. Ram Lakan for Rs. 2,50,000. The Bawan Church land was registered in Jan 2013. The Bawan Church believers helped in the Church construction by doing labour work. After the dedication of Bawan Church, the neighboring landlord, Mr. Lakan Singh Thakur opposed the compound wall construction. He claimed that the Church was constructed on his land. Missionary, Mr. Suresh Malto brought the lekhpal (a clerk who maintains the village records) twice to solve the problem. But Mr. Lakan Singh Thakur refused to accept any solution. After 3 years of Church construction, the dispute came to an end and the compound wall was built in 2018.

In 2016, Mrs. Geetha's husband, Mr. Shiv Kumar joined as local evangelist in her place. This couple vibrantly leads the Bawan Church till today.

**God's hand was always on his people who enjoyed His protection.** Believer, Daya Shankar is from Asgaha village while on his way to Kanpur ran and caught hold of one of the bars of the moving train and lost his balance. He fell on the tracks. Immediately he felt like someone lifting him from the tracks and made him sit aside safely. He presumed that his legs were cut by the train but he faced no harm. A traveler in the train saw him and shouted at Daya Shankar that he got escaped by a hair's breath.



In another incident in July 2011, Believer, Daya Shankar along with a team went to attend a marriage function in a jeep. Suddenly the jeep they were traveling collided with a truck and The Jeep driver jumped out and escaped. The jeep moved forward without the driver and stopped. Through Daya Shankar the only Christian, God protected

everybody. Believer Vijayalakshmi in whose house the worship was held, had decided to go to the Sakar viswa Hari satsung. But she lost her eyesight in a day or two. She heard a voice which told her to pray so that her eyesight would be restored. She did similarly and her eyesight was restored and she opened her house for worship once again. On 27.3.2013, Chandravathi from Bawan village and her mother were walking for a long distance and they sat under a tree to have some rest. Suddenly, Chandravathi felt like someone speaking to her to vacate the place immediately. She caught hold of her mom and ran away from the tree. All of a sudden, the tree under which they were sitting was attacked by lightning and the tree got burnt. This incident occurred at Saidapur village. God saved Chandravathi and her mother that day. The Keontra village believers worshipped the Lord at two places. After a long time, as a result of their incessant prayers, they worship together.

The total strength of the Bawan church is 164. More than 25 people have backslidden. The backslidden people have joined

1. Please pray for the Sakar viswa Hari satsung which is an attraction for many people in this area.

2. Please pray for the Sunday school which is conducted once in 2 weeks and Fasting prayer which is conducted once in a month.

*"The biggest hindrance to the missionary task is self. Self that refuses to die. Self that refuses to sacrifice. Self that refuses to give. Self that refuses to go."*

*- Thomas Hale*



Mr. Robert Rajalingam  
Mr. Doujapao Guite  
Mr. Chunglenlal Singst  
Mrs. Manna Raja Vidhya Agustian  
Mrs. Melody Dimsonting Vaiphei  
Mr. Sianlunthang Zou T.

## Jammu

### **Samba: David Ayannar & Manpreet Kaur**

**Praise God for:** 850 persons heard the Gospel for the first time in 4 villages. 3 persons from Kootah village were added to the flock of Jesus. 20 New Testaments and 3 Bibles were distributed. Some new families from Chakmanga village are responding to the Gospel. 2 prayer cells have been started for the women in Diani and Kootah villages. The believers and Church elders are helping in proclamation of Gospel to their village people.

**Pray for:** Some people from Kootah village that are disturbing our believers to be touched by the Love of Christ. God should open the door for Gospel in Sumb, Kootah and the nearby villages. To get new contacts and good response from the new villages - Rajpura, Chakmanga, Sargal,

Thalot and Dharma chak where the Gospel has been preached to. God should deliver Neelam's husband from alcoholism and Rahul from drug addiction. A good land must be identified for the church construction in Sumb and Kootah village.

## Himachal Pradesh

### **Rampur: Doujapao Guite & Florence Lamvung**

**Praise God for:** The Word of God was shared to 651 persons in 5 villages. 8 persons have professed their faith in the Lord. 10 New Testaments and 2 Bibles were distributed. 10 persons are showing interest in the Gospel. 46 Bible study groups are gathering regularly. 1 new worshiping group has been formed in Kholt village. Dolma was abandoned by her husband and her four grown up children. The youngest son came back from monastery to help and be with his mother which she never expected.

**Pray for:** Jeeva Ram's parents to stop pestering him to follow the temple rituals and village temple committee norms. Prem Devi must grow strong in the Lord and for her successful business. Tej Bahadur must be delivered from alcohol addiction. God to heal Sapna from skin allergy and Sheela Devi from blood cancer which is in the initial stage.



Mr. Jebaraj S., Mr. Rabindra Murmu  
Mrs. Olive Jennifer Nathaniel Edward  
Mr. Senthil Murugan V.

### Anni: Ginsawm & Ching Hoih Kim

**Praise God for:** 350 people were reached in 3 new villages with the Gospel. God enabled us to distribute 80 New Testaments and 2 Bibles. The youth training at Kekhar Church was successful in which 11 persons attended the training and were blessed. The believers training at Neethar and Bandal Church motivated the believers to do evangelism work. God enabled Reshma to reconcile with her husband after much prayers. Laxmi was healed of her uterus problem.

**Pray for:** The healing of Suti Devi from body pain and her husband from an eye surgery. Sukmi Devi to be healed of her uterus cancer. our new contact Suresh, Bipasha, Vikrant, Manbahadur family, Bimla family and Dan Bahadur family to come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. The believers to remain firm in God's Word. The Lord should bring a spiritual revival in our field.

### Rohru: Johnson Sankar & Jebarani

**Praise God for:** 450 new people heard the Gospel. The Lord enabled Jebarani to continue her mission work after recovering from her gall bladder surgery. In spite of the opposition in Mori area we were able to do follow up ministry among the believers. The Lord gave 3 new families in Tiuni area. Our evangelist's mother won the court case and now receives her Govt pension regularly. Ram who was suffering from a hearing impairment for 7 months is mercifully healed by the grace of God. Rajesh our volunteer's son was able to learn technical skills through govt agencies

**Pray for:** Because of false instigation against the pastor, the Church worship is stopped in Mori village. Pray that the Lord will enable the worship service to be resumed. The Lima area believers to refrain from pagan worship cultures. 60 people who are part of our Lenten day prayers must become active witnesses for Christ to people around them. The backslidden believers in Ranol congregation to come back to faith in Christ. The independent pastors who sometimes prove to be stumbling blocks in our ministry, to repent and focus on the Word of God.



Mrs. Mariammal Paul Solomon  
Mr. Daud Tudu  
Mrs. Beaulah Muralidharan  
Mrs. Jeya Soundari Jebaraj Samuel  
Mr. Isaac R.

### **Nerwa: Emmanuel & Sangeetha Jesintha**

**Praise God for:** 150 new people heard the Gospel in one new village. The Lord provided us a good room for conducting worship service in Atal village. Manju had her fibroid removed from her ovary successfully by surgery.

**Pray for:** The Nerwa field believers must know the importance of Sunday worship service. The believers of Baranu Church must come to the Church regularly. The monthly programmes like women's and elders' training to be conducted without fail. The ministry activities in our sub centres Atal, Bharanu and Bhangal to bear fruit. For the revival among our Sunday class children and they should grow in the knowledge of God's word. Our believers not to be ensnared in the

sin from which they have been set free by the grace of God.

### **Reckong Peo: Paplu & Kalpana, A. Sankar & Ruth**

**Praise God for:** 640 new people were reached in 5 new villages. 16 New Testaments and 5 Bibles were distributed. 4 of them became believers and were added to the fold. Yamuna a new contact who was suffering from gynaecological problem and satanic attacks is delivered completely through prayers and have become a regular worshipper in the Church. Reena who was suffering from an infection in the womb received supernatural healing. Many backslidden believers are coming back to the Church in Shong and Ribbo congregations.

**Pray for:** The new contacts - the families of Vasanth, Suresh, Pansara, Sunderraj, Balakrishna and Shivkumari to accept Christ as their personal Saviour. Vidhyachand, Sudersana, Suraj and Bhagatchand who have backslidden in their faith to come back to the Lord. The upcoming youth, women and children's camp to be a blessing. Man Bahadur our new contact to recover well from the kidney surgery and to be led to faith.



Mrs. Gracy Stanley George  
Mrs. Gowramma @ Swetha Amarenthiran  
Mrs. Anna Roslin Issac Abel

### **Jeori: Jamkhongam Haokip & Irene**

**Praise God for:** 170 new people were reached in 13 new villages. The Lord enabled us to reach out to 13 villages through a 10 day Jeep ministry and blessed our efforts. Atul confessed his faith in Jesus Christ by the Grace of God. Irene's elder brother to receive deliverance from alcoholism. Manisha a believer was blessed with a baby boy. Bhagvasanthi was delivered from an evil spirit possession.

**Pray for:** Harsh, Shivkumar, Krishan, Vitar and Prem are all believers but connected with bad company to be delivered from all evil. Our believers fighting court litigation - Surendra, Meera over child maintenance and Evan Hiralal over the custody of daughter and Chetri's son who is facing a false allegation to be

resolved by God's Grace. The Lord to heal Ajay Borshita, Sunil, Anjana, Reena, Baby Shyam and Chandrakala from various sicknesses. Laxmi's family to be delivered from disturbances caused by an evil spirit in their house.

### **Punjab Mansa: Debrato Biswas & Manna Singh**

**Praise God for:** The Word of God was shared to 610 persons. 2 were added to the flock of Jesus. 5 New Testaments and 6 Bibles were distributed. God blessed Geeni Kour, the only bread winner in her family with a government job in the Punjab education department. There is an open door for the Gospel in Ramanandi, Nagoki, Pathabasti, Malkon, Tebbi and Manderna villages.

**Pray for:** Lenten days fasting prayers have been planned in 50 villages. Kalsha society leader, Amritpal to stop opposing the evangelism work and the Shikki group that restricts our missionaries from entering into the villages to share Gospel. God's healing hands to touch Amrajit Kour who had multiple fractures due to a fall from the terrace.



Mr. Rama Krishna Aggibada  
Mr. Balaji Netalam, Mr. Amarenthiran  
Mrs. Jeba Grace David, Mr. Lunminthang Baite

### **Sangrur: Gimbhal Dhilipbhai & Birari Ritaben**

**Praise God for:** In 4 new villages 250 persons heard the Gospel for the first time. 1 person was added to the flock of Jesus. 3 New Testaments were distributed. Rita's prayer helped her to be united to her husband a person from Sikh faith who was in the verge of divorce. Rani Nath who was taken to the police station with a wrong allegation was delivered.

**Pray for:** The planned film programmes in new villages, and satsang programme to be fruitful. God must touch the daughters of Radha Kaur who are dumb and help them to talk. God's miraculous healing upon Rajkumar, Karnelo, Gurmit and Pooja from cancer. Paro, who has been bedridden for a long time, and Krishna, who has a liver infection, must both be healed.

### **Ahmedgarh mandi: Chaudhary Rajesh & Sarita; Deeptilal Mali & Renuma**

**Praise God for:** 630 new people

heard the Gospel for the first time in 3 new villages. 3 became believers and were added to the fold. 10 New Testaments were distributed. 2 Satsang programmes were conducted. 130 people came for the first time to hear the Gospel. The Good News film was screened at Pohir and Akhbarpur villages and people responded well to this film. A training programme on evangelism for active believers was conducted to motivate people to witness for Christ. Laxman and Paramjit Kaur received healing through prayer. Prem was discharged from CMC Hospital after a successful surgery in his head. Deeptilal was miraculously healed of Cancer and her medical reports were normal.

**Pray for:** Our training programmes for youth, women and elders to be a blessing for all those who attend and to become strong disciples of Christ. Suman, her sons Ajay and Rinku suffering from demonic attack have started to attend our Church service. Pray that God should deliver them. The 40 days fasting prayer conducted among the believers must bear fruit in their lives for Christ. Vijay Singh suffering from paralysis and Alok Kumar from fits to be healed. Prito Kaur, our evangelism team member who is suffering from various complications in health to receive healing from the Lord.



Mr. Sutharsan Thomas Jeyaraj  
Mr. Franklin M.Y.Patham A.S.  
Mr. Godisela Praveen  
Mrs. Surjyakanti Uditakumar Bag

## **Budhlada: Naba Hamom & Dulanti Reang**

**Praise God for:** Two outreach satsang meets were held in Budhlada field and an outreach ministry was done in Rali village. Raju received healing from mental depression, Manjeet Kaur from uric acid problem and Baby Deepu from a severe chest infection. Santosh delivered a baby girl safely amidst complications during her pregnancy.

**Pray for:** The salvation of Sanju who is suffering from sickness and having a fear of the evil spirit. The healing of Kuldeep from piles, Aradhana from a spleen problem, Jasveet Kaur from tumour in her utereus, Gurtej Kaur from a gynaecological problem and Kanta who is suffering from fits. God's intervention in court litigation

faced by Gaggi, Rinki and Manjinder. Shivani, Nishu, Monika and Manisha to be blessed with babies. Our youth to find good jobs and to be blessed with good Christian life partners. The growth of ministry in the sub centres of Bareta, Talwari and Moonak fields. The Lord to enable 5 year old Pihu to speak properly.

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## **God's hand amidst the fire!!**

Praise God for the protection given to our missionary and 11 other people in Gadchandur, Maharashtra who were sleeping in a room after the night worship service. In the middle of night the fire from the candle had caught up in the mat and plastic chairs inside the room. But by the grace of God none was hurt. Praise God!

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## **The life renewing prayer!!**

In Budhalada region- Punjab, Mr. Jagsir got an electric shock on had severe burnt injuries in his head and legs and had very less chance for survival. His mother was a devoted believer and she with all the Church members prayed for him and the Lord graciously granted his life back. Glory be to His name!



Mr. John David Raj, Mr. Pawan Kumar

## **Jaito: Chittaranjan & Tejaswita**

**Praise God for:** 5 people received salvation in the name of Jesus Christ. 516 people heard the Good News through 5 Satsang programmes and a Jesus film show. The deliverance of Manjeet Kaur, Navjyout Kaur, Kulvinder Kaur, Amarjeet Kaur, Harmander Kaur and Pooja Kaur from demon possession. Krishan Kumar, Nanak Singh and Jageet Singh delivered from addiction to alcohol. The healing meet newly started at Bazakhana where many new people come to hear the Good News. The Spirit of God touched and healed a new contact Simranjeet Kaur from her breathlessness when she started attending the Church. 8 people are getting prepared to confess their faith in Jesus Christ.

**Pray for:** Our new believers - the families of Pardeep Singh, Dungar Singh and Harjeender Singh and who are attending our Bazakhanna Church to accept Jesus and His Lordship. Our youth Bible study group which is stopped as our students became

ill, to continue. Kuljinder, Balwant, Pardeep and Jasvinder to be delivered from their bondage to alcohol. The Lord should provide a suitable house at Matta village to start a worship service. A committed evangelist to do the ministry at Bazakkanna centre is needed.

## **Lehra Gaga: Isaac Abel & Anna Roselin**

**Praise God for:** 450 new people were reached with the Word of God. The Lord brought in 9 new families to the Church. One new village Sanatiwala heard the Gospel. Our outreach meetings and night meetings were conducted successfully. Raji received deliverance from an evil spirit possession through the prayers of a believer. Rajvinder Singh's daughter received deliverance from evil spirit and the family heard the Gospel and accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

**Pray for:** The 9 new families that are in contact should taste God personally in their lives and grow in faith. The Holy Spirit's guidance in the Jesus film ministry in Burd, Rogla, Brass and Dirba villages and outreach ministry in Biggerwal and Gharat villages. The believers should experience a spiritual revival during the Lenten period. The new youth prayer cell started at Lehra Gaga to continue successfully.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Emmanuel Ranjitsingh S.

Mr. Solomon Jebaraj J.

Mrs. Binni Gnanam John Dinesh

Mrs. Aniya Josephine Venkatesan

Mrs. Renu Arun Ghanta

Mrs. Sara Malto Markus

### Batala: Valvi Netaji & Kalpana

**Praise God for:** 700 persons heard God's Word for the first time. 2 families confessed their faith in the Lord. 15 New Testaments and 3 Bibles were distributed. 3 new villages were reached with the Gospel. Sunita was saved from death. Suman was delivered from demon possession.

**Pray for:** The new believers Vishal, Ashwina, Datta, Komal, Anju, Palvi and Sanjay to mature in Christ. Sunitha to be blessed with children. Sandip who tends to backslide to grow in faith. Soniya's eyes to be opened to know the correct teachings. The youth who are held up in relationship problems and worldly things to hold on to Jesus.

### Haryana Tosham: John Davidson & Esther

**Praise God for:** 10 persons got to hear the Good News for the first time. 2 New Testaments and 3 Bibles were distributed. 2 Women prayer cells and 18 satsangs have been conducted. Got protected the life of Kailasaho when a big log fell on her head. God healed Preetho from lung infection. God prevented Tanu from getting child marriage. Lalitha, who owed Rs. 50 lakh due to her son Vasu's gambling habit, has been reduced her to Rs. 3 lakh.

**Pray for:** Balwan, Minthu, Santosh, Ajay, Rampal, Babulal, Barma and Tejvir families to confess their faith boldly. This mission field which was hostile for ministry earlier is now open to Gospel among minor opposition is attracting other independent pastors which is distracting and disrupting the ministry. God must heal Ajay from heart ailment and Vijay from deaf and dumb problem.



## Regional Office: Bibhaba Pani & Bithika

**Praise God for:** The guidance received from the Lord for the ministry in Haryana, Uttarkhand and Delhi regions. 2767 new people were reached with the Word of God. 15 people became believers and were added to the fold. 389 New Testaments and 33 Bibles were distributed. Ashok Nagar Church was dedicated for the glory of God. The Saniana Church land registration was successfully finished through fervent prayers. The provision of a land for a Christian graveyard in Fatehabad. Mamta a mentally sick person was healed through prayers. 3 families of Nanak Matta field responded to the Gospel through an outreach Satsang programme. Believers of our field joined a peaceful protest at Jantar Mantar Delhi against the persecution of the Church and arrest of pastors. Anna Nagar a

densely populated slum has an open door for the Gospel.

**Pray for:** The drug addicts of Kalanwali area must be delivered from this issue and find their way to the Lord. The 15 new souls to grow in their faith, and many new families who heard the Gospel to accept Christ as their personal Saviour. The need for a Church to be built in Barwala field as the existing house is very small to conduct the service. The children in all our congregations to regularly attend Sunday School and grow in the fear and knowledge of our Lord. Those who seek the Lord in prayer for healing may receive a miracle. An open door to prevail amongst the Haryanvi speaking people group. Our believers must find the right life partners in Christ.

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### God the protector!!

God protected the Gangupada hostel children from stone blast that happened in the stone quarry. Big rocks were hurled inside the campus in two places. One at a place where the children used to play and another fell on the building. The asbestos sheets got damaged. As all the children were gathered at the dining hall, they escaped from hurt. Praise God!

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Mr. Abraham G.

Mr. Channamallappa Angadi

Mrs. Jayanthi Francis

## Uttarakhand Dineshpur: Ramasamy Jerome & Antony Rajam

**Praise God for:** The persons who have heard the Gospel for the first time in Barachi village. Vinoth and Nisha of Kheda are showing much interest to the Gospel. Geetha from Daiinumber village got delivered from demon possession and peace prevails in that family. Through prayer, Seema of Dalpura village got suitable life partner. Seema of Duvlaagand village delivered a baby through C section and Nasima got her eye operated successfully. God protected Rakeshkumar in Dimri village from a thief who wanted to murder him.

**Pray for:** Families of Surjith and Babu and Inthrapal to respond positively to the Gospel. The families of Lakshman, Rambabu, Rajkumar Jitendar to stand firm in their

faith. The consolation of the family members of our elderly believer, the wife of Narayan who passed away and her son Suraj to get a suitable life partner. Anil ,our believer's son who is falsely accused to be released from jail. Kankadevi, our believer from Saidhiliganj who is suffering from various sicknesses for the past two months to receive the healing.

## Nanakmatta: Siva Kumar & Susila Marak

**Praise God for:** 65 persons heard God's word in 2 villages. 20 New Testaments and 3 Bibles were distributed. 7 Satsang programs and 6 cottage prayers were conducted. Outreach ministry was done in Nousar village; 6 families heard the Gospel and 3 families are positively responding to it and have invited the missionaries to pray in their houses. Agnish was delivered from the addiction of alcohol. Ankita and family is blessed with a child after three and a half years of married life.

**Pray for:** Tanjeet who is depressed due to unemployment to get a job. Geeta Kaur to be healed from high sugar, Bp and cholesterol. Sandeep Singh to get a good job and Nirmal Singh to be successful in business. Rinku to be delivered from alcoholism.



Mrs. Beril Siromani Egalaiyan  
Mr. Peter Prabhaharan

## Delhi Patparganj: P G Christopher & Mabel

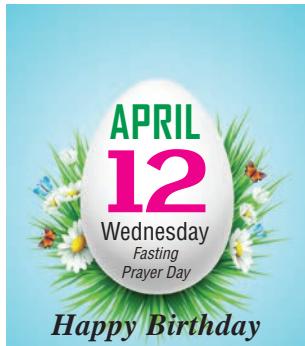
**Praise God for:** Gospel was shared to 222 persons. 16 New Testaments were distributed. A thickly populated slum in Annanagar is receptive to the Gospel. Pramila was protected from a road accident on the same day. 8 believers joined the protest conducted at Delhi Jantar Mantar.

**Pray for:** A mela that has been planned for the believers of Patparganj to be fruitful. Arush who has an injury on the head to heal and not to become complicated. God to heal Jagadesh's father-in-law from cancer, Sonu Abraham from disc collapse which prevents him from walking, Malika from kidney arthritis problem and Dipti from TB. Drugs and alcohol to be banned in the capital city. The fear of threat and opposition to the believers to be removed from them.

## Rajasthan Udaipur: Ashish Kumar & Savita Devi

**Praise God for:** 2 new villages Khakrakeda and Awarada were reached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. 11 New Testaments and 2 Bibles were distributed. Surabhai and Sushil have been completely healed of TB. Kalibai who was suffering from vision impairment is completely healed through prayers. Fatu, Ramila and Raju were released from evil spirit possession through prayers. Susadevi who was suffering from a gynaecological problem was healed through prayer. The Lord has opened doors for ministry in Mundavadi and Khadkiya Pala villages.

**Pray for:** Our youths Ramlal, Naresh, Rahul, Rekha, Gulab, Hisanlal, Chunnلال and Harish who is appearing for REET exams to come with flying colours. The backslidden people from Pargipada and Talaviyawad congregations to be restored back to their faith. Eashwar who is suffering from a sudden attack of paralysis to be healed. Pradip, Kosata and Payal to be released from evil spirit possessions. Manju, Rachel, Pari, Radha and Aruna to have safe delivery.



**Happy Birthday**

Miss. Suchitra Limma

## **Anupgarh: Paulus Barjo & Binita Toppo**

**Praise God for:** 136 new people were reached in 2 new villages. 27 New Testaments were given to those who accepted. The Lord helped us to conduct 4 Bible studies and regular Sunday School classes. We were also able to attend a Haggai Training programme in NIM Centre. Our believers Tarsum and Suman are engaged to each other.

**Pray for:** The families of Vinder Singh and Tony to publically confess their faith in Jesus Christ. Om Prakash to receive healing from cancer. The Lord should provide for us resources to build katcha Church in GB village 43. Goyan Kaur to be healed of breathing issues she faces. The Lord to help us open a Samithi account for 36GB Congregation.

## **Hanumangarh: Raju Nayak & Jhansi**

**Praise God for:** 180 new people were reached and 3 became believers and were added to the fold. God's power was visible in His doings in the new congregation at

Suresha village. Rajavender Kaur our Church Elder was blessed with a promotion in her job. Our believer Sunita got a small work in the postal department. Neto was delivered from an evil spirit possession when we prayed for him.

**Pray for:** Our young brothers in our mission field - Pavan, Sonna, Nickka and Chinni to be blessed with a good life partner in Christ. Our believers children writing the 10th and 12th board exams should be blessed with Godly wisdom and Grace. Rajvender Kaur suffering from skin allergy to be healed by the Grace of God. Karni to receive healing from the Lord for her liver problem.

## **Sangirya: Selvam & Hepsi**

**Praise God for:** Gospel was shared to 30 people in 1 village. Jaswinder Kaur was saved miraculously when a cow tried to attack her with its horns and crush her. Raman Luggard's buffalo gave birth to a calf and is in good health. Sunil of Nagrana village got a job in Petrol bunk. God healed Paramjyot from breathlessness and Parampal from fever.

**Pray for:** The people to be freed from drug addiction even sum of our believers who are still into it. Raju, Dharmendar, Prakash and Rinku's families to be blessed with children. Baldev and Sandeep to build a house. Kulvinder Kaur from back pain and Jothi from prolonged health issues.



**Happy Birthday**

Mrs. Lydia Sutharsan Thomas  
Mrs. Ahoni Hutoi Achumi, Mr. Christian Prakash S.  
Mrs. Jeba Malar Rajan, Mr. Mathiyas Pahadiya

## Uttar Pradesh Kaimganj: Ebenezer G Sam & Jebarani

**Praise God for:** Our believer Urmila was on her delivery way at the same time affected by satanic disturbances. With much prayer she safely delivered a baby boy. Missionaries and Evangelists from Bilhaur, Haseran and Kaimganj fields and few believers from Bilhaur attended the cluster fasting prayer for the Nation. The Lord enabled 2 people who heard the Gospel to become new believers and they confessed their faith upon Jesus Christ. A medical camp was conducted in Ljouri village and the Word of God was shared to a few people. The children in a new village - Lakanpur are memorising scriptures from the New Testament with zeal.

**Pray for:** Ashok a new contact whose legs are paralyzed for the past 3 months to be healed and to come to the worship service. Viswvadaya to be healed of his

kidney stone and Mahesh to be healed from gall bladder stone. Our believers to grow in the Lord during this Lenten season and to give importance to Word of God, Prayer and Fasting. The youth to live a witnessing life. The seekers to confess their faith in Jesus publicly and to accept Him as their personal Saviour.

## Gonda: Om Prakash & Tumpa Chowdary

**Praise God for:** A steady progress of our ministry in Sambhutara, Tilkai, Kukurbhakna and Balna villages through Bible study meets and follow up ministry. Our hostel boy Mohit received complete healing from TB through prayer. In spite of the families opposition, our believer Vidyaram and his family stood firm in Christian faith. The protection the Lord granted to our hostel children from all kinds of sickness and dangers.

**Pray for:** 15 children of Class 10th and 12th from our hostel are writing their Board exams. Our hostel land which is under a court case. Pray that our advocate will be filled with Godly wisdom to handle the case. The new admissions which will happen in March. Archana and Shama to have confinement. The Lord to open more doors for us in our ministry. The hostel children should grow in the fear of the Lord.



Mrs. Hephzibah Jacob Pradeep Kumar  
Mrs. Rajam Paul Sampath  
Mrs. Kanmani Parimalam Rajasingh

## Madhya Pradesh

### Bagli - Udainagar: Wilson & Rashmita

**Praise God for:** 770 new people heard the Gospel in 26 new villages. Followup ministry was done in 10 new villages. Our local volunteers are encouraged by the word in our Wednesday fasting prayers. There is a good possibility to start a ministry in Kantaphod and Kanod villages. We were able to reach 25 villages through the Jeep outreach ministry. A youth camp held at Kamat village was a blessing for the 62 participating youth to be enlightened in God's Word. Rama underwent a successful hip surgery and is slowly walking again. Dinesh has joined us for doing ministry. Jamsingh accepted Christ and has renounced pagan worship.

**Pray for:** Thagadi village congregational prayers are stopped because of the opposition from the village head man. The Lord should

open his heart to the Gospel. A new worship group to be started in Sachiya, Devasia, Jiril, Ghuradiya and Karunavath - Bari villages. The Tempraniya congregation faces many ups and downs in their spiritual journey of faith to remain faithful to the Lord. Archana, Sura, Masi, Rekha, Jegadish to be delivered from evil spirit possession.

### Dabra: Satikant Parichha & Sagarika Pradhan

**Praise God for:** The 5000 books 'Story of Jesus' 300 tracts that were distributed and to sell 50 Gospel packets through Jeep outreach. Outreach ministry was done in the Gwalior Mela. Believers are growing in the Lord through Zoom prayer in the mornings. Amarpura Kheri congregation is developing slowly in Elder system.

**Pray for:** Kitonda, Bhitarwar, Nayagao Simria Dhai and Sultanpur congregations to give first priority in attending Sunday service. The Sultanpur and Nayagao Churches to be repaired. In need to build a Church in Premnagar. The local evangelists to be filled with burden for the perishing souls. For the forthcoming programme in which people will be confessing their faith publicly.



Mr. Basudev Malto  
Mrs. Jeba Theberal Vethamanikam

## Bihar Araria: Jennis & Suganthi Pushpam

**Praise God for:** The healing of Baby Ansu Kumari's eye problem prevailing for 2 years. Geetha Devi received healing from TB and Radha from a poisoning effect through prayers. The Lord met the financial need of Shyam and also provided him with a job. The safe travel mercies provided by God throughout the ministry.

**Pray for:** The ministry at two new villages Pochda and Bimpur, that many souls may be won for the Lord. The salvation of the family members of our believer Lal Babu. Munna Devi a backslidden believer may be restored to faith. The Lord healed him of his sickness, but now he is addicted to alcoholism. Manish and Sigeria to be blessed with children. Santesh and Chandrika

childless for the past 20 years to be blessed with children. Suppan Rishdev to be healed of his TB infection. The believers in Rangdha village must receive the sanctioned money from the Government to build their houses. The Govt has sanctioned money to Pintu, Dhukni and Butheshri to build their houses, but they have received only a partial amount. The children in Ararai field to receive good education as there is lack of good government schools.

## Raniganj: Dharmendra Paricha & Madhusmita

**Praise God for:** 2 new villages Khaji and Chitrakut were reached with the Word of God. Madan Risdev publically confessed his faith on Christ and was added to the fold of believers. A new contact Puja devi regularly attending our Sunday worship service. Subash received healing from a leg injury.

**Pray for:** The new believers to grow in faith and Christian maturity. Kundan Kumar suffering from a mental issue to receive healing from the Lord. Our believer Muria Devi to receive comfort over the loss of her father. Kunkun Kumar suffering from an eye problem to receive healing.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Kingsly Issac Johnson M.

Mrs. Amutha Kumar Paul

Mr. Srinivasan J., Mr. Densingh R.

Mr. Astaban Aditya Kumar Limma

## Jharkhand

### Barharwa: Krishan Kumar & Shanthi Lal

**Praise God for:** 5 people who attended the Sunday Service for the first time. 5 new seekers accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. A night conference call prayer has been initiated through the efforts of Jeyaprakash Saha, a believer. Jesus film was screened in 2 villages without any opposition and 210 people heard the Gospel. Our believer Karun, donated a wooden pulpit for our Church. In Jampur village, our believers have started a prayer meet.

**Pray for:** Rahel to be healed of cancer, Dularidevi from diabetes and Mithi a 5 year old from the hole in her heart. Barsha to be released from demonic attack. Parwati and Nisha who face persecution from their families for their faith on the Lord Jesus to get the freedom to worship. Nisha has left her two daughters with their father and ran away from her

home fearing abuse. Our believer's sister's son Chandan who is falsely accused in a murder case and in jail should receive bail. His mother also fears arrest. Our believers should grow in their spiritual faith.

### Damni:

### John Paul & Vimala Daisy

**Praise God for:** 106 new people heard the Gospel and cottage prayers were conducted in 66 houses. The Church Elders family gathering for 3 days in the Dumka field was a great blessing and many elders actively participated with their families. The healing received by Mariam Malto, Vimola Malto, Anand Malto, Precilla Malto and Pathras Malto of Dahubeda pastorate from various sickness. The repentance of Jonathan Malto a Church believer who once was backslidden, but now restored back to faith. Our elder Jaleshwar Malto after participating in the Elder's conference is actively involved in soul winning.

**Pray for:** The Lord to provide rain as there is a severe scarcity of water in the surrounding villages, because of insufficient monsoon rains. The spiritual growth of the new believers in Kirukudia village. Bablu Malto who has shown interest in the Gospel, to receive Jesus into his life. The spiritual blessings of the Believers camp which was conducted in the Danhati village must bear fruits in Badaria, Damni, Keirajodi and Damru villages.



Mr. Prabakara Sarathy, Mr. Babu P.  
Mrs. Mary Johns Rani Benhur M.

### **Chottagaghri: B. Sudhaharan & Florence Sudhaharan**

**Praise God for:** 2 Batches of evangelists from Dumka region and 2nd batch of Church elders were trained. House visiting was done in Rohda village. Confirmation classes were conducted in Batitola and Beldiha fields. The fourth edition of the Santali song book was dedicated by the Tirunelveli Bishop Rt. Rev. ARGST Barnabas, during the 3 days mela conducted in Tilpita village. The Kanai Church was dedicated for the glory of God.

**Pray for:** The male believers to guard their faith during the migration to other states for work; and for the protection of the women and children who remain in their homes. The upcoming adult literacy program must be useful and in need of an animator (adult literacy teachers) to teach the believers. Binai Marandi and Santi Hasdak to be blessed with children.

### **West Bengal Balurghat: Haramohan & Susama**

**Praise God for:** 450 new people were reached in 10 new villages. The Lord enabled one person to be added to the fold of believers. An elderly lady from Basnai village publically confessed her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ in response to her children's prayer. Sapan, Dilip's family, and Sukul Soren have shown interest in the Gospel.

**Pray for:** Ministry in the villages adjoining the international border. The salvation of the families of Bajan, Rabin, Manila, Sujit, Suniram, Bisunath, Kook Soren, Hasdah, Rabin, Manilla, Dearna, Rabin Kisku, Rabi, Bajan and many others who are prepared well in faith. The Lord should provide healing to Lumini from a persistent headache, Sita from a gynaecology problem and Mayo from arthritis. The Church construction at Haripur to be completed and dedicated for worship service. Elias who met with an accident to recover well. The Munsipur congregation believers must grow in Christian discipline. Mangal Marandi family to be regular in attending the Church.



APRIL  
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Tuesday

Happy Birthday

Mr. Ruban Samuel J.

Mrs. Lissy Vavachan

Mrs. Priscillal Ramesh Velraj

Mrs. Geetanjali Nayak

Mr. John Davidson Selvaraj

## Asom Majuli: Bhagirathi Bisoyi & Lalmani Bisoyi

**Praise God for:** Gospel was shared in 4 villages where opposition is prevalent. Children programme was started in a new village called Misamara. Night meetings, fasting prayers, visiting new people in their houses, and soul winning programmes were done.

**Pray for:** Lord to make the forth coming meetings like women's meet, believers gathering, outreach ministry and night meeting a fruitful one. The villages that heard the Gospel must accept the Lord. Jumka Dole is to be healed of a gynecological problem.

**Jonai:**

**Sunil Singh & Joy Bella**

**Praise God for:** The lent season 40 Days prayers were conducted in 5 places. 1 person was added to the flock of Jesus. Gospel was shared in 3 villages through night meetings. Got 1 new contact. 1 new prayer cell has been started.

**Pray for:** New congregation to start in Paddl, Sille, Rigbi, Jelam and Sirung. God to heal Sivanad Kutum from mental illness, Luteswar Patir from stroke and Bijoy Sintey from TB. Oipuli Doley to accept the Lord and all her family issues to get solved. The believers to stay strong in the Lord amidst the oppositions.

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### The prayer that detoxified!!

Jamkuben and her husband Madanbhai from Jhalod field in Gujarat had migrated to Baru village and are involved in construction work. Chandubai who was also working with them had a snake bite one day. Our believers immediately shared the Gospel and prayed for him. He was totally healed and all the people saw this miracle and were amazed. Hallelujah!

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**Happy Birthday**

Mr. Mainraj I.  
Mrs. Swarnalatha Sanjeeb Andrap

**Gujarat**

**Bhavnagar: Akilesh Kumar & Kiran Devi**

**Praise God for:** 80 new people were reached with the Word of God. 3 new families have come to the fold of Christ. 21 New Testaments were distributed. The Lord delivered Minaben from an evil spirit possession. The Lord enabled us to start a night meeting in Hadanagar where 10 new people have started to attend. Pray that the Lord may lead them towards salvation. We have started a new children's meet in Kobadi village where 10 kids are attending. A Sunday service is also started in this village with a congregation of 12 members.

**Pray for:** Suhani an 8 year old girl lost her speech capacity and despite treatment is unable to speak. Pray the Lord should heal her. Vijay, the house owner is not allowing us to conduct the Sunday worship service in the house, to have a change of heart and relent to us. Ganesh and

Rasilaben to come back regularly to the Church worship service. The Lord should heal Abishek who has some lumps on his head. Shivani a little girl lost her vision due to an injury in her right eye to have her vision restored.

**Mosda:  
Paulraj & Koil Pushpam**

**Praise God for:** 480 new people have listened to the Gospel. Gospel was proclaimed in 4 new villages. Anithaben's son Keerthana was healed from fracture in hand. Worship is being conducted in Navagham as the family of Gajendrabhai has put their faith on the Lord Jesus. The doctor was able to do surgery to Sivas, a college student who had pain in his private parts at the right time. Maniben of Jargham village was healed of her body pain and stomach upset.

**Pray for:** Worship service to be started in Dopnapippar village. Govindbhai of Sheeshkutta to attend the worship. Kishanbhai, a teacher working in Jhimbapani village who is hindering God's ministry to repent of his actions. Manishbhai and Dineshbhai families in Gundhi village to accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour. The students appearing for their board exams to come out with flying colours. The forth coming programmes to bear fruit in the lives of the participants.



Mrs. Shantha Vinayaraj  
Mr. Jahar Sai Panna

### **Jhalod: Kumar Paul & Amutha**

**Praise God for:** Gospel was shared to 168 persons. 2 New Testaments and 13 Bibles were distributed. Ashish who was unable to speak has started to utter few through prayer. Susilaben has been blessed with a fruit of the womb after several years through prayer. Rahulbai who had some block in his throat and was unable to speak has gained his speech ability.

**Pray for:** The Lakanpur Church construction that has been stopped to be resumed. Santhubhai to be healed from mental illness. God to heal Vikram a new believer who has swelling and burning all over his leg. Payal Ben, Manisha Ben, Thaksa Ben to be blessed with children.

### **Umargam: Asir Moses & Amirtha Golda**

**Praise God for:** God's Word has been shared to 280 persons. 18 New Testaments and 5 Bibles were distributed. Gospel was shared in Bormal, Borav, Thalavada, Ckkalvada and Patel Pada villages. Bible study and follow up ministries were done in Kantoy, Manda and Suketpada villages.

**Pray for:** Many to attend the night meeting. Wife Asha Ben and her two children to be comforted over the death of Kissan Bhai. Cysts in Sarasvathy's neck and Sanjanna's stomach to be healed and to disappear.

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### **In the Name of Jesus!!**

Mr. Pawan from Tapukara field in Rajasthan fell down from upstairs and was bed ridden for about 5 years. He took a lot of treatment but there was no improvement. He was brought for prayer and our believers prayed for him earnestly and he was healed miraculously. Now he is able to walk and do things by himself. Glory be to God.

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**Happy Birthday**

Mr. Arul Mony R., Mr. Thyagarajan P.  
Mr. Aravindh Kumar M.

**Dadra & Nagar  
Haveli (U.T.)**

**Randha Home:**

**Markus Malto & Sara Malto,  
Chandrika Ben and Manisha Lakra**

**Praise God for:** Enabling us to regularly conduct the daily devotions and Sunday school groups for our hostel children. The youth fasting prayer which is conducted every Wednesday is a blessing. The Lord healed the 40 children who suffered from a contagious chicken pox infection. A few children affected by scabies have now recovered. The children grow spiritually through the ministry done in the hostel. Mary, a missionary ministered to the girls of the Randha home which was very effective.

**Pray for:** Our hostel to have sufficient water resources during the dry summer months. The 10th and 12th students who are writing their board exams in this month to write well. God to grant the wisdom to study the hard subjects for some students who are weak in their studies. Our 10th std

student Ronak suffering from a mental sickness to be healed completely. Our hostel should be able to get NOC Certificate for electrical wiring and another NOC for fire safety so that we may get permission from the government to build another building.

**Silvassa:  
Davidson Rajasingh &  
Kanmani Parimalam**

**Praise God for:** Gospel was proclaimed to 358 persons. 2 persons have come under the Lordship of Christ Jesus. 240 youth were spiritually edified in the Youth meetings conducted in Bontha and Athal. Janthibhai family has started participating in Atholibari worship services in answer to prayers. Chikli Church was dedicated for the glory of God. God honored the prayers and delivered Sangeethaben of Rudhana field from demon possession. Varshaben and Poonamben (after 5 years) were blessed with children and Sarithaben who was mentally disturbed for 3 months got delivered.

**Pray for:** Parvathiben's struggle due to the powers of darkness to end, Saganbhai who got addicted to drinking after his wife's death to be delivered. The 1000 hours prayers to be conducted in all the 44 Churches in the form of 24 hours prayer. For an open door in the village of Talaaval for the Gospel. Vasanthbhai of Kajkav village who is unable to walk for the past 8 years to be able to walk, Shankarbhai's cyst in the stomach to be healed. Maniben to be healed of paralysis and Gangaben's fatty liver to be healed.



Mr. David Nicholson  
Mrs. Jeba Rose Vijayan  
Mrs. Bidu Kanti Lima Sridhar Mopideni  
Mrs. Hatneikim Letkhulon Baite

## **Khanel: Arul Aseer & Suguna L**

**Praise God for:** A 12 year old boy Yash received healing from a vomiting issue which he suffered for 4 years, in response to prayers. Dashna received healing from an eye problem. Girri Ben suffering from bout of amnesia is faring better now with prayers. The families of Manjula and Simon who were fighting with each other, have reconciled through counselling and prayers. Rashiben is healed from kidney stone problem.

**Pray for:** Anil to receive healing in his hand affected by paralysis. Prajoshan an eight year old girl suffering from kidney stone and cyst in her stomach to be healed. Ashish suffering from a nerve problem must be able to walk. Shajnjana a new believer who has remained childless for the past 8 years to be blessed with children. The wife and children of Vijay who died of Cancer recently

to find comfort in the Lord, and their needs to be met.

## **Maharashtra**

### **Mandana: Praveen & Mounika**

**Praise God for:** 2 persons have come to the saving grace of our Lord. 2 villages were met with the Gospel. 130 persons heard the Word of God. 30 New Testaments and 4 Bibles were distributed. 30 persons watched the Jesus film screened. Through Bajan programme 8 persons heard the Good News. Outreach programmes were conducted in 2 villages. Survey has been done in Pati and Bokrata areas to start 2 other mission fields.

**Pray for:** Nathi Bai to be healed of paralytic attack. Alkesh's eye problem is to be healed, and Piyu, a 3-year-old baby, is to be able to talk.

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### **Opposer's prayer answered!!**

Raju of Jaito field in Punjab was opposing our ministry in and suddenly he became very sick and his liver was damaged. The doctors gave up all hope on him. He finally realized his mistakes and requested our missionaries to conduct satsung and to pray for him. After the prayer he was totally healed. Glory be to God.

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### **Molgi: Bharanitharan & Selvarani**

**Praise God for:** 900 persons have heard the Gospel. 1 person was added to the flock of Jesus. Film ministries were done in Jamana, Mattiyabari and Athrai. Ladies meets were conducted in 9 places and women prayer cells are going on regularly in 13 places. Durga Bhai was protected during her travel by the local jeep. Dhegel Church was dedicated for the glory of God. Women leaders could have 12 hours chain of prayer for 40 days.

**Pray for:** The persons who are ready to confess their faith in the Lord to be bold enough to do so. Sega Dhadha and Sorila who are the Devmogra worshipers must accept Christ. Nathiya Baba must be healed from paralysis, Nonthabhai from blindness and Isha from leprosy.

### **Mukhada: M. Shankar & Anandhi**

**Praise God for:** Word of God was preached to 75 persons. 10 New Testaments and 6 Bibles were distributed. Follow up ministry was done in Moranda, Job, Bokrati, Kelghar and Palsunda villages. 5 new families attended the worship service. Manju and Sevanthi were delivered from demon possession. Monica who was bedridden for 6 months was out of the bed within two days of prayer.

**Pray for:** Worship centres are to be established in Kodala, Nilmathi, Berasta, Asha and Trimbak villages where the Gospel was preached and many have become believers. Seekers from Dolar, Adosi and Botosi villages need to confess their faith publicly. The believers to be strong in faith amidst of sever opposition. The CDC Children to be developed in all sorts of skills and talents; senior students to commit their life to serve the lord in the future. Viky, Vishvas, Deepak and Reshma are preparing to write the 10th standard board exam they should be filled with God's wisdom.



Mr. Johnson Tamil Selvan  
Mrs. Susan Thomas Matthew  
Mr. Sau Bhuiyana

### **Vadfully: Bidyut Kumar & Habel Hembrom**

**Praise God for:** 4 persons were added to the flock of Jesus. 160 have the Word of God. Mass outreach ministry was done in 3 villages. 11 new houses were visited. Manibini village it lies on the bank of river Narmada, it has no proper road, electricity facilities, but the people are showing good response among these people.

**Pray for:** Kishan who has backslidden to resume back to the faith. Janthi village lost 23 people to suicide within 3 years; Gospel to reach this village through Mahendra a new contact there. God must heal Sumitra from mental disorder and deliver Champa from demon possession. Those who have migrated to other states must grow in the lord and live a witnessing life.

### **Akkalkuwa: Jagmohan Singh & Swathi**

**Praise God for:** 39 new people were reached in 6 new villages. We were able to conduct a FCC meeting, a believers training and 3 ladies meet. A VBS training was done in our field. Swathi attended the training with 4 believer girls from the Akkalkuwa field. Patipada Church with its believers has returned to the fold of FMPB. The Lord provided Rohita and Sunil to help the ministry as volunteers. Hanja and Jermya who were suffering from asthma are healed by prayers.

**Pray for:** Narsi, Amar, Rama and Genti to be healed from paralysis. Karam and Ditu should receive healing from piles. Gulab singh who is suffering from stomach pain for over a year to receive healing from the Lord. The Lord to help the believers who are prepared to publically confess their faith without fear or any hindrance. Gagooly a young girl and the only believer in her family is facing opposition within her family. The Lord to provide us teachers to teach in our Sunday schools. The mass outreach planned in the upcoming months should be fruitful.



Mr. Benjamin B., Mr. Prodip Mushahary  
Mrs. Jeba Jothi Pualraj, Mrs. Emi Backya  
Mrs. Madhu Kala Rameshwar Nirmal

## Boradi: Om Prakash & Sapna

**Praise God for:** 1161 new people were reached in 7 new villages with the Word of God. Outreach ministry was done in Higavani, Durbidiya, Duhani, Gavada, Sajagarpada, Nimijir and Jaliyamber villages and 68 people have accepted the Lord as their personal Saviour. Bhajan programmes were conducted in 3 villages and 258 people participated and heard the Word of God. Believers meet was conducted at Dapasiya and Kodida villages and 95 people participated and were blessed. 450 people viewed the Jesus film in 4 villages and heard the Good News of Jesus Christ. Asha was blessed with a second baby after 5 years of waiting in prayer. Children camps were conducted at Budaki Vihir, Navagaov and Boradi villages where around 98 children participated.

**Pray for:** Ravan to receive healing from Piles which he is suffering for 2 years. Radhasingh who is suffering from leprosy to be healed. Bati to be healed of her uterus tumour. Arati to receive healing from gynaecological problem from which she is suffering for the past 4 years. Sonia to safely deliver a baby who had a miscarriage in the past. Sapna to receive healing from a mental disorder and Ranu suffering from paralysis to be healed. Janadu to be delivered from evil spirit possession. The Temba village Sarpanch to affix his signature for sanctioning the Budaki Vihir Church building. The need to construct a compound wall for the Kodida Church.

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### Bear bound by prayer!!

Uttam Singh from Shuru village in Rampur, Himachal used to guard his apple farm and took care of his goats and sheep in the jungle. One day a bear came to his farm and he could not call anyone for help. In that situation he just whispered, "Lord save me from this bear, let it not touch and harm me" as soon as he finished saying that, the bear literally turned and left from the place. Glory be to God

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Mrs. Kanakanesam Chelladurai  
Mr. Pon Augustin E., Mr. Sivakumar C.  
Mrs. Gayathri C.

## Surgana: Vijaibabu & Devakirubai

**Praise God for:** 500 new people heard the Gospel in 4 new villages. Follow up ministry was done in 40 villages. Kaliben received healing from a leg injury when she heard the Gospel through a believer who prayed for her. She is now attending the night prayer meetings at our believer's house. God protected Bhasker from a possible tiger attack when the tiger pounced on his goat kept inside his house. Vanitha received healing from a gynaecological issue. The Lord healed Vattal from a mental issue, Kulshen from a mental sickness, Babulu from paralysis and Bhaji from a urinary infection with payers.

**Pray for:** The believers of Ghundundai village have all backslidden from their faith. They must be spiritually restored. Number of believers to increase in Jamunapada, Pulukpada and Hatgad villages, there is only one believer. In Ajmer village, new families are coming to our congregation despite threats from other villagers; the opposition to subside. In Kavinpada village, the people refused to accept Christ or

hear His word. Suresh and Mathaben who remain childless for 5 years to be blessed with a baby. Umeshbai undergoing treatment for Cancer must receive healing. The Lord has given us open doors in Palson and Abhona areas. Our believers who migrate to other places for 3 months, to remain steadfast in their faith. The ministry to be established in Kalwan and Dindori areas. The Borigavatta Church construction work to progress well.

## Dhadugham: K. Ramesh Babu & Himabindu

**Praise God for:** 769 persons heard the Gospel for the first time. 15 believers were added to His flock. 10 Bibles were distributed. Vetalibhai's husband who was opposing her faith has now started to believe in the Lord when his wife prayed for his tooth ache and was healed. Romabai and Karamsingh were delivered from demon possession when the congregation prayed for them.

**Pray for:** The people in this field are in fear of dead people's spirits; they are under the bondage of liquor, adultery, tobacco etc. Damani Bhai who has begun to put her trust in Jesus is suffering with a kind of burning sensation all over her body and difficulty in moving her arms to be healed. Doctors have given up hope for Atti who has a tumor in his private parts; God to do a miracle in his life. The Church construction that is going on in Hajorkordi and Kadkhyia to get completed without any hurdles and to be dedicated soon. Dhanapatel who opposes the Gospel to be touched by the love of Christ.



Mr. Asir Moses Thiyagaraj S.  
Mrs. Jyothimani Manoj  
Mrs. Idiginala Mounika Praveen

## Karnataka

### Khanapur: Vinayaraj M & Shantha

**Praise God for:** The regular conduct of our night meetings and cottage prayer meetings which prove as a major encouragement to our believers. We were able to conduct our local Church samiti meeting.

**Pray for:** The Khanagpur congregation to grow more indigenously. Keerti and Kritika, daughters of our believer are suffering from paralysis to receive healing from the Lord. Their parents should find strength to bear this suffering and take care of the children. Basavraj's father to be healed of sores in his body due to an infection. The elders of the Nandagoda congregation must lead their Church in a disciplined way in the Word of God. Santhaan who is addicted to alcoholism to be delivered and to live peacefully with his family.

### Gajendragada: Manjya Naik & Ratna

**Praise God for:** 270 persons who have heard the Gospel for the first time. 3 persons were added to the flock of Jesus. 25 New Testaments and 5 Bibles were distributed. 1 new congregation has been formed in Kustagi. Follow up ministry was done in 35 places. Prayer cell was conducted in 6 places. Mahanesh was blessed with government job and Basamma as a teacher.

**Pray for:** Kustagi Church construction to be completed soon. Ramesh to be delivered from alcohol addiction. Mallappa's land dispute to be solved. The forth coming ministry to be fruitful.

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### Nothing is too difficult for Him!!

Munna Kumar's wife from Lehra Mohabat village in Bathinda Punjab field was suffering from AIDS and she was 7 months pregnant. One day they heard the Gospel through outreach ministry and started attending the church. She gave birth to a boy baby and without even a symptom of AIDS both were healed. Glory be to God.

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## **Mudgod / Shiggaon: Sunilkumar & Sangita**

**Praise God for:** 100 persons have heard the Gospel. 1 person was added to His fold. 12 New Testaments and 7 Bibles were distributed. Morning 5 to 6 am prayers everyday and every Friday evening 6 to 8 pm prayers were included in the 1000 hours prayers. 2 new families are attending the Sunday service. God helped Kamalaka's husband to get promotion as Sub-Inspector in the same station through prayer. Ashvini and Savitri are ready to confess their faith in the Lord.

**Pray for:** The believers in Balabeeda village to stay strong even during the opposition. The case on our local evangelist Santhosh to be withdrawn. Narayana the one who gives full support to the local evangelist Santhosh to get bail to be blessed with children. The Sunday service that has been stopped due to opposition to be resumed back. Shanta had a normal delivery

but after a month she has some infection that has to heal. Those who are newly attending the Sunday service to experience salvation and to confess it openly.

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## **Almighty God!!**

Sunilbai from Surat, Gujarat is a rich and was a strong non believer. His family suffered from the power of witchcraft. His wife could not walk for 6 months due to the witchcraft against their family for nearly 5 years. Our missionary met him and talked to him. Sunilbai shared all the problems that he went through and he invited him to pray. After prayer, his wife was delivered and now she is able to walk. Both Sunilbai and his wife are attending the worship service. Praise be to God!

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## **Firm in faith!!**

Mr. Sunilchauhan and Neelabai Lamani from Uppula village in Hubli are our new believers and because of their faith they village people started opposing them and stopped them from going to the Church. They also did witchcraft against them and they suffered a lot. But they were firm in their faith because of the fervent prayer for them. As a result the villagers stopped opposing them and allowed them to attend the services.



Mrs. Sheeba G. Chandra Srinivasan  
Mrs. Selva Merina Manasseh Daniel  
Mrs. Lamneiting Touthang

## Andhra Pradesh

### Dhamalacheruvu: John David Raj & Gnanasekari

**Praise God for:** An Elders training camp which was conducted was a spiritual blessing. 2 ladies publicly confessed their faith. Madhuraveni after being delivered from an evil spirit possession by prayers testified in the Church service. Now her family has also shown faith in Jesus Christ. Manjula is also delivered from demonic attacks. Our believer Samuel who suffered severe burn injuries must heal well after treatment in CMC. God heard our prayers for Subramani who was threatening the believers to stop the worship at Jogivaripalli Church . The issues were resolved and the Church worship is continuing. The Lord saved Dhanamal from a fire accident in her jaggery distilling work. 3 new villages heard the Gospel.

**Pray for:** Narasingappa persecuted the believers of Perumalpalli village. His wife who is suffering from a tumour should receive healing, so

that the Holy Spirit can bring a change of heart to Narasingappa. Our believer in Pulwandlapalli village has backslidden from his faith because of persecution, and is struggling with evil attacks, to be restored to faith. Beulah is being persecuted in her own village for her Christian faith, for her to stand strong in Christ. 12 who are prepared to confess their faith publicly in Christ to be bold. Our believers to find the right Christian life partners. Alcoholism and evil spirit possession are the two main bondages which plague many people who need deliverance.

### Madanapalle: Crescens & Sasikala

**Praise God for:** Gospel was preached in a new area called Tekulapalayam. 5 believer's night meetings, 3 outreach programmes and 3 follow up ministries were done. Maduraveni was delivered from demon possession and fits. Shivani was healed from her sickness and her husband has given up the idea of divorcing her. Malikarjun who tore the tracts that was given to him has invited the missionaries to his house for prayer.

**Pray for:** Gospel was shared with Yellamma Das, the leader of Kaivaram Bajan Gang. Sarika to receive the healing from skin allergy and wounds all over her body. For the up coming programs like Seekers camps, Gospel village programs, believers training programs etc to be fruitful.



Mrs. Nagomi Matthew Jebaraj  
Mr. Yesu Babu A., Mr. Niranjan Pal L.

### **Penukonda: Desai Dhilipbhai & Randhe Laxmiben**

**Praise God for:** 530 persons have heard the Word of God. 1 person was added to the fold of Jesus. 5 New Testaments were distributed. Youth training program was conducted in Kodikonda Church. Morning Prayer at 5 am is going on through conference prayer. Outreach programs were conducted in Gonipenta and Makkajipalli. Aruna was blessed with a child after the death of her first born.

**Pray for:** Somesekar and Anjinamma's Gon to taste the love of God, because they oppose the Gospel. Obulesh to get healing from breathing trouble. Nandini, Rahelamma and Mariamma to be blessed with children. Lalithamma's husband to be deliverererd from alcoholism and not to oppose his wife who attends the Church services.

### **Tamil Nadu Tiruvallur: Paul Anandhan & Sarah Jothi**

**Praise God for:** The persons who

joined in the worship services in Gopalpuram and Kakka Kandigai. Kanthammal, Usha, Sangeetha of Krishnapuram and Esther from Muthukondapuram are grwoing in the Lord. Dhankshnamurthy and Kamala were blessed with good harvest in their fields.

**Pray for:** Vishalatchi, Gayathri, and Vandhana's future prospects who have lost their parents. The bereaved family members of Kanchana who has lost her husband in Venugopalapuram and God to take care of the future of the children. Rajendran of Krishnapuram whose leg is injured in an accident to be healed. The Muthukondapuram village people to be delivered from poverty, ignorance, superstititious beliefs and alchoholic addictions.

### **Mecheri: R R Dharmaraj & Mariaselvi**

**Praise God for:** 30 persons heard the Gospel for the first time. The missionaries were protected the missionaries from those who opposed the Gospel. Kannanpan was healed from breathing difficulty.

**Pray for:** Gowthaman a young person with stunted mental growth to be healed and the whole family to accept the Lord. Many from Kukalpatti village have to attend the prayer that is being conducted in Sankaralingam's house. Kannayan to get healing from heart ailments and from paralysis. Chinaraj and Krishnan families to be touched by the love of Christ.



**Mr. Pushparaj &  
Mrs. Jyoti Nirmalabai  
Family**

Bro. Pushparaj was born in Itagaveli, a small village in Kulasekaram area of Kanyakumari district in the southern part of India, on 05.05.1977 as the 2nd son to the couple Mr. Ramayian & Mrs. Laisammal. Due to the financial crisis in his family during his childhood, he was brought up in the arms of his beloved grandmother and aunt in a town called Malavilai, in the Christian faith by the teaching of the Pentecostal Church there. Completing his schooling, he moved to Dharavi, Mumbai due to family circumstances and became involved with FMPB friends there. God touched him in the Gideonites camp in Chembur through the message delivered by Mr. Kingsley Arunodayakumar. Then he worked abroad in places like Maldives and Kuwait. During one of his travels the air craft had technical issues in mid-air en route to Kuwait. On the brink of death, he called out to God and dedicated his life to Jesus. Returning to India, he participated in the state Annual Camp in 2008 and devoted his life to do missionary work. On June 2008 he was sent for one year in missionary training at Jhansi, UP. On April 29, 2009, he married Ms. Jyoti Nirmalabai who was working at Jhawda School in Gujarat.

Sis. Jyoti Nirmalabai was born on 01.07.1981 as the 5th daughter to Mr. Rajaiyan & Mrs. Tamari at Kanyakumari District. They were members of FMPB prayer group from Swamyarmadam, Pilavlai. From childhood she was brought up in Christian discipline. Her father gained ministerial influence through FMPB's outreach work done in Churches. Sis. Jyothi Nirmalabai accompanied her father on a mission trip, saw the medical needs of the Malto people and dedicated herself in her 4th grade to become a doctor and serve. In her youth she forgot her calling and went far away from God. As she did not get a place in the medical field, she pursued B.A. (Eng) at WCC in Nagercoil. Out of frustration, she attended the FMPB Youth Conference in August 1998, in which she re-dedicated her life to God's ministry. She completed her B. Ed. in 2001. After joining FMPB in June 2002, she underwent a one-year missionary training in Jhansi, UP and joined in Jhawda School on 17 Apr 2003. In August 2005, she was elevated to the position of headmistress of the school due to the need for the school to obtain the government's recognition. In 2009 after her marriage, the family resumed their ministry in Jhansi. From 2010-2012 they took charge of the LTI of Pipalwada and continued their ministry in the school too. In 2012, she also pursued her master's degree. Then from 2012 to 2015 they were ministering at Netrang Hostel. They were placed at Jhawda School from June 2015. She worked as the Headmistress of the school and he took care of the boy's hostel. Currently they are serving among the Choudhury and Gamit people group in Choramba field from June 2022.

Their sons, Giftson J. Raj (D.O.B. 02.04.2010) is in Class 8 and Kristen J. Raj (D.O.B. 06.08.2013) is in class 4 in Santosa Vidyalaya, Dohnavur. Let's keep this family in our prayers.

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