

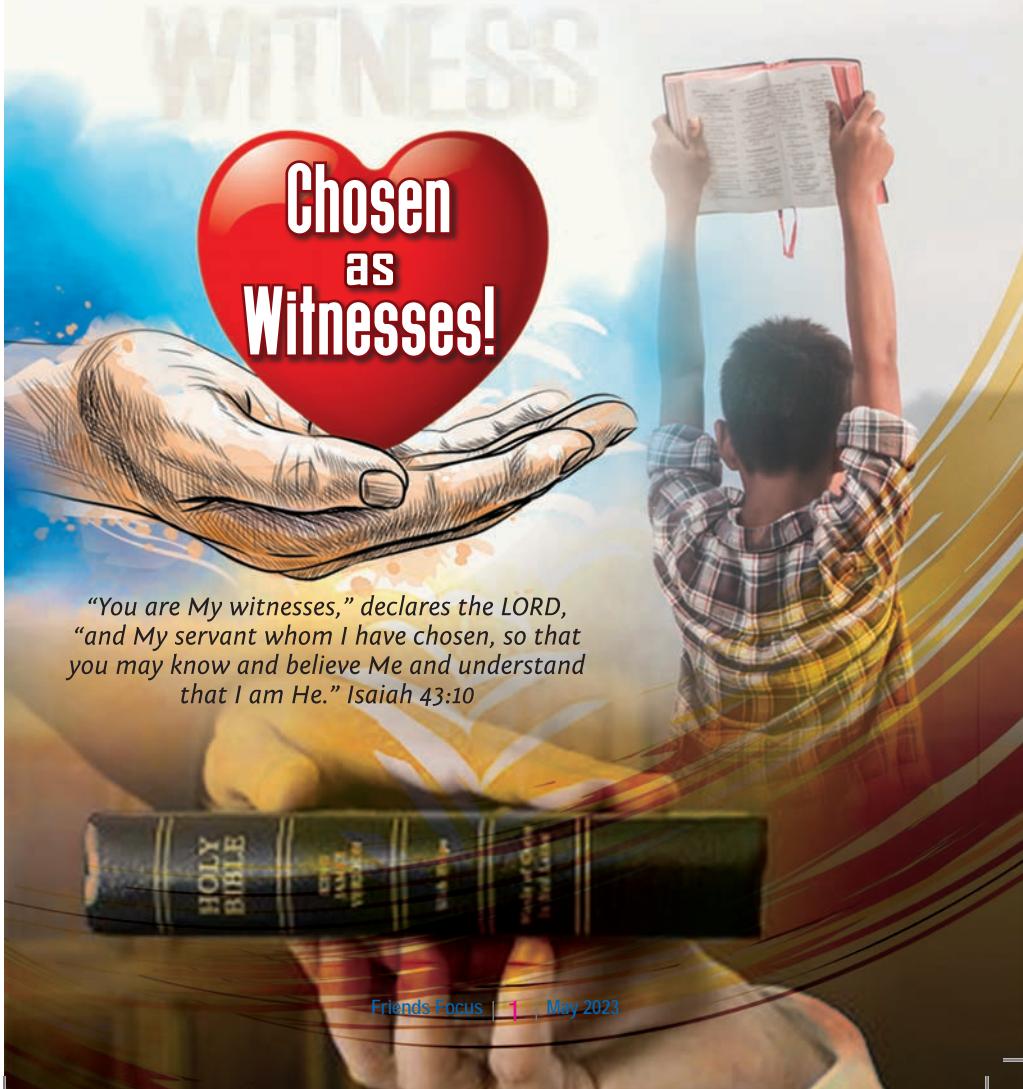


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as  
Witnesses!**

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you may know and believe Me and understand  
that I am He." Isaiah 43:10*

# CHOSEN AS WITNESSES

# Frontline...

**T**he core message is based on Isaiah 43, centered on this year's theme - "I have chosen you - Haggai 2:23". Isaiah 43:10 says "You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am He." This verse answers essential questions such as - who are chosen as witnesses? Why are they chosen? And what are their responsibilities? The apostles Peter and John, who had lived, understood and known our Lord Jesus Christ, while witnessing for Christ in Acts 4:20 said, "For we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard". Similarly, God expects His children, who have accepted him as their personal saviour, to be a witness for Him through our words and deeds. But, the Jewish converts (people of The Way) who were scattered amongst the Gentiles after the death of Stephen, didn't proclaim the gospel to them, thus failing to accomplish God's plan of witnessing to the Gentiles (Acts 1:8). Despite this, God chose Barnabas, a man full of Holy Spirit, faith and one who had a good testimony among the people, to lead many people to Christ (Acts 11:24). This witnessing life of Barnabas was a lesson to the people in Antioch of that day and even for the Christians of today.

More than being a witness for God, He also brought back Paul from Tarsus and took him as his co-worker for Christ (Acts 11:25). Likewise, we must make our families, people around us live a witnessing life for God. Barnabas' life in Antioch, set an example of a faithful living for Christ, thus paving a way for God to execute His plans in Antioch. This made the disciples in Antioch to be called as "Christians" (the Greek word *Christianos* means a follower of Christ). The Christians of that period demonstrated the nature and attributes of Christ to others by their faithful living, which made many people come into God's fold. So, the committed life of one man Barnabas transformed many souls in Antioch. A similar transformation can happen in our families, Churches and in our country when an individual exhibits Christ's nature in his living. Let us thus examine and consider the current state of our life. We have been chosen by God to live a faithful life, which begins from our house, extends to our workplace, Churches, society, nation, and ultimately to the world (Acts 1:8). We have only one life, which passes quickly. So let us live a committed life which God expects us to live, by reflecting Christ in our daily life. We have been chosen for this very purpose. Let us grasp this and be a witness for Christ in this world. Let us all live a life that displays Jesus to others, and be a salt, a sweet-smelling aroma, a living sacrifice, and a light that shines in the dark. May God help us achieve that!

- Mercy Selwyn (*Communication Department*)

**"You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what My Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Luke 24:48-49**

**The real problem of Christianity is not atheism or skepticism, but the non-witnessing Christian trying to smuggle his own soul into heaven - James S. Steward**

**"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8**

**Testimony is not a synonym for autobiography! When we are truly witnessing, we are not talking about ourselves but about Christ.**

**- John R. W. Stott**

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# From the General Secretary...

Dear partners in the mission of reaching the un-reached Indians,

Greetings to you all in the everlasting Name of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ!

May first is the International workers' day or Labour Day. It is known for labor rights and an eight hour work- day in the United States. May Day is celebrated to remember the contribution and sacrifice of the workers to the society. The day's importance dates back to the times when workers in the United States started protesting against draconian labour laws, workers' rights violations, poor working conditions, and dreadful working hours. May Day is synonymous to workers' struggles and the subsequent empowerment in the late 19th century. For the first time, May Day was celebrated in India in the year 1923 in Chennai, the capital city of Tamil Nadu. As we remember the contribution of the workers to the society, let us also remember the workers serving in the Lord's vineyard. And not forget to pray to the Lord of harvest everyday to send more laborers into the vineyard of India to reach her with the Gospel. Matthew 9:37 & 38 says, 'Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.

## Beginning of The New Financial Year

God has been very gracious and faithful to meet all our needs in the financial year of 2022 - 2023. From the depth



of my heart, I thank and appreciate all the Mobilization missionaries, Honorary Secretaries, prayer group leaders and the members who worked with passion and dedication to almost reaching the target set with prayer. Your involvement in FMPB is a great encouraging factor in God's ministry. As we have stepped into a new financial year, may the Lord work through you to take the vision of reaching this nation for the Lord to every Christian in our nation.

## Orientation for the Newly Selected Missionaries

The 17 missionaries selected in the last interview have gone for the mission field exposure after the completion of one month mobilization exposure and 5 days of orientation in HQ and a vision trip to Periamalai which is our first mission field. Please pray that all the 17 missionaries may be strengthened by the Lord and be equipped for the challenges ahead.

## NIM Graduation

On 25th of March, 5 missionaries were graduated after a training period of 10 months. They have gone to their allotted mission stations. Your prayers are very much needed for them.

## With the Lord in His Kingdom!

Rev. Victor Murugesan Annan went to

be with His Master on 24th March 2023 at the age of 71. He had pioneered the Lord's ministry in few people groups in the western part of the country. Annan served the Lord faithfully in different responsibilities given to him in FMPB. A life well spent in God's service.

Mr. Blumen Rajan Satya, the Son in law of our missionary Mr. Nathaniel Edward went to be with the Lord in an early age of 33 after battling with leukaemia for some months. Please pray for the family of Mr. Nathaniel and especially for the bereaving wife Ms. Sandra Jean.

### Kakinada meetings

April 1st to 3rd I visited some interior villages of Andhra and also preached God's word in Kakinada at Pastor Benny's Church, which supports our ministry through their prayer and finance. This visit once again reminded me the urgency and importance of taking the Gospel to the vast untouched areas of our nation.

### Divisional Heads Prayer and Meeting

I had 2 days prayer and 2 days planning in Bengaluru with the Divisional Heads of FMPB.

### Entrusted Camp - Youth Meeting, Chennai

A meeting for the young people who love the Lord and have committed for His service was organized in Sholinganallur, Chennai. 140 selected young people attended these three days meetings; God moved among them to impart His plan and vision for each of these young men and women.

**Important Meetings and Programs in May:** Please pray for the following meetings.

### U.P. & Jammu visit

The first two weeks of May, I will be visiting the U.P. and Jammu mission fields and missionaries. Kindly pray that this visit may be a blessing for all of us.

### Tamil State Conference 2023

By the grace of God the Tamil State Conference 2023 is being arranged in Bethel Salem from 18th May morning to 21st May morning. 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.

### Ordination in Amritsar Diocese

20 of our missionaries will be ordained as Deacons by the CNI Amritsar Diocese Bishop Rt. Rev. Pradeep Kumar Samantaroy on 28th May 2023. This will be yet another milestone in the annals of the Church mission relationship especially the relationship of FMPB with CNI Amritsar Diocese. We thank the Bishop for the strong support to the ministry of FMPB. We thank you for your sincere prayers and support to the ministry of FMPB.

Remember all the missionaries of FMPB in your prayers at least once in a day.

Your fellow servant in God's Mission



**Rev. John Berlin S.**



# CHOOSEN TO BE A WITNESS

## The 3G's of being a Witness - Isaiah 43

**Chosen to be a Witness** is the theme of this month's issue. Let us picture the imagery of a Court Hall. Witness is to mean presenting the evidence. Witness refers to those who have seen/know the truth and are willing to testify to the truth without fear and with evidence. Leviticus 5:1 says **"If you are called to testify about something you have seen or that you know about, it is sinful to refuse to testify, and you will be punished for your sin."** Hence, we shall meditate on what kind of life should we live as witnesses based on the Scriptures.

The word 'chosen' in Hebrew according to Isaiah 43:10 mean one who is examined, tested and his character, attitude, usefulness and efficiency known and is set apart for a specific purpose.

### **Who are called to be a Witness?**

We read from Isaiah 43:10 that a chosen witness is one who knows, believes and understands the one who has chosen him. The Lord himself has 1.Created 2. Moulded 3.Redeemed 4.Called us by name 5. And declared 'You are Mine' those whom He has chosen as we read in Isaiah 43:1. In the Holy Bible wherever the word 'Jacob' is written, it refers to the chosen one's old life and those who are washed by the blood of Jesus Christ in the new covenant. Wherever we read the word 'Israel', it refers to the chosen 12 tribes.

### **The Blessings of those called to be a Witness.**

The Lord has given great promises as His blessings to those who are called to be a witness as found in Isaiah 43.1 Why, Where and When we should share the blessings that we have received from Him is characterized by the word ' Give '. And those who have given out His blessings to others, He also commands them to 'Guide' or in other words ' Go - bring forth' others unto Him.

Let us prayerfully ponder over the 3 G's of being called to be a witness.

#### **1. GIVEN / WILL GIVE - Isaiah 43: 3-5 - Promise and Vision**

The God who has called us to be a witness, does not ask us to do anything significant before equipping us with something specific to do the task. He has given us his precious and beloved Son Jesus. He alone is our Word, our Life. Let us look at the 3 aspects of what the Lord has given/ will give to those who are called to be His witnesses as found in Isaiah 43:3-5

##### **a. Given His Great Promises. [Isaiah 43:1,2]**

**When we cross through the waters** [v2] : When we, the chosen ones have to navigate our lives through challenges which may seem as a big as the Red Sea , or appear like the floods of Jericho, His promises assures us that we will not be overwhelmed. **When we walk through the fire** [v3] : As mentioned in the book of Daniel, when God's chosen people encounter life situations which may be like a

small fire or as intense as an inferno, He has promised that it will not engulf us.

### **b. Given us The Life giving Word – Jesus. [Eph 1:4-6]**

God has granted us all the spiritual blessings in Christ, and when we choose to believe in His son Jesus Christ, we can claim all the blessings that are in Christ. Jesus has given us New Life and this Life is found by faith in His Word. For this reason, God so loved the world that he sent His only beloved son Jesus Christ in whom God's word became flesh and dwelt amongst mankind.

### **c. Given a Ransom for us [Is 43:3,4]**

In order to redeem the chosen ones from the bondage of Sin, the Lord declares '**I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead**'. And if God's giving up the Egyptians to destruction - as an atonement - in order to save His chosen people, was a proof of His love for them, how much greater is the demonstration of His love when He gives His own holy Son to the bitter pains of death on a cross, in order that His church may be redeemed! How much more faithful we should be as witness to God's son Jesus who was the Ransom for our Salvation.

## **2. GIVE - Isaiah 43:5,6**

Many times we tend to forget the Giver and focus our life more on what we have received. Let us reflect on the three aspects of what the Lord desires for the chosen ones to Give.

### **a. Give unto the Giver.**

We may sometimes feel as though God who has promised 'It will be given' wants us to give back to Him what He has given to us. Little do we realise that our giving back is a bigger blessing. Many times when we testify for the Lord, we mostly speak of the blessings of health and materialistic needs that God has granted us. For all the blessings that God

has granted us, how much gratitude have we shown by giving back to the Lord? The extent of our blessedness and thankfulness is proportional to our giving back to the Lord. What do you mean by blessings? The worldly blessings are a fivefold 1. A beautiful spouse 2. Two blessed children 3. A glorious triple bedroom house 4. A costly four wheeler and 5. A monthly salary of 5 digits. In contrast the term 'Godly blessings' in the root language is called "Barak". One of its meanings implies "To be loaded in order to unload". All the blessings that we have are in a sense loaded on to us by the Lord. Wherever God leads us to give away or share those blessings, we have to unload them in obedience. In the nation of Israel, camels are reared to carry loads. The fishermen will load their catch of fish and will take them into the city of Jerusalem through the fish gate for trading. If the camel assumes that the whole load of fish belongs to it, and refuses to be unloaded it would only end up in the whole fish load getting rotten and the camel being chased out of Jerusalem. Just as a camel is loaded so that it will be unloaded in some designated place, all the blessings that are granted to us by the Lord has to be given up at some point to someone when asked for by the Lord.

### **b. Give unto God the Best of your Life.**

Apart from sharing our materialistic blessings, we ought to share the spiritual blessings that we have received from the Lord too. Psalms 118:17 says '**I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD**'. We must strive to give the best to the Lord who has blessed us. **1. We must give our priority time to the Lord:** Some of us feel contented in just giving the remaining available time or our retirement time for the Lord's service. Every day, the early morning time and the time before we retire to our beds is to be

dedicated to the Lord. Parents must have the courage to dedicate the best skill sets of their children for the Lord's service. Pastors must motivate their youth to give the prime of their life towards the ministry of soul winning.

**2. We must give our prime treasures to the Lord:** If all that we have received is from the Lord, we ought to give not sparingly, but rather abundantly. God does not deserve our leftovers of life, but rather the best of our life, time, skills, talents and treasures for His service.

**c. Give unto the North and don't hoard it in the South:** Share your blessings with the north imply the unified Kingdom of Israel being split. Under the leadership of Saul, David and Solomon the Kingdom of Israel was united. But after them, the Kingdom was divided into Northern Kingdom(10 tribes ) and Southern Kingdom (2 tribes ). It was essential for those blessed in the southern Kingdom to share with the North. Likewise what a blessing to India when Thomas, one amongst the 12 disciples of Jesus, came all the way to our Nation to share the good news of Jesus Christ with us. When the good news about Jesus is still unknown to so many perishing souls in North India, the Lord reminds the people of South India not to hoard up our materialistic and spiritual blessings down in the south, but rather direct it towards His Kingdom growth in the North.

### **3. GO AND BRING FORTH - *Isaiah 43:6-8***

#### **- The Gospel and Witnesses**

**a. Bring the blind and the deaf:** The Lord has ordained us to guide His sons and daughters, those who are called by His name from far off places unto Him. God has a chosen remnant, that still bear His name and seek Him amongst the many who try to seek the Lord with eyes that fail to see and ears that fail to hear & know the one true

Living God. The Lord invites us to take up the responsibility to be a lighthouse, guiding the chosen remnant towards Jesus Christ by our witnessing life.

**b. Bring the Multitudes:** God has ordained his chosen ones to be a witness and prepare a great multitude of souls to receive the Lord Jesus Christ in His second coming. He has ordained this task of evangelisation not to angels, but to ordinary mortals like you and me who are washed by the blood of Jesus Christ. Among the Israelites it has been ordained for 144,000 to be chosen by the Lord - 12000 representing each tribe. But for a vast multitude to receive the Lord on his second coming, God invites each one of us to be a testimony so that, on the Judgement day people from every tribe, every language group, every nation, a countless multitude wearing a shining white robe, waving the palm branches and standing before the Lamb upon the throne, will be receiving Him with great rejoicing. [ Rev 7:4-9 ]

**c. Bring Witnesses for the Lord:** If we are identified as a 'Christian ', it is imperative that our words and actions, our lives and lifestyles reflect the image and glory of Jesus Christ. Our witnessing life for Christ must encourage others to choose being a witness for the Lord.

**Consequences of failing to be a Witness:** When we fail to live a witnessing life for the Lord, it is a curse upon us, as the scriptures say in *Isaiah 43:28*. When we fail to be a fragrant offering, a witness for the Lord, we become responsible for those who profane the most Holy name of our Lord and heap curses upon our Nation. Hence with great trembling and fear, we must strive to shine as a witness, as light and salt, to lead many towards the Calvary Hill. May the Lord help us to accomplish this.

aoakai **Field Visit and Witness**

**C. Reginald,**  
President - FMPB.



We eagerly started our mission field trip to visit the FMPB Missionaries working among the Malto and Santhali tribes living in the Rajmahal hilly terrain, to witness the Churches they have planted and take part in the Spiritual gathering they conducted. It was a great privilege to have the Bishop of Tirunelveli Rt. Rev. A.R.G.S.T. Barnabas and his family participated for 2 days in the 3 days Santali Spiritual gathering which was organized.

We were astonished to see the spiritual maturity of about 6700 Santhalis who participated with Christian discipline and patience. In the blazing sun, these people even waited patiently in lines when lunch was being served, in stark contrast to the sad state of our city Church congregations who will rush forward even when communion is being served. It was a glorious sight to behold during the Sunday worship service when these Santhalis offered their offertories with great godliness and took part in the communion with reverence.

The Bishop consecrated two new Churches and the consecration services were a blessing. The Lord also enabled us to declare open few class rooms of an Elementary school, a Kitchen and a Hostel warden's residence facility. We were also able to participate in a Field Spiritual gathering of Malto people, to have fellowship with the missionaries working among Malto and Santhali people groups, to see a few children's Hostels, the Pantheni School, a community welfare campus and the Chandikola Hospital campus. We prayerfully dedicated and opened the Operation Theatre and a few essential services in the Hospital.

We returned back from Jharkhand with a great satisfaction. Even though my wife faced a little sickness during the visit, the Lord blessed her with good health during the return journey. I too had my share of sickness with cough and breathlessness which caused me to suffer. On my return to Chennai I had to be hospitalized in the intensive care unit. I do not remember the days I spent in the ICU. But I am not able to forget the days when I was surrounded by Malto and Santhali people who joyfully sang unto the Lord. I am not able to discern whether it was in real or a dream. Afterwards I was shifted to the ward and later discharged with my health restored. My cough had subsided but I still had difficulties in breathing. A few days later, I developed sudden bleeding through my nose and mouth. I was immediately admitted to the Apollo Hospital and after an intensive care treatment; I was discharged from the hospital.

The Lord has allowed this storm of sickness to rock my family and it did cause us to suffer. But the Lord was with us and he saved us from the midst of roaring lions. The victory that was accomplished by the Lord on the cross, gave our family strength to come out victorious amidst our trials and sufferings. We were healed. Continue to pray for us. The Lord has given me, an undeserving person, people who pray, enquire, comfort and guide me through the family of FMPB. I praise God for this great blessing I have received in my life.

*a. The THEME of our witness is Jesus Christ. The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:1-4), b. The POWER of our witness is the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who transforms a life (Titus 3:5), and a transformed life is evident to all, c. The VALIDITY of our witness will be shown in how we live our lives. Philippians 2:15 sets this goal for us. d. Most importantly we must be familiar enough with the Scriptures to be able to accurately and coherently present the gospel to others (1 Peter 3:15).*



# Mission trip by the Navodhaya Team



Navodaya is the wing of FMPB which ministers among the English speaking youth of this Nation. On the 3rd of March, the Navodaya team left Chennai for the mission trip to Jharkhand. On the 4th of March, the team reached Pakur, Jharkhand. The missionaries Rev. Daniel Arulmani, Rev. Henry & his wife were with us throughout the trip. From Pakur, the team travelled to Dangra. We were warmly welcomed with music, dancing, garlands and washing of our feet. The team was truly humbled by their warm welcome. The Lord enabled us to minister to about five families who were gathered there. We were challenged when a young boy recited scripture verses by heart; they also sang a special song for us.

After returning to the FMPB LTI campus, we watched a presentation of photos and videos of the boys in the Bhagaiya hostel which we were unfortunately not able to visit. Missionary Bro Kennedy briefed us about the struggles the boys face. We prayed with him. The team travelled to the Dumka Spritual gathering in the evening for the inauguration. We were once again warmly welcomed with music, dancing, garlands, and washing of our feet according to their custom. The Lord enabled us to minister there with singing and sharing of the Word, to over 4000 people who had come to the Spritual gathering. We were much encouraged by the believers worshipping the Lord sincerely and receiving the Scriptures with utmost concentration. We stayed at the boys' hostel in Chandna that night and were blessed to minister to the boys there. The next morning, the team sang a song in Bengali & made the boys sing along & do the actions. The Word of God was again shared before traveling to the Dumka Spritual gathering again. The team taught a Bengali song, performed a skit, and the Word of God was shared in the Spritual gathering. The team was filled with admiration for the people there and the thirst they had for God. We were also amazed to see the way the missionaries had pioneered all these years. We were blessed to meet many missionaries and had the privilege of having fellowship dinner and lunch with them at the Spritual gathering. The team interacted with missionaries there and was challenged when we heard of the hardships and struggles they had faced.

The team reached Chennai on the 6th of March. This trip was truly an immense blessing for each member of the team. We returned with a new sense of enthusiasm and passion to serve the Lord and to pray for the ministry in Jharkhand. Each of us were challenged and humbled. We have come back with a great burden to raise funds for the purchase of a school van for students of the Bhagaiya hostel who travel 4 km to school through stone quarry, dust and grime.

- John Longway, Navodhaya Team  
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# Fallen Corn of Wheat!



## Mr. Victor Murugesan

(1952 - 2023)

Mr. Victor Murugesan hails from a Non-Christians background and later committed his life to become a cross-cultural missionary in FMPB. He served the Lord for 40 years. God called him to His glory at the age of 71.

Mr. Victor Murugesan was born on November 1, 1952, in a village called Vaikalipatti, near Kadayan, Tenkasi district of Tamilnadu. His father was Mr. Moses Mayavan, and his mother, Mrs. Grace Packiathai, later accepted Christ as his personal Saviour. He had four more brothers and one sister. After his SSLC, he joined CIT, Guindy, for two years of ITI Moulder's course and two years of Instructor training (ITI Teacher Training).

In 1973, late Mr. Boominathan of FMPB shared about Jesus and what He did on the cross. So, Mr. Victor Murugesan started to read the Bible whenever he was free. One day when he was sleeping, God reminded him of a Bible verse from Matthew 9:6: "**The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins**". Then,

the spirit of God convicted him of his sins, and Mr. Victor Murugesan confessed his sins and got the assurance that Jesus had forgiven his sins. Mr. D. Sunderraj, Mr. D.K. David, and Mr. John Tyre helped Mr. Victor Murugesan grow in the Lord.

In 1975, Mr. Victor Murugesan attended FMPB Gideonites' meet at Nellikuppam. In this missionary camp, the songs, missionary sharing, and mission challenging messages made a great impact in the life of Mr. Victor Murugesan. And thus, Mr. Victor Murugesan committed his life to full time ministry and prepared himself to go as a missionary. Again, God confirmed his call through Psalm 4:3. **Know that the Lord has set apart his faithful servant for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.** As per the call of the Lord, he joined FMPB on July 15, 1977. After one year of missionary training in BBI, Danishpet, he was sent to the Operation Mobilisation team for practical evangelism training in 1979. After six months of practical training, FMPB placed Mr. Victor in Akkalkuwa, Nandurbar district, Maharashtra. The pioneer missionary was Rev. Nathaniel Logaraj and Mr. Victor joined him as his co-worker in June 1979. They learned the language and preached the Gospel in village after village. God blessed their ministry and many were baptised. The first baptism was in Ambilipari village, due to the miracle of a deaf and dumb boy who was healed completely by the prayer of our missionaries.

The fiancée was from Alankulam, Ms. Amala. She was sent to KBS Allahabad for short training before the marriage in 1981. Mr. Victor Murugesan and Ms. Amala's marriage was held on December 28th, 1981, at Alankulam. God blessed their married life with two girl children, namely Persis Packiavathy and Shekina. Mrs. Persis Packiavathy finished her M.Sc. in Agriculture, and Mrs. Shakina finished her M.Sc. in Nursing. Both their daughters got married and settled in Chennai and other cities.

After the marriage of Mr. Victor Murugesan and Mrs. Amala, they moved to Selamba in Gujarat and started the Church planting ministry among the Vasava people. God blessed their ministry with many souls and congregations. At present, because of these missionaries and local evangelists, God has blessed FMPB with more than 44000 people worshipping the Lord in 360 congregations. From 1993 onwards, Rev. Victor was given the responsibility of Regional Secretary, South West Region II and started his ministry based in Vyara, Gujarat. In 2004, he was posted at Waghai as the administrator for the South West Zone. Along with the leaders of FMPB, he actively took part in integrating the 211 churches planted by FMPB in Gujarat with the CNI-Gujarat Diocese in the presence of thousands of believers. In 2010, he was appointed field secretary for South Asia, based at the Nagpur field office. From April 2012, he served as the Secretary of Property and Project based at H.Q of FMPB Chennai, until his superannuation in 2017.

Rev. Victor Murugesan was staying with his second daughter, Mrs. Shakina, in Chennai. In January 2023, he moved to Tiruchendur and lived with his first daughter, Mrs. Persis Allwin. On March 23, he was travelling to Coimbatore with his daughter's family for the family get-together. On the morning of the 24th, when the train was crossing the Maniyatchi railway station, while going to the restroom, he fell off the train and no one noticed it. Due to this accident, he went to be with the Lord. His body was recovered on March 25, and his mortal remains were buried in Thirumullaivoyal graveyard on March 26 with the hope of resurrection. Let us thank God for his life, well lived as a pioneer, Church planter, mission administrator, and educator.

- Rev. Dr. E. Rajan, FMPB

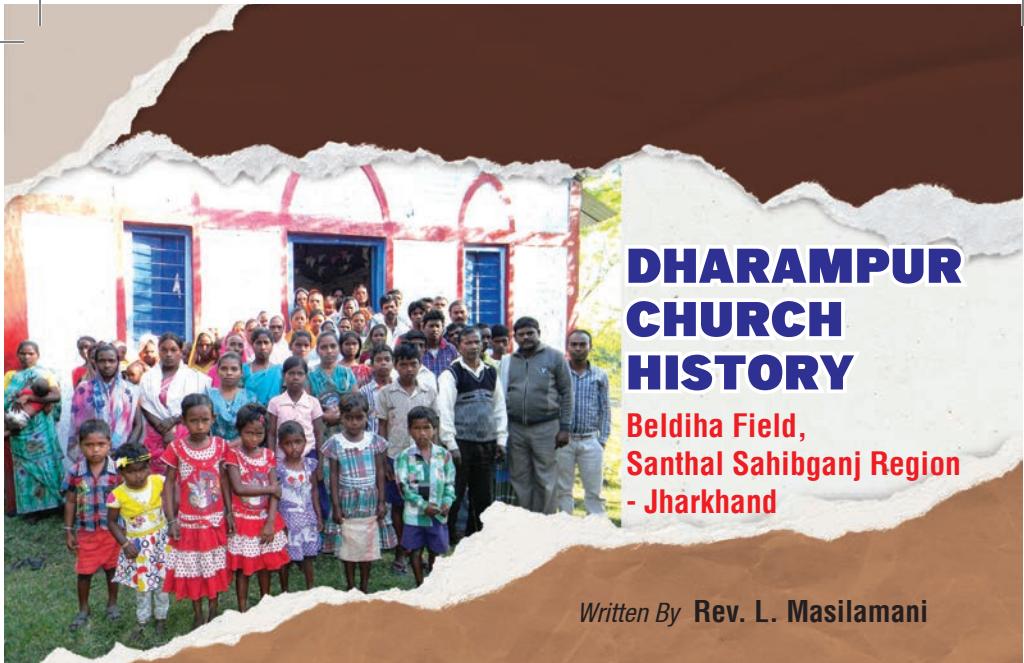
## KAKINADA CARNIVAL 2023

### Unite for Malto



During these unprecedented times God helped us to organise Carnival 2023 in Kakinada at Craig Memorial Baptist Church. By God's grace we received an overwhelming response on that day and people made generous contributions towards the cause of mission among the Malto children. Our heartfelt thanks go to God, the leaders of the organisation for their co-operation, Zonal Secretary, Rev. Vijay Isaac, senior missionaries Rev. Zeme & Mr. Kipgen who came from Jharkhand to participate in the event and to all the people who came to show their kindness and generosity towards Malto children. May all praise and glory be to God!

- Ramamuni JBV Prasad



## **DHARAMPUR CHURCH HISTORY**

**Beldiha Field,  
Santhal Sahibganj Region  
- Jharkhand**

*Written By Rev. L. Masilamani*

Dharampur is a small village located in Hiranpur Block of Pakur district, Jharkhand in which 68 families are residing. The Dharampur village has a population of 354 of which 176 are males and 178 are females. Dharampur village has a lower literacy rate compared to Jharkhand. In 2011, the literacy rate of Dharampur village was 38.32% compared to 66.41% of Jharkhand. As per the constitution of India and Panchayati Raaj Act, Dharampur village is administrated by Sarpanch (Head of the Village) who is the elected representative of the Village Gram Panchayat. The name of the Dharampur village is Kendua. The nearest Town to the Dharampur village is Pakur which is 12 km away. In Dharampur village, most of the village population is from Schedule Tribe (ST). They are around 96.05% of the total population in Dharampur

village. They work as Agriculture Labourers, cultivators (owner or co-owner) and other Marginal labourers.

### **The Beginning**

Dharampur village comes under Beldiha mission field, which was created when Mahespur mission field was divided into two fields in 1997, one named as Mahespur and another as Beldiha. Mahespur field was opened by the end of May 1991. Rev. Prabakara Sarathy's family was the first missionaries of this mission field till they took up the responsibility of the Regional field Secretary of Godda Region by the end of 1996. During the time of Sarathy's family Gospel seeds were sown in the Dharampur village. Rev. Arulanandam took up the responsibility of Mahespur field in 1997 and the congregation in Dharampur was established in his time. From April 1998

onwards Beldiha field was established under the leadership of Rev. Arulanandan family who were the first missionaries to this newly started Beldiha mission field. He continued up to 2006. Then A. Solomon family took charge of this field.



*Johan Soren*

The first believer and the first Church elder **Johan Marandi** describes the initial history of how FMPB ministry was started in his village: "My old name is Boloi Soren. Now my name is Johan Soren. Evangelist Immanuel Malto, Church elder Abraham Kadoja, Gideon and Solomon Hansda brought the Gospel to our village. They came to my house and shared the Gospel when a night meeting was conducted in the street. I heard the Gospel for the first time. I understood Christ as the Savior of the world and accepted Him into my life. My wife was not willing to confirm her faith. But I told my wife that I have accepted Christ and I would like to confirm my faith. Then my wife too agreed. 15 persons were added to the fold of Jesus in the first faith confirming service in November 1997. At that time I was in poverty and hardly we had anything to eat. Today, God has blessed us with enough money and food for the family".

## **Church Growth**

**Johan Marandi:** "The congregation gathered in the house of Kapra Marandi, for

two weeks. Then the meeting was shifted to Thilma Kisku's home. In the first meeting 15 persons participated. I conducted the first meeting. As the number increased, believers gathered under a mango tree. They continued to worship for three years under the mango tree. I attended the training in Bahaya. God has blessed my house because of such ministries."

## **Miraculous Healing to Duli Soren:**



*Duli Soren*

"I belong to Mundan village. I had much pain in my stomach. I was taken to Rampur hospital. I was told that my womb has gone down and it requires immediate operation. I did not have money for the operation. So I prayed for my health. It was in May 2013, God healed me miraculously. I gave an offering of Rs.500/ to the Church.

## **Church Construction**



*Marang Murmu*

Believers felt the need of a Church building. Church Construction work started in February 1999. Foundation was laid by the field missionaries. The land for the

Church was donated by Marang Murmu. He describes why he donated his land for the Church and how he was blessed by God by his action: "My name is Marang Murmu. I had accepted Jesus Christ before the FMPB's ministry in my village. I had confirmed my faith through the Swedish Mission. I thought that if there is a Church in my village, many people would come to faith. So I donated my land for the Church. My three children had died before I donated this land. I prayed to God that children should not die any more. Once, a prayer meeting was conducted in our Church. Two by two we were asked to pray for each other's needs. One person prayed for my prayer request for God to save my remaining children from death. God had answered that prayer and now I have five children."

No opposition was there during the time of the Church construction. Church members worked freely to construct the Church. Sometimes they received only 15 percentages of the laborers' wages of sixty rupees per day. Church elder donated stones for laying the foundation. It is a pucca Church with ACC roof. The Dharampur Church was dedicated on 28-10-2001 by missionaries Rev. Sudhakaran and Rev. Henry. They both participated along with their families. The Village level school was started in Dharampur village in May 2003.

There are nearly 25 families with approximately 150 members. Believers attend this Church from Chota Mulgan

and Dharampur villages. Toady only 25 to 30 persons attend the Sunday services, because some people have backslidden. Ladies attend the services and the Gents don't attend because they go to work in coal mines. Bisnath leads the Church services. This year none confirmed their faith in the Lord. Sunday Services and small group gatherings are conducted. Sunday classes and the Wednesday fasting prayers are yet to begin. Evangelists Markus Malto, Immanuel Mirdha, Gagri Paulos, David, Reuben, Ladson Murmu and Joseph Malto are in this Church. The Church Elders were Johan Soren, Bisnath Hansda and at present it is Seedaa Murmu. Two families have backslidden, because one has moved to other village and the other has joined the RC Church. Sulad Kisku is leading a small group which gathers on Saturdays, alternatively in every house held from 10 am onwards at least for two hours. Only ladies attend these meetings. Ten to twenty ladies gather. They intercede for the sick people, poor people, for those who live in spiritual darkness, to know Jesus Christ as Saviour.

*A "witness" is someone who attests to a fact, so in order to be an effective witness for Christ, one must have firsthand knowledge of Him.*

*John the Apostle speaks of this in 1 John 1:1-3.*

# Fallen Corn of Wheat!



## Rev. T. J. Thomas (1953 - 2023)

T.J. Thomas was born on 20th November 1953, in the Vadaserikara village of Pathanamthitta district of Kerala. His parents Mr. M.A. Joseph and mother Mrs. Annamma were pious Christians. His father was a Telephone Line Inspector and mother was a homemaker. God blessed Mr. T.J. Thomas with one Brother T.J. George and two sisters - T.J. Mariamma and T.J. Alice. From childhood onwards the parents reared the children in God fearing ways. Mr. T.J. Thomas finished his SSLC in the Government High School at Vadaserikara in 1970. He pursued his higher studies in the nearby Catholicate College, Pathanamthitta and finished his B.A. degree in 1977. He also learned type writing and shorthand. He was just a nominal Christian. At the age of seventeen he attended a convention with his friends in the year 1970 at Vadaserikara. The spirit of God convicted him. He confessed his sins and accepted Jesus as his personal saviour in that meeting along with his friends. Visible changes were obvious in his life.

His heart was inclined to the missionary work and was regular in attending the prayers conducted by FMPB to pray for the perishing souls. While he was meditating on the Bible, he heard God's call to the ministry, but he wanted to find a

secular job and do the ministry but God shut all the doors. Finally He decided to join FMPB and joined on 15th December 1978. He was sent to Bethel Bible Institute Danishpet, Salem for one year missionary training. Then, he was placed in Sirsa field of Haryana state. The climatic condition was not suitable. Later he assisted the field Director Mr. Ebenezer Sunder Raj in the field office from 11th December 1981. In 1982 he was transferred to the South West Zone office at Vyara to take care of the office work.

T.J. Thomas married Ms. Saramma on 11th April 1983 at St. John's Marthoma Church, Vadaserikara. God blessed this couple with two girl children. Anila Ruth Thomas was born on 28th Dec. 1984 and Beryl Roselin Thomas was born on 6th Feb. 1991. After their studies both are married and were leading a witnessing life. The couple, Mr. T.J. Thomas and Mrs. Saramma Thomas were sent to Bhatinda in Punjab. Again they were transferred to the Jhansi field office to help in the administrative works. Due to their health issues, they were transferred to FMPB HQs, Chennai in 1987. Mr. T.J. Thomas served in the Finance Department for many years as the cashier, in the accounts section, payment section etc. Due to the need of the Organization, Mr. T.J. Thomas was given the responsibility to mobilize Malayalam speaking Christians for the mission from October 1996. God raised many praying partners, members and sponsors. The Bishop of CNI East Himalayan Diocese ordained Mr. T.J. Thomas as a Presbyter on 15th May 2005.

Rev. T.J. Thomas retired on 30th November 2018 at the age of 65. He continued his mission mobilization ministry among the Malayalam speaking Christians in Chennai city. Rev. T.J. Thomas became very weak as he developed many complications in his body. He was hospitalized and after a month long treatment, there was not much improvement in his health. He entered into God's glory on 25th February 2023. On 28th February his mortal remains were buried with the hope of resurrection at the Marthoma Church Cemetery at Minjur. Please uphold Mrs. Saramma and her daughters' families in your prayers.

- Rev. Dr. E. Rajan, FMPB

# TRAIL BLAZERS

## Highway of Holiness

*A highway will be there, a roadway,  
And it will be called the Highway of  
Holiness. Isa. 35:8*

On the morning of May 1, 1873, at 4am, the boys who kept watch at David Livingstone's door beheld their master. By the candle still burning they saw him, not in bed; but kneeling at the bedside, with his head buried in his hands upon the pillow. The sad, yet not unexpected truth soon became evident; he died the way he lived; in the act of prayer, -prayer often offered in that reverent attitude; commanding his own spirit, into the hands of his Saviour; and commanding Africa, his own dear Africa, with all her woes and sins and wrongs, into the hands of the Redeemer of the lost.

Born in a poor family in Blantyre, Scotland, young David Livingstone heard of missionaries from his childhood, and had always been deeply interested in them; but it was an appeal on behalf of China, issued by the famous Dr. Gutzlaff, which inspired him with the desire to become himself a missionary. Before he was 21, he had committed his life to Christ as a medical missionary and studied medicine and theology in Glasgow. At 27 he was sent by the London Missionary Society to



David Livingstone

Africa as both a doctor and a missionary. For the next 10 years Livingstone was an enthusiastic missionary. He wrote enthusiastically: "I am a missionary.... In this service I hope to live; in it I wish to die."

But Livingstone soon found God calling him for another purpose. He was to explore Africa for others to come in. Those days nobody ventured into the vast interior of Africa. It was a dark blank for the whole world. NO one knew who lived inside or how to reach them. He believed that by opening up Africa for missionaries, he would do much greater service for the kingdom of Christ. He often said "the end of the exploration (of Africa) is the beginning of the (missionary) enterprise." So began his life of explorations into the interior of Africa. Through his expeditions he envisioned Africa rising to the light of the Gospel from her night of darkness. He mapped sites for mission stations, preached the Gospel and prepared the "highway of holiness" for others to follow. He healed the sick, wrote letters and contributed articles to periodicals

in England. His accounts of the native people and the atrocities of the slave-trade stirred the whole world, inspiring people like John Newton, William Wilberforce and others to take up his cause and end what he called “the open sour of the world.”

On March 19, 1872, on his last birthday, when fifty-nine years old he wrote, “My birthday! My Jesus, my King, my Life, my All. I again dedicate my whole self to Thee.” April 29 was his last day of travel. He had reached the village of Chitambo, in Ilala, on Lake Bangweolo. Here, sick unto death, he made observations, carefully brought his maps and journal up to date. April 30 he had a rare quiet day. On May 1st, he entered his heavenly rest and joined the ranks of John the Baptist and others who prepared the way for their beloved Lord. Almost to the last day of his life, he laboured faithfully for his Master. How heroic was the spirit in him to the last! When he died, his beloved and faithful servants removed his heart from the body and buried it under a tree near the place where he died. They dried the body in the sun, tied it to a pole and then walked nine months to reach the coast, and shipped it to England. The world had never known a love or a loyalty of its kind nor a funeral of its glory.

On April 18, 1874, Great Britain came to a stand still. The greatest son of her soil was laid to rest among great and noble men of England, in Westminster Abbey, London. In the years to follow, the news of Livingston’s heroic life and death quickened the heart-beat of the whole world and roused many thousands to accept his missionary call bringing his own words to pass, that “the end of the

exploration (of Africa) is the beginning of the (missionary) enterprise.” Famous missionary pioneers such as Alexander Mackay (Uganda), Melvin Fraser (Cameroon), Mary Slessor (Nigeria), were all touched by Livingstone’s death and followed his footsteps to Africa. Africa became at once the favored field for missionaries and his maps became priceless in pointing out mission fields all over Africa for all the missionaries who came in to flood the Dark Continent with the glorious light of Christ.

When, the old prophet Isaiah, looking along the line of his craving, in which he represented the craving of humanity, the craving for light as to what death meant and of instruction in human duties, saw a happy day ahead. He saw a day when ignorance should give place to understanding, and the fear born of it, and the torment born of the fear, should harass men no more. He saw a day when the way of holiness should be so plain that the wayfaring man, though a fool, should not err therein; that is, when not only the wise should find it readily, but when those whose intellects were unassisted by education, and whose abilities to discern between right and wrong were not extraordinary, should easily distinguish between good and evil. When Christ was born the sun arose; when missionaries came up from the west and brought life and immortality to light, the clock of ages struck the hour of mid-day in the mission fields, and the Sun of Righteousness stood full-orbed. But there are still people waiting in the darkness for the sun to rise on them. Shall we pray, go or send missionaries to these lands!



**Happy Birthday**

Mr. Babu Benjamin, Mrs. Zipporah Beero  
Mrs. Prosontsa Malli, Mr. Manoj P.J.  
Mrs. Kokani Sumitriben Christian  
Mr. John Penin J., Mr. Kingsly Livingston R.  
Mrs. Roopa Yalavagi Channamallappa

**Jammu**

**Basholi: Subhani & Emy  
Backiya; Mathiyas Malto**

**Praise God:** For the 525 people who were reached with the Gospel in 3 new villages. 6 night meetings, 4 children camps were conducted. Established contact with one new family in Dharmkot village working as brick makers migrated from Chattisgarh. 7 families are getting ready to confess their faith.

**Pray:** Lakshmi Narayana married for 8 years to be blessed with children. New believers to stand firm in their faith. People who have heard the Gospel and read the tracts to know and accept the true and living God. For the strong holds to be broken and a ray of light from God to open their eyes to know the truth.

## Himachal Pradesh Jeori: Jamkhongam Haokip & Irene Letthenmuong

**Praise God:** God's Word was shared to 245 persons newly. 14 New Testaments and 1 Bible were distributed. Night meetings and follow up programmes were conducted. Outreach ministry was done in 6 places. Krishna Bhaiya was delivered from alcoholism.

**Pray:** For the believers family that are involved in intoxicated activities to stop it. For Surendra, Evan and Hiralal's son who were falsely acquitted in a case to be delivered. Nitin to be healed from epilepsy, Suhila from breathing trouble and Kanta Devi from boils all over the body. Lakshmi to be healed.

### By His Wounds!

Aasis a 8 months old from Sukkapurva in Bharthana (Uttar Pradesh) is the son of Sunil and Priyanka. He was suffering from Typhoid and Diarrhea. Doctor lost hope and told the parents "take back the baby because it will definitely die". They were shattered and were in tears. They did not know about Jesus Christ and one of our believers's approached our evangelist told the situation. Finally the evangelist and the missionary met the family and prayed earnestly. God answered their prayers and the baby's life was spared and the baby was healed completely.



## Happy Birthday

Mrs. Lisa Peter Arulanandam  
Mr. Godwin Kirubagaran  
Mr. Sunil Kumar

### Anni:

### Ginsawm & Chinghoikim

**Praise God:** 2 villages were reached with the Gospel. 300 persons heard the Good News of Jesus Christ. 20 New Testaments and 2 Bibles were distributed. Sukmu Devi was healed from uterus cancer. Got a new contact Bind and his family from Pockni village.

**Pray:** For the hurdles for Kamla and Bimla's families to openly confess to be removed. For the new contact Mind Ram who became paralysis due to an accident to be healed and to come to the saving knowledge of Christ. For those who have backslidden to come back to Christ love. Need of a volunteer who has a burden for the perishing souls to be identified and used in the ministry.

### Rampur: Doujapao Guite & Florence Lamvung

**Praise God:** The persons in 5

villages have heard the Gospel for the first time. 1 person has confessed their faith in the Lord. 1 Bible and 14 New Testaments were distributed. 19 persons are showing keen interest in the Word of God. 74 follow up programs were done. Jivan was healed from jaundice. 1 new worshiping group has started in Kholt area. Kamal Kishore's life was protected during a fatal fall with few injuries.

**Pray:** For the preparation of the Sunday school material to complete soon and to conduct Sunday classes for the children systematically. Ashok and Kamal to commit their life for fulltime ministry. For Sunita's family which has accepted Jesus must be ready to confess their faith in the Lord.

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### I could Sing of Your Love Forever!

In Samraniya field (Rajasthan) Renu Bai aged 15 from Luhari village was unable to speak. Her parents visited so many hospitals, did so many witchcraft but there was no result. They came to our Luhari village congregation, all the believers started to pray for her healing every day and night. By the immense grace of God she is able speak and sing for the glory of God Almighty. Through this miracle all the family members are ready to follow Christ Jesus.



### *Happy Birthday*

Mr. Victor Jayaseelan C.  
Mrs. Sheela Shanmugam  
Mr. Jebaraj Samuel V. P.  
Mrs. Saral Janci Rani Justin  
Mr. Vinu M., Mrs. Anandhi Shankar

## Punjab

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

**Praise God:** Two new souls were added to His fold. Four satsangs were conducted successfully in Breta, Lela Kalan, Near Railway station, and in Plat Basti. Two new families from Chine are attending the worship service for the very first time.

**Pray:** Ayush and Eknor (7 years old) who are suffering from breathing problem since childhood to be healed. For many open doors for evangelism to be opened in order to do outreach in Budhlada, Breta, Moonak, Talwari, Rali and Bachuanna Villages. For our youth those who have crossed over marriageable age to get suitable Christian life partners and also to get government jobs. For the

upcoming programmes and the new targets to be achieved within the stipulated period. Sony Master our old youth and a believer who is always creating troubles in the ministry in our field to repent.

### **Bathinda:**

### **Sanjib Anand & Prastuta; Pratap Rahang & Rashmi Prabha Beero**

**Praise God:** 900 People have got the Gospel packets. 200 New Testaments and 10 Bibles have been distributed. 2 families from Janduke, 2 families from Bucho Mandi and 3 families from Mour Mandi are getting ready to confess their faith openly.

**Pray:** Kewal Singh, Raja Singh, Manpreet Singh, Jarnail Singh who are involved in evangelism in Mandikalan Sub center to be faithful to the Lord. Simran Kour, Love Preet, Manpreet who got their visas to work in foreign country to be protected from all harms. Tarsem from Mour Mandi to get complete cure from disc Problem. The people who heard the Gospel for the very first time in the Villages Bazigar Basti, Janduke, Ghuman, Charsingh Mour, Khokar, Mandikalan local, Mehmud Dewana, Kanda Bana and Selbrah to respond positively.



## Happy Birthday

Mrs. Hepsibai Syrus, Mrs. Leegirl Mary Golden  
Mrs. Seetha Isaac, Mr. Jebakumar P.  
Mrs. Raut Jashodaben Pramodkumar  
Mrs. Jebaseeli Daniel Marvelraj  
Mrs. Angelin Vigneshwaran  
Mr. Anil Kumar, Mr. Niranjan Kumar

## Sangrur: Gimbhal Dilipbhai

**Praise God:** 3 villages were reached with the Gospel. 200 persons have heard the Gospel. Vicky who attempted to commit suicide has started to read God's Word systematically. The Kakra congregation is growing day by day. Prayer meetings were conducted house by house during the Lenten season.

**Pray:** The seekers to become believers soon. For Vicky Singh's Haemoglobin rage is not increasing more than 6gm. For Amman Kaur to be blessed with children. For the Monowal congregation to reopen and the backslidden believers to come back to the saving grace of the Lord.

## Lehra Gaga: Issac Abel & Anna Roslin

**Praise God:** 2 training programs

were conducted for the Church elders and youth. 1 satsung was conducted in Gharat village and film ministry was done in Burd village. One family which opposed the Gospel realised that they are facing sufferings because they had been opposing the ministry; later the believers and the evangelist prayed for that family.

**Pray:** For the target to be achieved for 2023-24. The 7 new families that are interested in the Gospel to accept the Lord.

## Haryana

### Ratia: Karthikeyan & Jayanthi

**Praise God:** Three new families are attending the Church services. Both Pappy and Gurpreet are healed from Fatty liver problem. Kantha Rani and Kulvinder Kaur are getting ready to confess their faith openly.

**Pray:** For Aman Kaur to be delivered from evil spirits attacks. Gurmeet Kaur's uterus and stone problem to be cured. For Johi Rani who had abortion thrice to be blessed with children. Sarjeet Kaur to be healed from fatty liver problem and Preet Kaur from mental problem, Rohiram Amarjeet and Pummy to be healed from increasing Urea problem, Satpal from heart problem. Bindersingh Surjavan and Mangaram to be delivered from alcoholic addiction.



## Happy Birthday

Mr. Stephen Jayaseelan B.  
Mrs. Jessy Jeeva Prabha David  
Mrs. Mabel Vasantha Kumari Baburaj  
Mr. Pushparaj R., Mr. Bharanidharan S.

## Kalanwali: Vijayakumar & Jebala

**Praise God:** For the 70 persons who were reached with the Word of God in 1 new village and 3 persons who heard the Gospel became believers. 10 elders participated in the elder's training program and were blessed. The ladies camp and the youth camp were also a spiritual blessing to those who attended. Bablu and Bimla family from Kalanwali village have put their faith in Christ and are attending the Sunday Worship. A youth prayer and Bible study group has been started in the Odhan Church.

**Pray:** For the young believers who confessed their faith in Christ to stand firm and to grow in their faith. For the Church elders who participated in the soul winners training course to be active in the ministry of soul winning leading to growth in the Church. For Bablu's family to be delivered from satanic holds and to accept Christ as their personal Saviour. For our new contacts Amarjeet, Jaspreet and Rani to believe in Jesus and to accept Him as their Saviour. The women

leaders who have pledged to start prayer groups must be faithful to their commitment.

## A Thirst Within a Rock!

In Guna field (Madhya Pradesh) a CID named Mr. Prem Parihar called our missionary over the phone and enquired about the activities he has been involved in that field. He did not share much to the officer. Then later the officer tried calling our missionary several times, but out of fear, our missionary didn't attend the calls. One day the Lord gave him the courage to attend the call; the officer asked for the missionary's address. He gave and the officer visited the house and enquired about the ministry done in that field. Suddenly he began asking many Biblical questions. The missionary shared his salvation experience and the Gospel. Again another day he called him over the phone and told him to meet in a particular place in an evening. Our missionary went in a two wheeler and waited for him, he also came in a two wheeler and told to follow him. But our missionary was clueless about the place he was asked to follow, but yet he followed. Finally the officer led our missionary inside a big police station. Our Missionary followed him with a mixed feeling of fear and prayer into the police station. Then he brought him to a big ground inside the police station. And he asked him to share about Lord Jesus Christ. He told "I want to know more about Lord Jesus Christ". The missionary cheerfully shared the Gospel. Then the officer told that his father Mr. Vehari Parihar was admitted in hospital for kidney failure; and he requested Mr. Satheesh to pray for the healing. He said that he would like to meet him often to learn from the Bible, and he has told that he would introduce many lawyers who are also Christians. Then he told, "You do God's ministry without any fear. At any time you can call me and I will help you" and sent him back. He has requested for a Bible too. Praise God for His great work. Continuously praise and pray for him and his family members to be saved.



## Happy Birthday

Mr. Rajan E., Mr. Rajendran S.

Mr. Sandya Naik

Mrs. Vimala Daisy John Paul Harris

Mr. Samraj D., Mr. Seenu T.

## Jeevan Nagar: Aliyakim Jena & Deepika Jena

**Praise God:** Gospel was shared to 125 persons. 1 Bible and 31 New Testaments were distributed. Follow up ministry were done in 20 villages, 7 satsangs, 3 outreach and 11 fasting prayers were conducted. 1 village was newly reached with the Gospel. 5 persons were added to the fold of Jesus. The elders and the youth are actively participating in evangelizing their people in the Dabawali area. Subash from Abubshehar village who followed the tradition of his father in worshiping the “Peer than” god accepted the lord and was added to His fold when he was delivered from demon possession and healing from a cyst on his chest.

**Pray:** For the plans to reach the relatives of our believers to share the Gospel among the Mahasah,

Balmiki, Odd-Rajputs and Dhanak people group to be successful. For the Dhank people group from Abubshehar village to accept Christ; Budharm, Veena, Elder son Sunil and his wife Manisha, 2nd Son Adi and his wife Kavita and Daughters of Budharm: Puja and Nisha to boldly confess their faith in the Lord.

## Tosham: John Davidson & Esther. G

**Praise God:** Happy from Hazampur and Sonu from Chang accepted Jesus as their personal Saviour. Amit from Alakhpura was healed from piles and accepted the Lord; now he has shared what the Lord has done in his life and brought his brother Rajesh and his friends Ranveer to the Church. God protected the mustard crops from untimely rains. For the new contacts that the missionaries got from Thillor, Garanpura and Pinjokhara.

**Pray:** For the evangelists who are getting ready to take up the new responsibilities to work with fervour. The new contacts from Pinjokhara have backslidden due to the persecution by their relatives to come back and be added to His fold. Manju to be delivered from demon possession. For those contacts from the Ner community to boldly confess their faith in the Lord.



## Happy Birthday

Mrs. Florence Sudharan  
Mr. Samarendra Singh  
Mr. Daniel Arulmani J., Mr. Kumaravel S.  
Mrs. Nahomi Rajam Sau Bhuiyana  
Mrs. Menaga Gopikrishnan

## Uttarakhand

### Dineshpur: Ramasamy Jerome & Antony Rajam

**Praise God:** 25 persons heard the Gospel for the first time in Barachi village. Vinod and Nisha of Kheda are showing much interest in the Gospel. Geetha who was delivered from Dainumber village got delivered from demon possession and peace prevails in that family. Through prayer, Seema of Dalpura village got suitable life partner. Nasima got her eye operated successfully. God protected Rakeshkumar in Dimri village from a thief who wanted to murder him. Anil who was falsely acquitted and is behind the bar saw an evil spirit and he began to bleed from his nose. But when he remembered the name of Jesus he was delivered from that fearful experience.

**Pray for:** Families of Surjith and

Babu and Inthrapal to respond positively to the Gospel. For the families of Lakshman, Rambabu, Rajkumar Jitendar to stand firm in their faith. For the consolation of the family members of our old believer lady Narayan who passed away and her son Suraj to get a suitable life partner. Anil, our believer's son who is falsely accused of a crime to be released from jail. Kankadevi, our believer from Saidhliganj who is suffering from various sicknesses for the past two months to be healed.

### Nanakmatta: Sivakumar & Susila Marak

**Praise God:** Three believers were added into the fold. 20 New Testaments and 2 Bibles were distributed. Gospel was shared with 87 persons in 3 villages. 25 people attended the Soul Winners Camp. Branica in Barni village who was demon possessed for a long time is delivered through prayer now.

**Pray:** For peace to prevail in the family of Rimpi who picks up fight often with his wife with a view to divorce her in Hardaspur village. For Manoj to be healed from fracture in his hand due to an accident. Rimku Singh who is trying to get a job abroad. Vicky, a taxi driver is responding to the Gospel to be blessed by God financially. Balkar Singh to be delivered from his addiction to alcohol.



**Happy Birthday**

Mr. Justin Y.  
Mrs. Nirupoma Khosla Nathan

## Delhi Patparganj: P.G. Christopher & Mabel

**Praise God:** Rani was discharged after the treatment for severe TB disease. God blessed Elizabeth, Arjun and Gulson with a good job. Bhavyansh got admission in a good school to grow in Christian faith. The children who appeared for final exams got promoted to the next classes and schools have started for the academic year 2023-24. Abhishek Sunder who was once a drug addict and stayed away from home returned and started going to work regularly. Raja got a life partner and making arrangements for marriage. The Lord saved the life our evangelist with inner injuries while returning from outreach ministry.

**Pray:** Joseph 3-year-old, his mother Dipti Rani and Anuj are suffering with TB. Fathima, Seema

Sudhir, Shivani, Sundari, Caroline, Meenakshi, Komal and Seema Sakthiraj are looking forward for safe normal delivery. Salu-Sunil, Ramsingh, Banvarilal, Rajeshwari, Saroja, Nisha and Renu have backslidden to resume back to faith. Believers to attend to the need of white washing in Trilokpuri Church and to take care of the maintenance. Simon and Wilson are addicted to alcohol to be delivered. Pushpa's husband Raji and two young children are alcoholic and drug addicts- for their deliverance. Some are unable to confess their faith in Jesus in Sajwan Nagar area.

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### With Healing in His Wings!

Ramu Baba 75 years old man from Chidiyamal village in Nepa Nagar field, Madhya Pradesh had a big wound in his cheek. The doctor diagnosed it to be cancerous. He was dismayed because one of his family members had died of cancer earlier. His son and daughter in law are our believers. Ramu Baba was also a superficial believer. At this point he had no other option but to fully put his faith in the Lord. He did not take any treatment but kept praying. The Lord graciously healed him completely. He accepted Jesus as his personal Saviour along with his wife. Hallelujah!

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## Happy Birthday

Mrs. Muthu Selvi Senthil Kumar  
Mr. Vaghera Pramodkumar Dharmabhai

## Rajasthan

### Kherwara: Devubhai & Jamuben Bhoya

**Praise God:** 350 people heard the Gospel in 3 new villages. 24 new families have started to attend our prayer meets. Many new contacts were healed of their sickness when they attended our prayers with faith. Despite opposition in Dungapur area, our believers remain firm in their faith. Suguna and her infant had a fall from the motorbike, but the Lord protected them. Valabhai, Laxhmi, Ashman, Gowriben and Vinod received deliverance from their sickness due to prayer.

**Pray:** For the many believers in our area who face severe persecution for their faith and for them to stay strong in the Lord. For Shilpa to

be healed of her kidney stone and Rajubhai to be healed of cancer. Manisha and Jashodha's families to be blessed with a baby as they remain childless for several years. Vimal and Lali to be healed of Tuberculosis. For the deliverance of people who are under the addiction of Alcohol.

### Sangaria: Selvam & Hepzi

**Praise God:** 56 persons have heard God's Word for the first time. 3 New Testaments were distributed. For Nagrana village believers who stood firm in their faith amidst of opposition to grow in the Lord still. Regular Sunday services, Bible study groups, women meetigs and follow ups were conducted.

**Pray:** For the new contact Papurna to be delivered from demon possession. For Sunil to be delivered from drug addiction and their family to accept the Lord. For Sukhpreet's tumor in the thigh to disappear. For Laabmaan and Kashmin Singh to quit practicing witchcraft. For Dharmendra and his wife to accept the Lord.



## Happy Birthday

Mr. Kenneth Kariyappa, Mrs. Rashmi Prava

Mrs. Rathnamma Sandya Naik

Mrs. Jeya Gowri Selvin Sam

Mrs. Santhammal Johnson

Mr. Vum Biak Lal, Mrs. Charani Dihe

Mrs. Sheeba Pushba Rani John Penin

Mr. Henry Solomon G., Mr. Bangaru Naidu Karri

Mrs. Sangeetha Jesintha Emmanuel

Mr. Daniel Dhanasingh S.

## Hanumangarh:

### Raju Nayak & Jhansi Bai

**Praise God:** 2 persons have come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. 145 persons were reached with the Gospel newly. 7 New Testaments and 7 Bibles were distributed. Film ministry was conducted in Dabli and Khunjan and Bible study programs were conducted in Hanumangarh town, Masani and Chik Chana. Gospel was shared in Gurudwara Pati. Rajander Kour's life was protected in a bike accident.

**Pray:** For God to open the eyes of the ignorant people who worship bullet as god in the bullet baba temple. For God to heal Paru, who met with a motor bike accident, during which his entire leg got burnt along with the fuel tank. For Kishan Singh and Basant to be

delivered from alcoholism and to stop quarreling with their family members. For the people Group Rai Sikh, Majbi Sikh, Jeet Sikh, Odd Rajput, Ramdasiya, Soni, Arour and Nayak to accept the Lord in great numbers.

## Uttar Pradesh

### Jhinhak: Samarendra Singh & Sushmita

**Praise God:** Cluster level evangelist training was held in Jhinhak field in which twenty six evangelists were benefitted. Prayers are systematically conducted in Khanpur, Prayagpur, Goseipurwa, Mudera and Moihi. Beetan of Majampur village got healed from uterus infection and from intestine tumour. Six days fasting prayers were held at Mubarakpur, Bhabhnpur, Rasulabad, Rura, Depapur and Jhinhak Churches; it was a blessing.

**Pray:** The cluster level VBS teacher training to be held in Jhinhak Bholanagar Church and for the VBS to be conducted in five sub stations. Outreach ministry to be done in new villages in all five stations without any hindrances. For Mayabati, wife of our CV. Suresh Chand suffering from typhoid to get healed. Youth and children of Jhinhak field to grow in the Lord. For the upcoming ministry and a good numbers of people to come to the Lord.



## Happy Birthday

Mr. Augustus Pushparaj  
Mrs. Jones Sweetline Paul Daniel  
Mr. Ananda Kumar Selvaraj V.  
Mrs. Jincy

### Rania: Mongwai Phom & Nisha

**Praise God:** Four persons confessed their faith during the seekers Camp. 4 Bibles and 13 New Testaments were distributed. Anuragh from Bara village who was bitten by dog could not walk for four months now is able to walk through prayer. God protected Mahesh family in a road accident. Gospel was shared to Santhosh Pal from Jesaurah village who was hopelessly lying on his bed suffering from cancer without taking food for 2 days; now he believes in Jesus and has the faith that Jesus will heal him and attends our worships regularly.

**Pray:** Prabha who is a widow is in

bondage due to some witchcraft, black magic and Ganga Prasad and Dileep also to be delivered from the effect of witchcraft. 17 years old Shiva who left his house four years ago to come back home safely as nobody knows his whereabouts. The land issues of the two families of Ramvelash and Krishna to be solved.

### Gonda: Omprakash Gupta & Tumpa Chowdhury

**Praise God:** personal evangelism was done for 5 children. This year 19 children were selected to study from our hostel. 1 family was added to His fold from Nut community. Amidst opposition the believers are regularly attending the services in the Church faraway from their places.

**Pray:** For the good result for the hostel children. For the villages Tilkhai, Kukurbhokva, Bhalua, Sambhutara and Nathnagar where the ministry is being done. For the land case that is still in the court to be won without any problem. For the future ministry planned for the Gonda field and hostel to be fruitful.



**Happy Birthday**

Mr. Kumar Paul K., Mrs. Mithlesh Deepratna

## Madhya Pradesh

### Dabra: Satikant Paricha & Sagarika Pradhan

**Praise God:** God helped us to distribute 5000 books 'Story of Jesus', 300 tracts and to sell 50 Gospel packets through Jeep outreach. We were able to do outreach in the Gwalior Mela. Believers are growing strong in the Lord through Zoom prayers in the mornings. Amarpura Kheri congregation is developing slowly in elder system.

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

### Pansemal: Bhangsingh Vasava & Yeman

**Praise God:** 7 believers were

added to the fold of Jesus. 13 New Testaments and 2 Bibles were distributed. 8 New Villages were reached. Ten people had taken part in the volunteers VBS training. For the spiritual growth of 111 people who had taken part in Naliamba village spiritual program. Children classes were conducted in 11 villages. Some of our Church elders who are now able to conduct services on their own to become courageous enough to lead other people to Christ.

**Pray:** For the salvation of the new people who are attending the services and worship in Kurmudi Village. Sunday school is started in one church; continuity of the sessions and the people leading the Sunday schools to be filled with the Holy Spirit. For the quick recovery of Subash, Reen Bai, Sardha Bai, Baise Nai and Reena Bai suffering from Seizure disorder and many other disorders. For Mukesh and Deevan family to come forward to serve the Lord. Pray that God should prepare their Hearts and mind to work for the Lord. In need of one local evangelist in our area. For the spiritual life and the work of some people who have migrated to other places to work. For the healing of Amsia who is diagnosed with mouth cancer and cannot afford any kind of treatment because of his poor socio economic status



## Happy Birthday

Mr. Albin T., Mr. Mithran E., Mr. Ramesh Velraj A.  
Mr. Muthaiah U. Samuel, Mr. Nehemiah  
Mrs. Pankajam Hari Babu Gundra  
Mrs. Hannah Mary Slesher Rajendran

## Chiriya: Mahendran & Pushpam

**Praise God:** The Jesus film show in Kherkundi village evicted a positive response from 90 people. The women's mela at Bhjarkhodra Church was attended by 60 women; and they were blessed. Sheela Ben and Mahesh were delivered from evil spirit possession after attending the prayer meet. Dinesh of Chandpur village, a former persecutor of the Christian faith is now a believer and attends Church with his whole family. Sukkuma, Dublibai and Rathanmai received healing from paralysis.

**Pray:** For our evangelist's father Shivlal is bedridden after an accident. The Lord should heal him and he should receive Christ as his personal Saviour. Shinda to be delivered from his addiction to alcohol. Our believer Ginaben's husband a magician would choose to believe in Christ and experience

deliverance from the spirits that are at work in him. For Sadhana suffering from TB is evicted from her house by her in-laws should receive healing and comfort in Jesus. For Subash the head man and a few villagers of Rathnapura village who persecute the believers and prevent people from attending any Christian programmes that they may experience the love and power of Jesus Christ in their lives.

## Jharkhand

### Amlagachi: Gajen Champramary & Rosila

**Praise God:** Some of our believers who attended spiritual mela have committed their life for God's ministry. God protected the lives of our Volunteer Luka Malto and his family from a bike accident with few serious head injuries.

**Pray:** For our believers' children who are underprivileged, as there are no opportunities or possibilities for them to go to school to get educated. God to help many of the Church elders who are uneducated, the ability to be able to read. For the various problems that are prevailing in the villages, to get solved. For our believers to stand strong in the midst of Political and Social changes as anti-Christian atmosphere is on the rise.



## Happy Birthday

Mrs. Gnanapushpam Arulraj  
Mr. Vinod Kumar Singh, Mr. Ravi K.  
Mrs. Mamatha Timmannan  
Miss Ruth Malto

## Keirajodi: Chuchao & Kampung Taba

**Praise God:** 23 people accepted Jesus Christ as their personal savior. God blessed Markus Malto family of Donijamali village with a child. God protected our evangelist Jonarthan Malto's family from an accident without serious injuries. God healed Esther Malto of Kalhjor from swelling throughout the body. Three days fasting prayer was held meaningfully. Sauria Malto outreach fields Mela was held successfully at Danhati.

**Pray:** To achieve the new financial year's target. Self-proclaimed Gurus - Dole of Jamalo area, Surja of Daugodda area who are disturbing our ministry and threatening people not to accept Christ, to taste the love of Jesus. For the village chiefs who opposes our ministry - Paide Malto of Daugodda, Deva Malto of Basgi, Maga Malto of

Chalgodda village and Jimmy Malto of Goga village to accept the Lord. For Abraham Malto of Palambe village and Philips Malto of Bathan Boduwa, the land donor of our Church who have backsidden to resume back to faith. Baida Malto of Bedokeppu, Chandan Malto of Mithijamali to be healed from fits. The misunderstanding between believers of Patria due to the government jobs in the school to be solved.

## God Changes Pain to Gain!

Kealram 80 years old belongs to Zadba village in Kalwa field, Madhya Pradesh fell sick all of a sudden. The family members took him to hospital and doctors diagnosed him with a tumor in the Kidney. He could neither be operated nor treated due to his age factors. So the doctor gave few medicines and sent him back home. That same night he was suffering with severe pain and could not sleep the whole night. He was groaning in pain. His grandson Anil and his wife Sunita are our believers. So they called our missionary over phone and asked him to pray for Kealram. He prayed for him then the same day the pain reduced and he could sleep. Seeing this all his family members started to trust in the Lord. Then through the prayers of his grandson and his wife he feels better now. Glory be to the Lord!



## Happy Birthday

Mrs. Jhansi Rajendran, Mr. Thomas Matthew  
Mr. Babu Pushparaj D., Mr. Biju Lal  
Mrs. Shanthi Gnanapandithan  
Mrs. Dr. Willset Chris L., Mr. Titus Babu Polavarapu  
Mrs. Selvarani Baranidharan, Mr. Bhagirathi Bisoyi  
Mrs. Lakshmi Vedyappan, Mr. Ajay Barde  
Mr. Gimbhal Dilipbhai Raghubhai  
Mr. Suresh Maito S., Mr Debasish Hembram

## Amarapara: Vyasu Babu & Soundarya Rekha

**Praise God:** 898 people were reached in 8 new villages. 24 Bibles were distributed. 45 people became believers and were added to the fold of Jesus. The Gospel was preached in 20 villages as part of the follow up ministry. The Lord enabled us to get a new projector for our film ministry. The Lord healed Ganesh Tudu, Sakal Soren from epilepsy, Munsi Marandi from tuberculosis, Ramdan and Junas from Typhoid. 50 women attended the women's training programme and were nurtured with the Word of God.

**Pray:** For the Holy Spirit to convict people unto repentance and to grow in faith through the film shows, drama programmes and outreach ministry. For the Lord to give the fruit of the womb to Mithun and Mery, Richard and Teresa and Solomon's

family. Tanish, Sandeep, Sudhir and Motilal to be delivered from evil possession. For Mariyam to recover from paralysis, Som Murmu and Daniel from tuberculosis and Santosh from epilepsy.

## Gautamnagar Church!

The Gautamnagar Church, which is in Surat Field, Gujarat, was built in a slum area. Since the Surat Municipal corporation (SMC) wanted to clear that slum they asked to find an alternate place to conduct the service. So in 2006 they bought a land and while the Church was half built it was demolished due to a land dispute and because of the demand from those opposing. But the old Church was unharmed. But now since the SMC had planned to widen the roads and the Gautamnagar Church seems to be situated in the middle and the SMC has plans to demolish it. Thou this news have not come officially, the people who oppose keep threatening and intruding during the worship services. The missionaries have given a request to allot an alternate place for our Church. The missionaries went again to talk with the Engineer. He was very angry and said "we will not give any place; you buy a land and build the Church". He told them to remove all the Church belongings from the Church the next day itself. They submitted the copy of that request to the Commissioner, SMC, and also gave a request to the Town Planning Engineer. Till now they have not responded. The missionaries are taking the suggestions from CNI believers who work in SMC. Pray that God will speak in the hearts of these SMC officials and to agree to allot a better piece of land to build a Church.



**Happy Birthday**

Mr. Wilson D., Mr. Ebenezer G. Sam  
Mrs. Snigdha Mohini Devi Jeevan Ranjan  
Mrs Christy Jeyanthi Sathish Kumar

## **RCP Study Centres & Girls Hostel- Donibichakani: Tinggeu Zeme & Ella Zeme**

**Praise God:** For the smooth running of the study centres and a good number of children attending it regularly. The Dumki and Echopara building work is nearing completion. A one day Bible study camp on 'how to read the Bible meaningfully' was conducted and proved to be a blessing. The girls in the hostel had a children's retreat conducted by CEF. A new study centre to be started soon in Bedochapri and all the children's biodatas has been sent to the CCM office for processing. New kitchens are constructed in several centres and a staff quarters was constructed by the parents of the children.

**Pray:** For the water scarcity problem plaguing some of the

centres. The Lord should provide resources for sustained water supply. Some of the construction work is hit due to water scarcity. For God to enable us to build suitable accommodation facilities for the staff of these centres as they currently reside in very basic conditions. The study centre at Gargama is unable to start because of unresolved issues with the land owner. The need of 4-wheeler for use in about 19 centres as the roads are not good and children have to walk a long way carrying their food and other belongings.

## **West Bengal**

### **Tapan: Kingsly Livingston & Delphin**

**Praise God:** The 7th believer's convention went on well. 400 persons heard the Gospel through outreach ministry in 3 villages. 75 house visitings were done and Gospel meeting was conducted in 4 villages. The missionary got a good house through prayer.

**Pray:** For the worship centers in Mararipur, Mahindar, Taosi and Bonahar to grow into congregation soon. For the youth to actively participate in the proclamation of the Gospel.



### Happy Birthday

Mr. Asir T. Y. P., Mrs. Vasanthi Jebakumar  
Mrs. Uldhal Magie Esther Thomas  
Mrs. Gnana Jaba Sheela Daniel Arulmani  
Mr. Mudhavathu Raju Naik

### Asom Gogamukh: Praween Das & Margaret

**Praise God:** Mongelson and his wife Gajera confessed their faith in Jesus Christ and became believers. Through personal evangelism the Gospel was shared to many people and 32 people have shown interest to hear the Gospel. 15 New Testaments were distributed.

**Pray:** For Answar and his wife Lily, Tames Tai and his family, Raina Medok and his family are ready to confess their faith in Jesus Christ, but their own family members are against and not allowing them to profess their faith. For the 285 persons who received the Gospel tracts and would have their hearts opened by the Holy Spirit to believe

in the Word of God. Some of our believers, who are addicted to alcohol, to be delivered. For the few believers' families who have backslidden and are not attending the Sunday Church services; their faith must be restored. Our believer Dharmeshwari suffering persecution in her family because of her faith to find strength in the Lord.

### Majuli: Bhagirathi Bisoyi & Lalmani

**Praise God:** Four families are attending the fellowship. Gospel was proclaimed in the new villages- Seleck, Shrepa, Borgaiya, Sonwalngao and Paongao. In the villages Nobaisha, Borgaiya, and Sonwalngoa some are listening to God's word with much interest.

**Pray:** The families of Rita Misang, Probinapao, Gangadevi who are showing interest in the Gospel, to accept Christ as their Saviour. Misharama believer family is helping us in our ministry. In the villages Nobaisha, Borgaiya, and Sonwalngoa, some believers who are backslidden to come back to faith in the Lord.



## Happy Birthday

Mrs. Rajammal Johnson, Mrs. Elizabeth Solomon  
Miss. Konkani Chandrikaben Chhaganbhai  
Mr. Stephen R., Mrs. Porselvi Felix Kamaliol  
Mrs. Ritanjali Karada Hamuel Limma  
Mr. Muthu Kumar M., Mr. Gavit Rakesh Ratilal  
Mrs. Sheeba Venkatesh Waddar  
Mrs. Jhansi Rani Yuvanesh  
Mrs. Ching Khan Mawi Thangvansang

## Silapathar: Gond Devubhai & Randhe Naynaben

**Praise God:** 3 New Testament Bibles were distributed. Dharmen Mili was healed from fatty Liver. God healed Reena Mili who was suffering from one side hand pain for the last 2 years, and Teresa Doley who had mental disorder. Dimeswar Payang is recovering from Paralysis. God has protected our believer Mahesh Mili from big accident when he collided with a cow while driving the bike and 2 days later the cow died. Around 15 people in Muktiyar village saw Jesus film.

**Pray:** For Teresa Doley's family to accept Jesus as their personal Saviour Jesus. For God to heal, Puja Chetri and Prakash Chetri from

skin problem. Dimeswar Payang's legs to be strengthened, Monika Doley our believer's father is opposing her faith on Jesus Christ in Mesakhi village. Our believers (Women's team) in Sithalmari village have planned to go outreach ministry by themselves. Our youth who are working in other states to be guarded from going back to their bad activities.

## The Enemies as Footstool!

In Dabra mission field (Madhya Pradesh) Khemraj Rajoria - Retired Police inspector reported against Railroad Sunday worship. Then the local police came and enquired and went back. But the worship in that was going on in a rented house and was not stopped. One day Khemraj Rajoria's younger brother suddenly died just two days before his own daughter's marriage. Quickly they buried him and did all marriage arrangements. But the bride was suddenly possessed by evil spirit on the marriage day. Then he brought water to our missionary for prayer. Our Missionary prayed and shared the Gospel with him. The bride was delivered from that evil possession. Later our Missionary was again called to pray in the marriage hall before distributing food. So our Missionary went with believers and prayed. Marriage function went on well without any satanic disturbance. Now Khemraj Rajoria is very friendly. Praise God for His wonderful work among the people who opposed.



**Happy Birthday**

Mrs. Jancy Balaji G.  
Mr. Hemanta Kumar Sabar

### **Jonai: Sunil Singh & Joy Bella**

**Praise God:** For healing Anita Pegu and Rakesh Pegu from different kind of sickness. Sunday school materials for this year were prepared and God helped us to conduct Sunday school teacher's training. One Local volunteer was trained through the comprehensive seminar conducted in Jharkhand.

**Pray:** Medical Screening programme was conducted in three villages. For Sodonatho Doley to give up drinking habits, for Gobin Daw to stand firm in faith. For doors to be opened for Gospel in Padi, Gaali, Baire Jone, Sille, Ginamomora villages. For the salvation of all the children who are attending Sunday school and Youth meetings. For Osad Doley to be healed from Depression. For Sunday school teachers those who participated in training and their commitment. For the

protection of our believers in Jonai field fellowship. To start Sunday Schools in the following places newly -Bidiya, Bor Banda, Taku, Bidiya, Baali, Laimekuri, Okajan, Bormuria, Panbari, Sesa, Rongajan, Batimedok.

### **Chhattisgarh Ludeg: Karunakaran & Elizabeth**

**Praise God:** 1754 people were met in 23 villages with the Gospel. Women believers' camps were conducted in 4 villages and 65 women attended and were blessed. Jabalsoi had a miraculous healing after being admitted in the ICU for a lung related sickness. Amarbarwa received healing from Tuberculosis.

**Pray:** For Jendal Khaketta who is suffering from paralysis and has now started to believe in Jesus. Pray the Lord would heal him and save him from his sins. Samsoi, Kharmila and Bhuvaneshwar to receive healing from their sickness and to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. For Jogenthal and Sumitha to be blessed with children. For the backslidden believers to come back to their faith in Jesus. For those addicted to alcohol to be delivered from the addiction to alcohol.



## Happy Birthday

Mr. Stanley George, Mrs. Esther Esakkiah  
Mrs. Gnanalin Selva Vijila Sundarsingh  
Mr. Mirijo Kisku, Mr. Elangovan S.  
Mrs. Mini Thomas, Mr. Edward Rajadurai R.

## Gujarat Ahwa:

### Vigneshwaran & Angelin

**Praise God:** All the 6 Believers who were added to His fold in Dhangadi village to stand firm in their faith. Training for the elders and catechists was held in Chichinagovda village. Outreach was done in Kukudra, Udhmal and Barkanthyia villages in Vansda field. A two year old boy Samir's eye operation in removing a tumor and fixing a lens in his eyes was successful.

**Pray:** The communal fear prevailing in the villages which is hindering the people to confess their faith openly to be wiped out. For God to bind a kind of viral fever which is affecting the people in Ahwa field and causing weakness. God to bless our preparations and

plans to conduct Thamasha drama programmes in the coming days carrying the Gospel messages across the villages, to be fruitful. For a prayer meeting to be started in Chinchul village. Arunaben of Varsonia who went through frequent abortions to be blessed with children.

## Bodeli: Yesubabu & Usha

**Praise God:** Our believer Vijaybhai who was behind the bars due to a false accusation that he was brewing liquor has come out on bail and the case was dismissed. In Maveli Tekhra village, Rajubhai's wife who was bitten by a poisonous snake just applied oil and prayed as they had no access to medical facility in nearby area was healed miraculously.

**Pray:** For the people who heard the Gospel to respond positively. The children appeared for the board exams to get good marks. Manubhai and Lakubhai families to be blessed with the fruit of the womb. Harshanbhai, Kemabhai and Jeevliben affected by Cancer to be healed. Kanthibhai's family in Maakni village is being disturbed by their neighbor; that neighbor has to repent.



**Happy Birthday**

Mrs. Vijayarani Albin

## **Surat: Mathavaroy & Jebathangam**

**Praise God:** 1 village was newly reached with Gospel. 2 Bibles and 3 New Testaments were distributed. Subam was saved from an accident with just a few injuries. Subam Valvi to get a job. Seje has conceived after two miscarriages. Rajubhai Ninama a migrant from MP could buy a tractor. Mohit's father was able to get Visa and go to Saudi safely for a job. For Anjuben's brother-in-law who underwent cancer operation successfully. For healing Sujeeet from leg swelling and severe pain, Laxmi from nerve cut. For delivering Srikant-Mamthaben family from an evil attack.

**Pray:** For the 22 new people who heard God's Word to respond positively. For Silesh, Kisan and Avinash to get a job. For Rambhai to become normal and to be blessed with children. Nisha who is pregnant having severe pain in abdomen, Rekhaben's son Pavan who is mentally ill and drinking to be delivererd. For Anitaben's brother

Monohar who is ministering in Orissa and his wife Jeyanthi who disturbs his ministry. For Nineshbhai who is having a small tumour in his face to be healed. Rajubhai Ninama who suffers from vertigo and is unable to walk straight or do any work; Gospel has been shared to him.

## **Choramba: Pushparaj and Jyoti Nirmala**

**Praise God:** 52 people were reached in 6 new villages. Deviben and Nandu received healing from their sickness through prayers. Sunitraben started attending Church after her father received a divine healing from a chronic illness in the stomach. Chinna and Jignesh who showed interest in the Gospel has begun to believe in the Lord.

**Pray:** Many villagers are unable to read the Word of God because of high illiteracy levels prevailing. The Holy Spirit should enable them to understand God's Word and to walk in His ways. For Dharmesh to be delivered from an evil spirit posession. He has given up on witchcraft and poojas and has started attending the Church. For Ajith to receive a healing from cancer, Pratikshaben to be healed from sicklecell anemia disease and Pushpaben and Ravithaben to be blessed with children. For the maintenance work to be done in 3 Churches and the Church land to be registered in FMPB's name soon.



**Happy Birthday**

Mr. Jeyasekar P.T., Mr. Sunil Data Kara  
Mr. Bipin Bihari Pradhan, Mr. Samuel R.

## **LTI Fokdi: Reuben Ravi & Vijayarani**

**Praise God:** "Evangelists families spiritual life conference" for the Evangelists families of Khandesh region and for Sitara region were conducted respectively. One day Samiti meeting for Satpuda region was conducted on.

**Pray:** The children of our Fokdi Hostel have gone to their homes after appearing for their board exams; they have to score good marks and use their vaccination productively. In urgent need of a cook family to serve in L.T.I. Training center, because Ramesh Bhai family who was serving as a cook have decided to serve in the mission field.

## **Pipalwada - Girls hostel: Pon Augustine and Joyce Shobana**

**Praise God:** The 12th and 10th students did their board exams well

and the safe travel mercies they experienced. The plumbing work and the garbage segregation area work was completed satisfactorily. A farewell and thanksgiving meet was conducted for the 12th students who have completed their schooling.

**Pray:** For God's mercy as the answer sheets are being evaluated. Physics and Chemistry papers were a little bit hard. The Lord should lead every child to higher studies according to His plan for them. For God's wisdom upon the students who prepare for NEET and other competitive exams. The staff quarters has to be built before the rainy season.

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### **The Shepherds Conversation!**

In Samraniya field (Rajasthan) Luhari village congregation believer Bala Kishan's son Jethender went to the jungle to shepherd the goats. During that time Jethender shared the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ to another shepherd Dharmender from Chakri village. After hearing the Good News Dharmender asked "my cow is sick, if we pray will it be healed by Jesus?" Jethender said "yes it will be healed" with faith. Then Jethender and Dharmender went and prayed that evening. Miraculously the cow was totally healed. Now, Dharmender attends the Luhari congregation worship regularly. He also takes his mother to worship the Lord. Praise the Lord.

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## Happy Birthday

Mr. Kannusamy Thomas  
Mr. Vijai Babu S.  
Mr. Gopikrishnan M.

## Mosda: Paulraj. R & Koilpushpam

**Praise God:** Gospel was shared to 460 persons in 6 villages. 10 persons were added to the fold of Jesus. 2 New Testaments and 2 Bibles were added. God healed the Church elder Bhimsingh from Mogran village when he fainted and fell into a pit due to high fever. God protected Mukesh Bhai from an accident and Bharat Bhai when a large branch hit his eyes. God protect the life of the Dabka Church elder when a snake bit him.

**Pray:** For the wife of the Tekwada Church elder who lost her baby when there was a complicated operation done during delivery has yet another operation because of the complication in the previous

operation; God to give her children soon. Kara, a 12 year to be healed from sickle cell anaemia. For Vasantha Ben to be healed from cyst in her stomach.

## Dabhoi: Bidush & Pritibala

**Praise God:** Manjulaben encountered a tiger in her agricultural farm. She prayed to the Lord for protection and God mercifully protected her life from a possible tiger attack. Sonaliben a 7 year old girl who accidentally fell into a container of hot water, escaped without any major burn injuries. For Dilip a volunteer who helps in the ministry in Kotthar village to joyfully serve the Lord.

**Pray:** For Bharath not to stray away from faith due to false teaching. There must be good cooperation among the Church leaders during the annual Church planning meet and God's vision to guide them for progress in the Church ministry. For the ministry at Khandiyakuva village would be restarted after a long break due to Covid. The backslidden believers to be restored to faith again.



**Happy Birthday**

Mr. Vethamanikam Appadurai N.

**Dadra Nagar**

**Haveli**

**Silvassa:**

**Davidson Rajasingh &  
Kanmani**

**Praise God:** 7 believers were added to the fold of Jesus. 487 persons have heard the Gospel. Night meetings were conducted in 6 villages. Worship services were conducted in 44 congregations each Sunday. The believers visited the patients in the hospitals and prayed for them. Jhansi Bhai was healed from stroke through prayer. The Church construction is finished in Kherdi and Valchondt villages.

**Pray:** Vinoth Bhai, Rana Bhai and Rajesh Bhai to be regular to Church. Dhamesh Bhai from Thothphalia to be healed of skin disease. For Thejal Bhen from Sillipadak to be healed of mental disorder. For Jesintha Bhen to be blessed with children.

**Randha Home:**

**Markus Malto & Sara  
Malto; Chandrika Ben;  
Manisha Lakra**

**Praise God:** 22 Gujarati Bibles were distributed to the children who are able to read Gujarati. Vaiden Ben, Nihal Ben and Ayushi Ben were healed from chicken pox. 64 children in 6 groups attended the Bible quiz conducted. Ankushbhai and Vinay Bhai participated in the district level quiz and bagged the 3rd price.

**Pray:** A cook family and one new warden to be got for the students. The 10th and 12th students to score high marks. For the children to grow spiritually as they grow in physical body.

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### **God of Impossibilities!**

Ramu a 21 year old boy from Balwada village of Kherwara field in Rajasthan was suffering from Blood Cancer. For the past two years he and his parents have visited many witches, temples and hospitals to seek a cure from this terminal illness. Nothing helped and he developed bleeding in his nose and mouth. The missionaries visited his home to pray, and invited this family to try Jesus Christ and to put their faith in Him through prayer. They believed and started attending the prayer meets and Church service without fail. The Lord miraculously healed him from his Blood Cancer and Raju is a powerful testimony as he testifies how Jesus healed him to everyone he meets. Hallelujah!

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### Happy Birthday

Mrs. Freeda Baby Edward Sam  
Mrs. Raja Retnam Abraham  
Mrs. Christa Ravi Kumar  
Mr. Kinsly A.R., Mrs. Shyla Kuppuswamy

## Maharashtra Jimalgatta: Srinivas Lazarus & Sunita

**Praise God:** The follow up ministry was conducted in 27 villages. Mounica a believer whose mother was suffering from painful tumours in her body started to attend the Sunday services. As a congregation they prayed for her and the Lord healed her. This greatly edified their faith. Shoba's father had a nasty fall from a tall palm tree and was presumed dead. As the believers prayed persistently, the Lord granted him a full recovery through hospitalization. Kiran a 7 year old girl was healed from a

burn injury on her back through prayers.

**Pray:** For the Church construction work to be finished at Yeragadda village. Many seekers and their families should be led by the Holy Spirit to believe in Jesus Christ and to accept Him as their personal Saviour. For Rajitha who is newly attending our worship service and is suffering from the effect of witchcraft, to be delivered. For Sudhakar and Gourayya to be delivered from evil spirit possession. Mallesh, whose wife abandoned him and his small daughter to reconcile with him. For Sureka to receive healing from swollen lymph nodes. The Lord should bless Dileep, Venkatakka, Venkatti Kumari and Sukumar with a child after long years of waiting since their marriage. For the Congregations to be strengthened in Merpalli, Chirapalli, Erragadda, Perkabatti, Darshawada, Dachilipeta and Umanur villages.



## Happy Birthday

Mrs. Leelabai John Berlin  
Mrs. Cicily Gnanam Rajkumari Arumainayagam  
Mr. Baburaj K., Mrs. Micheal John Samuel  
Mrs. Jebala Vijayakumar  
Mrs. Hepzi Selvam Thavamani  
Mrs. Tumbada Rasilaben Ramubhai  
Mr. Daniel Rajamani S.

## Khandbara & Navapur: Balaji Netalam & Jagadeeswari

**Praise God:** 2100 new people were reached in 2 new villages. 3 became believers and were added to His fold. 45 New Testaments and 4 Bibles were distributed. 8 small prayer cells were newly formed at Jamda, Navagaon and Kadakipada congregations. The compound wall work of Dhong Church has finished. The Lord enabled 4 new families to profess their faith in Christ. Our believers who migrated to work have returned safely back to their homes. A vision casting meet was conducted at Jamda and 200 believers participated. Many committed their lives to preach the Gospel to their own communities.

**Pray:** For the salvation of Kavita, Kuntha, Premlatha, Dilu Ben,

Nirmala and Sunita's husband. The VBS has been planned to be conducted in 8 villages for the believers and 7 other villages for the non-believers. The Lord should open doors for prayer meets to be held in Billipada and Betkigaon villages. For the initiative taken to start a women Gospel team in every congregation. Zoom fellowship meet to start among the youth. For people of the Kukna community, as they are against Christians especially in Dhong village.

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**Jesus is no respecter  
of persons!**

Prajithbhai is a member of an anti-Christian movement in Ahwa, Gujarat. Once while he was transporting cows in his vehicle, he was caught red handed and his vehicle was confiscated and a case was filed. All his efforts to take back the vehicle seeking the help of various influential persons too went futile. When our evangelist had gone to that village he met and prayed for him. Immediately he received an order from the High court to take back his vehicle and his case was closed on April 1st. Though he had never attended any Church service, he testified that Jesus Christ has done a great miracle in his life. Praise God. Pray for his family married for 25 years to be blessed with a child which would open the villagers to know more about Christ Jesus.

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## Happy Birthday

Mr. Syrus Samuel, Mr. Joseph Durairaj P.  
Mrs. Rebekal Gnanam Charles Chellakumar  
Mrs. Arulmary Anbaiah, Mr. Samuel Jebakumar A.  
Mrs. Maya Susan Sunil K. Matthew  
Mr. Elisha Daime, Mr. David R.

## Ettapalli: Vasave Arvind Valvi & Eju

**Praise God:** New believers training at Puske village, believers camp and Elders camp at Pandevah village, believers training a Ettapalli village were a blessing. Mass outreach was done in Gedaarea and Kotmi area and 9 all night prayers were conducted. Satu Hedo family from Hedri village are newly coming to the Church to get salvation. The Believers mela which was held in Jivangatta village of Ettapalli field was beneficial to those who attended.

**Pray:** Punnibai Maha is suffering from blood cancer and Chinnibai Vodde and Chinnibai Gota who are Paralyzed to be healed. Satu Hedo, new believer from Hedri village has an attack from the evil one. God should provide all needs of Pandu Maha who is economically very

weak from Gaddavada village which is opposing him for his faith. For the protection of the tribal leaders who are involving in ministry. Communal fear stalls many people to confess their faith publicly. Due to the opposition taking place in many villages, the village leaders are pressuring our believers to give up their faith. Village leaders are organizing meetings to curtail the spread of Christianity.

## Pimpalner: Moorthi & Bharathi

**Praise God:** Four believers were added into the fold of Jesus. 600 people have heard the Gospel for the first time. The believers who had migrated for work returned home safely. God healed Sunita Bhai who had a tumor on her hand. In Rohad village many new people eagerly saw the film which was screened.

**Pray:** Lalu Dada from Vijaipur village approached many magicians and underwent many medical treatments in hospitals for his swollen left leg and left hand. Now finally he is attending the meetings for healing. Asha Bhai from Chinchinapada village is praying to begat children. 10 people are to confess their faith in Jesus in Vijaipur Church. A new family Chitti Bhai from Rohad village is coming to worship.



## Happy Birthday

Mrs. Santham David Pounding  
Mrs. Jeyaselvi Manimaran  
Mr. Paplu Paraseth

## Talasari: Mayilsamy & Yesumani

**Praise God:** Gospel was proclaimed in Paagipada, Thodipada villages. Two people have joined the fold of Jesus. 12 elders learned God's Word In Kanthervadi village Elders Training. 40 women participated 2 days women's Training in Raipur village. God enabled us to contact 4 new families- Thiva, Moreshwar, Portholes in Kadkoney village and Sanjeeb Pandu families in Adtaney village. Vanita from Patilpada Papugoan, our believer who was affected mentally was healed through prayer. In gratitude of God's healing she arranged a prayer meeting in her house.

**Pray:** God has opened doors in 2 new villages Paagipada and

Thodipada villages and the Gospel was preached. Believers and the Church elders need spiritual revival; youths need to stand strong in their faith. For God's protection and guidance throughout this month.

## Karnataka

### Kolar Region: Thimmesh & Kavitha

**Praise God:** The Word of God was shared to 150 new persons. 2 persons confessed their faith in the Lord. The elders training, Bible studies and outreach ministries were done without any disturbances. Yellamma's family the only Christians in that village died and according to her wish, her mortal body was peacefully given a Christian burial.

**Pray:** For all the believers to stand firm in the Lord amidst the unfavourable situations. For Yellamma's family members who have backslidden to resume back to faith. For the practice of witchcraft to cease because many people are a victim to it. Muniyappa to walk properly and to be delivered from the effect of witchcraft.



### Happy Birthday

Mrs. Shakena Krupa Rakshana Barre  
Mr. Emmanuel S.

### Malur: Duraismay K & Jayanthi; Kishanta & Pramila Singh

**Praise God:** Gospel was shared to 300 persons in four villages. Through our believers Gospel was shared to their relatives. A believer's relative who was lost came back home when the Alambadi Church congregation prayed for him.

**Pray:** For our believers who are praying for their villagers and developing relationship with local people and sharing the Gospel to them. For our believers sons who are addicted to alcohol and are unable to come to Church and some others who are not allowing their family members to go to Church to repent. For Malur Church believers to come to Church and to involve in ministry.

### Vemagal: Paul Sampath & Rajam

**Praise God:** Church elders training and believers camp was held successfully. Munniyamma's son who left his work because he dint want to do any work came home after much

prayers. Bhuvantha refused to eat the snacks given by her teacher saying that it had been offered to the idols; she was firm in her stand even when her teacher told her that all God's are the same.

**Pray:** For many new persons to be added to Christ fold. For Kenchappa, whose legs are swollen to be healed soon. For the forth coming activities to be fruitful.

### Srinivasapura: Samuel Beborta

**Praise God:** Gospel was shared in 3 villages and got 250 new contacts through it. God is bringing many persons newly to Church every month. For the protection to Krishnappa when he had an accident while driving a tractor and fell off it. Anjappa who was left all alone without any worker was able get more profit in his plant business than with the workers.

**Pray:** For those attending the Church newly to be regular for the worship. Sarojamma who lost in a case she had filed against those who cheated her property and has no money to appeal to higher court to be able to file a case and get justice against the cheaters. For the village Kolatur where there is strong opposition, faces a situation like if there is one death in that village it will be followed by 2 to 3 deaths; for the people to realize their fault and to accept the Lord so that they will be delivered from such curse. For the local people who hinder the ministry by complaining in the police station to accept the Lord.



## Happy Birthday

Mr. Reuben Ravi M.  
Mrs. Merlin Janet Franklin  
Mrs. Gladys Beulah Samuel Jebakumar  
Mr. Israel Nathaniel Edward S.  
Mr. Vavachan M.P., Mrs. Usha Yesubabu  
Mrs. Anjali Devi Bantumilli Aggibada

## Andhra Pradesh Penukonda: Desai Dilipbhai & Randhe Laxmiben

**Praise God:** 3 New Testaments were distributed. Twelve youth attended the Youth training which was conducted at Islapuram Church. A Church elder training program was conducted at Maravapalli. Daily Morning Prayer is going on by conference calls. Through outreach Cherlopalli and Motavaripalli villagers heard the Gospel. Weekly night prayer meetings were conducted in Adudagalapalli, Somendapalli, Penukonda, Chandragiri and Kuruvandlapalli. God healed

Somesekar from leg infection. God healed Jonathan from malaria, Riyaz from cut wounds in neck caused by his father in law was saved by the grace of God. Paul Prabakar got a job in KIA company. God helped Sushilamma in her eye surgery.

**Pray:** For Lalitha's husband from Chandragiri who left her because she is not willing to give up her faith on Jesus, to accept the Lord and to live in peace with his wife. The parents of Obulesh and Somesekar from Maravapalli are preventing them from attending the meetings. Karunakaran from Kuruvandlapalli who fell down from bike has pain and inner injury in hand to be healed. Anandamma and Karunamma who are bedridden and are not able walk to be able to walk. Vijay and Ashok are studying in 10th std, 12th Std from Kuruvandlapalli who are orphans and earn their lively hood through daily wages to get good marks.



## Happy Birthday

Mr. Chandran K.V., Mr. Vijayan T.  
Mr. Arul Aseer D., Mrs. Swati Sharma  
Mrs. Santani Bardhan Manoj Kumar Pani

## Roddam: Debodatta Lima & Sonia Rani

**Praise God:** 10 New Testaments and 2 Bibles were distributed. God saved Naresh family from police case. God blessed Govindapa family to reap good fruits in the garden. God healed Sivama from Lung infection and Harika from fungal infection in her body. God helped Gangama to get her job once again in the company which sent her because her certificates and adhar card was wrong. Nagraj lost his memory due to a bike accident; his health condition is improving.

**Pray:** The children in Turukalapatanam village are affected by chickenpox. God to heal Baylanji (above 2years) who is paralyzed on one side and Kolana who after an eye operation is unable to see properly to regain his sight. For Kartik 10 year's boy

to be healed from eye infection. Shivaprasad husband of Pratusha's salvation who is away from his family for 2 years and is opposing her from going to Church. Ravi who is addicted to alcohol and not allowing Akkama for job. For the salvation of Nagraj who is suffering from swollen stomach.

## Tamil Nadu

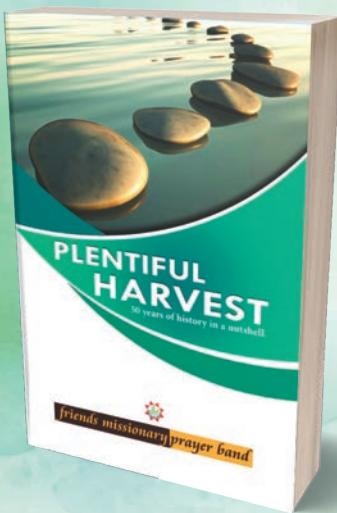
### Tiruvallur: Paul Anandhan & Sarah Jothy

**Praise God:** For all the persons who are attending the worship services in Gopalpuram, and Kakka Kandigai. For Kanthammal, Usha, Sangeetha, who are growing in the Lord in Rakrishnapuram and Esther in Muthukondapuram. Dhakshanamurthy and Kamala were blessed by a good harvest in their fields.

**Pray:** For Vishalatchi, Gayathri, and Vandhana's future prospects who have lost their parents. For the bereaved family members of Kanchana who has lost her husband in Venugopalapuram; God to take care of the future of the children. For the healing of Rajendran in Krishnapuram whose leg was injured in an accident. For Muthukondapuram village people to be delivered from poverty, ignorance, superstitious beliefs, addiction and drinking habits.

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