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But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light. - 1 Peter 2:9

CHOOSEN TO
PROCLAIM!

I have
chosen
you
Haggai 2:23

THEME OF THE YEAR 2023

Chosen to Proclaim



Kaka is an extraordinary football player, who had won a lot of medals and name for his country. He is also an active Christian. Everytime he scores a goal for his team he

would point both his pointer finger towards heaven and acknowledge that his victory is from Jesus Christ. "I belong to Jesus" is the caption found on his T-shirt, indirectly testifies his stand during his interviews. Through this he tried to communicate to others about his faith in Jesus, from which field he is in and with whatsoever things he possesed. In 1 Pet 2:9 we read that God has called us out of darkness into the light. David explains this phrase darkness as "miry clay". Everybody must have had this experience of Darkness or miry clay situation in our lives. God has chosen such people as we to proclaim his greatness to others. When we share this experience of coming into light with others they too can be led into the path of salvation. For this the Lord has chosen us. Our President - Emeritus Dr. Sam Kamaleson used to sing an old song ...what he has done for others he will do for you. With arms wide open he'll pardon you..." When people hear this goodnews they too will come into this marvelous light. According to 1 Pet 2:10, if we are His people and have received His mercies in our life we will use every opportunity to proclaim His goodness in our lives. What are those that we need to proclaim about our Saviour? 1. His Name (Is 12.4) 2. Good News (Lk 4:18) 3. Peace (Is 52:7) 4. Forgiveness (Act 13:38) 5. God's Word (2Tim 4:18). 1Pet 2:12 says we need to proclaim the above through our good conduct and good deeds (i.e our lifestyle). "preach the Gospel at all times. Use words if necessary" - Francis of Assisi. Because our lives speaks louder than our words. Just like Kaka God expects us to proclaim the above list in our daily life. Lets remember in our prayers those that have been chose by God and have moved out of their comfort zones boldly to the frontline to proclaim this Jesus to the perishing in our nation. God has chosen us not as slave or a pauper but as **Chosen Race, a Royal Priesthood, a Holy nation, and as His Own Possesion**. Therefore we are called to proclaim Jesus somehow or the other in our lives, even if we are lifted to a greater heights or have been pushed to the margins of our lives.

- Mercy Selwyn (*Communication Department*)

**"Give praise to the LORD,
proclaim His name;
make known among
the nations what He has done,
and proclaim that His name
is exalted." - Isaiah 12:4**

**"Proclaiming the gospel
to a lost world cannot be just
another activity to add to
the church's crowded agenda.
It must be central to who
we are. It forms our identity."**

- Francis Chan

**And because of my
chains, most of the brothers
and sisters have become
confident in the Lord and dare
all the more to proclaim
the Gospel without fear.**

- Philippians 1:14

**"Many Christians are not
aware of this amazing
potential that is available
to them. No matter what
we are facing, as we learn to
proclaim the Word of God,...
God's creative transforming
power is released."**

- Derek Prince

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FRIENDS FOCUS

Our Vision:

Reach the unreached Indians with the
Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Our Mission:

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

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

FMPB does saturation evangelism
among various people groups.

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

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From the General Secretary...

Dear partners in the mission of reaching the unreached Indians,

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

June 9, 1967 the first missionary set his feet in the dense jungle village of Bettamugilalam situated in the Dharmapuri district of Tamil Nadu, with which a missionary movement started moving. God made that small step, taken into the unknown as a giant leap forward in mission annals. God blessed that small step and took the mission into 24 states of our beloved nation with 1000 missionaries.

Zechariah 4:10 says “Who dares despise the day of small things ...”

This verse reminds us that every small step forward with Christ, in Christ and for Christ today will bring a sea of change in the days to come. Take heart, you children of God, that you may be conducting prayer groups or praying for the nation in a group or coordinating more prayer groups; how much ever small your work may be but God who sees that will use it for a greater purpose for His glory. 1 Corinthians 15:58, says, “Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain”.



Kaliyakkavilai Missionary Dedication

Twelve missionaries were dedicated at Kaliyakkavilai CSI Church, Kanniyanum on 22nd April in a full day meeting. The Presbyter of the Church conducted the service and God used me to deliver the Word of God and blessed the meeting.

Nandurbar Hostel Dedication

God provided a spacious and beautiful building for the stay for our Nandurbar girls hostel children in Nandurbar, Maharashtra. The building was dedicated on 25th April 2023 in the presence of FMPB missionaries, believers and children. I thank all who have contributed towards this cause.

Mobilization Secretaries Meeting

The Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry mobilization secretaries and honorary secretaries gathered with their families for a two days meeting in Mettupalayam to praise God for enabling them to successfully carry out the ministry in the last financial year

and to submit this year's plan to God in prayer. The meeting was held in a beautiful campus in cool surroundings. I thank all the Mobilization Secretaries and their families for their committed and sincere ministry in FMPB for the glory of God.

Uttar Pradesh and Jammu Visit

I along with Secretary Field visited Kanpur and Jammu Regions from 5th May to 11th May to meet the missionaries and Evangelists and to assess the present situation in the light of rising opposition for the Gospel. On 7th May we worshipped the Lord in a Church in Ghatampur, Uttar Pradesh. The Missionaries and Evangelists are doing God's ministry with enthusiasm in the midst of mounting pressure for the ministry.

Meeting with Navjeevan Seva Mandal leaders

We had a fruitful meeting with Navjeevan Seva Mandal leaders at Headquarters on 15th may 2023 for larger cooperation in child care ministry.

Important meetings and programs in June:

Assam, Bihar field visit

God willing I will be visiting the missionaries and mission fields of Assam and Bihar in the first week of June. Your prayers are appreciated for a fruitful field trip which will enhance the ministry of the Lord.

Meeting with the NELC moderator

On 8th June, we have planned for a meeting with the Moderator of Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jharkhand. Pray that the meeting may be fruitful.

Meeting with Wycliffe India

Wycliffe India supports us in our Bible Translation Ministry and meeting is arranged with its leaders on 10th June in Chennai to discuss about ministry and organizational relationship.

Finance Monitoring Committee

The Finance Monitoring Committee is scheduled on 11th of June.

Executive Committee meeting

The 214th Executive Committee meeting will be held on 17th and 18th June 2023. Please pray for the members travel and God's leading and guidance on every agenda.

Meeting with Gujarat Bishop

God willing FMPB leaders will meet the Bishop of CNI Gujarat Diocese and its leaders in Ahmedabad on 27th June. Your prayers are requested for the blessing of the meeting.

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.

CHOSSEN TO PROCLAIM

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light".(1 Pet 2:9)

When the town crier or herald proclaims a message he is in no way impacted or emotionally attached to it. Whereas, when we proclaim the gospel it is not just a message that we shout out. In the Bible what we proclaim is not just the message but also about the author of the message namely Jesus Christ, The Holy Spirit and God the Father. The messenger is one who has experienced the message and has been impacted by it.

The Credentials of the Messenger

According to 1 Peter 2:9 we, the messengers are a specially chosen people. Being a specially chosen people implies not just a privilege but to a greater extent an onerous responsibility as well. As ones belonging to God, the king of kings, we are royalty. The next defining analogy is that of a priestly role. Priesthood is a mediatory role in which the priest represents people before God and mediates God's blessings and directions to the people. We are further described as a holy nation. We are to stand out as a unique and separate community in a positive way with God given values and principles. We

are people who have been moved out of darkness and brought to light.

The reason for our being chosen is that we may declare or proclaim the praises of God. As people chosen to declare the praises of God are we defined by the afore mentioned characteristics. As chosen people, called out people, a holy community, are we defined only by the names we give our children, the way we dress, the food we eat, the way we worship, the language we speak and the festivals we celebrate? Are we aware of the implications of being called to be different?

Proclamation: Verbalized and demonstrated

Proclamation is primarily verbal. Jesus proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God, Paul proclaimed the good news among non-Jewish people. This does not preclude the important principle of exemplifying and demonstrating the message through our lives. In order for the proclamation to be fruitful and impactful the following factors need to be kept in mind:

a) The world view Factor

Anthropological insights and world view considerations of the community the gospel

is being proclaimed to must be factored in so that the message impacts the listeners in a meaningful way. We have examples for this in Paul's proclamation in Athens (Acts 17:16-34). The way John begins to proclaim the good news in the opening chapter of His Gospel is another example where the world view of the target audience is taken into consideration. The people we are proclaiming the gospel to may have a different perception of important theological concepts like sin, salvation, life after death etc. and so will understand Biblical truths though the filter of their world view. It is therefore important that we study and know their world view so that the intended meaning of the author is not only communicated without distortion but is also understood by our hearers as the author intended it to be. For example you may be preaching about the salvation that Christ offers us, namely forgiveness from the punishment for our sins and eternal life in the presence of God. The hearer may understand salvation to mean freedom from the cycle of birth and rebirth and merging into the paramarthman.

b) The language Factor

The proclamation of the Gospel should ideally be in the mother tongue of the people. Depending on whom he is addressing Paul switches between Greek and Hebrew. Multiplicity of languages should be seen as an opportunity rather than as a nuisance. Language diversity ought to be celebrated and preserved rather than being wished away. Our sloppiness in learning new languages should not be a reason to proclaim spiritual truths in a language that the people are less proficient in.

c) The life testimony Factor

The message being proclaimed must be backed by the messenger's life witness. In Mathew 5:16 we learn that when our light shines in the form of good deeds, the ones watching us will offer praises to the Father. Even when no words are uttered the truth about God and notions of right and wrong are revealed through God's creation. Paul makes this point in Romans 1:18-20. In verse twenty he says, "... since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities , his eternal power and divine power and divine nature - have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made so that men are without excuse". The Psalmist says, "The heavens declare the glory of God, the skies proclaim the work of his hands yet their voice goes out into all the Earth, their words to the ends of the world".(Ps 19:1-4)

These are instances of non-verbal proclamation or revelation of God's character. Just as God's creation reflects his character and awesomeness do our lives manifest God's love, holiness, compassion, mercy and power? When our way of living contradicts the verbal proclamation we make, it renders our proclamation less effective, less convincing or less appealing. In 2 Chronicles 15:9 we read that many from the Northern kingdom of Israel crossed over to Judah when they saw that the Lord, the God of Asa was with him.

d) Analogies and Parables

The use of apt tangible analogies in proclaiming the gospel will help people understand abstract spiritual concepts. Jesus himself used a lot of analogies to explain the truths of the Gospel. This is

in keeping with the traditions of the East where Gurus use analogies to drive home philosophical concepts to people both educated and uneducated.

e) Knowledge of other faiths and beliefs

As people proclaiming the Gospel we also need to listen to and understand the beliefs and philosophical foundations of other faiths. The more we understand the other points of view the more we get to appreciate our own faith. It also helps to foster a healthy relationship with people of all faiths without animosity or an attitude of superiority. It helps us engage in meaningful dialogues and explain our faith with reference to concepts and vocabulary they are familiar with. It renders greater credibility to our choice of the faith we owe allegiance to because others will know that the choice of

our faith is not born out of ignorance but with the awareness of alternate beliefs.

f) Dependence on God's Spirit

As people chosen and called to proclaim the good news we are not to depend only on our wisdom and power of persuasion but on the power of God's Spirit. The subject of our proclamation ought to be Christ. The credibility of our proclamation is greatly determined by the life we live. Let our proclamation both verbal and non-verbal impact and transform lives so that God's name may be glorified. In 1 Cor.2: 4 & 5 Paul writes, 'My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith may not rest on human wisdom but on God's power'.

**- Rev. Sutharson Thomas,
FMPB - Former General Secretary &
Bible Translator - Haryana.**



As a group of 12, from Chennai - Adyar surroundings, we started our mission field trip on 20.02.2023 to Chhattisgarh and Odisha. We visited the mission fields and the children's hostel along with the missionaries. We also took part in the ministry that took place among the Oraon people group. This was followed by a visit to the Church and hostel in Ludeg. In Ludeg we heard the testimonies of the believers and shared our testimonies in order to lift our Lord's name high. Followed by the visit to Chhattisgarh we visited the mission fields and hostels in Odisha along with the missionaries. Towards the end of the trip we attended the morning service in Deulahudi Chruch and met an elder of the Church who was a pujari (Godman) before salvation and a main party leader who is now an evangelist. Along with the missionaries and believers we prayed for the students who were going to face the examination and for the sick, and left the mission field with a heavy heart and a desire to do something for the God.



AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Dear subscribers, supporters and sponsors of FMPB Ministry,
Greetings in the wonderful Name of Lord Jesus Christ.

It has come to our notice that a malicious mail is sent by a self-declared supporter of FMPB without ascertaining the factual position. The issues raised in the so-called mail were general

in nature and without any specific instances. One of the senior leaders of the FMPB wrote in response to the previous communication and requested him to come for a meeting with specific cases of allegations, so that they could be discussed to make things clear.

As an organisation, FMPB is committed to follow the "Ethos" and to follow certain established practices. Discipline amongst its Missionaries are paramount. So far FMPB has never compromised from its principles. A generic complaint against the current leadership is thrown which cannot be responded. When asked for specific instances, nothing was brought out which could be discussed in the Executive Committee for addressing the suitable issues.

With active participation from the members of the Executive Committee, decisions are taken from time to time. Some of the issues were discussed and actions are in hand for improving the working for the benefit of all stake holders. While some of the issues are acknowledged, it is also important for an organisation to enforce discipline amongst its workforce. Decisions are taken based on the performance of the individual Missionary, feedback from their supervisor and actual result of the work of the individual.

FMPB is committed to the maintenance of financial discipline and moral discipline amongst the Missionaries. FMPB also appreciates the sensitiveness of the issues whenever brought to its notice directly or indirectly. Actions are taken based on a detailed examination and findings, as can be seen the time taken for the final decisions.

FMPB is fortunate to have a believer as its lawyer who charges minimum amount to represent FMPB in the Courts. It is a malicious contention that FMPB is spending more amount on the lawyers which is totally untrue. As a matter of principle, FMPB doesn't prefer to file a case and we are defending the cases filed by the disgruntled missionaries who have left FMPB.

FMPB would like to allay the mis-information that FMPB did not take care of its Missionaries during COVID period. This is totally untrue. All possible support was provided to each and every Missionary during pre and post-COVID period including all possible medical help.

FMPB assures to each and every one that every Missionary is treated fairly and ensures transparency in managing its activities. FMPB is open for any meaningful suggestions or improvements within the declared "Ethos" and for the glory of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We appreciate your continuous prayer and support to the ministry of FMPB. Praying for you all.

Your co-worker in God's Mission,
Rev. S. John Berlin, General Secretary.

Dearly Beloved in Christ Jesus,

Our hearts were much burdened, listening to the testimony of the medical missionary Dr. Mrs. L. Willset Cris MBBS, MD (OG) and her husband Dr. D Thomas (previously a scientist in DRDO), who are passionately working in the FMPB's medical ministry among the Santhals and Maltos in Jharkhand.



Here is the interview!

Dr. Mrs. L. Willset: Will you please share about your salvation experience and your call for ministry.

I belong to CSI Church of Kanyakumari district. While in school, I have never missed any Church worship, even during my SSLC & HSC board exams. During my first year of studying Medicine, I came into the salvation experience. Obeying the Bible teachings was my priority and, working for His kingdom and helping the least in the society through my medical education was my dream. I lost my father during the school days. Even though, there was a burden at shouldering the responsibility upon me regarding my younger sisters and brother's education and marriages, God had protected me from all distractions and kept me moving in the right direction.

Dr. Mrs. L. Willset: You could have served in a big hospital and could have lived comfortably. But you have chosen to serve these tribal people. Why?

After MD in OG, I got married in 1999 and settled in Cochin. There I worked in a 1200 bedded Christian hospital, Lisie Hospital Institution for 10 years. There I gained practical knowledge about the good work culture and strong Christian ethical practice of Medicine.

We were part of the FMPB field trip team from Kochi in 2007 to Jharkhand. During one of the village night meetings one 7 month pregnant lady served tea for us. I was hurt when we heard the news that she died because of cerebral malaria in the subsequent week. My husband and I made a commitment that we would go and work in this area for one year. For various reasons it got delayed up to 2013. At one point of time in 2013, I never wanted to go to Malto area. Then God spoke clearly that if I could Love these people as He loves them and serve them. I said yes to God's call and started preparing towards it.

Dr. Mrs. L. Willset: Were you able to come over immediately? What were the challenges you faced?

No. Greatest challenge was my son's education, finding a hostel for him, leaving my old and sick mother who raised us up single handed with much difficulty. I resigned from my job 2014 March, waited on God for 2 yrs. From 2016 March onwards doors started to open up. Joined in FMPB in 2016 July and started working.

Dr. Mrs. L. Willset: How is the plight of the people while you work among them?

Main challenges are 1. Quarks exploiting the people, 2. People's ignorance, 3. Poverty,

4. Primitive healing practices like Jadiputti, Oja practices, and 5. Very poor road facility to the Malto people group as they live in hilly terrains. People walk for 2-3 hrs to our clinic was the usual practice. On the other side, believers in humanly difficult situation, trust God and pray fervently during sickness. We see miracles happening as we also join with them in treatment.

Dr. D Thomas: Brother, Can you please brief us about your salvation experience and ministerial call?

I accepted Lord Jesus as my saviour through Bro. Augustine Jebakumar's message during my 12th standard. After my Engineering studies, I got job in NPOL, Defence Research Development organization, Cochin. I was involved in church youth ministries and mission activities. After my marriage, as a family we involved in the FMPB, Ernakulam, mobilization ministry; forming prayer groups and introducing the ministry to both the Tamil and Malayalam congregations. Later, when my wife moved to Jharkhand in the year 2016, I was supporting her from Cochin. In the year 2021, I applied VRS from DRDO and subsequently moved over to Jharkhand to continue the ministry along with my wife.



Dr. Mrs. L. Willset: Can you briefly share about your ministry in Jharkhand now?

We started the work with weekly functioning in 3 village clinics and a base hospital with one driver and two SSLC girls. Slowly God added up people with us. Every year we treat approximately 10,000 to 12,000 out patients and 200 – 300 in patients. Many people were healed, comforted, strengthened in their faiths that resulted in giving Glory to God's name. FMPB had opened a hospital with 10 beds, Labour room, and an operation theatre in 2020.

Dr. Mrs. L. Willset: What is your urgent need?

Maternal mortality is high here along with so many sicknesses. We need skilled medical personnel with spiritual orientation to address the need. In the three districts; Pakur, Godda and Sahibganj, already we have covered 600 Malto villages and 8 lakhs Santhal people have been reached with the Gospel. We need more Doctors, Nurses and paramedical from all over India to prepare a group of people to meet our God. More than the professional motivation, it is spiritually motivated; with spiritual priorities for a holistic healing of this people group. Suffering now, must result in as much care to be given now as the threat of lost eternity will result in evangelism.

Dr. Mrs. L. Willset: How do you feel working among these people?

"It is a joy to walk with the LORD through rough roads, to see the least and lost one comforted, healed and lives turning back to their creator God"

*We strongly believe that this interview we had with you will make an impact among the young people. Their Son Hudson Samuel is just completed his B Tech., at IIT Bhubaneswar.
Let's uphold this family in our daily prayers.*

Periyamalai Day 2023

Dear beloved Prayer Partners in Christ Jesus,

Let God's name be glorified for your meaningful contributions of going and **sending** towards reaching our goal "**Go or Send**".

FMPB is a movement that was established solely for the purpose of reaching the unreached Indians with Indian personnel (we). Our first mission field, Periyamalai, is the basement of this movement. Each year we celebrate June 9th as Periyamalai Day, giving thanks to our Lord Jesus for guiding us with his planning principles and achieving the same in miraculous ways. The main cause for this was starting the ministry in Periyamalai, among the marginalised people spread across the Dharmapuri District, in 1967. Today, this ministry has widened and spread throughout the 24 states of our country, India.

In these 56 years of completion, this place with 45 congregations shines as Denkanikottai Region in fulfilling the Biblical saying, "Who shall abhor the day of small beginning?" This area is a witness to the upliftment of the society whose eyes of knowledge have been opened and who have experienced many miracles, wonders, and deliverance from the hand of the Lord, who is being worshipped here ceaselessly, and have gained acceptance and fulfilment among others. Not only have many accepted Christ, but for four generations they have acknowledged Jesus as their God and are proclaiming Him to others. 27 youth, both men and women, reared in this area are serving our Lord Jesus through our nation and other organisations too. 40 others are serving as evangelists along with us. At this date, the Tamil Nadu Zone is functioning as three regions. In Pettamukilam Church, regular services are being conducted by the workers of Periyamalai, and even the Prayer Partners gather here for intercessory prayers. The gatherings and training of all three regions are conducted here systematically.

We have planned to proclaim the Gospel to 4,40,000 persons, and cover 880 villages with the Gospel and to establish 88 worshiping groups, 44 Congregations and to raise 44 full time workers and to bring 4,400 persons into God's fold. We sincerely thank you for upholding this cause in your prayers.

And he said, for now the LORD hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land. Genesis 26:22

- Rev. T.Albin, Secretary-Tamilnadu Zone



Fallen Corn of Wheat!



Mr. K. Thiagarajan (1944 - 2023)

Mr. Thiagarajan from Sivakasi was born on 10th May 1944 to Mr. Kandasamy and Mrs. Mary ammal. His father served in the Indian Army and had settled in Secunderabad. They were from other faith.

Mr. Thiagarajan after his SSLC, finished his technical course Diploma in Mechanical Engineering. His father encouraged him to join the Indian Air force. Mr. Thiagarajan joined the Air force in 1964. During his Air force Training at Tambaram, he had an opportunity to attend the Gospel meeting conducted by Laymen Evangelical Fellowship. He had gone to the meeting as a non-Christian young man and returned as a follower of the Lord Jesus. In that spiritual meeting he experienced the saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus and became His child. He attended the CPM Church and began to grow in the Lord.

He was posted at Air Force Station at Kalikunda, Andra Pradesh. As he did not have any Christian fellowship, he drifted from the faith. On 16th August of 1965 the Spirit of God spoke to him personally and he confessed his sins and renewed himself in the Lord. He attended the Bible study group and shared the Gospel with his fellow workers in the Air force. He helped his mother to accept Christ as her personal saviour. Thus he worked in the Air force for 18 years.

Mr. Thiagarajan married Mrs. Jeyakumari on 21.07.1975. She was a graduate and a follower of the Lord Jesus. God blessed their married life with a boy child Jereme Jebaraj on 17.01.1977.

Mr. Thiagarajan heard about FMPB and attended the prayer cell and all the missionary challenging meetings. In one of the meetings God called him for His service, so he committed himself to work full time. He joined FMPB as a family on first June 1984. He was involved in the mobilization ministry at Hyderabad till 1993 and after serving the Lord in the mobilization ministry, along with Hema Chandran annan they were sent to Mumbai promotional ministry in 1991. He served the Lord in the promotional ministry until his retirement at the age of 65 on 31st May 2009.

He did his best in mobilizing resources for the missionary work in Mumbai. On 2nd May 2023 at the age of 79, he got his home call from the Lord and entered into glory. We thank God for his wonderful life well lived. Please pray for his wife Mrs. Jeyakumari, Son Mr. Jereme and his family.

- Rev. Dr. E. Rajan

TRILOKPURI CHURCH HISTORY

**PATPARGANJ FIELD,
HARYANA REGION,**

Written By
MRS. AGNES EDWARD

Trilokpuri is a locality in East Delhi in the nation capital territory of Delhi, India. It is a well-connected area with enhanced connectivity to major parts of Delhi, Noida and Ghaziabad. Trilokpuri is a resettlement colony of residents which were rehabilitated when the nearby slums were cleared out. At present Trilokpuri is a congested urban sprawl, with 36 blocks. On 15.8.1976 the Patparganj mission field was officially opened by Mr. Lazarus and his wife Mrs. Chandra along with the single sisters - Ms. Daisy, Ms. Jeyaseeli and Ms. Florance, after hearing that East Delhi had never heard the Gospel. Preaching under a pertomax and signing, "Pongi varum arul manitharai matridudhe" was the beginning of the missionary work. As days went by, they met the women who were touched during the meetings in the morning and taught the kids from textbooks as they were left unsupervised. Later, the missionaries found that most of the men of that house were thieves.



Mrs. Thangammal, Mrs. Amaravathi and Mrs. Vellaithai were the very first ones to accept the Gospel and confessed it with 13 others. Sunday services were conducted in thangammal's hut where 40 to 50 people gathered every Sunday.

***Testimony of Mrs. Amaravathi's
son Mr. Arumugam:***



"Our native is Arupukottai. Before coming to Delhi, we were weavers. As my father became ill we took him to many temples in a hope, that he would recover. We lost all our money for buying medicines and visiting temples. After my father's death, we came to Delhi to earn our living. In 1976 Lazarus annan and few others came to Trilokpuri and proclaimed the gospel. My mother, Mrs. Amaravathy @ Annal and my aunt Mrs. Thangammal @ Leethiyal heard the gospel through them. My mother used to dance whenever she heard the sound of drums from the temple. As days went by, my mother got delivered from the evil spirit which caused her to dance. Through continuous hearing of the gospel we accepted Christ. In 1978 my family boldly confessed their faith in God. After accepting Christ my mother who had the habit of quarrelling with other people became a calm person. People who saw her felt the change and they came to our house to be prayed for. As for me, I was a namesake Christian eve after accepting Jesus in 1978. I became an alcohol addict as I worked where it was prepared and also had the habit of buying lottery tickets. During a New Year's service I decided to leave all this sin behind, but was still a namesake Christian. One day as I was trying to give electricity connection to our house from the electric pole I lost balance and was

about to fall, but as I prayed I felt somebody lifting me up and making me stand upright. After that incident God changed me as a true Christian."

Many missionaries joined the ministry, while Mr. Lazarus and family left to Salem to pursue higher studies in 1979. Ms. Benita Evangeline, daughter of Patparganj missionary Mr. T Ponnusamy was a favorite because for her energetic and enthusiastic character. On 12.10.1981 she became sick and she passed away on the next day morning. Her death caused a major impact in the lives of the locals of Trilokpuri. After her sudden death, the songs and the Bible verses that she sang and recited in the worship touched the hearts of many believers and non-believers. Though it was a heavy blow for Mr. Ponnusamy & Mrs. Esther, their approach to Benita's death that, "God has given and God has taken away" touched many more lives. People began to think that the missionary couple has faced the great loss only for them as they have come all the way from Tamil Nadu. After that a revival occurred in the area and many people accepted Christ and are still firm in the Lord till today.

The present Church elder, was an alcoholic and used to abuse his wife. But Benita's sudden death affected and changed him since he was very fond of her. After hearing her death he rushed to Patparganj and fell on the

coffin box and said, "Benita ma, I know Jesus laid down His life for us but you laid down your life for me". Little Benita was a grain of wheat in Trilokpuri field.

As the Gospel started to spread wide and deep, many North Indians also started to attend to Sunday Services. Therefore Hindi service was newly started in the evenings. Fasting prayers were started in 1994, this helped believers who had backslidden to return to faith.

Mrs. Pramila Vijay, after giving birth to a girl child had to face continuous death of her newborns. After finding no solution in temples and in Masjids, she got to know the Gospel from her neighbor. Pramila attended Church regularly and accepted Jesus as her savior and received Joel after many years. When Joel was two years old, while playing in a playground, he was brutally bitten by pigs. He was picked up unconscious and was rushed to the Lal Bahadur Shastri hospital where the doctors pronounced him dead. Joel's mother Mrs. Pramila told her husband to take him to Anmol hospital which was a private one. The doctor who attended Joel told his mother not to cry and he promised her that he would bring back her son alive. He insisted her not to cry. The doctor took the boy inside a room and closed the door behind her and as he said, he brought back her son alive after some time. Joel's wounds were bandaged. The

doctor told Joel's mother, Mrs. Pramila not to admit Joel in the hospital as she would be asked to pay heavy fees. She was asked to bring her son every morning and evening to apply medicines and for redressing. The next day when Joel was taken to the hospital, the doctor who attended him was nowhere found in the hospital. Joel's mother recollects the doctor as "Jesus in the form of a doctor saved my son" Many people who saw the incident gave glory to God. Today Joel is a teenage boy, who worships the Lord at Good Shepherd church. Many such miracles have taken place; due to non-stop prayers and is still happening.

The small Church that started in a hut is now turned into a 4 floor building after a lot of sacrifices and efforts from both the missionaries and the believers. The Good Shepard Church was dedicated on 26.11.2016, by the CNI Bishop of Delhi diocese, Rt. Rev. Warris K Masih. The Baptism tank, Mezzanine floor and Parsonage was dedicated by the men of God. 400 people were present during the dedication programme, along with the President, General Secretary, Prayer Group Leader, Field Secretary, PPA Secretary, Northen Zone Secretary and many other missionaries. The Church is still going strong with fasting prayer, cottage prayer and different prayer cells. Many missionaries have also risen from this Church.

Missionary Biography



Mrs. Vimala Stephen

(1969- 2015)

Early Days

Ms. Vimala was the first daughter of Mr. Lazarus and Mrs. Pushparajam of Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh. She was born on 24th October 1969 in this Christian family. Vimala had two more brothers and two sisters. Her mother Mrs. Pushparajam was a prayerful, God fearing woman and took efforts to rear her children in Godly ways. In her teen, she had a lot of friends in her school, most of them being non-Christians. Their fellowship drifted Vimala away from the Lord. At home, her mother used to emphasize the importance of personal prayer, family prayer and Bible reading. But Vimala turned a deaf ear to her mother's advice. She thought of all her pieces of advice as personal intrusions and did not like any of them.

Born-again Experience

While she was continuing her high school studies, she had an attack of typhoid. She needed to undergo the treatment for a long time. She had to take rest for many days and was unable to go to school. While she was in the sickbed she prayed to God for her healing. The spirit of God convicted her of her sins, so she confessed the sins and surrendered her life to Christ and became His child on 17th September 1989. She started to read the Bible in the morning and evening. Her prayer time was from 5 a.m to 6 a.m. daily. Her mother was happy and she encouraged her. She formed a youth prayer cell and prayed together with other interested girls. She proclaimed the love of Christ to her friends in the school. Ms. Vimala joined the college for her higher studies. She shared the Gospel to her friends in the college too. In the meantime she was actively involved in the Church activities, Sunday school, VBS and youth meetings. And she finished B.Com successfully and waited for the Lord's leading.

Call of God to the Mission

Mrs. Pushparajam had already committed her first born child to the Lord's ministry. Ms. Vimala attended a mission challenging meeting. There they shared about the unreached people of India and the need for missionaries to reach them with the Gospel. There are hundreds of people in Andhra Pradesh to proclaim the Good News whereas very few people

to proclaim the Gospel of Christ in North India. This camp made an impact in the life of Ms. Vimala who had a passion to pray for the perishing souls. While reading the Bible she had God calling her for the ministry. She began to pray about it and it was again and again confirmed. She shared it with her mother; Mrs. Pushparajam was happy to send her first born to the ministry. She told Vimala that she was a privileged mother indeed to send a missionary to the needy place.

In the meantime she attended a meeting of FMPB and came to know more about the North India missionary work. She prayed and decided to go as a missionary through FMPB. She applied to go as a missionary and was called by FMPB for an interview on 24th June 1996. Vimala was selected as a missionary candidate and was sent for the missionary training in the FMPB Training centre, Jhansi. Ms. Vimala led a simple lifestyle. She was a good singer, loved others and was friendly. She always had a smiling face.

Marriage

After finishing her missionary training in Jhansi, she was sent to Gonda children's home. She started her ministry happily with other co-workers. Her parents found a suitable bridegroom Mr. John Stephen. The marriage of Mr. John Stephen, an FMPB missionary, and Miss. Vimala was solemnized on 22nd December 1997.

Ministry in FMPB

After the marriage Mr. John Stephen's family was sent to Jharkhand to serve the Lord among the Malto people group. Then, they were transferred to Basti, the first North India mission field. After their ministry for some time, they were placed in the Jhansi Regional Office. God blessed their marriage life with two daughters Blessina and Ida Grace. Now Blessina is doing MBA final year and Ida Grace is in 12th grade.

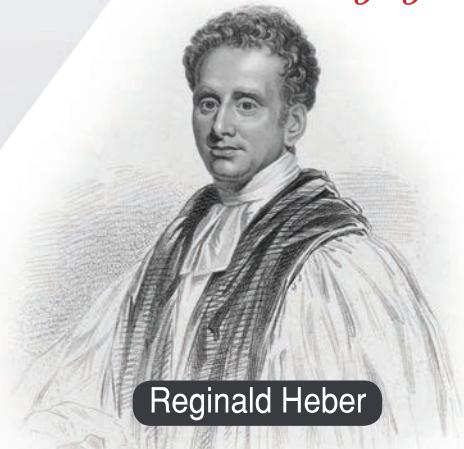
Last Days

During their ministry, Mrs. Vimala was infected in her blood and became very sick. Due to her sickness, they were again transferred to Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh, to do the Promotional ministry. In the month of August she was admitted in the hospital for her treatment. Though the doctors gave their best treatment, she was unable to recover completely from her sickness. She went to be with the Lord on 21st August, 2015. It was a great shock for Mr. John Stephen and his daughters. The family members were much worried as Mrs. Vimala left her two little daughters and the husband in her early age. Her body was buried in Vijayawada with the hope of the resurrection. Thus, Vimala finished the God given race for His glory in a short life span but with a powerful testimony. Let's remember the family in our prayers.

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

TRAIL BLAZERS

*Holy Holy Holy
Lord God Almighty*



Reginald Heber

*“And a vision appeared to Paul in the night;
There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed
him, saying, Come over into Macedonia,
and help us.” Acts 16:9*

On 1 June 1823 Reginald Heber was formally consecrated as Bishop of Calcutta at Lambeth Palace, by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Two weeks later he departed for India. Heber was born into wealth and affluence. His father was the Lord of Matron Manor, Yorkshire. By the age of five, he had read the Bible so thoroughly that he could give chapter and verse for chance quotations. He accepted God as a student at Oxford University. Having been

ordained in 1807, he took up his first service in Hodnet in Shropshire. For sixteen years, here, he preached and served the people in the true Spirit of Christ. He possessed a kind disposition, a prayerful spirit, a tender compassion, and great devotion to Christ. It was during those sixteen years that he wrote his famous missionary hymns.

Even from an early age Heber had a deep longing to go to India. Many a times he imagined himself as a missionary and traced on the map Indian journeys, and had been tempted to wish himself, Bishop of Calcutta. The allusions to “India’s coral strand” and “Ceylon’s isle” in his hymn “From Greenland’s icy mountains” are an indication of the longings that were running through his mind. His earnest prayers were answered in 1822, when at the age of forty he was called as the bishop of Calcutta. The parish of Hodnet grieved at losing their beloved pastor but both rich and poor joined together to give a fitting farewell for their beloved pastor, as a testimonial of their love and gratitude.

In 1823 Heber started for his long-cherished dreams of working as a missionary, serving Christ in India. He spent three years as Bishop in India. It was filled with ceaseless travels and apostolic enthusiasm to encourage churches and to bring India to foot of the cross of Christ. His first missionary journey ranged through Bengal, Bombay, and Ceylon visiting churches and involving in the mission work. His second missionary journey took him through Madras Presidency to Trichinopoly, where on April 3, 1826 he died suddenly in his bath, stricken with apoplexy. It is said that the day just before he died, he has baptised 42 people in all. his sudden loss was deeply felt by all.

He was the one who wrote the famous hymn "Holy Holy Holy," and it is said that no memory of Indian annals was holier than that of those three years of his service as the Bishop of Calcutta. His early sacrificial death as Missionary Bishop of India made his life "as a precious ointment poured forth" at the feet of our Lord in his service. Dr. Sam Kamaleson, who studied later in Bishop Heber School, in Trichinopoly commenting on his life said, "it is hard not to think of the influence of Bishop Heber every time we sang 'Holy Holy Holy,' the greatest worship hymn that was ever written." Perhaps no missionary has ever left on his surroundings so deep an impression of his personality in so short a time.

In his hymn, "From Greenland's icy mountains," he sings "they call us to deliver their land from error's chain," as if he is seeing the heathen in a vision calling him to come. It was similar to that of the vision Paul saw at Troas. That Macedonian man to Paul, represented Europe, and his cry for help is Europe's need of Christ. Paul recognised in it a Divine summons. In this passage of Paul, from Asia to Europe, a great providential decision was taking effect, of which, all children of the west, cannot think without the profoundest thankfulness.

Similarly, when Heber had his vision of "India's coral strand," a great providential decision took effect. In God's providence, it was time for the Gospel to visit the wandering tribes of India, piercing its way down through the passes of the Himalayas, on the banks of the Ganges, the Indus, and the Godavari. And we cannot think of it without the profoundest thankfulness. They believed that in carrying Christianity to a land, they were carrying that

which would best rectify disorders, alleviate distresses, assuage sorrows, and multiply eternal happiness. And, therefore, they never stopped to consider whether they had at their disposal the particular engine which, on a human computation, might be suited for counteracting a particular evil - enough that they had the gospel to preach.

Let us learn, from the example of St. Paul and Bishop Heber, to set a higher value on the gospel: whether it is as a group or as individuals that we are called upon by the Macedonian for help. A Christian should have no will of his own - he is the servant of a Master in heaven, and the only thing for him to ascertain is where that Master would have him work, and what He would have him do. Has the night vision come to him? Then he ought not to confer with flesh and blood. This having been done, there is no room for hesitation. And are we not summoned to Macedonia? And is not the voice for assistance more exhilarating and more nostalgic than that which fell, in night visions, on the ear of St. Paul? For we not only have visions but Scriptures, hymns and missionary history by which the voice can come calling!

Reginald Heber's hymns are a treasure to the church and the missionary movement following nineteenth century. If "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" founded on the majestic anthem of the glory of God, set the church in awe of God's glory, his authorship of the most popular missionary hymn "From Greenland's Icy Mountains" is the noblest expression of the missionary fervour which in his day sent the faithful marching from "shore to shore" in Immanuel's name. May we follow their trial.

- Bro. David Benny



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Sukanti Bethuel Bardhan
Mrs. Urmilaben Ramsinghbhai
Mr. Vinayaraj M.
Mr. Vasava Pachiyabhai Pohnabhai
Mr. Gamit Kamlesh Singhabhai
Mr. Bhoya Devubhai Gangajubhai
Mrs. Rachel Joice Babu Pushparaj
Mrs. Gavit Jamuben Devubhai
Mrs. Krutanjali Guna Chandra Paik
Mr. Vasava Sunil Kumar
Mr. Vasava Rameshbhai Ulsing
Mr. Bhorsat Babubhai Chimanbhai
Mrs. Saumy Abraham Thomas
Mrs. Pritibala Pradhan Bidush
Mr. Hosial Naik
Mrs. Konkani Bharatiben Delipbhai
Mrs. Jadav Sarasvatibhen Bhorasat
Mr. Vasava Aajubhai Ramubhai
Mr. Bodar Amrutbhai Bachubhai
Mr. Surkar Rameshbhai Johurambhai
Mrs. Jayanthi Karthikeyan
Mrs. Lamani Ratna Manjya Nayak
Mrs. Jelin Jayapratha Kumaran
Mr. Kumaran G.
Mr. Timmanna @ Timothy
Mrs. Sunanda Kulkarni Raja
Mr. Srinivasa V.
Mrs. Meenakhi Beero Sunil Datakara
Mr. Vasave Arvind Kalusing
Mrs. Tadvi Manisha Yelmulwar
Mrs. Jayarani Sukinlal
Mr. Pawar Dinesh Indarbhai
Mr. Gond Devu Vishram
Mrs. Randhe Laxmiben Desai

Jammu

Narot: Jeewer Joeswa & Priya Devi

Praise God: We reached 8 new villages with the Gospel and 1160 people heard the Gospel. 3 of them became believers and were added to the fold. 14 Satsang meetings were conducted in this area. The Lord enabled us to start a new worship group in Jamilchak village where 3 families have started to attend this Church. Shreya's 2 year old child who was previously unable to walk started to walk when we prayed together. For Pathars who received deliverance from suicidal thoughts. Mahima was delivered of an evil spirit possession. Sanju got the Lord's guidance in a long pending land dispute.

Pray: For the elder people who suffer from various ailments to receive the devine touch. Vachani suffering with a sugar problem, and Radha suffering from an uric acid problem. For Manoj and Rubi, Reena Walkoi, Gaurov, Jamilchak and Ruby to receive a child from the Lord after many years of waiting in their wedded life. For Deepak who is a persecutor of the Church to repent. For all the youth of our Church to be delivered, from their addiction to alcohol.



Mr. Somabhai Valubhai
Mr. Bibhaba Pani, Mr. Sundar Durai Y.
Mr. Sunil Prasad Singh
Mrs. Vimala Peter Prabhakharan
Mrs. Vasava Sunitaben Ulsing
Mrs. Sivagami Stephen, Mrs. Nisha Ananthan
Mrs. Jyothsna Jerald Xavier

Samba: David Ayyanar & Manpreet Kaur

Praise God: Gospel was proclaimed to 850 people in 4 new villages. 22 Bibles were distributed. People from Katli village joyfully accepted Lord Jesus as their savior. New women cells were started in Chakmanga and Pongwal village. Bharti is blessed with a job. Joginder Pal was cured from severe allergy problems through prayers. Pintu was delivered from evil spirits through the power of prayer.

Pray: The ministry in Sumb, Kootah, Pongwal, Sungwali and nearby villages to go on smoothly without any opposition. The whole community of Mahasha and Rajput people to taste the love of God. In need of healing to Gudo Devi, who is suffering from severe heart problem and Manju Dogra, who

is suffering from kidney stone. Rakesh, Roshan, Tarsem and Romi to be free from alcoholic addiction. Rajendar to be blessed with a child. Believers who strayed away from the Lord's path should return back to faith. In need of a proper land, to build a Church in Sumb and Kootah villages.

Ramgarh: John Ezung & Libeni

Praise God: 280 people and 5 new villages were reached. 9 New Testaments were distributed and 2 training programs were conducted. Dolera and family were blessed with a baby girl after 7 years of constant prayers. A place to conduct Children's class was found after facing so many difficulties. A seekers program was conducted through which 2 people confessed their faith.

Pray: Pawan Bhagat to give up alcoholic addiction and to allow his children to attend children classes for healing of Hulash from skin infection, Ranjaan's daughter from chicken pox and Kameldeep Kaur from back pain. Santooshi to stop practicing black magic. Manduri Bhai to be delivered from evil spirits that is haunting her day and night. For the believers to stand firm against all the problems and oppositions. The target for this year to be achieved.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Glory Robert Rajalingam
Mr. Edward Sam T., Mr. Vediappan L.
Mr. Paul Daniel V., Mr. Vijayakumar K.
Mrs. Rashmita Parida Wilson
Mrs. Yesumani Myilsamy
Mrs. Rupa Kummar Prasanth
Mr. Balamurugan V., Mr. Ashaprapta
Mrs. Anthoni Rajam Jerom
Mrs. Valvi Eju Kalusingh

Himachal Pradesh Nerwa: Emmanuel S & Sangeetha Jesintha

Praise God: 430 people in 4 new villages heard the Gospel. 3 new believers were added, and a Bible was distributed. 14 night meetings and 2 children camps were conducted. Kamala's kidney stone operation was a success.

Pray: The believers to regularly attend Sunday service and know the importance of the service. For the upcoming service in which the believers are to confess their faith in God must go as planned without any problems. For the ones who create internal problems in the Church to have a change of heart. The drug

addicts must repent from their sins. The hurdles faced in spreading the Gospel must disappear. For the sub stations: Atal, Bhangal and Bharanu to develop into a mission field very soon.

Rohru: Johnson Sankar & Jebarani

Praise God: 380 people have heard the Gospel and three villages were reached with the Gospel. Our believer Guddu family opened his house to conduct meeting in his village Ranol. Evangelist Sandeep was protected from a fire accident. Mansaara was delivered from the troubles of evil spirit. Puran who was mentally unstable is normal due to prayers.

Pray: For the healing and deliverance of Nar Bahadur and Pavi often fall sick and gets attacked by evil spirit. Evangelist Sandeep who is suffering from varicose vein problem to be healed. Ramesh, Chunnilal, our evangelist Prabha's parents and our believer Nisha's parents to accept Christ Jesus personally. Jeena, Dinesh and his mother to attend the Church regularly. In need of a Sunday School teacher for Ranol Congregation.



Mr. Karado Biswo Ranjan
Mrs. Jemima Jebarani Daniel David
Mr. Ebi Gnana Celin S.
Mrs. Vasava Nita Kumari Ajubhai
Mr. Jeewer Joeswa E.

Karsog: Pawankumar & Prabhashini Devi

Praise God: Gospel was proclaimed in 1 village and 40 people heard the Gospel. 12 New Testaments were distributed. God helped Anjali to get a house through the government's scheme. God healed Sapne who was on the verge of death. God protected the missionaries without injuries during an accident when they fell down from the bike. Tek Chand from Karsog drank poison but God saved him through proper medication and prayer.

Pray: All the 10 Sunday School children to know the Lord personally. Brestu to attend the Church services again. In need of a kaccha Church building in Basantpur and Karsog as some of our believers hesitate to attend meetings in other houses. In

need of local evangelists who can take part in the ministries. Adult Literacy problem to be started in Basantpur, as some elders have the desire to read the scriptures by themselves. God should heal Sarabeet, a 17 year old boy whose organs are not functioning properly. Our believers in Palyad village, who have gone to work in other places not to waver in their faith due to unfavourable circumstances.

Anni: Ginsawm & Chinghoihkim

Praise God: Gospel was preached to 300 persons in 6 villages. 20 New Testaments and 2 Bibles were distributed. Our new contact in ministry Tan Bahadur was seriously ill, but the Lord healed him through prayers. 1 seeker's camp and 1 women's camp were conducted. 6 families were counselled. 17 night meetings were conducted.

Pray: For the target to be achieved and the service for the 10 persons where they will profess their faith to take place without any hindrance. For Meena who undergoes intestine surgery and Krishan who will undergo gal bladder surgery to recover soon. Kamala family to be delivered from demon possession. The new contacts and believers to stand firm in the faith.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Shantha Kumar Sudhaharan B.
Mr. Ephraim Malli, Mr. Mayilsamy Joseph T.
Mrs. Beulah Sulochana Joshua
Mr. Sivasankaran @ Jebaseelan
Mr. Yelmulwar Swapnil Ramalu
Mrs. Rampuram Peddakka Matthew
Mr. Narendra Kumar, Mr. Sankar A.

Punjab
Ahmadgarh mandi:
Chaudhary Rajesh &
Sarita Paul;
Deeptilal Mali & Renuma

Praise God: 620 people and 2 new villages were reached. 5 new members confessed their faith. 15 New Testaments were distributed and 2 satsang programs were conducted. Charanjit Kaur was suffering from Kala Piliya (Black Jaundice), after continuous prayer she is healed and all the results are stated normal.

Pray: Priti Kaur from Ahmadgarh underwent an operation to remove a tumor, but still there is pain, she must recover quickly from the pain.

Ganita Kaur and Sanjay Kumar who have lost their beloved ones to be comforted by God. For the last 6 months Rinku Kaur and Jasveer Kaur who are suffering due to evil spirits, to be delivered from such spirits. Major Singh's swelling in liver, Prito Kaur's gallbladderstone, Manpreet Kaur's tumor and Alok Kumar's fits to heal completely.

Barnala: **Bidhan Hansda &** **Pansuri Mohlin**

Praise God: 500 people were reached and a Bible was distributed. Active believers training and youth training were conducted successfully. The believers are all cooperative and are actively participating in Church activities.

Pray: For Sunil and Diya who are married for 2 years to be blessed with children. For healing of Jagpal Singh from fever, Miser Kaur who is paralyzed for more than 9 months and Bholi Kaur from leg infection. Amandeep Kaur has been selected for training in a post office; God to help her in finishing the training successfully.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Udipta Kumar Bag
Mrs. Shyamala Shamini Mathew
Mrs. Pushpam Mahendran
Mrs. Bhukya Jhansibai

Budhlada: Krupa Rakshana Barre & Shakena

Praise God: 18 Villages and 5670 people were reached with the Gospel. 47 people confessed their faith in God. There is freedom to share the Gospel openly and establish the Kingdom of God by His grace. VBS Teacher Training was successfully conducted. Lord has helped our women missionary to prepare the training material.

Pray: Upcoming month's target must be achieved. Davinder Kour, to be healed from brain issues. Three days convention in Leheraga village to go on smoothly without any ruckus. Amarjeet Kaur, Sanjay Kumar and Arti Kaur family who are in faith; to boldly confess it for others to know. Miser Kaur

is paralyzed for more than nine months to be healed her son Manu who is unmarried, to get a good life partner.

Mansa: Debratto Biswas & Manna Singh

Praise God: 1050 new people were reached with the Word of God. 10 believed in the Word of God and accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. God has provided all the needs for the Church construction of Jhunir Church and the ceiling work is completed successfully. For the open doors in Cotti Barnala village to share the Gospel. A satsang was conducted in this village and 20 new contacts have shown interest to seek the truth.

Pray: For the Satsang meetings that are being planned to be successful. The Lord should enable many people to attend these meets where they could get opportunities to hear the Gospel and seek the truth. For the believers who suffer from various ailments that they may receive healing by faith and prayer. Surjit Singh a poor believer is battling a court case for a long time. The Lord His mercies should bring in a closure to this case.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Elizabeth Karunakaran
Mrs. Daisy Israel Daniel
Mrs. Ganit Saruben Kamlesh
Miss. Alice Sheeba S.

Lehra Gaga: Issac Abel & Anna Roslin

Praise God: 9 believers were added to His fold. 710 persons heard the Gospel. 1 satsang was conducted. God healed infants Harman Singh and Noor Kour from some kind of infection who were in the emergency ward. 7 families have come to the saving knowledge of God.

Pray: For those who confessed their faith in the Lord to grow in their faith. For an open door for Gospel in the 3 new villages that we are in contact with. The wednesday prayer that had been started through an old believer to continue without any hindrances. For 2 Majbi community families, Sira Singh and Manohan Singh from Kalbanjara villages to grow in the Lord and to become soul winners.

Haryana

Jeevan Nagar: Aliyakim Jena & Deepika

Praise God: The Rai Sikhs are showing interest and coming to our Sunday worship Service. 320 people heard the Good News of Jesus Christ, follow-up was done in 73 villages, Satsang meetings in 10 places, film programs were done in 5 villages. 41 New Testaments and 2 Bibles were distributed 4 Bible Study and 3 women's meetings were conducted. 2 Small groups were started in Santh Nagar sub-centre, villages Called Bhodoliyawali and Dilip. 3 soul winner trainings were conducted in Jeevan Nagar field, the believers were challenged to share the Gospel among their own people and relatives in order to bring them to Christ fold.

Pray: The Film shows, Night meetings and Satsangs to be conducted in coming month in Jeevan Nagar field, and believers to be added into Christ fold. Believers to share the Gospel among their own relations in Balmiki and Odd-Rajput people group effectively. The people who are addicted to drugs (Chitta) and Alcohol in Sub centre Santh Nagar- Jagga Singh, Sonu Singh, Ajay Singh, Baldev Singh, and Manti Singh to be delivered soon. Jettha Ram brother of Poppu Ram from Shergarh who is suffering with cancer to be healed. Gurpreet Singh, believer of Dabawali Church to find a good Christian life partner, as his marriage is getting cancelled.



Mr. John Sunder Singh
Mr. Deeptilal Mali
Mrs. Thilagavathi Nagarajan
Mrs. Sowndarya Rekha Vyasu Babu

Uttarakhand Dineshpur: Ramasamy Jerome & Antony Rojam

Praise God: 80 people got to know the Gospel. 2 new villages were reached with the Gospel. 4 satsangs and 2 outreach programs were conducted. Dharampaul's family, from Badbhoji village who turned their back on God a year ago, have now miraculously returned to His side. 2 night prayers were conducted in Jafferpur village. Smitra's, (our believer) gall bladder operation was a success.

Pray: For Sunil and Jangeer Kawe family's salvation. Krishna Johendher has cysts in her stomach, Kunthidevi has various body sicknesses and Rajini Kaur is bedridden, pray for them to be

healed completely. Jagdev, son of a believer who is leaving to work abroad; he should stand firm in his faith. Vinoth's and Nisha's family who are straying away from God, to return to faith again.

Rajasthan Udaipur: Ashishkumar & Savita Devi

Praise God: 19 persons were added to the fold. One congregation was formed. Two villages were reached and 120 heard the Gospel. 10 Gospel portions. 30 New testaments and 4 Bibles were distributed. Jentilal, Vijay and Sugunabai were delivered from evil spirits. Anilgodra and Manju were blessed with children after long years of married life. Bavribai got healed from epilepsy.

Pray: The salvation of Jalamji Suresh family, our believers, are now under the bondage of the local Bhagat. Esther, Parubai and Sarmila need prayers for normal delivery. Asha and Neela to be blessed with Children. Rajkumar is suffering from Cancer. Our believers need to stand firm in their faith.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Koil Pushpam Paulraj
Mrs. Josila Sundarbai Benhur Y.
Mrs. Selvammal Selvaraj
Mrs. Sagarika Pradhan Parichha

Samaraniya: Meenuga Adeppa Matthew & Rampuram Peddakka Asha

Praise God: 650 people were reached with the Gospel. 32 copies of Bible were distributed. Training for elders were conducted as planned. Samraniya field level, all night prayer went on smoothly without any interference. Field level samiti meeting took place systematically.

Pray: The believers from Luhari Congregation are suffering from viral fever; they need to get healed and stand as testimonies. Hand pump work in Rajkeda and Seekari village should go without any troubles. God must touch Sumli Bai, who is suffering from last stage of Pneumonia. Guddi Bai's uterus problems to vanish and Lord must grant her a child. Vikram, Sukram, Sunitha, Sayradh, Sanjai, Prakash and Kailash to get good God fearing

partners. Lord's divine healing touch on Champabhill a handicapped and mentally unstable person. Sardhar, Surath, Anbai, Jamudi Bai, Surath, Rakesh Bhil, Nudodi Bai, Renu, Pramila Bai, Krishna and Seema's families to accept Lord our God and boldly confess their faith. Radhe and Sunitha to spiritually grow and to be blessed with a child. This year's target should be achieved by God's leading.

Tapukara: Johnson Tamilselvan & Rajammal; Daniel Marvelraj & Jebaseeli

Praise: 3 were added into His fold. Ravi Shankar who was possessed, is now delivered and is living peacefully. 15 people newly heard the Gospel. Krishna is blessed with a baby girl after 6 years of her married life. Pramjeet Kaur got healing from spinal cord pain.

Pray: Satpal and Shagunthala to accept Christ as their personal Saviour. Chinthamani family to confess their faith in Lord. Jelasingh to build a house without any hindrance. Krishna Sathpal family to be relieved from the holds of evil spirit. For the coming children youth and women's trainings to be conducted successfully and to be fruitful. Ravi family to confess their faith in the Lord.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Paul Ravi Raj B.N.

Mr. Thomas R., Mr. Nagarajan M.
Mrs. Rajeswari Pradhan Sambhunath
Mrs. Nethravathy Muthu Kumar
Mrs. Paulin Mary Boopathi

Uttar Pradesh Ghatampur: Helun J. Touthang & Ngaithianching

Praise God: 70 new people were reached with the Gospel. Dawn prayers were conducted for people who were persecuted for their faith in this area. The closed Churches at Ghatampur, Jahanabad, Chilly and Bawan are reopened for prayers and maintenance work. The local news papers published hostile news with the support of fringe religious groups against the Christian mission work, but the Lord has been faithful to protect the believers.

Pray: Certain ministry schedules have been affected due to organized persecution. For God's divine protection on the reopened Churches, for the worship services to begin and for the Police Department

not to arrest our believers on false charges. For the new seekers to be set free from the bondage of evil spirits. The VBS ministry was a great blessing for the children who participated. The faith of our believers to be strengthened in all walks of life.



We want Jesus!!

Belang Jamuda from Northern Eastern Zone mission fields became mad since 2013. Many poojas were done in her name and also she had undergone medication. But there was no improvement. There were many satanic disturbances in their house. On March 4, 2023, one of our believers of Tangarjoda congregation shared the gospel with her husband. He told that if his wife is cured, the entire family will accept Christ as their personal Saviour. They have 5 children. The missionaries and the others prayed and God healed her completely. Praise God for His wonders.

Lift up your voice to sing His Praise!!

Renu Bai of Samaraniya field, Rajasthan a 15 year old girl lost her voice due to sickness. Her parents visited doctors, magicians did puja but did not find cure. After so many struggles they reached the Luhari village congregation. The believers prayed for her healing without fail. By God's grace now she is healed and can talk normally and the whole family confessed their faith in God. Praise God for the wonders he performs.





National Institute of Missions: N. Rajadurai & Prema

Praise God: For the 12 trainee missionaries who are being trained for missionary work. By the end of March, 5 senior trainees graduated and were placed as missionaries in the mission fields. Hagai Training programme was arranged for 36 missionaries who were motivated for evangelism. At the outreach ministry conducted in Gujarna and Bhojila villages, hundreds of Jesus story books and Gideon New Testaments were distributed. Regular visits to the Jokanbagh Hospital is being done and Gospel is shared and patients are prayed for.

Pray: For the missionary trainees to be anointed with the power of the Holy Spirit to fulfil their calling. For all the staff, trainees and visiting faculties to adjust with the weather conditions of the summer season. For the nearby 13 villages where the outreach ministry is being done, that the villagers may experience the love of Jesus Christ. For the trainees to overcome any possible

culture shocks and adapt to the local conditions where they are placed to serve the Lord. Kenoz and Thambiakmuhan were sent to Alirajpur of South Rajasthan, Seenu to Nadurbar in Maharashtra, Stephen to Chennai HQ and Rakhi and Santu Marandi to Orissa to begin their ministerial life.

Bharthana: Suresh Malto & Premalata

Praise God: Gospel was preached in 7 villages and to 500 persons. 44 New Testaments and 4 Bibles were distributed. 1 youth camp and 8 children camps were conducted. 5 Bible study groups were conducted for men and 2 for women. Karan who left his house without the knowledge of anyone due to evil possession returned after 3 days in answer to prayer. Poonam was healed from mental sickness.

Pray: For the youth to attend the Sunday service regularly. Reena and Muskan families from Bharathana colony to boldly confess their faith in the Lord. Karan to be delivered from demon possession. Pooja to be healed from mental illness. Siyaram's family and children of Nangla Bandha to get salvation. For Rajesh Nath, Shriph Nath, Ramchandra Nath, Dharm Nath, Murcha, Dhiraj Nath, Anjura Devi, Santa Kumar, Shakya, Ashok Kumar and Surendra Kathariya who oppose the Sunday worships to repent.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Mongwai Phom B.

Mrs. Princy Sampaul

Mr. Vasava Thomasbhai Gulabhbhai

Mrs. Madhusmita Pani

Mr. Ajith Pandian G.

Madhya Pradesh Khargone: Binit Prasad Bardhan & Amojita

Praise God: 200 people have heard the Gospel. Roshni was in a critical condition due to heavy blood loss during her pregnancy but was able to deliver a baby through her parent's prayers. Vechili had problems during delivery; however both the child and the mother are healthy by God's grace. Kalu's family was suffering from viral fever for a prolonged time. After fasting and praying, God healed them all. Jeeten was possessed by an evil spirit, after attending regular Sunday services, he is now free from the evil spirit.

Pray: Prayer meetings which are stopped due to opposition, to be resumed soon. Mangli Deed, to be delivered from the possession of evil spirits. Ramesh, to be blessed

with a child. Hiralal, who is mentally unstable to stop causing trouble in the Church.

Dhulkot: Jubaraj Bardhan & Sheeba Jasmine

Praise God: Gospel was shared to 331 persons in 4 villages through outreach ministry. 4 Bibles and 5 New Testaments were distributed. 1 ladies meeting was conducted and 25 ladies were blessed through it. Jasmi Bhai of Bavdi village was healed from a strange disease in which she used to faint whenever she touched grains. Sumen of Chirondimal was healed from a tumour in her neck without surgery when her family members fasted and prayed. God revived Surlibai of Tanda when the congregation prayed for her while she had fainted due to a scorpion bite in the field.

Pray: For those who have migrated to the cities for work to be strong in their faith. The believers in Motakhudra and Jamunala who are not serious about attending the spiritual meetings to attend the prayers and to grow in the Lord. The Lord to heal Mansari who suffers from leprosy for the past 10 years. Lakshmi to be blessed with children. Priestess Besan Bai of Ramgad village who has lost many of her family members due to the work of evil spirit to boldly accept Him as she shows interest in the Gospel.



Mr. Geddam Srinivasa Rao
Mrs. Jebarani Johnson Sankar
Mrs. Sagarika Mohinimala Beero

Dhar: Gopikrishnan & Menaga; Dhinesh Vasuniya & Reethu

Praise God: The Gospel was spread to 50 new people and 1 new village. Vinay one and a half month old, was healed from a serious condition of pneumonia. Keesri Bai, Heena Bai and Arun Bai received healing from different illnesses. The Gospel was preached in Mathur village for the first time. 10 were blessed through outreach meeting conducted in Khar village.

Pray: All the meetings planned for the month to go on without any opposition. Many women suffering from headache caused by evil spirits to be delivered. Children's class is planned to be started in every congregation. This should be

a blessing for the children of the village. Lanku Ben, to have peace amidst her family problems.

Nepanagar: Jubaraj Bardhan Sheeba & Jasmine Bardhan

Praise God: Gospel was reached to 50 people and 2 new villages. A new prayer cell is to be started in Mandwa. Approval to build two new Churches in Nepanagar is granted. Dhansingh's house was blown away by a heavy wind, but by God's grace there was no harm done to lives. Family problems of Lakhan and Rajlimai were solved amicably.

Pray: The mental illness of Rajabai to be cured. For Rajesh to find a suitable partner in Christ. Kailash to be delivered from evil spirit that has possessed him. Anmol, two year old, to be well-nourished and to get discharged from hospital. For the repentance of Pinki and Latabai's husbands, who abuse and ill-treat their wives for their faith in the Lord. For the rift between the tribes and policemen of Nepanagar to end and the ministry that is on hold to resume in tenfold.



Jharkhand Barharwa: Krishan Kumar & Mrs. Shanti Lal

Praise God: 6 new people attended Sunday service. Dulari, Prince Gupta, Mansi, Abraham Ravi Das and Ganesh Ravi Das were healed from their sickness through prayers. Sunil Ravi Das, who suffered pain due to leprosy, is now free from the pain through Christ.

Pray: Sunil Ravi Das to fully recover from leprosy and stop the medicine. Kabturia, to be free from disturbance of evil spirit. Mukund Saha Family, Bablu Prasad Saha Family, Sunil Ravi Das Family and Dulari to taste the love of God and to accept Him as their Savior.

Gangupada Girls Home: Evelyn Packia & Sushajith Senapathi

Praise God: A miraculous recovery for our home child Mungli from Brain Malaria amidst lack of medicines and doctors in the local hospital. The 10th and 12th students were able to attend an English class and a Computer course to equip themselves. For the provision of an E-Rickshaw for our children to be used for transport to school. For a new missionary who has joined our project. All our children who have got admitted in our home newly have obtained admissions in the nearby school.

Pray: For Devi, Mary and Babli to have a complete recovery from TB. Our old building renovation to be completed quickly so that it is easy to accommodate the 55 girls who have joined class 6th and 7th in our home. God to provide a nurse to take care of the 300 children accommodated in our home.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Enas Iline Chandran
Mrs. Baby Celina Arul Raj
Mrs. Punitha Mainraj
Mr. Arulanandam Venkatesan M.
Mrs. Latha Isaac Dhanasingh
Mrs. Mariyal Kumaravel
Mrs. Alby Evangeline Harris
Mr. Ponnusamy S., Mr. David S.
Mr. Debadatta Lima, Mr. Hosen Jerai

Chandopani:

Jacob Gnanapandithan & Shanthi

Praise God: 9 follow up outreach was done in 33 villages. Film ministry was done in 5 villages. 243 persons were reached with the Gospel through various means. Prayer walk was done in 40 new villages. Jubli Devi from Sugipahari village is first new seeker in this financial year.

Pray: For those who heard God's word in the last financial year to accept the Lord. For the song committee to gather periodically and to produce new tracts and song books. For suitable alliances for Kortha speaking youths.

Jama: Munna Mohendar & Sumita Das

Praise God: 2450 were reached with the Gospel. Gospel was shared in 23 villages. 11 were added to the fold of Jesus. Follow up ministry was done in 22 villages. Jesus film was screened in 12 villages. 28 persons are getting ready to confess their faith in the Lord. 75 house visits were done.

Pray: For the village leaders, headman, witches, politicians and the village youth who oppose our ministry to be touched by the love of the Lord. Due to opposition some who had responded to the Gospel are unable to boldly confess their faith. Sokodi Murmu, Sabadi Murmu and Putul Hembrom to be blessed with children. Ismael Murmu a 12 year boy to regain his sight that he lost suddenly. Tala Marandi to be healed from cancer in the stomach. Andriyas Tudu the local evangelist to be healed from kidney problem, Nirmal Marandi and Bhim Hansdak from paralysis.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Johnson Sankar I.
Mrs. Susheela Vijayakumar
Mr. Binit Prasad Bardhan
Mr. Eliya Chandran S.

Bhagaiya & Tinpahar: Jebakumar Periyasamy & Ponlatha; Nehemiah & Anamika

Praise God: 5 people confessed their faith and were added to the fold. Bindhu Devi who had an infirmity was bent and could no wise lift herself. She was miraculously healed during a service. A Church was built with the offerings from the believers. Marriage of our believer Sansi Kujur from Pathala field with Paktho from Jarnadola village was conducted without any hindrance according to Christian procedure amidst the opposition in the field.

Pray: The believers in Padhala village are facing many a problems from fellow villagers; for this to stop and a Church to be built soon in that village. Churches to be built in Masuriya and Pisa villages. For the protection of new missionaries in new fields.

Gumani:

Bipin Pradhan & Jharana

Praise God: Programs that were planned went on well. Chamo Tigga was healed from her sickness with the help of the prayers of the believers. God is using Lukhi lakada, a widower, for the works of his kingdom. 30 people were reached with the Gospel through film show. Tetri Kujur and Bikash Kaka are ready to confess their faith.

Pray: The problem in building a house for Jamidar Kujur to end. For the youth to live a holy life and to have a bright future. For the well-being of Chandan Kaka, who ran away from hostel. The target allotted for this month should be achieved.



The difference that made!!

Bhuru Billala is our believer from Bhapsi village of Chiriya field in Madhya Pradesh. Before accepting Christ he was a drunkard and so the family was in a very bad state. The whole family left their village and worked as bonded labourer for 12 years. But when he heard the Gospel of Christ, he and his family accepted Christ as their personal savior. Now God has blessed him with two new tractors of his own. Today his whole family worships the Lord in their village.





Mr. Edwin Selvaraj R.
Mr. Rajadurai N., Miss. Kavita

Keirajodi: Chuchao & Kampung Taba

Praise God: The believers were protected and did not face any opposition. Johan Malto was healed from swelling in his body. Pinky Malto was blessed with a baby.

Pray: For healing of Masih Malto, who is suffering from fits. Sanjay Malto has come forward to help in the ministry to continue without turning back from his commitment. Pintu Malto to come out from drinking habit and to attend Church regularly. For the comfort of Late Benjamin Malto family who has lost their loved one.

Pathargama: Malla Vidhya Sagar & Dipika Pani

Praise God: 3 days fasting prayer was conducted in Chilkara Church. 29 persons were added to the fold of the Lord during the last financial year and 22 others are getting ready to profess their faith in the Lord. Gospel Radham program was

conducted without any hindrance in Panda and 250 watched it, in Pathariya 320 watched it and in Chilkara 450 watched.

Pray: Suresh and his 2 sons who were affected by chicken pox who were being pressurized by the villagers to returned back to former idol worship; to stay strong in the Lord.

West Bengal

Malda: Udipta Kumar & Surjyakanti

Praise God: The Pichlapada congregation members have grown strong in their faith in the Lord through the regular evening prayer meetings. For the Church construction work which is in progress. The non tribal people who live nearby are also attending our Church services much to our delight.

Pray: For Phares Haldar and Minati Haldar to accept Christ as their personal Saviour. For Mamuni's family to stand firm in their faith amidst persecution. Our mass outreach and film ministry must be fruitful in communicating the Gospel to many people of whom, some may choose to come into the fold of believers. Biden Sharma to be healed of hernia. For the health and safety of our local missionaries and volunteers.



Pakuahat: Ramakrishna Eliya & Anjali

Praise God: 7 People confessed their faith and accepted Jesus as their Personal Savior in Salbona, Nitanpur and Pindergadia villages. Sonesh Murmu was protected from an electric shock, which was life threatening. Vikas murmu's Spinal cord problem is healed by God's grace. Soilen Tudu family and Komal Murmu family, who strayed away from faith is now back to His fold.

Pray: Rajib Murmu, Rabi Murmu, Mariam Murmu and Gandi Murmu to regularly attend Sunday Service. Theft has enormously increased in Habibpur block area, this must decrease and there must be protection to the residents. Sujon Hembom, Lukiram Soren, Kalu Besra and Manu Mardi to rehab from their alcohol addiction. Youth and men should willingly show interest in Gospel.

Asom

Lokra: Bharude Pratap & Bharti Kumare

Praise God: 25 to 30 believers attended 3 day fasting prayer in Dharikati and Aaradhana Church. Training for Church elders was conducted in Gohpur field without any trouble.

Pray: Makoni Chiri is suffering from kidney stone and urine infection; may God heal her. All the 36 villages in Lokra field must know the love of God and the Gospel. Believers who work in different areas and children who stay hostels must not stray from God. Some believers work in the border as soldier, they must be protected from disease and any attack.



Another Esau?

Amojita missionary in Khargone/Gogaow in Madhya Pradesh experienced some difficulties during her delivery when her water broke without any warning signs and fluid started to leak. It was discovered that the baby's hand had come out during a preliminary examination at a local hospital. As a precaution, Amojita was transferred to Berhampur district government hospital via ambulance. Thankfully, a healthy baby girl was delivered through a C-section, and both Amojita and the newborn are doing well.





Happy Birthday

Mr. Selvin Jesudhas
Mrs. Jothilakshmi Immanuel Karthi

Silapathar: Gond Devubhai & Randhe Naynaben

Praise God: Dimeswer was paralyzed and was unable to walk for four months, but by God's divine healing he can now walk and is completely fine. Teresa Doley who was mentally unstable and was troubled by evil spirits is now delivered from it through prayer. God healed Kamesweri madok and Kishno Madek from severe fever.

Pray: Teresa Doley, Monika Doley and Baba Doley's families to accept Lord Jesus as their saviour. Due to heavy storm, houses in Akajan, Kathalguri, Joriguri and Missingpur villages are broken, their needs must be met. The believers to be strong in faith and to live a witnessing life. Protection for Women believers, who have volunteered to do outreach mission by themselves. Churches to be built in Sithalmari and Akajan villages

this year. Jagdish madoks relatives to taste the love of God. Believers working in other places should not fall back from their faith in Jesus.

Gogamukh: Praween Das & Margreat

Praise God: One new village Kamonsuk heard the Gospel. We were able to do a mass outreach ministry in Chengelisuti, where about 600 people attended, heard the Gospel and received Gospel tracts and New Testaments. 16 people heard the Good News through personal evangelism and received the New Testament and are seeking the truth.

Pray: For those who heard the Gospel through the mass outreach programme to open their hearts to believing God's Word. Answar and his wife Chinthe, Tames and his wife Fulukmari are ready to publicly confess their faith in Christ, but they suffer from persecution by their own family members. Romokonta and his wife who have backslidden from their faith due to persecution, and stopped attending our Church to resume back to faith. For those addicted to alcoholism, to be delivered from their addiction. For those who have backslidden to return back to the Lord in repentance.



Mrs. Selina Joyce John
Mr. Karthikeyan S., Mr. Vijayakumar R.
Mr. Basavaraja K., Mr. Boopathi P.
Mr. Krishan Kumar, Mr. Lunjalal Songthat

Majuli: Bhagirathi & Lalmani

Praise God: Two people who heard the Gospel became believers and confessed their faith. People of the Maishamara village wanted to break the houses of the believers, but thankfully the Lord prevented that from happening. night prayer meets, fasting prayers and children's programmes were conducted.

Pray: For our new believer Nabajyati's family to grow in faith in the Lord Jesus. The people who persecute the believers : Bhadra Kanto - the secretary of the village, Pana Kumbang, Jion, Guna, Minjyati, Tamare, Yangmalung, Sikhari and Pame Dole to have an encounter with the loving Lord Jesus.

Chhattisgarh Durgkondal: Babujee Murmu & Violet Hansda

Praise God: 80 people were reached in 2 new villages. The missionary family has recently shifted to Durgkondal base where there are no previous FMPB believers. The Lord has helped the missionaries to start the ministry anew. We have 2 new contacts in Khutiya and Chinpal villages. Four day meetings and a night meet was conducted in the villages in this base.

Pray: Open doors in this new mission field to minister. For the Mandiya Gond people group to hear the Gospel and believe in Jesus and to seek our Lord. These people should be set free from their bondages of sin. Some religious groups who work against the missionaries to put a stop to the ministry should have a change of heart. For the 178 villages in this area to have an opportunity to hear the Good News. God to help the missionaries to lead at least 10 families to faith on our Lord Jesus Christ.



Mrs. Getzia Paulraj
Mr. John Kumar C.
Mrs. Suvera Marthababen Bodar

Ludeg: Karunakaran & Elisabeth

Praise God: 250 new people were reached in 10 new villages with the Word of God. 11 became believers and were added to the fold. About 22 Bibles were distributed amongst the seekers. On 13th April, we have started the Shivpur Church construction for the Glory of God. New worshipping groups were started at Lokair and Cattitop villages. The field mela conducted at Ludeg field was a great spiritual blessing to those who attended. The Lord has brought in a visible revival amongst the believers. Ambaribaka received healing from TB.

Pray: Our local evangelist Elisu left the ministry and started his own

work. His leaving should not distract the believers from their faith. For the new Church construction work to be finished before the monsoon. For Jeya to be healed from breast tumour. For the Lord to give us a land for Church construction at Dauvanara village. For the children who attended the VBSs to grow in faith in the Lord.

Bhaiyathan: Thangchinlian & Vungthianching

Praise God: 3 persons were added to His fold. The Good News was preached to 42 persons and in 5 villages. House visit was done in 10 families. 3 days fasting prayer was conducted. Gond area planning meeting was conducted in Kota.

Pray: For the follow up ministry, night meetings and film ministry that is to be done in this field. Our new contacts Ram Vilas of Banja village and Ramesh from Sawanrawan village to accept Jesus. Jaglal who attacks his children and wife to be delivered from demon possession.



Mr. Shanmugam R.S.

Miss. Evelyn Packia

Mr. Mahendran A.

Gharghoda: Kingsly Issac Johnson & Meena

Praise God: 140 persons have heard the Gospel. 4 were added to the fold of Jesus. 12 Bajans were conducted in Sumadesha. Follow up was done in 5 villages. Bible study was conducted for the youth. 1 service to profess their faith was conducted.

Pray: For the Ratia people group to overcome the barriers and the pressures from the society in accepting the Lord. To get local evangelists who will not get discouraged by the oppositions. Rukmani and Sukritha to get a clear mind. The young believers to get suitable Christian life partners. Anjali to be healed from spinal cord problem.

Wadraf Nagar: Boopathi & Paulin Mary

Praise God: Word of God was shared to 25 persons and in

1 new village called Roopur. 2 New Testaments were distributed. Seetha was delivered from demon possession. Though the missionaries are unable to enter the village due to opposition, the believers are contacting the missionaries over the phone and getting prayed for.

Pray: Gospel to be shared to all the 120 villages in the Wadrap Nagar without any hindrances. The target of starting 5 new worship groups and helping 25 to confess their faith in the Lord. For those who have backslidden to restored back to faith. Those that oppose the ministry to be touched by the love of God. The situation is that the missionaries are unable to meet the believers and conduct the worship services; this situation to change soon.



Attack at night!!

Jimmalgatta (MH) In Yerragadda village our believer Mallesh Veladhi's daughter Sthuthi Veladhi is 3 years old, on 14 th night she was affected by an evil spirit, she lost her sleep and was wandering on roads crying and pointing her hands to her back signalling that something on her back was terrifying her. Realising her situation our believers gathered and prayed for her for two hours in the night. God heard their prayers, honoured their faith and delivered her completely from the disturbances of the Evil spirit. Now she has been delivered. Praise be to the Lord.





Happy Birthday

Mr. Ajay Kumar Lima
Mrs. Meena Kingsly Issac Johnson
Mrs. Prabina Rani Biswo Ranjan
Mr. Ramasamy V. Jerom

Odisha Rairangpur: J.Samuel & S. Havilah

Praise God: The Kucheipal case got over in favour of us through the Sub-collector, Judge and only by the grace of God. Now there is freedom to worship. With the help of the police the Sunamara Church was dedicated. The Kucheipal Church was dedicated without any problem. Dongapani Church construction has started.

Pray: The believers of Kucheipal village to be freed from the opposition from the villagers. Madhan Munduia took an oath to demolish the believer's house. May God protect the believers from all the problems. Tamdiya families to attend Sunday service without any fear. Mani Marandi to be blessed

with children. Raimath Tudu's sugar and BP to get normal. Geetalli Tudu to be freed from insomnia and family problems. Singo Tudu to recover from kidney failure.

Gujarat Bhavnagar: Akhilesh Kumar & Kiran Devi

Praise God: 3 new believers were added to our congregation and a new village was reached. 20 New Testaments were distributed. Rekhaben was blessed with a boy child through normal delivery. Ramhit Kumar's wife, Khusuben, who was suffering from fever for a month was healed.

Pray: Deepakbhai's son who has speaking disability from childhood, to be healed completely. God should bless Rajkumar, Rajkumari and Saritaben with a child. Bisamberbhai's family is suffering from an unknown sickness; God should touch them with His healing hands. A meeting for the believers to confess their faith is planned to be conducted, God's divine grace must be with the congregation and the meeting must go as planned.



Mr. Paulraj Abraham P.
Mrs. Pratyasini Lima Ajay Kumar
Mrs. Rasmitta Rani Rout Hemanta

Aravalli Region: Isaac Raja & Magdalene Grace

Parise God: 12 villages were newly reached. 8 congregations were newly formed. Shantilal from Magra village was healed from paralysis. Bhavribai was suffering from epilepsy, now she is fine through prayers. Anil Godra and Manju have been blessed with a baby boy after several years through prayers. Blood vomiting that Sunil and Jumaliben had is now miraculously healed. Nilesh, who was deaf and dumb can now hear and speak by prayers.

Pray: Sona and Shilpa to be healed from kidney stone. Our evangelist Kanti's wife Kankuben's healing from lungs problem. Our evangelist Ashok's wife Amariben who has tumour in her body. To disappear without a trace. New congregations are planned to be started in Saklal, Bhojya, Kanuwada

and Movadi Villages. They must function without any opposition. Rajkumar must be delivered from cancer. Bhumi, Sindubhai and Dineshbhai to be healed from mental illness. Vinodbhai Shrimali (Astrologer) to accept Jesus as his personal Saviour. A Day Care Centre is planned to be opened for Wagri children in Mansa field, the requirements must be met. Mukeshbhai, Kailashben, Vishal, Baldev, Akash, and Raj to accept Jesus as their personal saviour. For the future of Aravidbhai who is willing to go and study in a Bible college. Lakhapur Church construction work to be restarted.

Mehsana: Sambhunath Nayak & Rajeswari Pradhan

Praise God: Vinod Srimali a fortune teller and an orthodox non Christian who once opposed the idea of Christianity, is now willing to read and know about Christ. Viral Ben is growing in faith. Believers in Fudeda village are growing strong and are eager to know more about Jesus.

Pray: Vinod Srimali who is interested in Christ to accept Jesus as his savior. Akash Srimali to find a suitable life partner in Christ. Sonal Ben to be healed from ulcer problem and Dinesh from mental problem. Geeta Ben Patel and Chandrika to grow in faith.



Mrs. Jenila Pon Malar Celin

Mrs. Priya Hethzi

Surat: Jebathangam & Mathavaroy

Praise God: 20 persons got the opportunity to hear the Gospel for the first time. 2 New Testaments were distributed and 16 night meetings were held. Revival meetings were conducted for 8 days. Rambhai who had unbalancing problem is able to walk without any help because of the prayers.

Pray: For the problem in the Gautam Nagar Church to be solved quickly. Sangeetha's husband a drunkard to be delivered from the addiction and the suicidal tendencies. Dhilip Bhai had surgery for cancer. God to help him to recover soon. Priyanka who was depressed and got healing through prayer has backslidden to be restarted back to her faith because she goes in search of gurus these days. The textile business is becoming dull and as a result the believers are migrating in search of jobs.

Dadra & Nagar Haveli

Silvassa: Davidson Rajasinhg & Kanmani

Praise God: 858 persons in 14 villages have heard the Gospel for the first time. 1 Church was built. Church elders meetings were held in 4 villages. Bible study for the youth were conducted in Kaucha, Paati and Bontha. Sala Ben and Radhi Ben were protected from snake bite. Mahendra was delivered from addiction to alcohol.

Pray: Evangelist Lakhu Bhai's wife Sathru Ben to recover from the spinal cord operation after having a fall from upstairs. Ajay Bhai Son of Sathru Ben, Anil Bhai, Jesvanth Bhai and Chotu Bhai to have the interest in attending the Sunday service. Savitha Ben to be blessed with children.

Eyesight regained!!

In Kherwara field, Rajasthan a girl named Rachanika suddenly lost her sight. Her parents were desperate and took her to hospitals, visited magicians and did black magic, but there was no cure. From their neighboring believers they heard the Gospel and started to attend Church services. Through prayers of the congregation and pure miracle, Rachanika can now see properly. Praise God for his miracles.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Immanuel Karthi P.

Maharashtra Akkalkuwa:

Jagmohan Singh & Swati

Praise God: 544 people and 7 villages were reached. 12 hour chain of prayer was conducted for 40 days continuously. Vishal who was suffering from fever for 27 days was healed by prayer. A prayer cell was formed in Valamba village.

Pray: Durga Bai to regain her eye-sight and for Gulab Singh Dada's swelling in the neck to be reduced. All the planned meetings, film shows and Sunday services to happen smoothly.

Boradi:

Om prakash & Sapna

Praise God: 204 people were reached with the Gospel. 111 New Testaments and 10 other books were distributed. Hatedapada, Kuva, Piparipada and Balkuva villages were newly reached. Fasting prayers were conducted in many places around the field.

Pray: Motilal, Tumadio Bhai and Rakesh Bhai are suffering from mental disorder; they must recover to normal state soon. Prem and Sandesh should get healed from mumps. Arpan, Temariya Bhai and Sarada Bai, should be cured from their leg injuries. For God's divine healing to touch and heal Ranjana Bai - white discharge, Kushama Bai - white worm disease, Maya Bai - Leucorrhoea problem, Jothi Bai - paralysis and bring them back to normal state. Church construction work in Umarda, Budaki Vihirand and Kodida village to be finished quickly.

Chalishgoan: Timothy & Mamatha

Praise God: 450 people and 6 villages were newly reached. 12 Bible were distributed. 80 children participated in the VBS program. Lata Tayi who underwent Uterus operation is now back to normal state because of our prayers. Janka Bai recently underwent eye operation and God has healed her completely.

Pray: The regular prayer in Mukhed village must happen continuously without any interference. Babu's speedy recovery from cancer. Mangal Bai and Satish are suffering from mental disorder, pray for their recovery. Protection for the believers and missionaries from the anti-Christians elements.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Charlet Jesintha Selvin
Mrs. Lilly Rani Vincent Premraj
Mrs. LUNCHING N.

Molgi & Narmada: Bharanidharan & Selvarani

Praise God: 2000 people newly heard the Gospel. 10 of them believed and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ into their lives. Outreach meetings were conducted in Vavra village, Alpada, Kumbimal and Kuppa. 45 children attended the VBS sessions and were blessed. May God help them to grow in faith. The women's prayer cells are being conducted regularly. Kunsingh our believer's faith was edified, when his daughter received a government nursing job in response to his fervent prayers, amidst bleak circumstances.

Pray: For Gulabibai to accept Christ as her personal Saviour. Issah, a little girl to receive complete healing from her skin infection. For the people who are ready to publicly confess their faith, to remain firm in their decision. The spiritual blessings of the children who attended the VBS programmes organized in 15 places. For God to grant a child

to Lalitha. For the Elder's training and women leaders training to bear spiritual fruits in the lives of those who were trained.

Mukhada: M. Shankar & Anandi

Praise God: 30 people heard the Gospel for the first time. 4 became believers and were added to the fold. 10 Bibles were distributed to the seekers. Asha and Dolera villages were reached with the mass outreach ministry. A new worship group was formed in Kozz village. A new women's prayer cell was also started. Vimal was healed of excessive bleeding through prayer. Dhileep and Laxman's family was blessed with a child. Ajay's 6 year old daughter recovered from a bout of unconsciousness, through prayer and anointing with oil.

Pray: For a breakthrough for ministry in Kathari, Koli and Varli people groups with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For the right people to be chosen to serve as Church elders in Poshera Church and other worship groups. Some people belonging to independent Churches mislead our believers in faith and doctrine, to repent. For the salvation of the families of Sivaram, Manisha, Saguni, Kalpesh, Gangaramand and Vimal. For people who discourage the believers of Pardesyamet, Moranda, and Pawerpada village congregations to repent and have a change of heart.



Happy Birthday

Mr. David Rajasingh T.

Mrs. Selvi Deivanayagam

Jimmalagatta: Srinivasa Lazarus & Sunita

Praise God: Gospel was shared to 300 persons. 1 kacha Church construction is in progress. 5 New Testaments were distributed. Bible study was conducted in 12 places. Mass outreach ministry was done in 1 village. Shankarakka was delivered from phobia and high BP. VBS was conducted in Marapally, Yerragadda and Perkabatti villages. Many non-believers children got the opportunity to hear the Gospel through story, song and skits etc.

Pray: The Church construction in Yerragadda village to be completed. The seekers in the various villages to accept the lord and to confess their faith. Dileep and Lakshmi married for 10 years to be blessed with children, Santhosh Gomas and Venkatakka fourteen years

and Sukumar and Maduri families to be blessed with children. The target of reaching 4500 people with the Gospel, 50 disciples, 2 worship groups and 1 Church building to be achieved.

Karnataka

Khanapur: Vinayaraj & Shanta

Praise God: Vinayaraj, the field missionary has recovered from his illness through prayers and is doing fine. 4 Bibles and 6 New Testaments were voluntarily received by the believers. 3 people Sneha, Nikita and Manjula have joined the Church newly.

Pray: Vinayaraj's youngest son, Samuel Joyson is suffering from a ligament tear in his knee and is instructed to undergo an operation. God's healing hand must be with him through the process. Basappa Patil the father of our believer Basavaraj to be healed from sores completely. Shivranjini's family, our believer from Bekawad, who lost their mother recently to be comforted by our dear Lord Jesus. Beena to be healed from her frequent illness.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Jebathangam Mathavaroy
Mr. Paulraj P., Mrs. Sonia Rani Jena
Mr. Vadekar Dilipbhai Rangubhai
Mr. Mintu Kutum, Mrs. Manna Singh

Kolar: Samuel Beborta

Praise God: Roja a believer from Kogilu village is blessed with a baby girl. Vasmathia, a new believer is added to the fold of the Lord. 15 women attended the night prayer meet at Chatracodahali village.

Pray: For the salvation of Jayamma. Our believer Narayamma to be healed of a sickness in her eyes. For the Holy Spirit to motivate the Church leaders and elders to take part actively in the Lord's work. For our believers who are agriculturists toiling under the hot sun, to be protected from the heat of the season. For the believers of Benjanahali and Keanchhapurah village who have all backsidden from their faith, to be spiritually restored.

Tamil Nadu

Chengam: Joshua K S

Praise God: Trainer's training was

successfully conducted. Training for Church elders was conducted in 9 Churches. For three days Evangelists' training was conducted. Uma is conceived after 4 years by the pure grace of God.

Pray: Upcoming Evangelists training must go as planned. 21 elders are participating in training program. The training must be beneficial to them. God must bless Beulah with child. For the elders of the Church to attend zonal meetings without fail.



Power of united prayer!!

Veer das of Rohru field in Himachal was a pujari in a village named Khashdaa. He was entitled to perform pujas and black magic for the village people. The village people offered dharu (alcohol) in return for his pujas. Two years ago, he was paralysed and became bedridden. Though his daughters were married to local Evangelists, he strongly believed in his gods and did not waver. He tried modern medicine, pujas, and even witchcraft. But there was no change in his condition. Hearing his health state, the missionaries and local believers went as a group and prayed for his health. The united prayer and faith of the believers brought Veer Das to his normal state. As he has known the love of God, he attends Church and takes part in meetings regularly. Pray for his wife and son to accept Jesus as their Saviour.





Mr. Azariah Rajkumar
Mr. Venkatesan C. Crescens
Mr. Vigneshwaran N., Mr. Shishu Pal

Ilampillai: Wilson and Jeya

Praise God: 5 Bibles and 2 New Testaments were distributed to the seekers. The Divine protection of the Lord to Kalliappan and Joseph who were saved from an accident. The families are eagerly listening to the Gospel. For the healing of Poongudi and Kuppuraj from their sickness by prayer.

Pray: for the Lord to grant Gananmuthu and Monisha with a baby. For Kumar, Alagamma and Neela to publicly confess their faith on the Lord Jesus, overcoming their obstacles. For our new believer Geetha to get a job. For Vijaya to receive healing from a tumour in her body and for her family to profess faith in the Lord Jesus. For a great harvest of souls in the villages of Pakkirakadai, Pachaliyur and Kaliyakavundanur. For the youth of the Church studying in colleges to live a witnessing life.

Anjetty:

David Nicholson & Ivy

Praise God: More than 5 families have accepted the Lord. New Testaments and tracts were distributed. Gowramma and Esther recovered from viral fever. Many sick people were healed through prayer.

Pray: For Priya to be healed from uterus and heart problem. Gowramma to be able to build a house and all her needs to be met. For the forth coming film ministry, all night prayer and other spiritual gatherings to be conducted and the result to be fruitful.

Clutch loosened!!

Vasanta Bai from Chalishgoan field, Maharashtra, suffered from non-stop bleeding and underwent troubles caused by evil spirit. She went to local magicians, followed witchcrafts and consulted doctors, but there was no relief. When our missionaries Timothy and Mamath met her, they shared the Gospel to her and her family. After sharing the Gospel, they continuously prayed for Vasanta and her sickness. Due to God's miraculous hands, now she is completely healed and free from the clutches of the evil spirits.



**Mr. Amarenthiran &
Mrs. Gowramma @
Swetha Family**

Amarenthiran was born on 05.04.1986 to Mr. Siva Sankar and Mrs. Suganya into a non-Christian family in a village known as Kalingavaram in Krsihngiri district, Tamil Nadu. He lost his father at a very early age of two. His mother became a widow in her young age. His mother's conversation with a Christian sister led her to discover Christ. His mother embraced Christ and brought the rest of the family members to His fold. Later he got the opportunity to study in the FMPB hostel in Idayangudi. Idayangudi's spiritual atmosphere left an impression on him. This is where he gave his life for Christ. From the beginning of his relationship with Christ, he had just one desire to minister to Him. Anytime he was asked what he would like to become in his life, he answered that he would want to be "a missionary." After finishing schooling, he joined the Theological studies. Following his graduation from SIBS, he joined FMPB in 2009. After a year

and a half training in Jhansi, he was placed in the Thanakla field, in Gujarat, to minister among the Dungra Bheel People group. Later he was transferred to the Kawant field, to the Regional office, and then to Jawda School for eight months. Later, he was moved to the Nagpur office in 2013. He married Swetha on 05.06.2014. After the marriage they were transferred to Jharkhand to work among the Santhals. They are serving the Lord here from 2018 onwards.

Swetha was born on 04.04.1988 to Mr. Errappa & Mrs. Shanthama into a non-Christian family in Bangalore; she was unwelcomed by her father, who was expecting a baby boy. She stayed with her aunt. She had struggled in her life even to feed herself, to study and to survive. She was a very devoted girl, pouring her struggles every day to the idols thinking that it could bring some comfort and solution to her struggles. Very often she was severely beaten by her aunt. Once when she was beaten till she bled, she wept in pain in her body as well as in her heart having no one to console; it was then the name of "Jesus" appeared in her heart. The pain vanished as soon as she saw the name "Jesus" appeared in her heart. From then on, she started to search for the person Jesus. During one rainy season in Bangalore she was about to have a fatal fall into a deep ditch. At that moment she cried out the name of "Jesus" and was rescued from falling into the pit. A Christian friend asked her "how she knew Christ?" Swetha explained it. She discovered Jesus through her friend. Then she began to go to Church and to grow in the Lord. God called her to a full-time ministry and she obeyed. They are at present serving the Lord in Lalamtia in Jharkhand from 2018.

They are blessed with two children. Josiah Prince (D.O.B. 18.06.2017) is in Class 1 in Santosh Vidyalaya, Dohnavur and Reviva Jaireh (D.O.B. 21.09.2019) is with them in the field. Let's uphold this family in our prayers.

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