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THEME OF THE YEAR 2023

Chosen to
Bear Fruit

*You did not choose me, but I chose you
and appointed you so that you might
go and bear fruit—fruit that will last...*

John 15:16

*Take root
below
and bear
fruit above*



FRONTLINE...

In our christian life if Christ is the main root then the fruit will be that of Christ's characters. Jesus commanded His disciples to preach the Gospel and to bear fruit. In John 15 :16 Jesus says ... I have chosen you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit, fruit that will last... God expects our life to be fruitful. if we need to be fruitful the root is important. How deep are you rooted? However large a plant or tree could be its beginning is from a tiny seed. This tiny little seed undergoes several changes under the soil then a little root sprouts and grows groundward following which the stem leaves grow upward. Any tree or plant that has no groundward growth has no upward growth too. It cannot be fruitful also. A tree is expected to bear fruit. If it has to bear much fruit then the roots must be near the water bodies and must grow deeper also.

The gifts of the Spirit is different from the fruit of the Spirit. The gifts of the Spirit are received from God, but the fruit of the Spirit needs to be grown in us and by us. This cannot be grown overnight but it is a continuous process if we have the word of God embedded in our hearts the Holy Spirit drenches and makes us grow, blossom and to bear fruit. only if we are rooted in the Word of God we will be able to face any kind of storms in life and not be shaken but be fruitful. If we are rooted and Christ we will be fruitful in any circumstances. If we live a fruitless life then the gardener Jesus is ready to cut down such trees. the axe is at the root already (Mat 3.10).

Any tree that bears fruit bears for the others rather than to itself. How deep is our root? What kind of fruit do we bear in our lives. let's analyse ourselves. God also delights in the fruit of the soul we leave that this month's issue of the magazine will help you to bear fruit and bring many souls to His fold. Let's prayerfully read it and bear fruit and make others bear fruit. May the lord be pleased to see our fruitful life. Amen!

- Mercy Selwyn (*Communication Department*)

**So that you may live
a life worthy of the
Lord and please him
in every way: bearing
fruit in every good
work, growing in the
knowledge of God.**

Col1:10

**Isn't it interesting that
the branch bearing
much fruit gets not
protected, not babied,
not put in a dust-proof
display cabinet for all to
admire, but pruned, cut
back, injured, and why?**

**"So that it can bear
more fruit"**

- Jennifer Kennedy

**Every tree that does not
bear good fruit is cut
down and thrown into
the fire. Thus, by their
fruit you will recognize
them. Mathew 7: 19-20**

**In God's garden of
grace, even a broken
tree can bear fruit.**

- Rick Warren

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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 Lord Jesus Christ.

I am writing this month editorial from Gujarat where I am visiting the missionaries. In the parable of the lost sheep, Jesus said that the shepherd left all the 99 sheep in the open country and went after the lost sheep until he found it (Luke 15:4). This parable reminds us the responsibility of seeking the lost by each one of us individually and reminds the church as a whole. In reality, we have the reverse situation today as we have only 3 sheep with us and 97 is lost. In the parable the shepherd had more concern about the lost one than the 99 at hand. But we are having concern about the 3 with us and not concerned about the 97 which is lost. The lost 97 are entangled in many bondages and waiting that someone may come and free them from the bondages to enjoy the real freedom. May the Lord kindle our insensitive hearts with burden and love for the souls which have lost the freedom.

Meeting of the CSI missionaries: I was invited to speak to the missionaries of CSI on 21st June, organised in Chennai by the Mission Department of the CSI Synod on the topic "Missionary as a person".

Meeting with CNI Gujarat Diocese Bishop: The President of FMPB and myself along with the mobilization and field leaders met the CNI Gujarat Diocese Bishop Rt. Rev. Silvans Christian and the Diocese leaders in Ahmedabad, Gujarat on 27th June 2023. The Bishop warmly welcomed us and the this meeting further strengthened the relationship between the Diocese and FMPB. The Bishop has graciously agreed to our request and

decided to ordain 30 of our Missionaries and Evangelists as Deacons on 2nd September 2023 at Fokdi, Netrang, Gujarat. The support of

such Church leaders are very encouraging and helping in our mission to reach this nation.

Interview: The interview for selecting new missionaries was conducted on 30th June in Headquarters. Totally 27 candidates participated in the interview and 20 were selected. At the final count 18 new missionaries have joined us and one week orientation program was completed. Now they are on an 1 month mobilization exposure in selected places and 5 months field exposure following the mobilization exposure. Kindly pray for the new missionaries who have joined in our FMPB family.

Divisional heads prayer and planning: On 3rd and 4th of July, the Divisional Heads and I, spent time in prayer. In that two days God refreshed our hearts and strengthened us to reach the nation. After spending solid time in the presence of God, we spent next two days in planning for our ministry.

Gideon International in India's Annual Conference: I had the privilege to be the Bible Hour Speaker in the 6th Tamil Nadu State Convention held at Karur on 7th and 8th July 2023. God used me for His glory and for the benefit of the delegates. I would like to extend my thanks for all your prayers.

Meetings in Madurai: On 9th July I spoke in the morning service in which our missionary was dedicated at East Gate CSI Church in Madurai. Evening I shared the Word of God in



the SCAN family gathering at LPN Girls HSS, Madurai. God did wonders on that day by controlling the weather. All around the venue from 200 meters there was heavy outpouring of rain, but the ground in which the meeting was conducted had a light drizzle, so that we could continue and complete the meeting without any disturbances. All glory to God.

Meeting with Mobilization Zonal Secretaries: The first meeting under the leadership of the newly appointed Divisional head Rev. Daniel Thomas of the Tamil Nadu Pondy Mobilization Zonal Secretaries was conducted in Chennai on 10th July and it was a blessing.

New Missionaries' Orientation Program: The Orientation program for the newly selected missionaries was conducted by the HRD in Headquarters from 6th July to 11th July. Many Senior missionaries spoke to the new missionaries in different topics. I too taught them on two topics on 10th July.

Gujarat Visit: From 12th-18th July the Field Secretary and myself are visiting Aravalli, Satpuda, Sahayatri, Godavari Regions, Jhavda English Medium School and Peint area. We will be conducting Regional wise meetings for the missionaries and visiting missionaries in their homes during this visit. It is a blessing to me personally to be with the front-line missionaries who are deeply committed and faithful in fulfilling God's call.

Need your prayers for the following meetings in August 2023

Field Zonal Secretaries meeting in Alapalli: The Field Zonal Secretaries are gathering for 2 days prayer and 2 days planning in the first week of August in Alapalli, Maharashtra.

Carnival of FMPB Professional Forum, Bengaluru: The Bengaluru Professional Forum of FMPB is organising a carnival in Bengaluru on 6th August to raise support for the Malto children education. The Bengaluru mobilization leaders also join in the efforts of the Professional Forum to make the event a great blessing to the ministry. They need your sincere prayers for the meeting and its success.

Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh visit: In the second week of August, I am planning to visit some fields in Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh. Please pray for the travel mercies and the meetings with the missionaries.

National Consultation, Yelagiri: From 16th to 19th August, I also join some mission leaders for a National Mission consultation in Yelagiri.

Cross Cultural Communication (CCC) Training: The CCC training is being organised for the missionaries of Central Zone from 21st - 25th August at Nandurbar. Pray that this training will make a paradigm shift in presenting the Gospel.

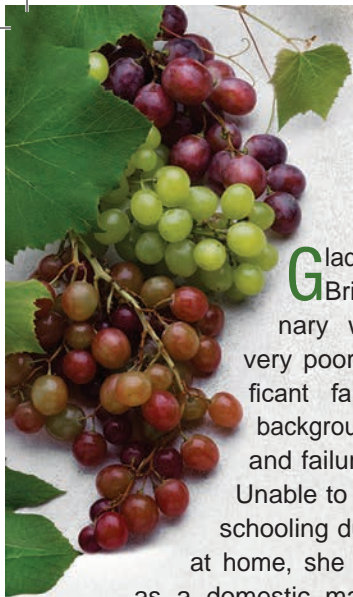
National Leadership Summit in Nagpur: The National Leadership Summit is going to be held from 28th August to 31st August in Nagpur. Kindly pray for God's guidance and leading to be upon all who will gather.

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.



Chosen to

BEAR FRUIT

Gladys Aylward, a British missionary was from a very poor and insignificant family with a background of poverty and failure in studies. Unable to continue her schooling due to poverty at home, she had to work as a domestic maid from the age of 14. Can you imagine that she was one of those people who was spoken about in her later years on Radio and newspapers? Are you able to believe that the movie “The little woman” was based on her life story? Isn't it shocking to hear that she received awards from Queen Elizabeth and had the opportunity to feast alongside her?

Dearly beloved, “God needs you” is the word that transformed the life of Gladys. She was able to complete a very fruitful ministry in the land of China just because she surrendered herself completely to God listening to His voice. God is calling you too in the same manner. A “Fruit Bearing life” is a life useful to God and to man. God has established us for this same reason. John 15: 16.

In John 15, John uses a few words,

Verse 2 - More fruit

Verse 5 - Much Fruit

Verse 16 - fruit that will last.

I would like to point out to a person from the Bible as an example to fulfilling God's desire and bearing fruit.

A woman whose name is not even mentioned, rejected, abandoned, sinful and having the fear of people's malicious talk she had come to draw water in the well sometime during the afternoon when the sun was shining hot. We read about her in John 4.

The one who makes the rejected stone the corner stone met her. She did not come to Him... He himself went to her. As a result, her life was transformed. Let us meditate on those transformations.

1 She Knew the person who knew her

Jesus spoke to her asking for water near the well in verse 28. She also identified Him as a Jew and spoke about Jacob and Messiah. She had the knowledge about the Word of God, the forefathers and about Messiah and yet she was living a sinful life.

A pastor was more curious to know what a small boy prayed as he noticed him coming to Church every day to pray. He sincerely prayed for his father "Lord bring one foot down". The pastor was astonished and confused, so he enquired with him about the prayer. The little boy said that his father had good understanding and great knowledge about the Bible but it was not connected to the heart and everything was just superficial knowledge. So, he prayed that the theoretical knowledge in his head may move down one foot to his heart and become practical and make his father a better Christian. How much beautiful is this prayer which carries deep meaning. A man of God once said that if we need to identify the presence of the Holy Spirit in a man it cannot be known by the gift of the Holy Spirit but by his aversion towards even a small sin in his life. Every sin is a sin in the sight of God whether it is big or small. These are the nails that are a big hindrance to a holy life. We need to clear them all off. There is one remedy for this, we need to abide in the word of God and in Him. When our time with the Bible is lesser, we spend more time in fighting the Devil. Dr. Billy Graham said that there is a difference between knowing God and knowing about God. Do we just know God? Or do we know about God?

2 She Confessed the person who knew her

When Jesus started the conversation asking for drinking water and speaking further about the Living water and the truths about eternity, she further did some few things. Let us meditate on those.

4: 17 - She confessed the truth as it was.

4: 19 - She identified Christ as a prophet.

She surrendered herself completely when Jesus started to tell her about her hidden and sinful life. She came as she was. She accepted the reality. Today most of us do not have the salvation and we don't have the knowledge about salvation. There is no use in just confession.

Three levels of Salvation.

- Penalty of Sin - Past Salvation
frees us from the penalty of sin
- Power of Sin - Present Salvation
frees us from the power of sin
- Presence of Sin - Future
Salvation frees us from the
presence of sin

She understood all these and immediately confessed. "Sir, You must be a prophet" - John 4: 19.

Repentance without Remorse
Surrender without any
reservations

Filling of the Holy Spirit without love will not help us. William Long staff wrote a song which says, "Take time to be Holy"

3 **She declared about
the person who knew her**

She confessed and had received new strength. John 4: 28 says that she left the pot and ran to tell people about Jesus.

She ran to people no longer minding about their talks. She is so much interested in telling to others about the living water that she had just met. The one who avoided talks with people calls them to come and meet Jesus. We cannot see people being quiet after they had met Jesus. Andrew went to his brother and immediately informed that he had met the Messiah - John 1: 14.

Mark 5: 18, 19 - The person delivered from Legion requested that he will be with Jesus all through his life. Jesus asked him to go and tell all his friends and family about the goodness he received. We read that

he spread it all through Decapolis. We also read that Saul started to talk about the person he met on his way to Damascus. He did that without any hesitation - Acts 9: 20.

Dearly Beloved, We were saved to save. We were freed to make people free. We learn from our missionaries who had been in prison that they were able to transform the lives of so many people just by living the life of salvation even in prison. John 4: 39 says that many of them listened to her and believed in Jesus. Verse 40 says that they wanted Jesus to stay for some more time to know more about Him. Verse 41, 42 says that they believed and were saved. She became a person who continued to bear much fruit. God expects the same life from us too. We need to know the person who knows us and confess our sins and declare about Him to the whole world. The seed that is sown becomes a big tree. The sand that is trampled becomes a beautiful pot. The defeated man becomes a mighty Christian. Let us abide in Christ when we come across situations of defeat, brokenness and strife. We will also be transformed beautifully in His presence.

Great men of God

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these books?*



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to analyse the
challenges faced
by the Churches
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publication and be
blessed.



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BHONDVIHIR CHURCH HISTORY

Ahwa Field,
Sahyadri Region

Written By
Rev. L. Masilamani

Bhondvihir Village, with population of 334 is the Dang district's 68th least populous village, located in the Subir Taluk of the Dang district in the state of Gujarat in India. Total geographical area of Bhondvihir village is 3 km² and it is the 102nd smallest village by area in the district. Nearest town of the village is Navapur and distance from Bhondvihir village to Navapur is 40 km. Ahwa is the district head quarter. 41% of the total village's area is covered by forest. The village is home to 334 people, among them 152 (46%) are male and 182 (54%) are female. 1% of the whole population are from general caste and 99% are schedule tribes. There are 77 households in the village. 176 people in the village are literate. Overall literacy rate in the village has increased by 12%.

The Beginning:

On 8-5-1981 Ahwa field was opened by Rev. L. Masilamani family. In July 1995, Rev. D. Abraham's family joined Grakhadi field as a coworker to Rev. Bethuel Bardan family. In April 1996, D. Abraham took in charge of Garkhadi field as Rev. Bethuel took in charge of the newly created Pimpalner field in Maharashtra state. Behdun Church and the evangelist Rev. Jhiman Bhai played a major



role in the establishment of a congregation in Bhondvihir village. Some sick people went to Behdun Church in search of healing. They were healed by the prayers of evangelist Jhiman Bhai and the Church elder Sudhir Bhai. Some of their testimonies are given below:

Ragu Bhai Indar Bhai Pawar says

"My mother was suffering from TB. We went to Darga (something like a mosque) in Pipaldahad village for 2 years and spent around Rs. 12000/- but she became more sick. Finally we thought of trying Christianity. As some people used to go to Behdun earlier, we also went to Behdun Church. Jhiman Bhai prayed for my mother and he also conducted prayer meeting in our house. She was healed by the prayers".

Santharam Bhai Indar Bhai Pawar:

"When I was fifteen years old, I fell sick very often. I was taken to the hospital in Ahwa. The doctor told that there was some problem in the heart and a tumor in my stomach. They recommended for treatment to a hospital in Surat. My mother told to try Christian faith. So we went to Behdun Church as my mother's sister was also living there and

the Church elder Sudhir Bhai prayed for me. Within one month I got good improvement and after I confessed my faith in the Lord I was completely healed”.



Ramju Bhai Sitru Bhai Ahir

Thus some sick people went to Behdun village and became Christians after getting healing from their sicknesses. So in 1996, these Christians must have invited the FMPB missionary D. Abraham and evangelist Jhiman Bhai to conduct meetings in their villages. They had a plan of starting Sunday services also in their village. Three brothers of the present evangelist Ramju Bhai became Christians. Their elder brother Mangu Bhai was the first believer among them. His brother evangelist Ramju Bhai Sitru Bhai Ahir testifies: “We were following our tribal religion. One day I got a dream. I saw black devil and it told me that it would enter me and would harass me. I felt that from my head to feet something passed. I was frightened. Already my elder brother Mangu Bhai was following Christ. As my father was a witch doctor (Bhagat), I asked him to check my heart beats. He checked and told that he could not feel anything. So I told him that I would follow the religion of my brother. So I asked my brother to pray for me. He prayed for me. We were attending the Shepuamba Church. In 1998, there was a persecution

and that Church was demolished. Then we contacted Jhiman Bhai of Behdun village. He came to our village and started meeting in my brother Mangu Bhai's house in 1999. Many new people came to that meeting. I was asked to serve as a catechist and in 2004 I was made an evangelist later. Thus the regular meetings were started by FMPB evangelist Jhiman Bhai in Mangu Bhai's home in 1999 and a kacha Church was put up in 2001 by Rev. D. Abraham. Then a pucca Church was constructed in their land near to the main road in 2008.

Church Construction:

The meetings were started in 1999 in Mangu Bhai's home by FMPB. Kacha Church was constructed in 2001. Jhiman Bhai, Avasiya Bhai used to come to conduct the meetings. The present Church is built in the land of evangelist's family-four brothers and all are Christians. The land given to the Church is 20 feet wide and 40 foot length. The pucca Church construction was started on 10-4-2007 and it was finished on 28-9-2008 and it was dedicated on 28-9-2008. People donated wood for windows, door and for the ceiling needs of the Church. People gave their free labour. Pastor's room was also constructed along with the Church. Missionaries S. Arulraj and D. Abraham came for the Church dedication. The sponsor also came from Tamil Nadu.

Church Growth:

After the starting of the meetings in Bhondvihir many new sick people started coming to the meetings seeking healing from various sicknesses and God healed them all by hearing the prayers of their servants.

Ramju Bhai became a catechist and later in 2004 an evangelist and he played a major role in the Church growth. Deepak Bhai describes how he himself decided to become a Christian by realizing that Christian faith is the real way given by God. "We were in our tribal faith. When we were sick we used to go to the witch doctors and we did not get any improvements. So we decided to follow Christian faith. Five years back we started coming to this pucca Church and we are now well. Jhiman Bhai used to conduct the meetings. Now I understand the truth and I have been blessed in my works".

One of the first believers Maharu Bhai's son Vipin Bhai Maharu Bhai Desmukh testifies "My mother was sick with an unknown sickness when we were little children. She was taken to Peer and then to Mohupada and spent on goats and other expenses. There were three Christians in Bhondvahir-Jhiman, Jeevu and Rogya. They assured us of healing by prayers for my mother. They prayed for my mother and she was healed. We went to Shepuamba Church for worship meetings. Our Church pastor was taken to Unai temple and he was compelled to take bath in the Unai temple. Our mother's brother told us also to go to Unai to deny Christian faith. But we refused it and started attending the meetings in our village arranged through FMPB".

Handing over of the Church by FMPB:

Bhondvahir Church was handed over to Church of North India, Gujarat Diocese in April 2013. This Church comes under the

Behdun pastorate. Now 45 families are in Christian faith. Thirty five are regular in faith. More than 120 persons come for the Sunday services. 15 families' are from the Bhil tribe and 30 families from the Kukna tribe. There was no opposition in the time of the construction of the Church. Santaram Bhai works as a catechist voluntarily. Ten to fifteen people are added every year in faith. Mainly they come to get healing.

Church Activities:

Sunday services are conducted. Sunday school is being conducted by Pramila Ben after the Worship service, around Twenty to twenty five children attend it. Cottage Prayers, youth Meeting, women Fellowship is also conducted. Out of nearly Five hundred total populations, only eleven families did not become Christians. Majority of them are Christians. People share the Gospel to the people in the village telling about the blessings of being a Christians such as saving, fee spent on witch doctors, freedom to eat all things, getting healing without expenses but by faith only.

Prayer Concerns:

- ❖ For the children studying in the schools. They should have all facilities to finish their education well
- ❖ Medical facilities to be available to the sick people.
- ❖ Migrant laborers to get some occupations in their own village. 50% per cent people go to sugarcane fields.
- ❖ Employment opportunities to be available to the educated youth.

Missionary Biography



Kokani Pravinbhai Lachhubhai & Paruben Chiitrabhai

EARLY LIFE:

Friends Missionary Prayer Band started the cross cultural ministry among the Kukna tribes of Dangs district in Gujarat in 1976 by starting mission fields in Wagai and Halmodi. God blessed the small beginning. Thousands of Kukna people accepted Christ and began to worship the Lord in many congregations. In later days from that Kukna Congregations, God raised many young people as cross cultural missionaries. It was amazing to see God's wonder working ways among them. Kokani Pravinbhai Lachhubhai family was one such family. They were from Kuyilipada village of Vyra, Gujarat. Kokani Pravinbhai was born in a non-Christian tribal family on 1st May 1979. Kokani

Pravinbhai's father Lachhubhai was a farmer. His mother was Sattr Ben. They earned their livelihood by tending cattle, poultry and farming the land. Pravinbhai's father Lachhubhai died at a very young age. His mother took care of him and also his younger brother Girishbhai.

SALVATION:

Through the ministry of FMPB missionaries Mrs. Sattr Ben accepted the Lord Jesus as her Saviour. Hundreds of Kukna people accepted the Lord and worshipped Him in many congregations. As most of the Kukna people are illiterate, the missionaries of FMPB had to shoulder the responsibility of giving education to the second generation. The missionaries took many efforts and one of them was starting the Children home. One such children home was nurtured by Nava Jeevan Sevamandal, a sister concern of FMPB. Kokani Pravinbhai had an opportunity to study from one of the NSM homes. From the 1st standard to the 9th standard he was in that home, where he came to know about Jesus, the Bible and of course the Christian ways of living. In 1994, the NSM arranged a special retreat for all the students living in their homes. Pravinbhai who was in standard nine at that time accepted Christ as his personal saviour. From that day onwards, Pravinbhai started reading the Bible systematically and praying to God regularly. Many witnessed about

his changed life. He participated in all Christian activities of the Church and NSM.

CALL TO THE MISSION:

After the salvation experience of Pravinbhai, the Lord gave him the burden about his own village people. He had a burning heart to preach the Gospel to all his relatives and villagers. He was growing in the Lord with the fellowship of the other friends. While reading and meditating the Bible, he had sensed that he was responsible for his own people to come to the Light from the darkness. Again NSM conducted a spiritual retreat for all the inmates of the homes. Pravinbhai too attended the retreat. The preacher of the retreat selected the verse Isaiah 6:8 and challenged the participants to preach the Gospel to their own people. He responded to the call of God and committed his life to be a missionary. He finished his school final in 1998. As he decided to do the God's ministry, he joined Gujarat Bible College to equip himself for the ministry. He finished his theological course in 2001. As the FMPB preached the Gospel in his own native village and other nearby areas, he got interested in the ministry and joined the FMPB as a missionary. He was sent for missionary training for a year at Kachuwa, in the state of Uttar Pradesh. After finishing his training successfully, he was placed among the Oravan people of Chattishgarh. He started his ministry in the Tabukkara field.

PARUBEN CHHITARABHAI:

Paruben was born on 1st September 1976 in Pardia village of Vyara, Gujarat. Her father Chittrabhai and her mother Ithuben accepted Christ through the ministry of FMPB missionaries. When Chittrabhai was very sick our missionaries Rev. Israel Devados and Rev. Johnson Barnabas preached the Gospel and prayed for his recovery. God healed him completely; so he accepted Christ with his family. Paruben was sent to Bethel home, Vyara to get education. Paruben, during her stay in the children home, came to know about Christ and his sacrificial love. In 1996, during a special retreat for the inmates of the children home, Paruben confessed her sins and accepted Jesus as her personal saviour. The environment in the children's home helped her to grow in the Lord every day. Paruben read the Bible and meditated upon it regularly. She also joined with the other girls of the home and prayed for the nation. In 1997, Paruben attended a spiritual meeting held at Vyara, where many servants of God shared the word of God.

A few missionaries shared their witness and their ministry. Paruben was touched by the witness of the missionaries and committed her life to do God's ministry. During the school holidays, she proclaimed the Gospel to other people of her village, conducted Sunday school and VBS for children. She continued her higher studies in

a college and finished her bachelor degree in 1997. As she was keen on becoming a cross cultural missionary, she attended the interview conducted by FMPB. She was selected as a missionary candidate. After one year of missionary training, she was placed in Haryana to do the ministry among the women.

MARRIAGE LIFE:

Parents took efforts and proposed a marriage alliance between Paruben and Pravinbhai. Their marriage was held on the 14th of May 2005 in the Quilipada Church. The Reception was held in Pardipada village as a witness to non-Christians. God blessed their married life and blessed them with two children. In 2006 the first girl baby was born, they named her Prasanna Kumari. And in 2009, God blessed them with a boy child Prince.

CHURCH PLANTING MINISTRY:

After the marriage, they continued the ministry in Tapukara field, among Oravan people of Chhattisgarh. They preached the Gospel, village after village. Many people came to know of the Lord and joined the Church. Seven congregations were planted and 239 people accepted the Lord Jesus and worshipped in these congregations. They were preaching the Gospel through night meetings in three more places, where people heard the Gospel with much interest. Amazingly they learned the Oravan

language and preached the Gospel in people's language.

LAST DAYS:

On the 5th of June 2010, Pravinbhai and Paruben were travelling to Parthpara village on a motor cycle with their two children. They saw a passenger bus coming from the opposite direction on a small narrow bridge. So, Pravinbhai stopped his motor cycle nearly 100 feet before the bridge. Paruben got down from the motor cycle and stood near her husband. The bus which came from the opposite direction, after passing the narrow bridge, hit Pravinbhai, Paruben and their two children. Paruben and prince died on the spot as the wheels of the bus ran over them. Pravinbhai was thrown away along with his daughter and lost consciousness. Their daughter Prasanssa escaped with minor injuries. Some people who came for the rescue took Pravinbhai to a nearby Kansabel hospital. The treatment could not revive Pravinbhai and he also lost his breath on 5th June 2010. On hearing this tragic news, all the other missionaries of Chattishgargh rushed to the spot. This incident shook the family of FMPB. Even though they served the Lord for a very short time, they did what they could do for the Lord happily. Their daughter Prasanssa is now a student of Santhosh Vidyalaya. Please uphold her in your prayers

- Rev. Dr. E. Rajan

TRAIL BLAZERS

It was in the early days of protestant churches in England, there lived a boy named William Hunter. He was brought up in a faithful christian family. He reached the church in Front Wood at London, even before the service began. He started to read the Bible which was placed before him on a table. Peace and joy filled his heart as he read the Bible!!! In those days, Bible was considered as the most holy book, where the ordained Bishops had the privilege to read it. Unfortunately, one of the Bishop's officer noticed this and arrested him as it was considered as the serious crime according to the law of Church.

This issue was taken to the Bishop and he enquired him. William, without any hesitation replied the Bishop, that until his last breath he will not quit reading the Bible. He believed that it would bring him a peaceful and a sinless life. Hearing those words, the bishop was enraged and convicted him as an Anti-Christian. This was taken to the head of the Bishop Council where he was taken to the court, which was meant for Christians and their own laws. Unlawfully, judgement was written to burn William Hunter alive.

William Hunter



In the prison, many of his friends and relatives were broken and felt sorry for him. But, his parents instead of worrying and discouraging him, prayed that he should be prepared to die as a martyr and also encouraged him to stand firm in his faith. They praised God for giving such a faithful child !!! In the end, he consoled his parents saying for the little pain which shall suffer, which is but a short braid, Christ hat promised me, "a crown of joy".

Hunter was taken to the death field on March 27th,1955. He quietly knelt down on the firewood that was arranged for him. The fire was lit. He was seen burning in the woods without any murmur, instead he felt proud to die as a martyr and breathed his last.He courageously faced the persecution.

In those days, Bible was portrayed as a showcase material. Punishment were given to those reading and owning a Bible. The olden days Catholic priests, followed their own rules and regulations but not God's word. People like Martin Luther king were unhappy with the philosophies followed by the catholics, somehow managed to read the Bible and this opened the eyes of the people about the truth as a result of which, a revolution erupted and this led to the rise of protestant community. But today, are we reading the Bible or only buying costly ones/downloading the Bible app in mobile/tablets to keep as showcase, making it an idle all time. The bible is not for your fame, but it is your complete guide for eternity. If

you miss the guide, you will miss the eternity forever.

Now pause for while and analyze yourself

- ✓ How many minutes do I read the Bible everyday?
- ✓ Do I have my quiet time/ meditate God's word everyday??
- ✓ Am I living a righteous life as in Psalms 1:2 meditating on the Word of God, day and night???
- ✓ Above all, am I practicing what I learn through the Bible and reflect Jesus Christ in all that I do?

- Bro. David Benny

The battle belongs to the Lord!!!

Shobha our believer family from Jimalgatta (Sironcha) Field in Maharashtra lives in Kishtapur village, got the information that the villagers (Kishore, Sanjay and Anil-the main heads) were planning to have panchayat meeting to excommunicate them from the village so she had requested with tears to prayer for her. So prayer support was raised for them. The next day the missionary family too had to cross that village to conduct Sunday service in another village called Perkabatti. In this situation prayer support was raised and the situation was eased. The next day (Sunday) the missionaries were not stopped while crossing that village and Shoba too attended the Sunday service. On Monday the Panchayat gathered and Shoba's family the only believers from the Koya Gond group was asked to deny their faith. But Shoba questioned them and shared her testimony to all gathered there. God raised a group of people to support their cause. God saw her tears, honoured her belief, strengthened her faith and the Panchayat leaders and shut their mouth against that family. They were unable to decide anything, so they just warned them and sent them away. The following Sunday as per Shoba's request her son and daughter were also added to the fold of Christ. Hallelujah!

"THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS." Joel 2:21



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Happy Birthday

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Mrs. Jebarani Ebenezer Sam
Mr. Krupa Rakshana Barre

JAMMU

Udhampur:

Arun Ghanta & Renu

Praise God: 826 persons were met with the Gospel through outreach programs, satsangs and night meetings. 5 persons have received Jesus into their lives. 1 new family from Yogi Group and 4 families from Masha group are our new contacts for the ministry. Somraj was delivered from demon possession.

Pray: For the salvation of Bably Devi, Mahendar, Rampal and Dharshan Devi and all others who heard the Gospel. For the whole Chamar and Masha Groups to come to the saving grace of Jesus through the one Sanjiv Kumar family that has accepted the Lord. For God to heal Prabhu Dayal, from eye problem that

he had been suffering for the past one year and Sanjiv Kumar Daya who is lame.

HIMACHAL PRADESH

Anni:

Ginsawm & Chinghoihkim

Praise God: 250 people were reached with the Word of God in 10 new villages. 20 New Testaments and 2 Bibles were distributed. For the divine protection given to the missionaries during an accident in one of their mission trips. Through the Jeep ministry, 10 new villages were reached with the Gospel. For the healing, Syam Dasi and Daram Dass received from their ailments. For the one-week regional staff training which was a blessing to the field staff.

Pray: For the families of Kamla, Dan Bahadur, Rohit and Bimla to be prepared for a public confession of their faith. Sukmu Devi to be healed of from Uterus cancer. For God to give believers in 10 new villages. For the 6 new families who are out contacts to confess their faith in Christ Jesus boldly. For the new worship centres to be started in Dalash and Chuawai areas.



*Fasting
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Happy Birthday

Mr. Thawng Khan Kap P.
Mrs. Kumare Bharati Bharude Pratap

Karsog: Pawan Kumar & Prabhashini Devi

Praise God: The Lord helped the missionaries to attend their dedication service held in Chennai and to safely reach their mission fields. For the outreach programmes and the night meeting programmes that were conducted without any problem. The Lord enabled the missionaries to undergo training on legal matters led by an advocate which would be of immense help in the mission field. For the new contact a Nepali family in the Kelodhar Karsog area. For Swapna who has opened the doors of her house to conduct worship service.

Pray: For Anjali the Church elder in charge of a congregation to remain strong in her faith in the event of her husband passing away due to a sickness. For the Basantpur congregation to dwell together in unity. For the believers in Basantpur

to have a steadfast faith in Christ and not to waver in their faith.

Rohru: Johnson Sankar & Jebarani

Praise God: 310 people newly heard the Gospel and 4 became believers and were added to the fold. For Soniya a believer who got selected for the BDS Course. Sagar who had backslidden in his faith has started to attend the Church Worship Service again. Simran got delivered from an evil spirit possession. Roshal Lal met with an accident resulting in fracture but was mercifully saved by the Lord.

Pray: For persecution of the Christian community by fringe anti-Christian groups who spread misinformation to. Sunil to be delivered from his debts. Santosh to receive healing from chest pain. Akansha to receive healing from paralysis and 12-year-old Sanjana unable to walk even after a treatment to be able to walk. For the VBSs held in Ranol, Limbra, Saura and Tyuni areas to be fruitful. The Lord to bless our vision to reach out to 60 new villages and to help at least around 80 souls to be led to Christ. For the congregations to grow rooted in the Word of God.



PUNJAB

Ahmedgarh Mandi: Choudary Rajesh & Sarita Paul

Praise God: 720 people heard the Gospel for the first time in this field. 45 New Testaments were distributed. One became a believer and was added to the fold. 130 new people watched the Jesus Film in two villages. For the training given to VBS teachers and Sunday school teachers which motivated them to minister to the children effectively. For men and women youth study groups that happens regularly; these groups are helpful for their spiritual nourishment. For the Rahda prayer group which started to function newly with 12 participants. The Lord healed the missionary from breathlessness after his admission and treatment at CMC Ludhiana.

Pray: For a vision to reach 1000 new people through Village ministry and Jesus' film ministry. Pray for our Satsung Programmes where the

miracle of hearts opening up in faith must take place. For Manisa Kaur a new believer in our congregation who is unable to walk for a month may be healed soon. Pray for sick people who are suffering by kidney stones - Sukha Singh, Mahinder Singh, Sajan. P and Alok Kumar suffering from fits to be healed.

Barnala: Bidhan Hansda & Pansuri Mohlin; Deeptilal Mahli & Renu

Praise God: For the twelve people who have come to the fold of Christ and are saved. For sharing the Gospel to 850 people through the Film Ministry, satsangs and outreach programmes. For the 216 children who attended the VBS to grow in their faith in the Lord Jesus. For Sunita who was miraculously healed from Hernia and became a believer.

Pray: For 12-year-old Jasmine to be set free from an evil spirt possession. Raj Kaur suffering from kidney stone to be healed. For Amrit Singh's family members to be allowed to attend Church. For Kiranjeet whose both kidneys are infected, to receive divine healing. For Suman Kaur awaiting a surgery for Cancer must recover well. For Birpal Kaur to receive healing from a heart ailment.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Mangaiyarkarasi Benjamin
Mrs. Suvila Gnanappu Daniel

Budhlada: Hamom Naba & Dulanti Reang

Praise God: For being able to share the Gospel to 1000 people of whom 7 became believers and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ into their lives. 150 children mostly non-believers attended the 3day VBS held at Budhlada Church and were nourished by the Word of God. Muskan Kaur and Usha were delivered from an evil spirit possession. The Lord healed the missionary from a kidney stone infection which was severe.

Pray: For the Lord to open doors in new villages to share the Gospel. Charandas a believer severely sick from Cancer to recover. For our believers who are involved in the seasonal planting of paddy seeds, that the Lord must bless them with a bountiful harvest. Dharshan to be healed of Cancer. The Lord should bless Muscan with a child.

Leheragaga: Isaac Abel & Anna Roselin

Praise God: 850 heard the Gospel through Satsang outreach ministries. 4 of them became believers and were added to the fold. Nearly 160 children attended the VBS Ministry held in 6 areas. For the new villages of Bhadran, Chotiyan, Mojowal and 6 New families with whom we have established contact. For the youth girls who are spiritually revived through the VBS ministry by serving as teachers.

Pray: For effective follow up to be done in the villages which are newly contacted. For the new believers to grow in faith. For the Spiritual Convention which was held for 3 days to bear fruits in the lives of those who attended it. For the spiritual revival of our believers. For new openings in Kalbanjara and Buta Singh Wala villages where we plan to conduct an outreach Satsang. The Holy Spirit to open the hearts of the people groups in these villages to believe in Christ.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Jyotsna Devi Prasanth
Mrs. Meshram Kalpana Valvi Netaji

Mansa: Debbrato Biswas & Manna Singh

Praise God: 1500 people heard the Gospel and 5 new villages were reached with the Word of God. 10 of them confessed their faith in Jesus Christ publicly. 140 children attended our VBS Program and another 45 children of non-believers attended another VBS and were blessed with God's Word. After a break of one year, a Satsang was conducted in Manderma village and our old believers were revived and 40 new people heard the Gospel for the first time. A toddler Agomjot accidentally consumed poisonous corn seeds and was miraculously saved by the Grace of God.

Pray: For the plan to conduct 2 Satsangs mainly for the unreached in Joyna and Sandhuli village and that many would open their hearts to believe in Jesus. Many of our believers are farmers' dependent on paddy cultivation and that the Lord to bless them with a good season of harvest. For the deliverance of

Anmol, Kirma and Manpreet from an evil spirit possession. For 35-year-old Nagoki who is very weak and unable to walk to be strengthened.

HARYANA

Barwala:

Mintu Kutum & Subra Bag

Praise God: The Lord opened the doors of one village where we shared the Gospel to 125 people who heard it for the first time. 4 of them became believers and were added to the fold. 60 New Testaments and 5 Bibles were distributed among them. For the start of children's classes in Adampur and for the 20 children who attended these classes regularly. Bholi an active believer suffering from spondylitis and severe pain, is recovering well after a surgery. Munish a believer and his son met with an accident and their lives were miraculously saved.

Pray: For the Church construction work to start in Saniana congregation and for the local people to refrain from any opposition to the Church. For a good planting season and the seasonal rainfall to be a blessing. For the many Church Elders who are addicted to alcohol and tobacco, to be delivered of this evil habit and to live a witnessing life. For Daroli, Adampur Goan, Khempur, Kohli, Sadalpur, Mohabatpur, Siswal and Khara- Barwala villages to be opened for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Sudharani Bhai Ravi

Kalanwali:

Vijayakumar & Jebala

Praise God: 155 children attended the VBS and many heard about Jesus for the first time. In Asir village, with much prayer and the intervention of the Sarpanch, the baba who wanted to construct a temple has a change of mind and is planning to sell his plot. God has protected Mahendra Kaur without any injuries when the roof of the house fell down.

Pray: For the Youth to participate in the Bible study to be started, to be a blessing to them. For the healing of the sick people- Gurdeep Kaur and Sukhla from epilepsy, Sravan's father from epilepsy, Krishna of Asir village who has pus inside the head, Mannat, a deaf and dumb child of 6 years to be healed.

Fatehabad:

David. S & Jebagrace

Praise God: Gospel was shared to 230 persons in 1 village. 2

Bibles and 10 New Testaments were distributed. 12-night meetings, 12 satangs, 5 women's meetings were conducted. VBS program was conducted in Matana, Kashumbi and Jhansal, Patildabar, Dariyapur, Hans colony and Ashok Nagar; around 280 children were blessed through it. For the new families of Mittu and Sunil who are attending the Sunday service.

Pray: For Nirmala and Sunder families from Ajit Pura village to accept the Lord. For Sandeep and wife of Mahender to be delivered from demon possession. For Malkeet, Ashok and Rajesh who oppose the Gospel to be touched by the Love of God. For God to heal Vinod from deafness. For the people in this field to be delivered from the strongholds such as Peer Kana, Khatusyam Jagarans, Gurudwaras, magicians, Radhaswami satsangs, Sacha Sauda and Rampal's false teachings. For the believers not to fall prey to cult practices of the false teacher from the Balijindersingh ministries, who distribute anointing oil, water, practice of touching Pastor's shirt and hand kerchiefs for healing.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Moses Muralidharan S.
Miss. Arti

UTTARAKHAND

Nanakmatta:

**Sivakumar &
Susila Marak**

Praise God: Gospel was preached to 200 people. 4 villages were reached with the Gospel. 1 Bible and 23 New Testaments were distributed. 8 cottage prayers, 12 satsangs, 5 VBS programs and 2 women's meetings were conducted. Satvindersingh from Deyori village was healed from blood infection due to prayer. In answer to the prayer of Pooran Singh God enabled him to buy a tractor. Bero Kore was delivered from demon possession. Baby Mannat was healed from breathing problem.

Pray: For the salvation of Rajni and her family from Hardaspur village. Rena and the whole family of Gurdev Singh to be delivered from demon possession. For the new contacts Triok family and Rajuvinder from Aamkhera village to get the salvation. God to heal Kuldeep Singh from swollen kidney and High BP.

RAJASTHAN

Kerwara:

**Dhevubhai Bhoya &
Jamuben**

Praise God: 420 new people heard the Gospel in 4 new villages. 48 of those people believed in the Lord Jesus Christ and were added to the fold of believers. For the new congregation started at Sakkal village. For Seekers camp, Children's camp and Believers camp that were conducted without any problem and for the spiritual blessings received. Amiraben and Sumitaben received healing in their lungs. Arjun who was deeply into witchcraft was delivered from this evil practice. For the many who received deliverance from evil spirit possession and those who were delivered from alcoholism.

Pray: Some of our believers who face opposition in their own villages, to be strengthened in their faith. For Lalitha who was stuck with blindness due to a spirit attack, must receive her sight and be delivered. For 5-year-old Chetan to be healed of his fits problem. For the men folk of certain villages who are sceptical to attend our worship service for fear of being ostracized from their community. For many who are afflicted with sickness that they may receive healing through faith and prayers.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Andrews Jawahar
Mrs. Hepsibah Andrews
Mrs. Mahala Shilaben Padvi Somalia

Sangaria: Selvan & Hepzi

Praise God: For Harpreet Kaur our believer, who was able to get an alliance from a good Christian family. For Sukdev Singh who was able to build his own house. Our Church Elder's son Ajay who was weak in studies was able to get through in his 12th standard and is now going to pursue a course in a Bible College. Sukdeep Singh a little boy who was unable to pass urine, received healing by the mercy of God.

Pray: A new contact Lakinder Kaur's family is believing in Jesus Christ; the whole family to grow in their faith. For Jaswinder family who has backslidden, must have their faith restored and attend the Church service. Sukpreet Kaur suffering from a chest pain should receive healing from the Lord. For open doors to prevail in Sangaria mission field to proclaim the Gospel so that it will help them to overcome the evil spirit attacks prevailing over there.

Udaipur: Ashish Kumar & Savita Devi

Praise God: 140 new people were reached with the Word of God. 1 of them became a believer and was added to the fold of believers. 105 children attended our VBS Program and were blessed spiritually. For Mahak a 2-year-old boy who became unconscious and was presumed dead, but recovered through prayers. For Payal, Ramu and Durgabhai sisters who were delivered from an evil spirit possession. 32 children of our believers passed their Inter and High School Exams with good marks.

Pray: For our Bhil tribe people group to remain steadfast in faith amidst persecution and threat from people belonging to anti-christian groups in this field. For the family of Ishwar our believer Bhurilal's son who was disabled and sick for many years and died to be consoled. Bhurilal who is now facing persecution for his faith should be comforted in Christ. For the safe confinement of Sharmila and Paru. For a Friday worship service to be started at Badrana, Nayakeida and Alshigarh villages and eventually a congregation to be formed.



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Happy Birthday

Mrs. Josephin Sheeba Jeevanandhan

Samaraniya:

**Meenuga Adappa &
Rampuram Pedakka**

Praise God: For the 450 new people who heard the Gospel. 35 New Testaments were distributed among them. For the 14 Elders who attended the Church Elders meet conducted at Luhari village. For Vikram and Sukram who were able to get good life partners in Christ. For the effective training of the teachers who served in the VBSs for children.

Pray: For the Luhari Church congregation which is growing in numbers, but the place where they worship is very constrained for lack of space. Pray that the Lord would enlarge their territory. For our believers Balaram and Kailash that they would commit their lives to the Lord and would engage themselves in ministry. For the water pump in the villages of Rajkeeda and Seekari to be installed without any problem as the local leaders are demanding bribes for giving permissions. For the Kori Congregation to grow spiritually and numerically. For open doors to prevail in Swater and Krishangang villages for the proclamation of the Gospel.

Alwar:

**K. Bangaru Naidu &
Anuradha**

Praise God: Gospel was shared in 1 new area called Durga colony. For an open door to share the Gospel in Goleta village through Gowtham family among the Jatav Community. Amidst all kinds of opposition in Gandhika and Tilwada villages some believers are standing strong for Christ. Through fasting and prayer God stopped the abusive talks against the women believers by few anti-Christian elements. Anil was delivered from alcoholism by attending the Bible study and is regular to the worship as a family. The Gospel team is able to reach new villages with the Gospel programs.

Pray: For those who have confessed their faith in Jesus to grow strong in the Lord. For the Raisikh People to stop preparing alcohol in their homes and selling; because it has made many young people to get addicted to it. For the Lord to change the lives of those Majibisikhs who are involved in prostitution. For the new believers of Gandhika village Radha, Babitha, Asha, Poonam and Palo who are unable to attend the Church service because of the threat from the villagers. For Jai Ram who had promised to give land for building a Church to be able to give the Promised Land soon without any problem.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Sanmata Manohar Thane
Mr. Omprakash

UTTAR PRADESH

Kaimganj:
**Ebenezer Sam &
Jebarani**

Praise God: For 8-year-old Palak under the possession of an evil spirit was delivered by the Grace of God. The Lord saved the missionary from a fall from the motorbike enroute to her house. For the blessings of the Elders training held at Kaimangh. For enabling us to conduct VBS in Ajampur, Majola, Bahlolpur, Jijipurwa and Pathepur villages amidst sudden storms and rains. Our believer Satendh got a job in Rajasthan and shared the Gospel with his new colleagues too. Our believer prayed for his bedridden sister Rinky and the Lord healed her much to the edification of his faith.

Pray: A new contact Shyam Kumar who is under a Satanic bondage for 3 years to be delivered. For Lakshmi

who is separated from her husband and child due to black magic, to be delivered and reunited with her family. For our youths to be placed in good jobs and the young believers to find suitable Christ centred life partners. For our seekers who accepted Christ to come for a bold public confession of their faith.

Ghattampur:
**Helen J.Touthang &
Ching Hauzel**

Praise God: 2 persons were added to the fold. Follow up done in 17 places. Problems in the three families namely Sulekha, Anita and Pratap were solved by God's grace. Chilly Church members and Jahanabad congregations gathered for fasting prayer.

Pray: Our Evangelists need boldness in conducting believers' meeting. Sarsual Church Youth, Reuben, Nisha & Nidhi who are helping us to conduct VBS to be blessed by God. The opposition to conduct fasting prayers in Ghattampur and Bawan church to come to an end. Julie, Vaibhav and Anisha to get healed from their ailments and Roshini to be delivered from evil spirits.



Gonda: Omprakash Gupta & Tumpa Chowdary

Praise God: For more people from the Nut group who are accepting the Lord Jesus, because of the efforts of their own relatives sharing the Gospel to them. For the opportunities to conduct Bible classes for children and prayer meets for adults in some villages. For our hostel children who were able to get scouts training by the railway scouts as a goodwill gesture. Our Hostel boy Ketan has qualified in the written exams for the Army training.

Pray: for Ketan to qualify in the physical test of the Army Induction Program. For our hostel children to pursue their education well after returning from the summer holidays. For the land dispute court case of our Hostel that the Judge will grant us a favourable judgement by the Grace of God. For our ministry done in the villages that the Holy Spirit would open the hearts of many more families to faith in Jesus Christ. For our Hostel Children to choose the right college courses after they finish their school education.

Tundla: Pachhiyabhai Vasava & Savitaben

Praise God: 250 persons heard God's Word. 2 persons were added to His fold. 10 New Testaments were distributed. Follow up ministry was done in 5 villages. Believers' camps were conducted in Thanumai and Naglakaliyar villages. VBS programmes were conducted in 2 places and 61 children received the Word of God eagerly.

Pray: For the salvation of Sanjay, Bharat Singh and Rajkumar families. For the planned night meetings to be started soon. For the women who attended the ladies' meetings from Tundla, Naglakaliyan and Thanumai villages to accept the Lord. For the ministry to be fruitful in Jasrana area.



Miracle in the Coramandal!!!

The testimony of the wife of our missionary Timothy from Hansdiah field in Jharkhand; "My wife and my youngest son Joseph were returning to Chennai by the Coramandal Express on that fateful day. They were all sitting together due to a crowd in the compartment. Suddenly they heard a bang and found their compartment tilting to a side. People fell on top of each other. By the sheer Grace of God, they managed to come out unhurt and found to their surprise that their bogie had tilted and was resting on a pole. Among the many hundreds who lost their lives, the Lord chose to grant them life so they could testify His Amazing Grace upon them". Glory be to His name.





Happy Birthday

Mrs. Jyothi Mary Helen Mamgunta
Mr. Mathiyas Malto

**MADHYA
PRADESH**

**Bagli - Udainagar:
Wilson & Rashmita**

Praise God: For the two-day fasting prayer conducted smoothly at Athersnagar. The all-night prayer was conducted smoothly at Dangrehhada village. Picture book training, and VCC meeting held at Kamath village was successful. Suresh who had backslidden has come back to the faith and is attending the congregational meetings. Suresh Bhai from Palasi village who had a severely swollen eye recovered by the Grace of God.

Pray: For Thulsingh Bhai, Nirmala Ben, Sunitha Ben and Rayki Ben to be delivered from an evil spirit possession. For Moohadi village under the bondage of alcoholism and resisting the Gospel from being proclaimed would be delivered. For

the lone contact in Junapani village, that God to provide a breakthrough for the furtherance of the ministry. For an abundant harvest in our believer's field leading to the Glory of God. For believers to not lose heart due to the persecution at Thagadi, Jhikdi and Thalai villages.

Dhar:

Gopikrishnan & Menega

Praise God: 115 new people heard the Gospel in 3 new villages. 12 of them became believers and were added to the fold. 5 people participated in the new believers training at Vadiya village. For the ladies' prayer meets started at Tatapani, Nayapura and Bhoinda villages to bear much fruit. For the 25 people who participated in the Bhajan programme at Tatapani village.

Pray: For Thersing who is opposing our believers at Bhakaner village to taste the love of our Lord. For Premsingh not to be a stumbling block for his family to grow in Christ. For our ladies' meetings, outreach meetings to help people grow in their faith. For the missionary's father Murugan suffering from a form of Tongue Cancer to receive healing and experience the gift of Salvation.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Gnanasekari John David
Mr. Ashok Nayak

Guna:

Satheesh & Sharmila

Praise God: 900 new people heard the Gospel in two new villages and 8 of them believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Personal Saviour. For Jyothi a child who got stung by a scorpion and received healing. For the Bilala people group who have started coming to faith in Jesus Christ. For the villages of Dedtola and Dinola where the Gospel was proclaimed. For the VBS that was conducted in 4 villages and 193 children took part and were blessed with the Word of God.

Pray: For the new believers to grow in their faith without backsliding. For Kasthuri bhai to receive healing from Oral Cancer. For the believers in Kalpani village to commit themselves to attend the Church Worship on Sundays. For the families of Ajith, Lakada and Kamalesh who are prepared for a public confession of the Christian faith to do it boldly. Pray for some people of the Catholic background who cause disturbance for our believers in our congregation. For Sivaraj to receive healing from

Tuberculosis. For the safe confinement of the missionary's wife presently in the 7th month of her pregnancy.

JHARKAND

Hansdina:

Timothy Senthil Kumar & Muthuselvi

Praise God: 600 people were reached in 14 new villages with the Word of God. 5 who heard the Gospel accepted the Lord Jesus into their lives. The Lord is faithful to answer the prayer of the believers and uplifted them in the society. For the 150 children who attended the VBS conducted in 3 different places and the seed sown into their lives. When Jalbe a villager forced the believers and their families to conduct Pooja in their homes, the believers stood firm in their faith and did not yield.

Pray: For constant obstacles to be removed from the path of those who want to confess their faith publicly. For Sarkra and Lucia to be healed of their mental issues. Paulos an evangelist has been transferred to another field, and the ministry to go on unhindered. For the land to receive good rains so that menfolk need not migrate for job, but can remain united with their families and farm their lands. The Lord should enlarge our territories and to provide us with the right evangelists and volunteers to fulfil the ministry.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Charles Chellakumar
Mr. Dhruvaraj Bebart
Mrs. Sofia Daniel Rajamani
Mrs. Jyothi Malto

Barharwa: **Krishan Kumar & Shanti Lal**

Praise God: Panwati Devi along with her daughter Savitri Devi has responded to the Gospel after a period of 6 years and is attending the church seeking deliverance from the clutches of Satan. Dulari Devi has received healing and has accepted Jesus Christ.

Pray: Kabutria is in need of healing from epilepsy. Our believer's Children, Suman, Gudiya, Lakshmi and Rahul to obey their parents. Gumani church believers to be delivered from alcoholic addiction and to stay away from immoral activities. Babu Prasad, Madhu Ravi Das, Manoj Ravi Das, Sakhiya Rai and Sudheer Ravi Das to attend the church regularly. For the consolation of Mangla Ravi Das whose wife passed away after treatment in the hospital. We need God's special grace as

we are transferred to new mission field, Pathargama from Barharwa, Jharkhand.

Maharo: **Immanuel Karthi & Jothi Lakshmi**

Praise God: Our believer Santo Pujhar of Begada Dungal village found it difficult to bring up his three children after his wife passed away; through prayer, he has got a good life partner. Dinesh Pahadia family of Tingara congregation is joining with us in the Sunday service. Munikumar (19 years) has committed herself to do Lord's ministry. Panwathi Devi of Sapdahara village is opposed and forced to turn away from her faith in Christ; after much prayer the opposition has stopped. God protected Chandan Pujhar when he fell down from the roof top without any injury.

Pray: Healing of Malotikumari's skin disease, Sukhlal Pujhar's deafness, Muni Umar's mother from epilepsy. Devendergrihi family who are separated to be united back as a family. The division in the Solkattra congregation to be solved. The devotees of Basukinath to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour. New contact Harisagarof Nishitpur's problems to be solved.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Hepziba Albert
Mrs. Jhansi Robinson
Mrs. Magdalene Grace Isaac
Mrs. Dulanti Reang Naba Singh

Dhalbhumgarh:

Promodkumar & Jashoda

Praise God: Parvathi funeral service was conducted in Jonbouni village without any disturbance. VBS was conducted in Bhididangor, Tiriyabeda, Bakracocha village with the participation of good number of Children. God protected our believers and evangelists during this hot summer season.

Pray: For the consolation of Sonaram Tudu family on the demise of his mother. In need of church building in Larkabasa and Bankishol villages. For the people whom we have contacted. Lubin Mardi of Barapahar, Chawan Soren, Raghu Soren, Dhuma Besra, Dula Soren and Fatu Hansda from Kuldia village, Purno Mardi village and Barajori village to accept the Lord. In need of a capable evangelist to do ministry in this field. Bhukai

Tudu, the church elder of Bharudi congregation was disturbed and was about to go back to the other faith. Through counselling his faith became strong.

Jagannathpur:

Basudev Malto &

Basanti Malto;

Abraham S. & Alice Sheba

Praise God: Gospel was preached in 12 villages. 31 persons have turned to the Lord. VBS was conducted successfully with 90% of local support. Mass outreach has been done in Phukariya, Jirjore, Rajabasa, Bangi and Ruvam. Christian literature were distributed to 1248 people. Training for new believers and youth leaders were conducted successfully. Harish Laguri's buffalo went missing but returned after a week in answer to prayer. In spite of the villagers refused water to our believer Kishore Pingua's marriage ceremony went on very well.

Pray: Healing of Champiya (42 years) who is unable to walk, Suklal Laguri of Baihatu village who is suffering from fits. Suman Purty to be delivered from possession. For the forth coming program in which the people to confess their faith boldly.



*Fasting
Prayer Day*

Happy Birthday

Mrs. Mary Sebastine

Tinpahar: Nehemiah & Anamika Pegu

Praise God: Around 150 persons heard the Gospel. For the answered prayers of showers of rain in Jharkhand which was facing drought. For the protection of the believers in the mission fields and those that migrated.

Pray: For the new seeker Purishma Kumari who is blind to receive sight. For Mangri Munda who is backsliding from the faith due to a family problem and for Mantu Kispotta to restore back their faith in Jesus. For Shanti Bada's husband Punil Tirkey who opposes his wife's faith in Jesus to stop opposing her. For Bilo Oraon to be healed from TB.

Beldiha:

Ramesh Velraj & Priscilla

Praise God: 65 persons have accepted Jesus as their personal Saviour. 65 students were blessed through the Field level CDC program that was conducted for students between 9th standard and college at Dangapara Church for 2 days. VBS was conducted in 13 villages. Daughter-in-law of the Dangapara congregation Prayer Group

leader, a non-Christian was delivered from demon possession. God protected the life of the missionary from a big train accident when he travelled to his native place by the Coramandal express.

Pray: For the consolation and security of the family of our believer Lukas Tudu who died leaving behind his wife who is mentally sick and helpless children. For good harvest of paddy this year. For Monica Hembrom to be healed from Kalajar. For the CDC children to get admission for college and 11th standards. The CDC teachers to teach the children with commitment. For the Church construction to start at Tarjola and Jirli villages.

Sinduriya:

Benjamin Jyothi & Pushpita Rani

Praise God: 157 people heard the Gospel for the first time. 1 Bible was to a seeker. Follow up ministry was done in 7 villages. Jesus film was screened in 2 places. 3 persons were delivered from demon possession during the healing prayer conducted in Chainpur village. A new contact Mohan Roy has been identified in Punsia village. A volunteer name Bipen Ray has joined the ministry from the Ray community.

Pray: For an open door for the Gospel in the newly surveyed field called Pathargada. For a good rented house to be found for the missionary family in Pathagada. Sahadev Ray family to be blessed with children. For the spiritual growth of the hostel children in this field.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Ngai Thianching Jangkholun

WEST BENGAL

Pakuahat:

Ramakrishna & Anjali

Praise God: Around 1000 new persons were reached with the Word of God in 15 new villages. 5 of them accepted the Lord Jesus as their Personal Saviour. For the recovery of Sonesh from an electric shock and was able to attend Church service again. Sujit Murmu publicly confessed his faith last month. For Gopin Besra a persecutor of the Christian Faith, who fell down from the bus and lost his memory. The Christians of his village prayed for him and the Lord restored his memory back and he returned home safely.

Pray: For an LCD Projector and other equipment to be bought for the use in our ministry. For Nimai to experience peace in his family. For Vijay and Sujon to be delivered from their addiction to alcohol. For the anti-social elements of Bomongola block to experience the love of

Christ and repent from their sins. For an increase in the attendance of youth and men in our congregational worship services.

Tapan & Kumaraganj: Kingsley Livingston & Delphin

Praise God: For the 13 souls added to the fold of believers in the Tapan field. God enabled us to share His Word to 700 people through film shows, night prayer meets and one mass outreach. For the rains that covered the whole field which was useful for the cultivation. For enabling us to conduct a Believers camp and a Church Elders camp by the Grace of God.

Pray: For Bhudakom, Taosi, Mahinder, Tetulmoda, Nehemba, Panchkata, Gadatola, Shyampur and Nurul who are interested in the Lord Jesus Christ. For Basapada congregation believers to donate some land for the construction of a Church. For the Nurul Church to be completed solely by the efforts of the believers themselves. For some of our believers in our congregation still unable to let go of their sinful addictions. For the Holy Spirit to equip our believers, elders and volunteers to be enriched in their faith and serve as living witnesses for the Glory of God.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Geetha Kenneth
Mrs. Melbin Regini Sundar
Mr. Akhilesh Kumar
Mrs. Mary Nengnekim Khongsai

ASSAM

Gogamukh: Praween Das & Margreat

Praise God: For Disco Panging and his wife who accepted the Lord Jesus as their Personal Saviour. For our believers Ratul, Mongolsan and Lala Misong who received healing from their sickness in answer to prayers. Narayan Mili and his wife from Kuwarsuk village is ready to confess his faith in Jesus Christ. 50 individuals heard the Gospel through personal evangelism and has shown keen interest to know more about our Lord. For the 570 people who heard the Gospel through our mass outreach events and who received Gospel portions and New Testaments.

Pray: For our new believers to grow in faith and Christian discipleship. For the Holy Spirit to open the hearts of those who hear the Gospel and read the Word to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. For my wife Margaret suffering from spondylitis to be healed. For 3 individuals who are

under the bondage of alcoholism to receive deliverance. For our backslidden believers Williom, and Rupomoti Misong, Pormanondo Pegu, Tora Pegu, Nijul Pegu and Rumi family, Romakanto Poleng and his wife Dharmeswari to repent and come back to the faith. Bina Pegu suffering from Ovarian tumour to receive healing.

Lokra: Bharude Pratap & Bharti Kumare

Praise God: We were able to share the Gospel by giving Tracts and New Testaments to those who were led to us by the Lord. Around 30 people attended the fasting prayers conducted in Dharikati and Aradhana village Churches by the grace of God. For the Elders training, conducted for the Lokra field and the Goghpur field believers.

Pray: For the Lord to bless the lives of our believers' children who wrote their Public Board exams and to continue their future studies successfully. Specific prayers are requested for the 36 villages in Lokri field that the Holy Spirit would open the hearts of many to respond when the Gospel is preached to them. For some of our believers' children studying in hostels to remain steadfast in their faith and not compromise to the worldly cultures. A few of our believers are soldiers in the army, serving in hostile areas and should remain protected by the Grace of God.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Kumari Susama Haramohan
Mrs. Sushmita Samarendra Singh

Dhakuakhana: Densing & Kavitha

Praise God: For the interest shown by few people in 15 villages that had been visited by the missionaries regularly in the new field. For using our missionaries in the other organization Churches which has no shepherd to feed the congregation with God's Word. For the protection God gave to His people during heavy rain and wind due to which some lost their homes and belongings. Children classes were conducted in Naharbari and Dhunaguri. Bintheswer Mell was healed and as he requested to pray for him so that he could build a Bamboo Church he is building a bamboo Church to worship the Lord now.

Pray: For the rain to stop and the people to be safe from the seasonal floods. For God to intervene in the lives of the local leader Indro Sungram and Pradeep Pathier who oppose the ministry. For the following persons Chandrakanto

Pathier, Orakantho Pangin, Dhorung Pathier and Mathaiwari Meli who do witchcraft and leading and controlling the village people into blind beliefs through pujas and sacrifices.

CHHATTISGARH

Bhaiyathan-2: Thanchintian & Vungthianching

Praise God: For the 5 new villages reached with the Gospel and the 50 people who heard it to believe and repent. The night meetings conducted in 5 different places were a blessing. Budhan Bhai was healed from anaemic problem. For Madho and Manpal families who are regularly attending the Worship Services. For the open doors to proclaim the Gospel and many souls were led to faith in Christ.

Pray: For the repentance of Rajkumari's husband who is abusive due to alcoholism. For Chocku to be set free from the bondage of Alcohol and attend our worship services. For Dev Kumari to receive healing from piles. For the members of the Singhat congregation to grow in faith and remain united. For the release of Vijay Kumar languishing behind bars. For the upcoming ministries and camps to be a blessing to those whom God has chosen to take part.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Israel Daniel P.
Mr. Emanuel Murmu
Mrs. Neeruben Somabai

Pali:

Ditungbou & Sanalung

Praise God: The Word of God was preached to 294 persons in 4 new villages. 1 New Testament was given to one of our seekers. Families training and soul winner's trainings were conducted at Kanchanpur village. New believers' training was conducted in Ghoramar. Outreach bhajans were conducted. For the first Christian marriage of our believer Purnima and Ajay which was such a great blessing and many non-Christians who witnessed it. The believers contributed money to buy household things for the newly wedded couple.

Pray: For the new villages Shemi Pani, Jharna and Kungwajati to be reached with the Gospel. For Dularam of Majwani village who has begun to drink alcohol again and fight with his wife. He is opposing the night meetings that usually takes place at his house to continue. For Bedram

and family from Baridi village to stay strong in the Lord. For Manrakhan, Jeerakhan, Subham, Sukruwar Singh, Rajkumar, Harpyare, Sundarsan, Maya Ram, Suraj, Mohan, Durgesh, Ganesh and Durpati to be delivered from alcoholism. For Gyansingh of Amarpur village who is suffering from T.B. and Mohit of Amarpur from kidney stone to be healed. For Terasram of Khodiya village to attend the worship and to confess his faith in the Lord.

ODISHA

Jashipur: Sukinlal & Jeyarani Aravinth Kumar

Praise God: 20 believers have been added to the fold. Bhurdi church was dedicated. Believers' Camp and fasting prayer were conducted in three villages.

Pray: Margondo of Kondiyodura village who is having health issues to be healed. Pathijori and Radhanagar congregation believers are facing opposition from the village people. Bulan Jamda to be healed of his mental illness. For the Sunday School teachers' training to be conducted this month. Pray for the forthcoming exams and for the admission of 4 students in college.



Rairangpur: Samuel & Havilah

Praise God: Some believers are able to read and write by themselves benefitted through the Adult Literacy program conducted by our missionaries. 220 tracts were distributed in a new village Charakudi. Kuwar Naik of Dangapani village who lost his ox got it back after 2 days. Burju Jamda who was in dire poverty was able to purchase a bicycle and fan by God's grace.

Pray: For the Ho Samaj people who are causing trouble to our believers to repent. The court cases against our believers to be solved in the court soon. At present the police visit the villages to give protection. Belapati Singh to be delivered from fear which is haunting him. Mani Rabibas to be delivered from demon possession. Punam Tria to

be healed of his severe headache. Peace to prevail in the family of Pandu Kulandia. Pulamani Kishku to be blessed with a child. Dulsu Perti got injured in his toe due to the falling of bricks.

Bijatala: Kunachandra Paik & Krutanjali Paik

Praise God: 14 persons were added to the fold. Two new families from Gopinathpur and Asanbani village are attending the church. Jesus film was screened in 6 villages- Tangru, Balichua, Ulidhi, Chotromondol, Pairabali and Kuali. Saraswathi Naik was blessed with a baby girl.

Pray: For the new believers to stand firm in their faith. Surai Tudu of Chhamdaghutu, Karina Soren of Kontabani Harish Tudu of Pokharia, SigoTudu of Parabhadi, Pradhan Mohali of Anladuba, Sankhar of Lusadhi, Chandu of Bhagiyatngar, RamaMakhi of Asanbani and Nityananda Hembron at Gopinathpur villages to accept the Lord. For the Adult Literacy programme to progress and to be fruitful.



GUJARAT

Bhavnagar:

**Akilesh Kumar &
Kiran Devi**

Praise God: For 3 new persons added to the fold of believers. An 8 year old boy Gulabbhai unable to speak from birth, is now able to speak by the Grace of God. Sambhubhai's family was delivered from an evil spirit possession. For Saritaben who choked with a food particle in her throat and desperately cried out in the name of Jesus Christ was saved from suffocation. For the 7 new villages, which we were able to reach out with the Gospel.

Pray: For our new believer Deepak's son who is unable to speak from birth to receive healing in Christ. For God to graciously grant a child to Rajkumar, Rajkumari and Saritaben who have all been married for a long time. For Vinyabhai to receive healing from the heart problem. For the Holy Spirit to open the hearts of those who hear the Gospel to repent and receive Christ into their lives.

Jhalod:

Kumar Paul & Amutha

Praise God: For the 185 new people who heard the Gospel in 2 new villages. 13 Bibles were distributed to those who desired. God mercifully granted a baby to Rashitaben in response to our prayers. Alkeshbai a student of our Hostel secured the first place in IP Mission School by God's grace. 2 new families heard the Gospel in Vaklatva and Sangen villages. All the 5 Girls who wrote the 12th exams from our hostel have passed successfully. For Ramsubhai who stands firm in his faith in the midst of persecution from various sides. For God's protection upon Ramilaben who accidentally stepped upon a poisonous snake.

Pray: For Arvind a student of our Hostel who passed successfully in his 12th examination. He now desires to study a theological course to secure a seat in a Bible College. For our believer who suffers abuse from 4 people consistently on account of a land dispute. God to heal Jyotiben and Sanjayben who suffer from mental depression. For Ramesh and Dinesh to be set free from their debts. Vanithaben and Aravindbhai to be delivered from the bondage of the evil spirit.



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Happy Birthday

Mr. Ramamuni J.B.V. Prasad

Mr. Venkatesh Waddar

Mr. Ashish Kumar

Mrs. Subasini Murmu

Surat: Jebathangam Mathavaroy & Mathavaroy

Praise God: for Suraj who recovered from cancer in his leg and testified in our Church service for the Glory of God. For Nishaben who had a tumour successfully operated from her stomach is recovering well. For the special night meetings held in Gautamnagar and Sapnam Society. For enabling the missionary to share God's Word to the people in Nanaponda.

Pray: Those who newly heard the Gospel to come to the saving knowledge of the Gospel. For Nishaben, Sujeetbhai, Sangeethaben and Sunitaben to be blessed with children. The Lord to provide a suitable place to build a Church in Besthan area. The Lord to deliver the missionary from the knee pain due to the continuous travel in the mission field.

Umergam: Asir Moses & Amirtha Gola

Praise God: Gospel was preached

to 220 persons. 3 new villages were reached with the Gospel. 5 believers were added to Christ fold. 30 New Testaments and 12 Bibles were distributed. Outreach programmes were conducted in Dailypada, Patherfaliya and Keserpada villages. Bible study was conducted in Pattelpada, Jeroli and Manda villages.

Pray: For a worship service to be started at Borav village. For God to give peace to the family members of our Church elder Prakash Bhai and Maikpur who entered glory. For God's healing touch upon Dhashtu Bhai who has to undergo heart surgery, Sarasvati who suffers from cancer and Savitha Ben from memory loss.



Happy Independence Day!!!

On 15th August 1947, India officially gained independence from the 200-year-long oppression from the British Empire. Since then, Independence Day is being celebrated each year on the 15th of August. It is celebrated to honour the selfless sacrifices of thousands of valiant patriots who kept the freedom struggle alive until the Indians got independence. It was on this day that the Indian national flag was hoisted for the first time in independent India. It is time to celebrate heartily the Independence Day this year too. It is on this day we all stand united to celebrate our freedom as Indians. The ancestors struggled to get us the freedom for our physical body and we are free Indians today, but on the other hand there are multitudes who are bound in their souls for ages. Let's remember those that have gone to deliver them from the clutches of the evil one in our daily prayers.





St. Thomas English School - Jhawda:

**Hari Babu & Pankajam;
Pon Augustin & Joyce
Shobana; Sathees Kumar
& Christy, Bijulal & Steffi;
Daniel & Sofia; Albert;
Ruth Malto; Maina;
Angel Raj**

Praise God: Some of our children scored good marks in the NEET exam. New books were purchased and distributed to the children for the new academic year. School playground work got completed. Got a new English teacher from Bangalore. The boys of class 10 and 12 got the opportunity to attend camps in Salem Danishpet and Kerala. God protected Krisha, a KG child from snake bite. For the protection during cyclone. Orientation program was conducted for the staff in the school.

Pray: For the children who completed 12th to choose their higher studies according to God's will in their life. To get the gardner family for the school. For the purchase of library books wisely for the benefit of the students and teachers. For the plan to start arts and commerce groups and for the needed staff for it.

DADAR AND HAVELI

Kanvel Randha Home: Markus Malto & Sara

Praise God: The Lord has helped us to plan various activities for the spiritual and educational upliftment of our hostel children. The children have returned safely after the vacations and they are keeping well.

Pray: For the new children to follow the spiritual discipline of our hostel. For those who pass out of 10th and 12th grade to secure a good higher education. For Dixita Ben a child of our hostel who is getting sick often and unable to attend school continuously. The Lord would protect our children from various sicknesses and keep them in the centre of His will and purposes for their life.



First Fruits Hallelujah!!!

For three years the missionaries in Kaimangh field of Uttar Pradesh were ministering among the Yadav people group in Ajampur area. They prayed that the Lord would give them some souls to be led to Christ. They got a breakthrough when Sunil Yadav who was bedridden and sick received healing and returned to his village and accepted the Lord as His Personal Saviour and confessed his faith publicly. Praise God for the first fruits the Lord has provided and for the many more to come in Faith.





Happy Birthday

Mrs. Esther Abraham, Miss. Krishnaveni D.

Khanvel:

Arul Aseer & Suguna. L

Praise God: For the recovery of Elisha ben suffering from kidney stone for 2 years. Madhu who once served as a swarthik backslided due to addiction to alcohol. With prayerful family visits and counselling, he has started attending the Church with his family. The Lord provided healing to Saniben from her leg pain and Saloni from her persisting sickness. For most of our believers' children who passed the 10th and 12th exams successfully.

Pray: For Savanthi Ben our new believer suffering from a bleeding in the uterus to receive healing by the mercy of God. Eswar suffering from a chest pain for a long time to be healed. Bharti ben and Madhu ben to be released from demonic bondages. 10 year old Tejalben suffering from swelling in the stomach must receive healing from the Lord. Deepika ben desiring a baby for 5 years since marriage to be blessed with a child.

Gadchandur:

Paul Albert & Rani Jesilet

Praise God: 450 people heard the Gospel for the first time in 2 villages.

4 believers camps, 1 seeker camp, 2 VBS programs were conducted. Divaker's children were protected from scorpion even when it had climbed on the children. Vidya , Poornima, Nagaraj, Prakash, Divakar, Ramu, Kamala and Soyam are showing interest in the Gospel and are attending the prayer. Takkre family and Madhukar are getting ready to confess their faith in the Lord.

Pray: For the evangelists Mahesh and Manoj and Ramji families to serve the Lord passionately. For Sanjay, Vilas, Sobinel and Nirmala to get right life partners. For Hanumanth Pawar and Hanumanth Geddarn to be delivered from alcoholism. For an open door among Gonds and Kolam people group,

The Name “Deliverer”!!

Angirl Gond from Ludeg field in Chhatishgarh a 20 year old believer girl from kaidama village was suddenly overpowered by an evil spirit which possessed her and drove her to the jungle where she felt compelled to climb 4 tall trees. She fell down from the 4th tree and became unconscious. Thankfully her younger brother saw her and brought her to the village. She did not remember anything from her ordeal. But with prayer, the Lord helped her to overcome the evil spirit and she regained her sanity. Praise be to God.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Cindu Korah Edwin

MAHARASHTRA

Akalkuwa:

Jagmohan Singh & Swati

Praise God: 7 new villages were reached with the Word of God and 5 persons accepted the Lord Jesus as their Personal Saviour. The Lord helped us to have a 4 day fasting prayer with our believers and their faith was strengthened. For the children's meeting held in 4 villages. The seekers camp was a blessing for the five persons who were led to a public confession of their faith in Christ. A Mass outreach ministry with our believers was successfully conducted.

Pray: For the few more people who are prepared to confess their faith in Christ. For the healing of Narshi who is suffering from paralysis and is very weak. For suitable pieces of land to be procured for constructing Churches in Amblibari and Ratanpada villages.

Boradi:

Om Prakash & Sapna

Praise God: Gospel was preached in Sabalapada and Kadaipada villages and around 50 people heard the Gospel and believed. For the 180 people who heard the Gospel in an outreach night meet at Vadi village. 60 children attend the regular Sunday School classes being conducted in Umarda, Samariya and Navagov villages. 248 people heard the Gospel in Bhajan programmes conducted in 7 villages. For Samariya, Sakaripada, Budaki Vihir and Boradi villages where monthly women's meet are conducted to help them grow in faith. For Samaria and Ambaduk villages where about 18 people have publically accepted the Lord Jesus as their Personal Saviour.

Pray: For a Church to be built in Budaki Vihir village where we have obtained permission to build a kaccha Church, but Suresh and Apsing who oppose the building of the Church to repent. For the believers of the Umarda village to help in the construction of the Church with unity. For Ganga to be delivered from the evil spirit possession. Anjali suffering from sickle cell disease to be healed. For Sachin to be delivered from addiction to tobacco.



Jawhar:

Rajya Lakshmi & Geddam Srinivasa Rao

Praise God: for the open doors in 1 particular village where 130 people heard the Gospel. 30 of them accepted the Lord Jesus Christ into their lives. For Ladakbhai of Kokharpada village who donated a land for the construction of a Church for the congregation of this village and for the Church that was built and dedicated last month. For the outreach ministries conducted in Daberi and Shekera villages and for the people who heard the Word of God. For the believers' camp conducted in Singlichamal and Loharmal villages. For all the 10 students of our hostel who had passed satisfactorily in their 10th exams.

Pray: For our believers engaged in cultivation of their farm lands in this season and for the Lord to bless their efforts. For Loharmal village where there is an increase in the reported number of Dengue cases. For our

Samiti members of the various groups to remain steadfast in their faith and be witnesses for Christ. For the Boisar field ministry to grow and many to come into the fold of Christ. For a worship service to be started at Chamberseth village.

Molgi and Narmada:

Bharanidaran & Selvarani

Praise God: For Lathabhai who was under the bondage of an evil spirit and couldn't be healed by witchcraft, received deliverance from the Lord when she came to our worship group and was prayed upon. Two people accepted the Lord and are growing in their faith. 14 Bible clubs for Children were conducted to teach them about Jesus. For the protection of 3 people who fell from a jeep as they were travelling on the top. The driver Saisang called upon the name of the Lord in this time of danger and the Lord mercifully protected the jeep and the passengers.

Pray: For those who are prepared for a public confession of their faith. For a 5 year old boy to be healed of a mental sickness. For Vincent Raj, who is disturbing our Molgi congregation by causing divisions among them. For God to grant wisdom to Narmada believers who want to read the Bible and to grow in their faith.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Edward Jebasingh J.
Mrs. Vasave Sunita Vechya

Vadfally:

Bhidyut Kumar Singh; Abel Hembrom

Praise God: for the 600 people who heard the Gospel by the Grace of God. For the 30 people who participated in the vision casting meet. One backslidden person came back to the Church and was revived in faith. For the fasting prayers conducted in 3 places. For Purbabhahi who received healing from the kidney stone in response to our prayers.

Pray: For 600 people who heard the Gospel to receive Christ into their lives as a Personal Saviour. For Parsya Bhai who is suffering from paralysis for 7 years to be healed. For our jeep ministry to be fruitful in soul winning. For Sumitra bhai who suffering from a mental depression and not taking care of her family, to receive healing. For some who keep hearing the Gospel, but their hearts are hardened and not willing to take a decision about Christ in their lives. For this land and the crops to be

saved from excessive rainfall this season. For the Church Elders of Vadafally to be responsible in their spiritual duties.

Chalishgoan:

Timothy & Mamatha

Praise God: The Gospel was shared to 470 people in 3 villages. 10 New Testaments and 3 Bibles were distributed. Marathi Gospel books and tracts were distributed and house by house prayers were done in Pandrad, Nimbhora, Talegaon, Khedgaon, Soyagaon and Amalade. We visited these villages and got a new contact. Jagan was delivered from demon possession and healed from kidney problem. VBS programs were conducted in 2 villages and 40 children took part in it. Shobha was healed from eye problem.

Pray: For the salvation of Nana Ahire, Samadhan Sahule, Champlal Jadhav and Sanjeev Sonvane who distributed the images of some gods and goddesses and canvassing that our believers should not conduct any prayers. For the healing of Dhanjay who suffers from kidney stone and who is unable to walk or eat, for Mangala Bai and Nirmala who are suffering from giddiness and chest pain. Suresh Pawor, Valmiki Shirsath and Sushila Bai from Patonda to be delivered from demon possession. For a local evangelist to do the ministry enthusiastically in this field.



Sangvi:

**Bhansingh M Vasava &
Yemen Bhansingh**

Praise God: The Gospel was shared with 150 people in 4 villages. 2 persons were added to the flock of Jesus Christ. 20 New Testaments and 2 Bibles were distributed. Ashi Pawar was healed from boils all over body and also was delivered from demon possession. The evangelists were evacuated from their homes during an opposition, but God helped them to get another house in the next village. 22 students have newly joined the Sangvi hostel. God protected Arijit a hostel boy's life during a current shock.

Pray: The boys in the Sangvi hostel should grow in the Lord and to concentrate in their studies. For Ramesh to be healed from paralytic attack. The children in the hostel to be healthy during this monsoon season.

KARNATAKA

Shigagoan:

Sunil Kumar & Sangeetha

Praise God: 10 new villages were reached and 150 people heard the Word of God. 2 of them accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Personal Saviour. For Devandra who is able to walk he has recovered by prayers. For Mahesh who secured an admission in a college in spite of negative circumstances. For God's protection upon Kamalamma when she boarded a ride with person who did not have clean intentions. For 10 year old Ranjitha with severe vomiting problem was admitted in a hospital and recovered with treatment.

Pray: For Manjula, Sujatha, Lakshmi, Mangla and Gangdhar to complete building their houses. For Akash, Arpitha and Ashu who have no parents and struggle to find peace in their circumstances. For Vidhya who was recently married and is struggling because of the unfaithfulness of her husband. Also for this repentance. For Manju and Sunnada to have a happy married life. For Rekha to recover well from a surgery in her womb.



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Khanapur: Vinayaraj & Shanta

Praise God: 2 boys are getting ready to confess their faith in the Lord. The newly reached people are provided with 60 Marathi New Testaments to grow more in the Lord. Beena was diagnosed with kidney stone and doctors suggested surgery, but she opted to pray rather than to go for surgery, God honored her faith and healed her. Beena's brother-in-law is also healed of paralysis. The Khanapur Municipality has now started their work to build a clean sewage system for the Khanapur Church.

Pray: For the new believers who are eager to be added to the flock of Christ to grow strong in the Lord. God to comfort the family of Lakshmi as she lost her husband in an accident and the villagers opposed for the Christian method of burying the body. For peace in Basavaraj family as they are facing marital issues.

ANDHRA PRADESH

**Dhamalacheruvu: John
David Raj & Gnanasekari;
Anil Mahalae & Prashanthi**

Praise God: Gospel was shared

in Kothur, Venunoothanapalli and Koduguchintha villages. Gospel was shared in Kolapalli through light and sound program. VBS was conducted in 4 places. 120 women were blessed by the womens meeting conducted in Paatur. Beulah who lost her wedding pendant searched for it everywhere and couldn't find but when she prayed, she found it in the street. Lavanya the daughter of a godwoman is a secret Christian; she led her grandmother Jeyamma to Christ and now her grandmother her confessed her faith in Jesus and is attending the Church. A car ran over Daniel's calf and it was in the verge of death, but it got up and started walking when the missionary prayed for it.

Pray: For those who heard the Gospel and are coming to Church to boldly confess their faith in the Lord. 7 volunteers to come forward to take up responsibilities in the 7 Churches in this field. For Jeyachandra Reddy, Parthasarathy and Ravi who are opposing the ministry in Kothapeta village and not allow a survey to be done or to build a compound wall in the land bought for the Church to accept the Lord. For Naresh, Devendran, Ramu, Malika, Arjunan and Sengal Naidu who oppose the ministry in Perumalgudipalli to be touched by the love of Jesus. The worship that had stopped in Y.S. Gate area to resume. God to heal Madhu who underwent an operation on his head and is in coma for more than 40 days and Mary Ramanama from heart ailment.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Christopher P.G.
Mr. Balaji Yesudhasan G.

TAMILNADU

Chengam: KS Joshua

Praise God: For the Church Elders who attended the Training held in 5 different places and to be fruitful in their ministry. Fasting prayer meets were held in Sathanur and Vedapatti villages. A Sunday School Teachers Training was held in Paramanandhal Church for all evangelists and believers. Mass outreach programmes were conducted in Samalpatti and Santhanur villages. The Lord helped us to form 5 Pastorate Centres for the 32 Churches functioning in this area with a desire to lead many more souls to Christ.

Pray: for the continuous ongoing Church Elders training happening every Tuesday and Thursday and those attending should be regular and work with commitment to the Lord. For the comfort and peace of the family members of our Evangelist Rev Vincent Sampath who went to be with the Lord. The Taftee classes conducted for our 4 evangelists should help them grow in Christian maturity and leadership. For financial needs

to be met for the construction of the houses of our believers - Jayanthirani, Sagariah and Sundaresan.

Mecheri: R.R. Dharmaraj & Maria Selvi

Praise God: Gospel was preached to 20 people in Juranoor village. Savitri, Krishnana, Chinaraaj, Kanayan, Jeyalakshmi and Pavitra who show interest in the Gospel and beginning to have faith in Jesus. Savitri was able to get a job in the village office.

Pray: For those showing interest in the Gospel to boldly accept the Lord and to confess their faith in Jesus. For those who have accepted the Lord to live a witnessing life. For Mohan to be healed of kidney stone. For the people to be delivered from idolatry. For Vimalraj and Vidhyavi to get God fearing life partners.



Jesus the true light !

Kamali Jeeva of Kerwara field in Rajasthan was from Kakaradara village was affected by blindness for the past 3.5 years. She had visited good hospitals, temples and even spent lots of money in witchcraft which gave her no help. One of our believer's family brought her to our worship where our evangelist Ashok and his family shared the Gospel to them and prayed with them and applied oil in faith. The next day she was able to see slightly. With constant prayers and faith, she is now able to see clearly. Praise God for His miracle over her life.



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Let's stand in the gap as children of God and intercede in the presence of the Lord for the blessings of the Nation and for the Revival in the Churches.

Note:

Kindly do contact the mobilization secretaries or the leaders to know about the details of prayer in your area. - Prayer Wing

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