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*He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach. Mark 3:14*

Chosen  
to be with

HIM



# FRONTLINE...

## **"Fellowship with Jesus - my utmost priority"**

A multitude consistently followed Jesus, seeking various benefits such as healing, sustenance or entertainment. Yet, Jesus Himself actively sought out crowds and engaged with them. In Mark 3:14, He carefully selected and appointed the Twelve Apostles, each for a specific purpose: 1. To be with Him and 2. To carry out the ministry after Him. In essence, the selection of the Twelve Apostles was a deliberate

act by Jesus to establish a foundation for the continuation of His mission and the growth of His teachings. This dual purpose underscores the significance of both intimate fellowship with Jesus and the active propagation of His purpose to come to this world.

Since the inception of humanity in the Garden of Eden, God's desire has been to establish a loving fellowship with mankind. This intent is evident in His visits to Adam and Eve, as depicted in Genesis 3:8. God's purpose in creating us mankind is to establish communion, which ultimately led to his plan to send his own Son as a redemptive sacrifice despite humanity's transgressions. This divine purpose is fulfilled as God, who once dwelt in sacred tents (Tabernacles), now resides with us (as seen in 1 John 1:1, 14). Our call is to engage in a profound fellowship with God.

Jesus, amidst a multitude of followers, deliberately chose the flawed and imperfect twelve to be His apostles, demonstrating His desire for their companionship. While encompassing their shortcomings, He primarily longed for their presence. As a result, these disciples accompanied Jesus to diverse locations, including forests, mountains, seas and various places. Jesus conveyed God's teachings through practical demonstrations of compassion, forgiveness, healing, and shepherding. Consequently, Biblical passages such as 1 John 1:1, John 15:27, and Acts 22:15 underscore the personal encounters these individuals had with Jesus. Their association with Him led to spiritual sanctification, transforming their innate characters and molding them into influential leaders.

Today, the unique privilege of experiencing Jesus Christ as an exceptional leader, teacher, and Savior is extended to us through the Holy Spirit. This divine presence dwells within those who faithfully heed His Words and commands. He wants to commune with us as a friend, a guide and a father, Moreover; He seeks to carry out His earthly ministry through us. By inviting Him into our personal lives, families, ministries and workplaces, we invite the Ruler of this world to guide, love, instruct, and save us. The decision before us hinges on whether we will embrace this divine opportunity or not.

**- Mercy Selwyn** *(Communication Department)*

**The Word became flesh  
and made his dwelling  
among us. We have seen  
his glory, the glory of the  
one and only Son, who  
came from the Father,  
full of grace and truth.**

**- John 1:14**

**God will meet you  
where you are in order  
to take you where  
He wants you to go.**

**- Tony Evans**

**That all of them may be  
one, Father, just as you  
are in me and I am in  
you. May they also be in  
us so that the world may  
believe that you have  
sent me. - John 17: 21**

**Look for Christ and you  
will find Him and with  
Him everything else.**

**- C.S Lewis**

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## **FRIENDS FOCUS**

### **Our Vision:**

Reach the unreached Indians with the  
Gospel of Jesus Christ!

### **Our Mission:**

Evangelize the nation with the Gospel  
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## From the General Secretary...



**D**ear partners in the mission of reaching the un-reached Indians,

Greetings to you all in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ which is above all names!

The calling of the twelve disciples and the purpose of their selection is given in detail in Mark chapter 3:13 which says “Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him **those He wanted**, and they came to him”.

This verse says that Jesus called those He wanted to be His disciples. The choice of joining Jesus belonged to Him and not to the individuals who joined Jesus. Often people misunderstand about the calling to serve God by thinking that it is they who decided to serve the Lord. But in reality it is the Lord who chooses anyone He wants to be in His team to serve Him. Our part is accepting His call in simple obedience. The implication of this truth is that the period of serving the Lord is not as I wanted but as long as God wants. We do not join God to do what I want to do but what God wants to do. May the truth dawn on us and strengthen us in His mission and service.

**Dohnavur Building Dedication:** God has graciously provided a new building in Dohnavur, Tirunelveli which will be used as a prayer centre and a place for the short stay of missionary parents who go to see their children studying in Santhosha Vidhyalaya, Dohnavur. This building was dedicated on 24th July in the presence of around 300 prayer group leaders from the 4 Southern Tamil Nadu districts. Rev. Mainraj, the then

Mobilization Secretary Valliyoor mobilized resources for the completion of the building.

### **Meeting the Manipur Church Leader:**

The mission secretary of KBC, Rev. Lamkebmng visited on 29th July. We are providing relief materials and essential medicines to some needy people of Manipur.

### **Meeting with Global Head Start Mission:**

On 31st July Mr. Azariah Jerry Manuel, S/o, our missionary Rev. E. Rajan, met me in Headquarters to explore the possibilities to help some of our hostel children in their higher studies through his organization called Global Head Start Mission. This mission is already involving in the ministry of providing school bags and shoes to our hostel children of our believers.

### **Meeting Field Zonal Secretaries:**

The Field Zonal Secretaries gathered with their spouses in Alapalli, Maharashtra for 2 days prayer and 2 days planning from 1st August to 4th August. On the way I met a believer family who had an altar in his house to sacrifice goats and his wife used to be possessed by certain spirit. God healed the brother from his spinal problem when he was at the verge of having a surgery. After accepting Christ, the couple goes to many places to preach the Gospel for 10 to 15 days in a month leaving their business in others hands. Gospel transforms people.



### **Bengaluru Professional Forum Carnival:**

The Bengaluru Professional Forum held a carnival program namely "United for Malto's" with the help of mobilization leaders to raise support for the education of Malto children. God blessed the efforts of our leaders and the carnival was a blessing to the people.

### **Meeting Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh missionaries:**

In the first week of August with the field leaders I visited the missionaries in Ranchi, Manika, Palamu and Nagar areas of Jharkhand. The meeting was very fruitful. Following the Jharkhand visit, we visited missionaries in Chhattisgarh. The missionaries in Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh are doing the ministry with joy and deep commitment. Around 150 Church elders had gathered for a three days meeting in Tildega, Chhattisgarh.

### **Dedication of house built for the Evangelist by the believers:**

For the first time in FMPB, the believers of Tildega Church built a house for the evangelist to stay in the Church campus with their own resources. The house was dedicated for the glory of God on 12th August. By seeing this believers from different Churches want to build houses for their evangelists in their Churches too.

### **National Leader's Consultation-Yelagiri:**

50 leaders and pastors from different organizations and ministries gathered in Yelagiri hills to think about the future ministry in India.

**I would appreciate your kind prayers for the programs in September 2023**

### **Ordination program in Fokdi, Gujarat:**

The Bishop of CNI Gujarat Diocese,

Rt. Rev. Silvans Christian has graciously come forward to ordain 30 of our missionaries and evangelists as Deacons on 2nd September in Fokdi, Gujarat. We thank the Bishop for his strong support to the ministry of FMPB.

**Meetings:** The Management Committee meeting will be held on 7th and 8th of September and the Finance Monitoring Committee will have its meeting on 9th September. The Executive Committee and the General Body will be held on 23rd and 24th September respectively.

**Hubli and Kolar Regions visit:** God willing I will be ministering in Hubli and Kolar Regions of Karnataka from 14th to 18th of September.

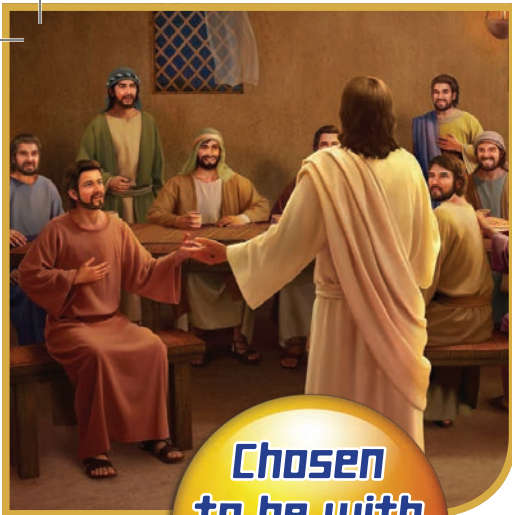
**National Staff Conference:** I request your every day prayer for the National Staff Conference of FMPB from September 30th to October 2nd in TWR centre, Paramankeni, Chennai. Around 1800 missionaries and their children will gather to sit at the feet of God for a time of fellowship with God and other missionaries to be rejuvenated to fulfil the vision of reaching the unreached Indians.

I am indebted to you all for your prayer and support to the ministry of FMPB. Remember the ministry and its missionaries and the prayer group leaders and members in your prayers. God bless you.

Your fellow servant in God's Mission



**Rev. John Berlin S.**



## Chosen to be with HIM

Mark 3:14 Luke 6: 13

### Introduction:

When Jesus selected His disciples for His ministry, the first and foremost thing He expected from them was nothing but to be with Him. Although He had the plan to send them for preaching and casting out demons etc., the major area of expectation was just to be with Him. I may do hundreds of things for Jesus in His name. But, if I am not ready to be with Him or spend time with Him then all my activities are in vain. I may achieve many things. But, they will not bring glory to God. Timothy Keller said this: **"If our identity is in our work, rather than Christ, success will go to our heads, and failure will go to our hearts."** So, let us see now why we

should be with the Lord. What is the purpose of our Lord in asking to be with Him?

### 1 To Love Him:

The main purpose to be with Jesus is to love Him. If I say I love someone, I am expected to spend sufficient time with that person. That may be husband, wife or children. Without spending time with a person I will not be able to love him or her. As Jesus loved His disciples He too expected them to love Him. Without spending time how can we love Him? Without loving Him how can we be His disciple? Mt. 22:37 says: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." (KJV)

Even, before the time of crucifixion, when Jesus was in Gethsemane He expected His core team of disciples to be with Him. Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?" He asked Peter. The disciples were unable to do even that. Being the disciple of the Lord I am expected to spend time with the Lord. Unless I spend time with Jesus I will not be able to love Him. The first thing expected by a person is the time given by the other one.

**"Nothing is more practical than finding God, that is, than falling in love in a quite absolute, final way..... What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything ..... fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything. " ..... Pedro Arrupe**

## **2 To Listen Him:**

Listening is the most essential requirement of a disciple. Frank Laubach said this: **Listening to God is far more important than giving Him your ideas.** If a disciple is not willing to listen to his Master, he will do everything according to his own wish and will. Nowadays in the modern world people are not at all interested in listening to others. All want to speak. Listening is one of the basic requirements of a leader. Unless and until I am ready to listen, I will not be able to fulfill the needs of my brothers and sisters. Our Lord is the best listener. Even though He is the busiest person in the World, how patiently He listens to all our words, sighs and heart cries. Do we have that sort of patience to listen to our Master? When we are with Him, naturally we will listen to Him. The disciple one whom Jesus loved more namely John was always sitting very close to Jesus (John 21: 20). He wanted to listen from His Master. Do we have the passion to listen from the Lord? Then we have to come closer to Him. Apart from that there is no other way to hear His voice. Because, often we read from the Word of God that His voice is very gentle. If we are not willing to come closer to Him we may miss to know the will of God. It will be very difficult to know the pain of His heart. As a child of God let us come closer to Him and let us try to be with Him always. When we are ready to

be with Him very easily we can listen Him. Eventually, that will lead us in the right path.

## **3 To Learn from Him:**

If a disciple is willing to listen to his Master automatically he will be able to learn many things from him. Jesus is the best teacher in the World. Bible has the capacity to teach us so many important things which are very much necessary for our life. Jesus said, **"If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. John 8: 31-32."** The difference between Jesus and other teachers is He practiced everything in His life first. He never taught anything without practicing. If I am not willing to learn from Him, my life will be in chaos. Life of Mary is a very good example from the New Testament. She had the habit of learning from Jesus. When Jesus came to her home she did not go anywhere. She just sat at His feet. Since she was very close to Jesus she was able to learn so many Heavenly things from Him. Do we give importance to learn from the Word of God? How often we try to escape from spending sufficient time to study the Word of God giving vague excuses. If we are very close to Him or if we are with Him, definitely we will be able to learn many things from our Lord. Many are tempted to teach others without learning. How is it possible to

teach others without learning? Jesus Himself was a good learner. Bible says clearly that from His childhood up to 30 years He was very obedient to His parents and was learning many things from them. Probably He might have learned His earthly father's carpentry work also. Not only that. He learned the Word of God even from His childhood. That's why He was able to discuss with the religious scholars very boldly. To become a teacher I should be a learner first. Jesus was a good learner. That's why He became the best teacher in the world. Many great leaders including some other religious scholars even liked the teaching of Jesus Christ. How was this possible in the life of Jesus? It's because, He was always close to His

Heavenly Father. If we are with the Lord we will also be good learners. When I am with Him I can learn many things from Him and I will put them into practice.

## Conclusion:

From the above points we may be able to understand the importance of being with the Lord. As a child of God my first and foremost priority should be to be with Him. Let us not forget that our Lord needs us individually and not what we have with us. First of all let us try to give ourselves fully to Him. Then the Lord will be pleased with us. He will be happy on whatever we do for His glory.

**Rev. S. David Ponding**  
Secretary - Headquarters



## *Field visit and Church Dedication*

A group of 16 from Tirunelveli  
(Scan leaders and members)

left for a Gujarat field visit on April 24. We reached Khanvel on the 25th. That night we attended the night meeting there and stayed in the Randha hostel. The next day, the Patyapur and Kerdiya Churches were dedicated to the glory of God. On the 27th, the Aslana Church was dedicated. Having faith that the Lord would see to our business, we went for the cause of God and returned to our homes safely. God placed a burden on our hearts to spend more time for His kingdom's sake.



# National Missionaries Conference 2023



**Dates**

September 30 -  
October 2

**Venue**

TWR Premises,  
Paramankeni,  
Tamil Nadu.

Theme: **YOU**  
**are the CHOSEN ONE**

**By God - For God**

## **Aim:**

1. To encourage and refresh missionaries.
2. To help them to obtain wholeness of God's chosen purpose.
3. To strengthen their relationship with God

## **Request your prayers for:**

1. For the journey mercies and protection of all the missionary families.
2. For the speakers of all sessions and workshops.
3. For the youths and children sessions of our missionaries.
4. For all the arrangements for the conference.  
(accommodation & mess)
5. For the hurdles to be removed.

Pray Pray Pray Pray

## **Wonder Working God!**

*Our Sugnibasa Church Elder Kornelius Besra from Pathna field in Jharkhand was bitten by a poisonous snake while he was fast asleep at the midnight. Some herbs were applied but still the poison had gone to his brain and the doctor told that, it is not possible for him to survive. While he was being treated our believers kept praying for him God heard their prayers and gave him life. Hallelujah!*



## Field visit and Dedication

A group of 20 prayer group members (Tirupathur, Vaaniyambadi, Ambur and Gudiyatham) started our journey to Gujarat from Chennai on the 22nd morning. We were received and taken to Pipalwada from Vyara station on the 23rd. There we witnessed the change in the social status of our believers through the development projects launched by our pioneer missionaries, as a result of which there stands the St. Thomas English School in Jhawda and a hostel for both boys and girls. The next day we prayed at the tombs of the first-generation Christians, Mr. Praveen Bhai and Paruben, and their 1-year-old son, who went as cross-cultural missionaries to Chhattisgarh and became a kernel of wheat. That evening, the building for the native staff, built in memory of Mrs. Sarojini Sekaran (mother of Rev. Emmanuel Ranjitsingh), was dedicated to the glory of God. On the 25th, we joined the worship along with our believers in Mosda Field. Later, we visited the children in Netrang home and praised God when the children recited memory verses and sang to glorify God. On the 26th, we visited the Dungra Bhil people in Nasvadi field. We were enlightened about the ministries done in the past and witnessed the transformation in the lives of Kuknas, Vasavas and Dungra Bhil people. Our team committed to praying more for the ministries and missionaries and also to sharing our burden with others to pray.

- Mr. Kirubanantharaj





## Field visit and Church Dedications

**T**he eldest daughter of Jebasingh Rathinasamy, a person who was involved in our ministry for a long period Mrs. Deborah Enoch On behalf of her family built a Church in Baharpur Village, Patidola field, Jharkhand. Eight people participated from their family and missionary accompanied them for the dedication. On the morning of 1st July we went to Raxol, a village in Sundarpahadi Mission. The cultural dance, welcome and love of the believers were overwhelming. Sister Thilaka Jebasingh shared her testimony and shared from the scriptures. On the evening of the 1st, God graced us to meet the students of Bodua Children's hostel and then Chanthana hostel. On the 2nd, Baharpur village Church was dedicated for the glory of God's name. That evening we visited the Ranga Girls' hostel to see the performances of the girls. In all the hostels, Sis. Tilaka Jebasingh shared her testimony, experiences and gave gifts to the children. We arrived in Madurai determined to pray more for their ministry, who are ministering with sacrifice and great dedication.

**B**y God's grace, our supporter in Madurai, Jamburopuram area, Mr. Jamburo On behalf of Mrs. Juliet's family, God has graced the completion of a Church in the village of Mamapansa, Dharampur Mission, in Gujarat State. A group of 15 left Madurai



on February 23 and reached Khergam Hostel, Gujarat, on February 25. The Mumbai Methodist Church Pastor, Rev. Godson Samuel, joined us on this field visit. The dedication of the Church was held on February 25, 2023, for the glory of God's holy name. God gave us the grace to spend time with the children of Khergam Children's Home. On the next day, we attended a service held at a Church in the village of Anglach, Umargam Field. The welcome given by the believers were awe-inspiring. The missionaries were very helpful to us. We praise God for their commitment.

# NAGRAON CHURCH HISTORY

THANEDHAR FIELD -  
HIMACHAL REGION, NORTH  
WESTERN ZONE

Written By **Mrs. Agnes Edward**

## GENERAL:

Nagraon is a small village located in Kumharsain Tehsil of Shimla district, Himachal Pradesh, with a total of 15 families residing. The village has a population of 63. Nagraon has a lower literacy rate compared to Himachal Pradesh, with a literacy rate of 81.82% as per the 2011 census. The village is administrated by a Sarpanch (Head of Village), who is an elected representative under the Panchayati Raj Act of the Indian Constitution.

## BEGINNING:

The Thanadar Mission field was opened in 2011. Initially, Thanadar served as a sub-center of the Rampur mission field. In July 2010, Mr. Vum Biak Lal's family, who had been taking care of Thanadar sub-centre, was moved to the Rohru mission field. Subsequently, in June 2011, Thanadar was declared a separate mission field, and Mr. Thangse Sangtam family was assigned as field missionaries. Before the establishment of the Nagraon congregation, there was a small congregation in Naula village near Nagraon under the Rampur field, led by



Rev. Paul Madhivanan. However, after his tenure, the Church elder, Mr. Devender Negi, took the congregation away. For nearly 3 years, the congregation remained closed, and during this time, most of the believers backslid, leaving only two families still faithful. Worship resumed in 2013 with these two families.



*Mr. Rajesh Kumar*

## FIRST BELIEVER'S TESTIMONY

**(Mr. Rajesh Kumar):** Mr. Rajesh Kumar, the first believer from Nagraon, shared his powerful testimony. He was suffering from TB since 2009 and sought healing through various gods and magicians, spending a considerable amount of money. Despite medical treatment, his condition deteriorated, and he started vomiting blood. Doctors gave him little hope of survival. In December 2013, he decided to try Jesus as a last resort and requested prayer from local believers and they prayed for him. Miraculously, he had a dream where he encountered the cross of Christ, and soon after, his blood vomiting stopped, and he was completely healed. This miraculous healing led him and his whole family to accept Christ. Many others in the village also accepted Christ due to the testimony of Mr. Rajesh and his healing. Mr. Rajesh's miraculous healing had a profound impact on the village, and many people turned to Christ including Mr. Jagdish a truck driver who was delivered from demon possession.

## CHURCH GROWTH AND THE CHURCH LAND:



*Mrs. Kanta Devi*

Among them was Bina Kumari, the wife of Mr. Jeetender from Jogini village, who accepted Christ after deliverance from demon possession. The land for building the Naya Jeevan Masih Satsung Bhavan Church was donated by Mr. Prem Chand and his wife Kanta Devi, who were our old believers. They gratefully offered their land as a gesture of thanksgiving for the blessings they received from God, including the healing of Mr. Prem Chand from Chest pain and also because the Lord blessed the work of their hands, their children's future and with 3 houses and lands.

## THE CONGREGATION AND THE COMMUNITY:

The Nagraon congregation comprises members from several villages, including Nagraon, Amarnaal, Kupardhar, Nirath, Togli, and Naula. The members belong to Pahari and Nepali communities. The Church building, Naya Jeevan Masih Satsung Bhavan, has dimensions of 25X40ft and features ACC roofing. The foundation stone was laid in February 2017, and the Church was dedicated on August 13, 2017, in the presence of the sponsor Mr. P. Dharmadurai and various other dignitaries and believers. There was no opposition during the construction time. They wanted a Church near their house so they requested our missionary Rev. Thangse to choose a land from among their property and gifted it to build the Church. Kanta Devi was mocked by the villagers and family and was



discouraged for giving the land because she had a broken leg twice. In spite of all those problems she has a strong belief on Jesus and fully involves in Church ministries.

### CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

The Nagraon Church Samiti was formed on May 20, 2018, with a three-year operational period until May 2021. The Samiti aimed to serve and extend the Church while safeguarding it from heresy, division, indiscipline, and financial indigenization. One of the regular activities organized by the Church is the women's fellowship, led by Ms. Pinki. This monthly gathering allows women from the congregation to connect, support each other, and strengthen their bonds as believers. The Church also conducts Holy Communion services once a month. The Nagraon congregation currently consists of 25-30 believers, some of whom have returned to their native land, Nepal, but there are no significant backslidden numbers.

### Prayer points:

- ❖ It is disheartening when people seem to forget the miracles or spiritual experiences they have witnessed in their lives or in the Church community.
- ❖ To get committed people to minister in this Church.
- ❖ Church ceiling work to be completed soon without any hindrances.

## Missionary Biography



**Mrs. Gracelet  
Arumainayagam**  
(1957-2004)

Gracelet was born on the 29th of March 1957 in a Christian family. Her father Mr. Muthuraj and Mother Mrs. Leela were devout Christians. So, she was brought up in Christian discipline. She was regular to the Church and to the Sunday school. When she was young, she accepted Christ as her personal saviour.

### MARRIAGE AND MINISTRY

Gracelet led a prayerful life, reading the Bible and strictly following the precepts of Jesus. The fellowship of the Church girls also helped her to grow in the Lord. She had a passion for missionary work. She prayed earnestly for the missionaries who were working in the mission fields in the North India. Even though she wanted to

go as a missionary she wasn't able to as she was young and unmarried. When she was grown up, her parents arranged her marriage. On hearing her prayer, God gave her a bridegroom, who was a missionary. Her parents with Gracelet's consent got her married to Mr. Arumainayagam, a cross cultural missionary. The marriage was held on the 11th of October 1978. Before her marriage as per the regulation of FMPB, she was sent for a short-term missionary training from July to September 1978. They as a family continued their missionary work in North India. God blessed their marriage with four children. They named their first daughter as Sophy Helena and the second daughter as Stella Shiny, third daughter was named as Jenishifa Priyanka and their last child was a boy child. They christened him as Benedict Paul.

## **CHURCH PLANTING MINISTRY IN NORTH INDIA**

After their marriage, Mr. Arumainayagam's family moved to Sitamari of Bihar. They worked among the Hindi-speaking people who had never heard about the Lord. Then, they moved to Madhubani and Siwan area and did their ministry, preaching the Gospel of Christ. After some time, they again moved to Uttar Pradesh and began their ministry in a small town called Basti, which was the first North India Mission field of FMPB. They shifted to Muzaffarpur in Bihar after their stint at Basti. Due to the need of the ministry they were transferred to Jharkhand to work among the Malto people group. During that time, the Malto ministry was growing rapidly. Hundreds of people accepted Christ

and many congregations were formed. They learned the Malto language and did ministry among the Malto, based at Barheit and Barharwa. Rev. Arumainayagam took up the Zonal leadership and led the ministry among the Malto.

## **HIGHER STUDIES AND MOBILIZATION MINISTRY**

To equip them for the ministry they were sent to theological studies in the seminary of Gospel for Asia mission, Thiruvalla, Kerala. They completed their theological studies and were given the new responsibility of mobilizing resources for the mission. They started their mobilization ministry based at Nazareth of Tuticorin district of Tamilnadu. They focused their attention on finding new members, leaders and started new prayer groups in that area. Also, they conducted a series of mission-challenging meetings.

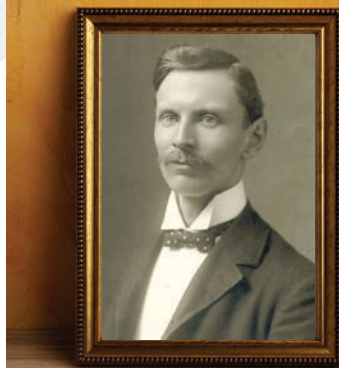
## **LAST DAYS**

On the 16th of August 2004, they as a family went to Coimbatore to attend the funeral service of one of their relatives. The long travel left Mrs Gracelet very tired. As she was a diabetic, the high sugar levels in her blood rendered her unconscious. Immediately she was rushed to a nearby hospital at Coimbatore. Doctors took every effort to save her life. But all their treatments became futile. There was no marked improvement in her health. She got the home call and entered into God's glory on the 16th of August 2004. Her mortal body was taken to her own village and buried there with the hope of resurrection. Thank God for her life and tireless ministry.

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

## TRAIL BLAZERS

### ***Evangelization of the world in our Generation The Missionary Kid - Robert Wilder***



**R**obert Wilder was born on August 2, in Kolhapur, India in 1863 to missionary parents and grew up as the only white face in a sea of Marathi South Indians in the 1870's. One day, a cobra coiled itself under the piano in the Wilder home and Robert's father asked a servant to help kill the snake. The old man didn't budge. The elder Wilder crushed the head with his own slippered foot. When asked why he didn't help, the servant replied, "How do I know, perhaps my grandfather was in the snake." On hearing the spiritual condition and beliefs of this non-believer man, Robert Wilder decided that he must also serve in India as a missionary. This was a defining moment for Robert's calling. He could look back to this one event and know for sure that God had called him to India.

But after few years of missionary work by his father who suffered from ill health returned to America. Though senior Wilder went home, the mission field was always in his heart. He founded and edited the periodical, "The Missionary Review of the World" which gave the news of missionary

activity around the world. Here was born the vision, of "The Evangelization of The World In Our Generation." The faith of the father and the love for missions was shared by Robert Wilder. In due time he began his studies at Princeton. In later years remembering his college days, Robert wrote "Two things I did while in college: first Pray for awakening and revival, and second stir missionary interest wherever I went."

Wilder and his friends established the "Princeton Foreign Mission Society" on the campus. The society's constitution read, "any student of the College who is a professing Christian may become a member by subscribing to the following covenant: We, the undersigned, declare ourselves willing and desirous, God permitting, to go to the unevangelized portions of the world." Robert's sister Grace started a girl's student group at Mt. Holyoke where she was studying with a similar declaration, "We hold ourselves willing and desirous to do the Lord's work wherever He may call us, even if it be in a foreign land." At Mt. Holyoke thirty-four girls signed their names. When the

Princeton group met on Sunday afternoons, Grace was in another room praying for them.

Then, in the summer of 1886, D. L. Moody, the famous Evangelist, in conjunction with YMCA organized a one-month summer Bible conference for college students at Mt. Hermon in New York. Before Robert left for conference, his sister Grace prophesied that there would be one hundred student volunteers for the foreign mission field enlisted at the conference. Robert Wilder convinced D. L. Moody to hold a whole night meeting on worldwide mission one day. For that meeting he gathered nine other missionary kids like him to speak on the night about the great need for labourers in their respective countries that they represented. This meeting later came to be known as the “meeting of ten nations.” The meeting had a tremendous impact on the students and in the next several days, after much soul searching, a total of exactly 100 students made the pledge to serve in foreign missions. The “Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions” or the SVM as it was simply called was on its way. America was awakened to foreign missions by its students. The students not only pledged themselves to go, but they went over America and challenged the American churches to do something towards world evangelisation and mission. Many churches repented of their long-standing sin of denying the “Great Commission,” of our Lord Jesus Christ. This resulted in what later came to be known as the “Forward Movement” of the churches.

In 1891, Wilder finished his studies at Union Seminary and was appointed by the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions for

student work in India. However, he delayed his travel to India in order to spend more than a year visiting students in Great Britain and Scandinavia. Armed with letters of reference from such stalwart dignitaries as Moody, Philip Schaff, A. J. Gordon, James McCosh and others, Wilder arrived in Britain with the goal of organising an SVM counterpart in the British universities. After his tour of several campuses and a special conference in Edinburgh in 1892, the stage was set for what became the Student Volunteer Missionary Union of Great Britain and Ireland. In Norway Wilder met Helene Olson and they were married in September 1892. The newly weds soon left for India and they ministered to students first in Calcutta and later in Pune.

The Wilders departed from India in 1897 to become SVM travelling Secretary. In 1899 he returned to India and traveled the country as traveling secretary for YMCA. In 1904, Wilder received an invitation from Student Christian Movement (SCM) to tour British Universities much as he had done in 1891. It was so impressive that he received an offer to hold the position for the next ten years. Wilder remained in London for the next ten years and traveled British Universities placing special emphasis on evangelism. When health forced him to retire, he still traveled and continued to promote the cause of missions until in 1938 he quietly went to receive his reward from the Lord. Sherwood Eddy, another product of SVM glory years aptly summed up his legacy: “Although the time was ripe and the occasion ideal, humanly speaking, the Student Volunteer Movement would not have come into being without Robert Wilder. The movement was the result of Wilder’s vision, Moody’s spiritual drive and Mott’s organizing genius.”

In the verse for quoted above, Paul here prays that he may be an instrument of converting souls at Jerusalem; “No,” says Jesus, “but you shall be employed among the Gentiles,” and “more shall be the children of the desolate than those of the married wife.” It is God that appoints His labourers both their day and their place, and it is fit they should acquiesce in His appointment; though it may cross their own inclinations. Paul hankers

after Jerusalem; to be a preacher there, he studied and grew up there and it was the top of his ambition; but Christ designs him greater preferment; he shall not enter into other men’s labours, (as the other apostles did, John 4:38) but shall break up new ground, and preach the Gospel there where Christ was not named.

- Bro. David Benny



## Teachers’ Day

The teaching profession is the noblest profession in the world. Teachers are the real holders of knowledge, enlightenment, and prosperity, using which they nourish and prepare students to face life. They impart wisdom, values of life, perseverance, general knowledge and many more, and they show the way to the children. It is our responsibility to celebrate them throughout the year. However, in order to thank the teachers, Dr.

Radhakrishnan’s birthday, which falls on September 5th, is celebrated as Teachers’ Day. It is a special day, dedicated to all teachers to honour and to appreciate their special contributions to education. Since students spend comparatively more time with their teachers than with their parents, some students consider their teachers to be their role models in life. A teacher helps a child to create his or her identity; besides this, we can never deny the fact that the teachers’ profession is a prestigious one wherein they impart the necessary abilities, motivation, self-confidence, perseverance and all such things and mold the student community and raise every student to be a good, well-mannered and best scholar. It is our teachers who stand behind our success. Jesus is the best teacher who taught his disciples and the people while He lived on this earth. Today, the Holy Spirit teaches, motivates, and guides us individually. In the same way, there are many teachers who go out of their way to help their students by giving them individual attention in their academic and personal lives.

To guide today’s youth and make them good witnesses in the country, we will go around the country as teachers who will instill the love of Jesus in all the young hearts and minds. Let us continue to pray for the students of the nation to live and shine as great leaders, pioneers, and role models.

Since the beginning of FMPB, there have been several teachers who have loved and worked with their full hearts along with us. Even today, we remember all the committed teachers who pray and support this ministry. On behalf of all the missionaries, members, and believers, we wish you all a **"Happy Teachers Day."**



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*Happy Birthday*

Mr. Vincent Premraj

## JAMMU

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

**Praise God:** 1080 people heard the Gospel in 4 new villages. About 20 New Testaments and 2 Bibles were distributed. 2 of them accepted Jesus as their personal Saviour. The people of Kootah village have come forward boldly for the public confession of their faith. New families from Rajwi and Gagwal villages have shown interest to hear the Gospel. A new worship group has been started in Rajli village. Around 90 children participated in the VBS held in various centres and knew more about Jesus. For Samba field believers who are instrumental in sharing their faith to their village people.

**Pray:** For the open doors and good response for our ministry in Sumb, Kootah, Pongwal. Sungwali and nearby villages of Samba district. Kanchan a 14-year-old boy who is dumb from birth to receive healing by the mercy of God. For Vinod and Rajinder to receive deliverance from

evil spirit possession. The families of Rajendar and Vicky are childless for long years after marriage. May the Lord grant them children. For those who oppose the ministry in Rediyan and Sungawali villages to repent. The Lord should provide for a proper land for the Church construction in Sumb and Kootah village.

### **God who fulfills the desire of our heart!**

At our mission field in Rampur, Himachal Pradesh, when our local evangelist went with his team to conduct a night meeting at the house of a believer named Suraj in the village of Sunnakai, he lamented that Suraj's landlord refused to allow him to attend the worship on Sundays. Our local evangelist Virender said that if you pray to the Lord with faith, God will help your land lord to give you permission to attend the worship service. After two days, Suraj's landlord called him and announced that you are off on Sundays. The following month, when they had a prayer at Suraj's house, he said that he wanted to give some offering to the Church but that he was getting a very small salary. Even then, our local evangelist told him to ask the Lord with faith. Then when Suraj arrived, the landlord called him and said that he will increase his salary and give Rs. 5000/- more. Glory be to God who heard Suraj's request.



*Happy Birthday*

Mrs. Anjana Masih Satya Prakash

## HIMACHAL PRADESH

### Rampur:

#### Doujapao Guite & Florence Lamvung

**Praise God:** 563 people were reached with the Gospel in 14 new villages. 10 contacts have shown interest in knowing more about Jesus. One precious soul was added to the fold of believers. The Lord protected His people in the midst of landslides that occurred because of the rains. For Bai Devi who received healing from a dizziness. Hema who received deliverance from an evil spirit possession. We got seven families as new contacts.

**Pray:** For our new contacts to grow firmly in faith. For oneness and unity amongst the believers to stay strong during persecution. For Mahender who continues to blame and persecute his family for their Christian faith in spite of his health being restored because of their prayers. Breshti to be delivered from the

attacks of the evil spirit and her two sons from their rebellious nature. Narender who is not able to walk because of TB, should receive healing from the Lord. For Meena Thakur, Divya, Man Singh, Kalavati, Piyush, Kashish and Manju to be strengthened in their faith and to publicly confess their faith in Jesus.

### Reckong Peo:

#### A. Sankar & Ruth Mary

**Praise God:** 580 people were reached in 9 new villages with the Word of God. For Sangla, Moorang and Pohwari congregations where 10 people are ready for a public confession of their faith. When Laxmi prayed for her husband who left her, the Lord heard her prayers and the husband realised his mistake and came home.

**Pray:** For the need of local evangelists and new contacts to further the growth of the ministry. For those who are willing to confess their faith in Christ to grow stronger in the Lord and testify to their own families. The Lord to help us to have 900 people prepared to confess their faith in Christ in the future years. For the Lord to bless their families and to meet their needs because of the loss in their apple harvest due to the heavy rains. For Esther suffering from TB and weakness in the bones to get healed.



### *Happy Birthday*

Mr. Egaiaivan K.  
Mrs. Ching Hoih Kim Gin Sawm

### **Thanedar:**

#### **Jebarson & Gayatri**

**Praise God:** A prayer walk was done through the villages of Nankhari, Panool, Nanja and Kepi to reach out to new people and explore the opportunities of sharing the Gospel. Bible study groups are newly established in Bradithar and Khalawan villages. A youth Bible study group for the Thanedar congregations has been started to motivate the youth to learn God's word. 7-year-old Daniel was delivered from an evil attack. Poonam and Raju were miraculously saved when their vehicle got stuck in a landslide.

**Pray:** Due to heavy rains and landslides, the orchards in the higher altitudes are facing huge loss. For the road work and connectivity to be established smoothly. For the Bible study groups to help people grow in discipleship and faith. Uma to be healed from uterine fibroid from which she is suffering for a long time. For the financial need of to be met for the ceiling work of Nagroan Church.

### **Rohru:**

#### **Johnson Sankar & Jebarani**

**Praise God:** Word of God was preached to 245 people in 3 new villages. 3 persons accepted Jesus as their personal Saviour and were added to His flock. 6 New Testaments were distributed. 25 night meetings were conducted. Akanksha and Poonam were delivered from demon possession. Through prayer Prem and Sagar family members got jobs. Sheethal was healed from breathing difficulties when her family members prayed for her. Ramesh a backslidden believer has resumed his faith in the Lord. Anjan and Radhika were delivered from the power of black magic.

**Pray:** For Puran who is not attending the Sunday services or their family prayers to be drawn by the love of Jesus again. For Prem's family in Devli village who faced a heavy loss due to rain; their apple orchards, and their kitchen have been destroyed in the landslide; God to help them to get the government's relief fund. Ramesh to be delivered from demon possession. Sapna is having two little children to receive the insurance claim for the death of her husband in an accident.





*Happy Birthday*

Mrs. Malangmei Sanalung Ditungbou

**PUNJAB**

**Mansa:**

**Debbrato Biswas &  
Manna Singh**

**Praise God:** 1720 persons heard the Gospel. 9 persons have been added to the fold of Jesus. Film program was conducted in Joya village for the first time around 100 people watched it and received the Gospel. 3 satsang programs for the un-reached people were conducted. 1 Bible was given to a seeker. For the protection God gave to our believers during a red alert given to Mufar, Nangarh, Khai, Baliwala, Nagoki and Danewala villages during the flood.

**Pray:** For the consolation of the Shaeb Singh family as they lost their 21-year-old son, for Charanjit Kour who lost her husband Tara Singh and for the family of our new young believer Mangu Singh who died. For the upcoming programs that has been planned.

**Ahemadgarh Mandi:**

**Chaudhry Rajesh &  
Sarita Paul;**

**Deeptilal Mali & Renuma**

**Praise God:** 600 people were reached with the Gospel. 2 persons have confessed their faith in Jesus. 40 New Testaments were distributed. 15-night meetings, 4 fasting prayers, 1 youth meeting and 2 satsangs were conducted. Film program was conducted in 2 areas, through which 110 persons received the Gospel for the first time. The evangelism team and the active believers are regularly going and spreading the Gospel to the new people, through which 7 persons have accepted the Lord. For the protection to Sanjay Kumar family from snake bite. Monica was delivered from evil spirit.

**Pray:** For the court case faced by Malaudh Church and for them to get a good advocate. For Pali to be healed from paralytic attack, Seema Kaur from cancer, Simron Kaur from skin allergy and liver problem, Sarbari Kaur from gall bladder stone, Alock from epilepsy and Paramhance from TB. For Puja Kaur, Sakuntala, Malti and Jaspreet families to be delivered from evil spirit. For peace in Raju and Monica family.



*Happy Birthday*

Mr. Esakkiah R.  
Mr. Dharmendra Parrichha

**Bathinda:**  
**Sanjib Anand &**  
**Prastuta;**  
**Pratap Rahang & Rashmi**

**Praise God:** Gospel was preached to 1505 persons in 5 new villages. Satsang was conducted newly in 4 villages. 200 people watched Jesus film screened in 4 villages. Jarnali Singh, 48 years who left from his house before 6 months but returned because of continuous prayer. Meena Devi from Mour was healed from the eye problem which she had been suffering for the past 15 years.

**Pray:** For the doors that were shut for the Gospel in Tungwali, Chakram Singh, Chakfathe Singh, Gill Kalan and Janduke villages to reopen. For ministry to be started in Bathinda city, Bhagta Bhai, Talwandi Sabo, Rampura Phool. Kela Ram, Janta Singh from Bazigar to accept Christ. For Kundan, Sarban and Raju to quit drinking alcohol. For Jason and his family from Mour, Jarnail Singh, Jagseer Singh Family from Bucho to accept Christ.

**HARYANA**  
**Jeevan Nagar:**  
**Aliyakim Jena &**  
**Deepika**

**Praise God:** For 300 people who heard the Gospel and the 104 New Testaments that were distributed among them. 2 of them became believers and publicly confessed their faith in Christ. Regular fasting prayers are being conducted among the believers. In the 8 women's prayer cells that are going on, the women have learnt the practise of praying before others boldly. The women who attended the Bible Study have a desire to live according to what they hear.

**Pray:** For many believers who are attending the Sunday worship services, but show no interest in any other spiritual programmes or gatherings for spiritual growth. For some training programmes that are planned to be conducted along with the Sunday services, people to attend without any hassles. Women Leaders to be chosen for the 8 prayer cells who can lead the prayer meets even in the absence of the missionary. For the believers in the sub centres of Santh Nagar, Rania and Dabawalli villages to grow in faith.



*Fasting Prayer Day*  
**Happy Birthday**  
Mr. Shaik Subhani

**Tosham:**  
**John Davidson & Esther**

**Praise God:** Biran a believer, inhaled poisonous gas while spraying pesticide and became unconscious. The Lord mercifully restored him to life. For a new contact in Sultanpur village who was delivered from evil spirit bondage. Mintu who skipped attending the prayer fellowship joined with bad company and became demon possessed was behaving irrationally in the graveyard. However, by prayers, the Lord restored him back to sanity and he started to fear God.

**Pray:** For the many families who are our contacts to grow deeper in faith and have the courage to confess their faith boldly. Those who are in addicted to alcohol to be delivered from this evil habit. For our believers not to fall for false doctrines because of a rise in deceitful people operating

as prophets. For our plan to enrol a casual volunteer to help in the various programmes in our ministry.

**UTTARAKHAND**

**Nanakmatta:**  
**Siva Kumar & Susila Marak**

**Praise God:** Gospel was preached to 216 persons in 3 new villages. 30 New Testaments were distributed. 8 cottage meetings, 10 satsangs and 1 women's meeting were conducted. Renna Kour was delivered from demon possession. Olvin in Nusar village was able to buy a tractor for farming. Sandeep Singh from Basagar village got a job in a private sector through prayer. Rinku an 18-year boy survived a current shock with few injuries caused by 12000 voltage electric equipment.

**Pray:** For Jeeth Singh to get healing from kidney stone and Satvinder Singh from TB. For God to comfort Gurudev Singh who lost his mother recently. For Pooran Singh who has begun to drink due to family issues to get peace and to be delivered from the addiction of drinking. For Baldev Singh from Matiha village who had written bank exam to get selected.



Delhi

**Patparganj:**

**P G Christopher & Mabel**

**Praise God:** 353 people heard the Gospel for the first time. 12 New Testaments and 3 Bibles were distributed. 8 days VBS were conducted in 3 places and 300 children participated in it including a large number of non-Christians. Komal was healed from full body swelling when our believer Soniya prayed. Pooja and Kushbhoo were delivered from demon possession. The Trilokpuri youth have started a Bible study and are regularly gathering to study the Word of God.

**Pray:** For Sonu Abraham who is bedridden to be healed from spinal cord problem, Mallika from arthritis and thyroid issues. For Premchand, Deepika, Preeti, Neha, Bharat, Dhanalakshmi and Paras to get suitable God-fearing life partners. For the backslidden believers to renew their salvation. for Rev. P G Christopher who has taken up the new responsibility as Regional Secretary Haryana.

RAJASTHAN

**Hanumangarh:** Raju  
Nayak & Jhansi Bhai

**Praise God:** 368 new people were reached in 3 new villages. 8 of them accepted the Lord as their Personal Saviour. Through fasting prayer, Prince who was affected with a skin allergy from birth received healing. Surjeet who was under satanic attack received deliverance in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Rajkumar undergoing a struggle for the past 7 years heard the Word of God in a meet. Priyanka suffering from an ear pain for 2 years received healing.

**Pray:** Sunita, her husband and child affected with HIV should receive healing from the Lord. Rina Kaur suffering from a lump in her stomach should be healed. Malketh Singh with swollen lungs to receive divine healing. For the safety of God's people because of a rise in fanaticism and religious extremism in that area.

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**Jehovah Shalom!**

David Besra is the Church elder in Shivphad Church in Pathna field Jharkhand. His relatives kept disturbing him because of his Christian faith. They blamed him of killing their cow. When he tried to explain his case, they ignored his explanation. The believers kept praying for him and his relatives. God heard their prayers and solved the issue. Now he is worshipping our Lord peacefully. Praise the Lord!

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## Kajawala:

### V. Kumar & Patricia

**Praise God:** For the 29 children who heard the Gospel through the VBS Ministry. For Rani's successful uterus removal operation. For Babulu who finished his treatment for mouth cancer and is now under medications to get well soon. For Vikas who is relieved of his financial problems by the Grace of God. Suman received a Government Job.

**Pray:** For Guruchand who is a believer and yet suffering from mental issues and sickness to find the Lord's comfort and healing in his life. For Babulu's daughter's marriages that all their needs to be met. For a newspaper reporter who opposes our ministry in 2 new villages to taste the love of our Lord.

## UTTAR PRADESH

### Bilhour: Lal Kishar

### Murmu & Martha Soren

**Praise God:** 50 people were reached with the Word of God in 2 new villages. 200 children participated in the VBS held in 8 places and were blessed with God's word. New people have started attending our Bilhour Church worship service.

**Pray:** For Mohanraj who has been missing for the past two months to be found so that their family can have their peace restored in their lives. Upasana and Arun Kumar's family to be delivered from the evil spirit possession. For the Church at Bilhour to grow well in the Lord.

## Haseran:

### S. Rajan & Jeba Malar

**Praise God:** The Word of God was preached to 80 people and 23 New Testaments were distributed. 1 night meeting and 4 fasting prayers were conducted. 388 children participated in the VBS that were conducted in 15 villages. Follow up ministry was done in 5 villages. Rakesh was healed from kidney stone problem through prayer and operation. Degaruwapur village headman gave government water line connection to our Church.

**Pray:** For the young Yadav community men who stopped our vehicle and threatened the missionaries and others who conducted VBS in a village called Gunah to have an encounter with the Lord. For the Lord to console Neethu from Leepur village who is in her family way after being married for a year but lost her husband in an accident. For God to heal Anarkali from Belamou Saraiya village who is suffering from elephantiasis. For God to give peace to Arun's family who were excommunicated for their faith in Jesus; Now Arun's Father-in-law called back his daughter and got her married to another man.





### *Happy Birthday*

Mrs. Yesurethinam Thyagarajan  
Mr. Anil Kumar Bisoyi  
Mrs. Rani Sukanto Singh  
Mr. Jeevanandhan M.  
Mrs. Randhe Naynaben Devjibhai

## **National Institute of Missions:**

### **N. Rajadurai & Prema**

**Praise God:** A trainee named Aarti was sick and her HB level dipped to 4.7 gm. By the grace of God two-unit blood was infused and she is doing well now. The Tata Victa vehicle which was being used in the training centre got a crack at engine's head but God protected all who were in it from a fire accident. Outreach ministry was done in Kot, Smirdha and Targuwan villages and the response was good in all the villages. Hundred people attended the three days Elders and Evangelists training enthusiastically. Bhind hostel boy Rohit from Damras congregation got M.B.B.S. seat in Joampur government medical college. Another hostel boy Aashish from Chilly church got government posting in Postal department. Two Jhansi hostel girls Sristi and Aaradhana and a Pokhrayan CDC girl got admission for G.N.M at Jokaanbagh Christian hospital Nursing School. Manna has just finished her B.Sc. Nursing.

**Pray:** For the 11 Missionary trainees who will be graduated on 29th October. They will be learning Anthropology, Evangelism and Church Planting subjects in this academic year. In the month of March 2023, Good Shepherd Mission School, Bhind where our children were accommodated stopped the agreement and sent out our children due to some political pressure. From then onwards this home is not functioning properly. The children are not admitted to the schools yet.

### **I will help you as you speak!**

Our missionaries were returning after they had completed the Sunday worship and evangelistic work in Pul Pakara village of Jamboni field in West Bengal. The village leader (Masi) stopped them and asked many questions related to the kind of work they were doing. So they explained about the work they are doing. They were able to answer to questions like "Why do you evangelize from house to house in every village? What is your purpose? Are you an agent of any company?" They replied by explaining to them the great commission from Math 28:16-18. They let them go after getting the explanation. Let us praise God for the courage and wisdom God gave to His servants to speak boldly about his ministry before the chief and other villagers in that new village.



*Happy Birthday*

Mrs. Sapna Om Prakash

**Ghatampur:**

**Helun J. Touthang &  
Ching Hauzel**

**Praise God:** 12 Bible studies and 1 believers training was conducted. 12 V.B.S, outreach at 2 new Villages and 3-night meetings were conducted. 10 New Testaments and 3 Bibles were distributed. 45 people heard the Gospel for the first time. The missionary and evangelist Ashok Kumar were safe from false police case. Our believers are strengthened in their faith through house-to-house pastoral care.

**Pray:** For God to protect our missionaries, local evangelists and the believers from un-necessary case under anti-conversion bill. Our Church and other Churches of the other organization are closed for Sunday service at Ghatampur town due to organized persecution since December 2022; God must intervene in this matter. Our believers to bring their relatives and friends to Christ Jesus as open outreach programs are not possible these days. For Kisan Pal to get justice in the police case against him.

**MADHYA  
PRADESH**

**Chiriya:**

**Mahendran & Pushpam**

**Praise God:** 4 new villages had their doors opened for us to preach the Gospel. 505 new people heard the Gospel and 14 of them believed in faith and were added into the fold of Jesus. For Satyul who was suffering from black magic for 3 years was delivered from the evil spirit. Kalu received deliverance from the alcoholic addiction. Najma Dinesh who suffered unconsciousness due to low sugar level was helped at the right time. For the Danva, Akadiyafalliya, Kaduvai, Nayachainpur and Pipliyeavadi villages that have come to the saving faith in Jesus Christ.

**Pray:** For Amarsingh and Maidhi to receive healing from the evil spirit possession. Mabubai suffering with depression issues to receive healing in Christ. For Dhillip and Nakli to be healed of paralysis. For Sonu and Reshma to have a safe delivery. For the youth retreats and other spiritual programmes conducted to bear fruits in the lives of the people who attend these programmes.



*Happy Birthday*

Mrs. Kasheli Sema Yecto Choppy  
Miss. Mercy M.H. Chhuazi

## **Khargone/Gogaow: Binit Prasad & Amojita**

**Praise God:** For God enabled 1022 people to hear the Gospel for the first time. 4 of them accepted Jesus as their personal Saviour. 300 believers and Church leaders were blessed through ministry done in 32 villages. Small prayer cells have been initiated at Devda and Pipalwadi, uniting the local community in their pursuit of spiritual growth and togetherness. The construction of Chilotiya Church is nearing completion. Overcoming challenges with resilience, Panwa Church triumphantly reopened after facing three months of opposition, now fostering an environment of harmony and peace. For my mum's recovery after a major surgery for removal of a brain tumour.

**Pray:** For Parakya, Vikas, Lera and Reeka to be delivered from the bondage of evil spirit. For Kali facing mental challenges to be healed by God's mercy. For the multitudes who

hear the Gospel to respond in faith and for the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

## **Pansemal: Praveen & Mounika**

**Praise God:** 200 new people were reached with the Word of God in 3 new villages. 6 of them heard the Gospel and accepted the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour. For Ashish who underwent a hernia operation recovered well. For a believer's camp conducted in Golipada was a blessing to the believers. Mangli Ben was delivered of the evil spirit possession by prayers. For the safe delivery of a baby to wife of Raju in a complicated circumstance.

**Pray:** For God's protection upon believers in the light of a viral eye flu prevailing. Shona and Dhanraj who remain childless for the past 8 years to be blessed with a child. 4-year-old Ruthik suffering from sickle cell disease to be healed by God. For the Church construction at Chandsailli to progress, the land registration papers need to be ready. The Church construction at Rayakeda village is facing opposition from the village sarpanch who is a religious fanatic.



### *Happy Birthday*

Mrs. Mabel Christopher  
Mrs. Irgar Reshma Maruti

## **Pal: Venkatesh & Sheeba**

**Praise God:** 675 people heard the Gospel in 8 villages. 2 believers were added to Jesus flock. 1 Bible was given. 3 boys who are first generation college goers have joined nursing course. All night prayers and fasting prayers were conducted. 9 training programmes were conducted.

**Pray:** For the healing of Daybhai who has severe infection in eyes is asked to remove her eye; God to do a miracle in her life. For Vinoth and Kalu to be healed from paralysis, Eshwar from Garbordi village from leprosy. Barki to be healed from tooth problem where worms come out and gives a bad smell.

## **Dhar:**

### **Gopikrishnan & Menaga**

**Praise God:** Gospel was shared to 185 persons in 6 villages. 3 New Testaments were distributed. Team prayer and Bible Study were conducted thrice. Training and Bajan for New believers were conducted in Talavpura village. Outreach was

started in Sikarpura. Dinesh Chouhan family has joined the ministry done in Dhar field.

**Pray:** For the effort to start worship in Bhakner village which was a failure many a time to become fruitful. For Jagadish to stop taking the drug called gutka. For the Bible study groups that has been planned in Badwell, Sindrol and Bagdipura villages to be possible. For Reena from Talavpura village to be delivered from fear.

## **JHARKHAND**

### **Amarapara:**

### **Vyasu Babu & Soundarya Rekha**

**Praise God:** 1851 people heard the Gospel and 55 of them accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. For a new congregation formed in Litti village. For the healing, our village people experienced in Christ during various kinds of sicknesses. Talamai Murmu received healing from a snake bite.

**Pray:** The new believers must grow in their faith. For good rainfall for the cultivation of paddy. For more youth and men to attend our worship services. For the backslidden congregation in Dumbarbitta to be revived.



## **Chotagaghri:** **Sudhaharan & Florence**

**Praise God:** For the healing granted to Shanthi from Anemia. For the successful training of the evangelists in the last month. God's divine protection of our believers from poisonous snake bites. For the rains, the Lord provided for the cultivation work. For travel mercies throughout our mission trips.

**Pray:** Talamai Murmu, a female guru who used to heal people with her pujas has accepted Christ into her life, is frequently getting sick. Pray the Lord to heal her and make her a testimony. Sarati to receive healing from her frequent sickness. For the Ghatiari congregation which has split because of certain problems must be open to reconciliation. Job Murmu to receive deliverance from alcoholism and to accept Christ into his life. Stephen and Munni a young couple who live separated lives must be reconciled. For the fruitfulness of the evangelists, elders and missionary gatherings that takes place.

## **Gopikandar:** **John Dinesh & Binny Gnanam**

**Praise God:** 57 people were reached through the open doors in 7 new villages. 19 of them became believers and were added to the fold of Christ. For the soul winners camp conducted in July and the Church elders decided to build up their congregation. New congregations were started in Mohalbanna and Kamalokocha villages. Radhia Dehri was delivered from the evil spirit possession. For the open doors prevailing in Belia village for the proclamation of the Gospel.

**Pray:** Ramlal suffering from an ear problem to have his hearing restored. For the people in every village who oppose the Christian Faith to experience the love of Jesus. A few people who received healing were ready for the public confession of their faith in Jesus, but were stopped by those who indulge in witch craft etc. Our believer Samuel, an autistic boy suffering from Mental issues to be delivered. Rupai Dehri who is interested in hearing the Gospel must confess Christ as her Personal Saviour.





*Happy Birthday*

Mr. John David M.

**Pathna & Barharwa  
Santal girls' hostel:  
Peter Prabhakaran &  
Vimala**

**Praise God:** Gospel was preached to 500 people in 6 villages. 2 Bibles were distributed. 2 Bible studies, 2 fasting prayers, 1 Church elders training, 5 non-believer meetings were conducted. The members from 8 Churches of Chatra pastorate who went behind an evangelist who left our organization came back from him after knowing his wrong intentions. A temporary shed has been put over Mangaladi Church. For the good rain and cultivation as an answer to all our prayers.

**Pray:** For God to give 2 evangelists to minister in 2 pastorates in Pathana field. For the believers to prioritize attending Church service rather than their cultivation. For Simaldap, Baskola and Mangaladi families to accept the Lord. For Talbaria, Shivphad families to be blessed with children. For a place to be identified to worship the Lord in

Solapokhar. For our new believer Pakala Hembrom to be healed from mouth cancer.

**Nonihat:**

**M. Benhur & Jhansi Rani**

**Praise God:** 1450 people heard the Gospel through open doors prevailing in 23 new villages. 16 of them committed their lives to Christ and were saved. Poolmuni Marandy received deliverance from an evil spirit possession and became a believer. Bandu Marandy a paralysed man received healing. Sami Murmu received healing from epilepsy. For the night meetings which help people to gather in villages to hear the Word of God.

**Pray:** The new believers to grow in their faith. God to open the doors of Dumgiya, Balwa, Moganpur, Paramasiya villages for the proclamation of the Gospel. For the people who oppose the Christian work to experience the love of Jesus Christ. For Saklal, Rusilal and Luplal to be healed of TB. Baha Besra to be healed of Cancer. For provisions to buy land in Kattanja, Jadutha and Sijila villages for establishing Churches there. For the Church elders and group leaders to experience a spiritual revival that will stir their hearts to serve the Lord.



### *Happy Birthday*

Mr. Vasava Bhangsingh Moulya  
Mr. Paul Dayasingh A.Y., Mrs. Savithiri Kumar  
Mrs. Emimal Thilak, Miss. Salomi Malto

### **Pathargama:**

#### **Krishan Kumar & Shanthi Lal**

**Praise God:** 3 people accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. The healing hand of the Lord was upon many believers who experienced divine healing. Budhni Devi diagnosed with Filariasis a dreadful sickness received healing from the Lord. For the 24 villages in this field where we have open doors for the proclamation of the Gospel. Sonia suffering from eye problem received healing from the Lord.

**Pray:** For the many sick people who turn to the Lord for healing, must also repent of their sins. For the state of Jharkhand and the dangerous Falarasis disease to be eradicated. For Koni, Rambha and Puja to be delivered from the evil spirit possession. For the safe delivery of Sulochana. For the Chilkara believers who do not obey the Lord, nor give respect to the servants of the Lord, to repent and change.

## **WEST BENGAL**

### **Jamboni:**

#### **Ephraim Malli & Prosonsita**

**Praise God:** For helping us to reach out to 13 new villages to share the Gospel. Follow up ministry is being run successfully in 7 villages. My wife Prosonsita was miraculously saved in a motorbike accident. The Lord protected me when some drunkards cornered me and started arguing. For the open doors prevailing in many areas in this mission field.

**Pray:** For believers in Chavapara village and Nunio village to know Christ personally. For Chandray, Sabara, Kaluram Tudur and Juten Hamsdhah to accept Christ as their Saviour. For 33 Santal families in Paguvasole village to believe in faith in the Lord Jesus.



### **Safe - In the Hollow of His hands!**

Maharsingh and his wife Jhanu of Nepa Nagar in Madhya Pradesh were sleeping in their cattle shed, where they tie their cattle. It was very windy and was raining heavily during that night. While they were in deep sleep, in the middle of the night the cattle shed collapsed and whole roof came down heavily upon them and they were completely crushed under the roof along with their cattle. God saved them with minor injuries, both of them survived from the life claiming disaster and nothing happened to their animals as well. Halleluiah!





*Happy Birthday*

Mrs. Hena Kumari Gansalves

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

**Praise God:** 6 souls were added to His fold. 500 persons heard God's Word through the Outreach ministry done in 12 villages. 50 house visits and 2 film ministries were done. Our believer Parimal Murmu won in the Panchayat election as a ward member. Believers camp and Church elders' camps were conducted. God saved Surmila Hasdak from a poisonous snake.

**Pray:** For the families of Suresh Kisku, Josen Hasdak, Mitol Murmu, Sukumar Soren and Robin Soren from Gangarampur and Tapan Blocks are showing interest to accept Christ as their personal Savior. For the Guru / False prophet movement to be eradicated from the Santhal community, as they are cheating the people and our believers, by snatching their wealth; the so-called Gurus to know the real Lord. Believers those who are making and having Handi (alcohol) to leave and overcome this evil addiction. The following people to be healed- Sonoti Tudu from an unidentified Sicknesses, Mas.Amit Soren nerve weakness in the past 9 years to be able to walk and Raban Murmu family married for 7 years to be blessed with Children.

## **ASSAM**

### **Gohpur: Nathan Kumar & Nirupoma**

**Praise God:** 500 people heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ. One new soul was added to the fold of believers. The Lord gave His divine protection to the believers during the times of heavy rains and floods. 50 youth attended the youth camp at Sakola Church and were blessed with the Word of God. The Youth Sunday services were conducted in 2 Churches and it was a blessing. In Jamugari village, our believers were excommunicated for their faith in the year 2016. The Lord at his appointed time moved the hearts of the village heads and they reconciled with our believers to let them into the community work in the villages. Two backslidden families in this village have come back to the faith.

**Pray:** One family in Dhillapokara village is interested to know the Lord. Pray that they may come into a saving faith. For Reboti to be healed of her kidney stone, so the villagers can know the wonder working power of our Lord. For the Lord to send a revival in all the Churches from Bortamuli to Jamuguri fields. Pray that the Lord should give five more families to join each of our congregations in our fields. For the Church leaders to actively exercise their responsibility for the growth of our Church.



**Majuli:**

### **Lalmani Bisoyi & Bhagirathi**

**Praise God:** 3 people accepted the Lord as their personal Saviour. We were able to meet some people outside the village for the follow-up ministry. Bakhosti Misong a pujari heard the Gospel and gave glory to Jesus. Another pujari's son in law was healed from a severe fever in response to prayers.

**Pray:** For our new believers Shion Pegu, Bhipapawo and Purdai Powa to grow in their faith. Some of the villages were flooded with water due to heavy rains. Pray for the relief for the people affected by the floods. For Joseph's family to serve the Lord.

**Silapathar:**

### **Gond Devubhai & Randhe Naynaben**

**Praise God:** For all the believers and Church elders who took care of the mission field in our absence. Maya and Bharthi experienced a healing from their stomach pain by the Grace of God and by prayers.

**Pray:** Akanjan's family is ready to confess their faith in Christ publicly,

but are hindered for fear of opposition from other villagers. For a church to be built in silapatar field. For our prayer fellowships at Akajan, Kathalguri, Bormurya and Sithalmari areas that God may bring more people to join these groups. For the youths of our field who are working in other states that God would preserve them from all addictions. For the Lord to bless this year's cultivation.



### **By His Wounds...**

A woman named Lukki Hansda, from Amarappara in Jharkhand who did not know Christ, was suffering from intractable stomach pain while her husband, Vimal Marandi, had migrated for work. When she did not get better after doing many mantras, she approached the doctor who saw the scan report and told her that she had a stone in the gall bladder. Meanwhile she became pregnant. So the doctors could not do any treatment for her. In this situation, she asked our believers near her house to pray and also came and participated in our Church services. For 8 months, Luki Hansda participated in prayers and in the fasting prayers conducted in her village. She was healed without any treatment and God also ordered a healthy delivery. They accepted Jesus as their personal savior as a family. To God be the glory.





*Happy Birthday*

Mr. John Stephen Y.

**Lokra:**

**Bharude Pratap &  
Kumare Bharati**

**Praise God:** For the 23 children and 20 youth who learnt from the Bible in the youth and children's camps conducted at Dharikati Church and Aaradhana Church. The Lord helped us to reach out to 2 new villages - Pathkota gaon and Bor-decorai gaon. 65 New Testaments were distributed among the seekers. Omen Milli's life was preserved with a small leg fracture after a road accident by the Grace of God.

**Pray:** For the outreach ministry done in Baligaon and Jogi Basti. Villages in Lokra field to know God's love to come back to the fold of Jesus Christ. For the safe delivery for my wife Kumare and for her maternity leave period.

**CHHATTISGARH**

**Ludeg:**

**Karunakaran  
& Elizabeth**

**Praise God:** 12 new villages were met with the Gospel and 123 people heard the Word of the Lord. Pradeep

suffering from an intense pain received a healing through prayer. Ramkumar started attending the worship service in response to our prayers. Vimala who remained anaemic for 7 months recovered well by the Grace of God. Sukalu received healing from swollen legs.

**Pray:** For Beyush, Lejha, Ashish Ekka and Ramila Tigga to receive healing from mental depression. Anju to be delivered from an evil spirit possession. Peter Tigga has boils in his hands and legs due to diabetes to receive healing from the Lord. The families of Anish and Nirmala remain childless even after a decade of married life to receive God's mercy for granting them a child. The people who attended the youth camp and the women's camp must be faithful in their commitments to the Lord.

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**The Lord the Protector!**

Mahender is our believer from Sajwan Nagar in Patparganj Delhi. He was bedridden due to paralytic attack. But the Lord healed him last year. Still, he was unable to walk, but he could drive e-rickshaw for hire and runs his family. While he took his family in his e-rickshaw the vehicle turned upside down and met with an accident. Reka the wife of Mahender had a mild fracture in her leg. The Lord protected four of them without any other major injuries. Now Mahender is able to drive his vehicle again. Praise the Lord!





*Happy Birthday*

Mrs. Glory Robert William  
Mr. Pratyush Nayak

**Pratapur:**

**Dinesh Kumar & Neetu**

**Praise God:** Gospel was preached to 140 persons in 5 villages. 1 Bible and 5 New Testaments were distributed. New families are attending the worship in Damoderpur village. For the open door to Gospel in new villages called Gotgowa and Lodhi. Fasting prayer was conducted in Damoderpur, Kattima and Baykona villages.

**Pray:** For the contacts we got in new villages - Jamdhee, Haratolee, Bhodona and Ladwa to accept the Lord. For Anand Kujur a 9 – year old boy to receive healing from full body swelling. For Upender Lakra family to boldly confess their faith in Jesus. For good monsoon in Chhattisgarh. For an open door for the Gospel in Gopi Nagar, Hare Deha, Neelkerpur, Chanchi, Dhorpur and Kancone villages. For the two volunteers Perkash and Suk Dave Singh to learn to share the Gospel.

**BIHAR**

**Murliganj:**

**John (retd). & Selina Joyce**

**Praise God:** For regular services held in Dhamsaina and Bhagavanpur villages. For the Bible studies being conducted in Bejnatpur, Mahishi and Safetabarna villages. 9-year-old Rajnanthini was seriously sick and doctors gave up hope, but through prayer she received healing and is now alive. Jesus film screened at Bejnatpur village was viewed by 30 people.

**Pray:** Some people from an Islamic background are showing interest to hear the Gospel, but lack courage to change due to social stigma prevailing locally. For opposition beginning to rise in Bedari village where the screening of Jesus film was stopped by some people who oppose the Christian faith. For the Christians who seriously lack oneness among them to have unity. Banarasi and Habajan to be delivered from evil attacks.

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**Cast your Burden  
unto Jesus!**

Geetha Ben, a believer in the Surat field in Gujarat, migrated from Uttar Pradesh to Surat. A case of theft was falsely filed against her son, who lives in Uttar Pradesh. When all the believers prayed for him, he got completely liberated. To God be the glory.

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*Fasting Prayer Day*

**Happy Birthday**

Mr. Johan Malto

**ODISHA**

**Dhenkanal:**

**Ashok Nayak & Surabhi**

**Praise God:** 677 people heard the Gospel for the first time in 6 villages. 7 of them gave their lives to Jesus Christ and joined the flock of Jesus. Our local evangelist Sudhanshu is blessed with a baby girl. 2 new families from Saregon village have joined the Church services. A new worship service has been started in Tilabani Sahi village. The Dhenkanal field ministry has been handed over to Rev. Ashok Nayak from Mr Santu Marandi.

**Pray:** For Shilkey and Shrimati who are suffering from an ailment for the past 8 years to receive healing. Jaduka suffering from mental problem and Sarajani suffering from TB to receive healing from the Lord. For open doors to prevail in Saadhumunda, Bandhasahi, Baragagi and Kui villages.

**Keonjar:**  
**Pratyush Nayak & Marithai Leona**

**Praise God:** 822 people were reached in 8 new villages and 22 of them who heard the Gospel and were added to His fold. 12 New Testaments and 17 Bibles were distributed. Laxmi who was barren for 7 years was blessed with a baby. Ritik the son of our Evangelist recovered from a sickness. Manita suffering from vomiting blood and stomach ache received healing as we prayed in the Bangursuni Church. Kanak Devgum was delivered from the evil spirit possession. Gujarat Bhilasa Munda who faced oppression from the evil spirit remained barren, but when she started praying in faith, the Lord delivered her and blessed her to conceive a child.

**Pray:** For the following people to receive healing; Gania - Low blood count, Basudev - Paralysis. For the eye infection virus spreading in the Keonjar village area. Kanchan Munda who suffered burn injuries in her hands and legs to heal well. For many sick people who receive healing when they come and pray in the Bangarsuni Church, but stop attending the Church once they are healed. A few people who addicted to bad habits be able to be delivered.



*Happy Birthday*

Mr. Prasantha Kumar K.  
Mr. Ebinesar Samuel

**Rimuli:**

**P. Shankar & Jelin**

**Praise God:** 550 people heard the Gospel preached to them in 9 New Villages. For our transfer to a new mission field in Jharkand State. For the survey undertaken in 15 villages with the help of a local evangelist. Mitha Majhi was delivered from an evil spirit possession. For open doors to preach the Gospel in Kusumbondh, Chellianali, Panpadhariya and Kumarbondh villages. For Ganesh, Punjabi and Mahesh interested to hear the Gospel. Akash Munda beginning to attend Church after a gap of 4 years.

**Pray:** For believers to share the Gospel in their own villages to their relatives and neighbours. For the prayer life of the believers to improve. For the believers to consistently attend the Church services and other spiritual meetings. For people of the Moudhi village who are willing to accept Jesus, but being threatened by other villagers. For Bogal Munda, Jothi Mumda, Simran, Bodhana, Sakunthala to find a life partner as

the villagers are not willing to give them a bride because they embraced the Christian Faith. For the Lord to send his healing spirit upon those people who are willing to seek him.

**GUJARAT**

**LTI Fokdi:**

**Reuben Ravi & Vijayarani**

**Praise God:** For the showers of rain that God has sent preparing people for the sowing season. 22 local people were trained as Swartiks in the Suvapada region. The Field visit by the leaders and supporters from Vellore was a great source of encouragement. A training for the 8 missionary families of the Western Zone was successfully conducted. 17 local swartiks were trained to do evangelism in the Sahayatri region. The Lord saved the missionary's life from a motorbike accident and his leg is getting healed now.

**Pray:** For the fasting prayers conducted for the Suvartiks in the Satpuda and Aravalli region would burden their hearts for the lost souls. For the ordination of local suvatiks and few missionaries from NSM as Reverends by the Bishop of CNI Gujarat Diocese. For the missionary to recover well from a ligament tear in his right knee and continue the ministry with God's strength.



## **Pipalwada Girls Hostel: Pon Augustine & Joyce Shobana**

**Praise God:** For the spiritual retreat for 2 days conducted for the children. Pooja and Dhakshata passed their 12th std exams successfully. Our RO System is repaired and the children get sufficient quantity of treated water. We had a night prayer with our children teaching them to depend on the Lord fully.

**Pray:** For the Lord's protection upon the children when they go through various sickness. The children should grow spiritually through the retreats and Bible programmes conducted in the hostel. The new children to adjust to the Christian discipline of the hostel. The Lord should fulfil the need of a washing machine in the hostel. The water leakage in the hostel building should be rectified. For the need of a staff quarters and the home in charge house construction to begin.

## **Surat: Mathavaroy (ret'd). & Jebathangam**

**Praise God:** The mysterious snakes that used to enter Shobaben's house disappeared after fervent prayers. Geethanben's son who was falsely accused for theft and arrested by the police was vindicated for

his honesty and released by the police. An old Church in which the women's fellowship was conducted was destroyed. But the Lord opened the heart of a believer who offered his house as an alternative place for worship at Gandhinagar which is quite far away.

**Pray:** For Sonu to get a job. For Poonaben who lost her younger sister in an accident be comforted by God's love. Samir and Monisha to reconcile with each other and forgive one another. For Amit, Shantilal, Sandeep, Binadevi's husband and Suresh to be delivered from the bondage of alcohol. For the purchase of land in Bestan to build a Church. For the persecutors of Christian faith who disrupt our worship services and threaten our believers to taste the love of God.

## **Mansa: J Chelladurai & Kanakanesam**

**Praise God:** Follow up ministry was done among 5 people group. House visits and personal evangelism were done. Mahesh Bhai joined with his wife Anitha after many years. Vijay Bhai who had fractured his leg during an accident is walking without the walker.

**Pray:** For Mahesh Bhai, Dhinesh Bhai, Babaji (Paralysed) from the Thakor community to come out from the grip of mathaji and the power of darkness. For Mahesh Bhai and his wife Anitha who have reunited in their marriage life after a period of separation to receive salvation.



### *Happy Birthday*

Mr. Daniel Vijayaraj  
Mrs. Lourdu Mary Giri Babu  
Mrs. Jasmine Kavitha Densingh

## **Bhavnagar:** **Akhilesh Kumar & Kiran Devi**

**Praise God:** 69 persons heard the Gospel for the first time in 2 villages. Follow up ministry was done in 1 village. 3 fasting prayers and 3 outreach ministries were conducted. 1 Bible was given to a seeker. Pushpaben was healed from chest pain by prayer. Ashok Kumar was delivered from demon possession. Brajeshbhai's land problem was not solved through court but was solved when they prayed.

**Pray:** For Lalbhai who purchased a house 4 years back giving a huge sum, but now the corporation says that the house is in the government property and that it needs to be demolished. Anitaben to be delivered from the habit of drinking alcohol. For Rajpara and Vartej village people who are following Khodiyar Mata and have heard the Gospel to respond positively. For Hadanagar people to whom the corporation has given a letter to leave that society because

they have plans to demolish the houses in that area; Lord to give them an alternate place to settle down.

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

**Praise God:** 3 villages were reached with the Gospel and 275 persons heard the Gospel. 1 New Testament and 2 Bibles were distributed. Walsingh who was abusing his wife and children due to alcoholic addiction is delivered from it through the prayers that were offered for him and is attending the Church services as a family now. Aravandh Bhai from Lakanpur got a seat to study B. Th. in Ahemadabad. For few families who are showing interest in the Gospel from Gunda, Sundhavara and Malibaga villages.

**Pray:** For Aravandh Bhai from Lakanpur to finish his Bible college studies successfully. For Soganbhai, Aravidbhai, and Vanithben to be delivered from demon possession. Sanjay Bhai to be cured from tongue cancer. Payal Ben, Manisa Ben and Vanitha Ben to be blessed with children. Kaiya Bhai's lungs to function well. For the Church Construction work in Lakanpur to start soon. For the Panchayat leaders to give permission to build Churches in Madhuva and Vakola villages.





*Happy Birthday*

Mrs. Nirmala Mithran  
Mrs. Shanti Lal Krishan Kumar

## DADARA NAGAR HAVELI

**Khanvel:**

**Arul Aseer & Suguna**

**Praise God:** Ganpath Bhai from Dolora Village miraculously survived snake bite. Shivani Ben from Parzai village got a government job through prayer. Sathish Bhai from Dolora village who is studying MBBS could not write his last semester exam well but when the family prayed for him, he scored good marks and completed his course successfully. God healed Jebri Ben of Theikad village from ulcer that he had been suffering for 10 years. Parvati Ben from Piproni village has conceived a child after 5 years of marriage.

**Pray:** For Anil Bhai of Bindrapin village who is not given land to do agriculture because he accepted Jesus Christ to be supported by his family members. For Sundari Ben's husband Gulab Bhai to attend the Church services. For Timoti Ben of Vasona village to be healed from

thyroid. For the special service planned in which the believers are getting ready to confess their faith to go on without any hindrances.

## MAHARASHTRA

**Allapalli:**

**Kuldeep Singh &  
Gurpreet Kaur**

**Praise God:** For 779 new people heard the Gospel in 42 new villages, where God opened the doors for us to minister. For Samakka who was seriously sick with swelling in her body, was healed miraculously by the Grace of God. For the safe delivery of a baby boy for the missionary's wife Gurpreet. For a good harvest by our believer Vilas Gowder after the rains. For Vijay who was healed of blood vomiting and Bichu who received healing from paralysis after an accident.

**Pray:** For the safe delivery of our believer Kushboo. For Dushiyant's daughter to know the love of Jesus in her life. For the families of Sunil, Mahendran, Avinash, Gunesh, Mithun and Bharath Gedam to publicly confess their faith in Jesus. For some of our believers' families who desire for a baby, that God should grant them children. For our evangelist and missionary families to grow spiritually.



*Happy Birthday*

Mr. Albert Prabhakaran N.

**Igatpuri:**

**Nagarajan & Thilagavathi**

**Praise God:** 170 people heard the Word of God and 4 of them accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Personal Saviour. 8 Bibles and 21 New Testaments were distributed to the seekers. Soul winning training was conducted in Junavaniwadi and Vihigav villages and Small Group training was conducted in morambi, Karoli villages to equip our believers. For the healing Kusumbu received from her prolonged chest pain. The Worship group which was stopped in Mukane village started to function again, after a gap of one year.

**Pray:** For God's grace upon physically challenged kids Deepika and Mallika. For 5 of our believer families who are childless to be blessed with children. For Vagubachawadi, Mukane, Dhargav and Avali villages, where opposition to the Gospel is high and the missionaries are refused entry. For Kalpana and Nirmala to receive deliverance from evil spirits. Seeta suffering from cancer should receive

healing. The peace in Karoli village congregation should not be disturbed due to an internal conflict prevailing between 2 believers.

**Khandbara & Navapur:**

**Balaji Netalam &  
Jegadeeswari**

**Praise God:** 7 new people started attending the Church. The believer's night meet at Dhong village was restarted after a break. For the youth meet happening regularly at Wakipada village. For our house visits in Devmogra village praying for the families. For the open doors in Teenmouli, Navapada and Betkipada villages to proclaim the Gospel.

**Pray:** For the salvation of the new comers - Families of Nikita, Kallu Dada, Sangeetha, Shiva, Maya and Vishwas that they may believe in Jesus. Some of our believers' husbands do not come to the Church service. For Neelime, Resha, Mogri, Parimala, Maya, Mahima and Anusha to find suitable Christian life partners. For the 14 people who are prepared for a public confession of faith, to remain firm in their commitment. That God should open doors to preach the Gospel in Kalamba, Ranala, Aruditada, Aslipadaand and Balambra villages.



*Happy Birthday*

Mrs. Rebacamma Paul  
Mr. Siehkhothang Zou

**Thalasari:**

**Mayilsamy & Yesumani**

**Praise God:** God opened the doors of 3 new villages to proclaim the Gospel and 341 people heard the Good News. 10 of them accepted the Lord as their personal Saviour. Preethi a 15-year-old girl was delivered from an evil spirit possession as the Church fasted and prayed for her. Today her whole family is attending the Church service. Bhajans, a tool for sharing the Gospel, took place in 4 places. Families of Dinesh, Vikram and Easwar are the new contacts through the outreach ministry.

**Pray:** For the many people who are personally convicted to confess their faith publicly, but are apprehensive because of repercussions from other villagers. Archana who is barren for 8 years to be blessed with a child by the mercy of God. For Aryan a special child, to find God's purposes for his life. For

Vanitha to be delivered of the evil spirit possession which is troubling her and for her husband to stay strong in these trying times.

**Chopda &  
Sangvi Hostel:**

**Bhangsing Vasava &  
Yemen**

**Praise God:** 126 persons heard God's Word for the first time in 4 villages. 20 New Testaments and 3 Bibles were distributed. Film program was conducted in Rampur Chopda, night meetings in Galanga village. Nema was healed from paralysis when prayers were offered for her. 12 boys were counselled for their bad behaviour. The hostel boys are memorizing Bible verses every Sunday. 20 youths participated in a youth meeting conducted.

**Pray:** The Veloda village leader who opposes the ministry to repent. The boys in our hostel to study well. The boys are getting seasonal sickness like vomiting and loose motion. The problem in updating the details in the hostel children's adhar card due to which they face problem in their schools eventually they are getting dropped out of school to be solved.



## KARNATAKA

### Nidagundi:

**Narendra Kumar;  
Samuel Beberta**

**Praise God:** A missionary has been newly placed in this mission field. For being able to share the Gospel to 90 people. 7-year-old Nandish received healing from Dengue by prayer. New people and a few backslidden people have started coming back to the Church services. Shivallela a non-believer with health issues and who was told by the doctors that she will live only for 3 months came to the Church and prayed. The Lord miraculously healed her.

**Pray:** For Milan and Vikas to be delivered from their alcoholic bondage. Shivallela affected with black magic is unable to marry. Pray she may find a suitable God-fearing life partner. For the higher studies of our youth who seek admission in colleges and to find good hostels to stay. For Raju,

Sunil, Vasanth, Sakkubai and Usha to find a suitable Life Partner in prayer. Laxmikanth who suffered a fracture to be healed by our Lord.

## Gajendragada:

**Manjya Naik &  
Ratna**

**Praise God:** 400 people heard the Gospel in 3 new villages. For Sharanamma a believer who contested and won the Panchayat Gram Elections. For Sharanappa who lost her baby last year, but through our Swarthik 's contact came to the Lord in faith and is blessed with a baby this year. 90 women gathered for the women's revival meet at Gajendragada. Annapurna who remained barren for 10 years is now blessed with a child by the Grace of God.

**Pray:** For Jayashree a new contact and the need for peace in her family. Shantanamma suffering from joint pain for 5 years must receive healing from the Lord. Deepa's husband who has a debt of 6 lakh would find a way to repay the amount and live peacefully. The Lord should grant a permanent job for Gauvamma who is currently working for a Girl's Hostel for 13 years on contract.



## **Gowrvidanur: Francis Duraiswamy & Jeyanthi**

**Praise God:** 600 people were reached with the Gospel in 6 new villages. One person accepted the Lord as his Personal Saviour. For Shivappa who was healed of his abdominal pain through prayer. Dhanushree who was barren for many years conceived through faith and prayers. Pramila who reconciled with her husband Lazarus and are now united together.

**Pray:** For Sathyamma suffering from 4th stage cancer to receive a miraculous healing. For the new people who are willing to publicly confess their faith in Christ. For Manjulla who is opposed by her husband for attending Church must persevere amidst the obstacles in faith. For Joyce to be comforted over the loss of her mother. For the few people who are addicted to alcoholism to be delivered from this evil.

## **ANDHRA PRADESH**

### **Pulivendula: Daniel Vijayaraj & Indramma**

**Praise God:** 40 people are attending the two worship groups that have

been started in this field. Shoba was healed from allergy in the eyes. Narayanamma and Reddyamma are attending the worships after a period of absence.

**Pray:** For Anjamma, Preethi, Langa Reddy, Subbaiya, Sunanthamma, Sivamma, Gangamma, Gangulamma, Anjai, Ajay, Rajini, Natheeswari, Venkataswami, Suvalakshi, Tulasi, Aathema, and Naveena to accept the Lord. Lakshmiamma to get healed from night blindness. Suvapna, Sunil and Bhavan to get suitable God-fearing life partners.

### **V. Kotta:**

### **Sanjay Kumar & Sagarika**

**Praise God:** 2 persons have accepted Jesus as their personal Saviour and have been added to His fold. 2 villages have been reached with the Gospel. Amaramma feels better from the effect of blood cancer after prayer.

**Pray:** For the renovation work at Bireddipalli Church roof to be completed. For the 4 new families which are attending the Church service from Mudiyanur village to accept the Lord and to be added to the flock of Jesus. For Umarani to be able to walk and Kalaivani to be healed from skin disease.





*Happy Birthday*

Miss. Sushajita Senapati

### Palamaner:

#### Paul Kuppusamy & Shyla

**Praise God:** New moon and full moon prayers were conducted. Women believers from 7 villages gathered for the women's meeting conducted in Appinapalli Church and were spiritually blessed. Brajwal a 5-year-old boy who is unable to talk had some problem while eating, but God healed him when prayed for.

**Pray:** For the believers in Basavarjandrigha to be strengthened in their faith and to be regular to the Sunday worships. For Reddysri to be healed from paralysis and his parents to accept the Lord. For motors to be fitted in Appinapalli, Samuthirapalli and Kolamasanapalli Churches.

### Kuppam:

#### Venkatesan & Sasikala

**Praise God:** New moon day prayer, Youth meeting, Night prayer and trainings were conducted. Pawan's very high sugar was controlled when

he attended the night prayer and prayed. Lakshmi from C. Pandalli was delivered from demon possession.

**Pray:** For Amavaasai who met with an accident and is badly injured to be healed. For Chithambaram, Shailaja, Madhu, Rosy, Lakshmi, Sanju, Subramani, Vedavathi and Sangeetha to boldly confess their faith in Jesus. For compound walls to be built for Metapalli and Kutlanayanapalli Churches.

### Kalakkada:

#### Subash & Tumbada; Rasilaben

**Praise God:** Gospel was shared in a new village. Night meeting was conducted in 2 villages. 15 New Testaments were distributed. Follow up ministry was done in 22 villages. 10 persons are newly attending the prayer conducted in Vattipalli. Narasimalu's family is eagerly receiving the Gospel.

**Pray:** For a new prayer cell to be started in Vattipalli and Magalrajapalli. Prabhakar to be healed from Paralysis, Venkatramana from kidney problem and Suthakar from mental illness. Nandhu to be delivered from demon possession.



*Happy Birthday*

Mrs. Tumpa Chowdhury Om Prakash

**TAMILNADU**

**Illampillai:**

**Wilson & Jaya**

**Praise God:** For Geetha, Tamilarasan and Inniya, new believers to keep growing in faith and Christian maturity. For those who heard the Word of God in Sivathapuram village responded to the Gospel. People who attended the fasting prayer are growing close to the Lord. Rani's family who hadn't backslidden resumed their faith. Rani's family who had backslidden came back to the faith.

**Pray:** For Ramaswamy to be delivered from the bondage of the evil spirit. For some of our believers suffering from ailments to receive healing from the Lord. For the salvation of families of Malliga, Perumaye, Sarasamma, Maheshwari, Jyothi, Valliyamma, Moses and Palaniamma and to believe in faith. For Magena and Monisha to be blessed with children. For our believers to find the good Christian life partners. For the Word of God to bear fruits in the lives of those who listen through various meetings.

**Mecheri: R R Dharmaraj  
& Mariaselvi**

**Praise God:** Gospel was shared to 15 persons in 1 village. Gospel book packets were distributed to few people who were interested in it amidst many who rejected it and said that they are not interested in Jesus Christ. Mohan had a successful surgery to remove kidney stone. Subash is receiving healing from cancer.

**Pray:** For Subash and Sarasvati to be completely healed from cancer. Pradeep, Vimalraj, Arul and Vidhya to get God fearing suitable partners. For Narendran and Nancy to be blessed with children. For Selvaraj to be delivered from alcoholic addiction. For Karupannar family who are weavers to accept Jesus into their life.

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**What shall I return to the Lord  
for all His goodness to me?**

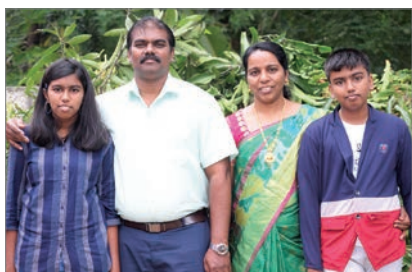
Tukaram age 45 is our believer from Salidhana village of Khalwa field in Madhya Pradesh. His grandson age around five all of sudden got fits. He was frequently affected by it. His parents were much worried about the child. Tukaram started to fast and pray continuously for a month to heal his grandson. He prayed with a vow: "I will share the testimony of how God healed my grandson coming fasting prayer and I will also give offering and five Kg sweets for the believers". As the faith of Tukaram his grandson was healed without any medical treatment. Praise be to the Lord.

Brother S. Ebi Gnana Celin was born in a place called Puthalam in Kanyakumari district on 04-06-1980 in a Christian family. His parents, Mr.G.Selvaraj (late) & Mrs Packia Selvarajam are FMPB Prayer Group leaders for a long time. He was growing up with all the Christian values from his childhood and his parents committed him as a full-time missionary, especially in FMPB ministry. This was kindling his heart from childhood. When he entered college, his life was going away from Christian values and he was living with his own desires. But our God Almighty touched him in the month of October 1999 through Youth for Christ. The meeting was held at Nagercoil. In that meeting, he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior and committed his life to the full-time ministry. After college, he worked in the Youth for Christ organization as a volunteer for one year.

On June 12th 2002, he joined as a full-time missionary in FMPB, after his training in Kachwa he was placed at Jeep ministry among the Santhal people in Jharkhand. After a few months, he was placed at the head office in the Finance Department.

He married Sis. Jenila Pon Malar on 04-05-2006. Sister E.Jenila Pon Malar was born in a Christian family on 30-10-1981 in a place called Karungal in Kanyakumari District to Mr. Eliyas and Mrs. Baby Suseela. She was growing up in Christian environment from her childhood. She was involved in all the church activities. Moreover, she was passionate about doing God's Ministry from childhood through hearing the missionary sharing and reading the missionary biographies. In 1999, she accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour during the VBS Sandhiya held in her church. Also, she committed her life to do God's ministry. In the year 2004, one day she had a dream through which she confirmed her calling for full-time ministry. After her studies, she joined the FMPB ministry in the year 2005 and she was sent to Bethel for her training. After their marriage, both were continuing their ministry in the Finance Department up to 2018, after that they were placed in Hyderabad for the mobilization ministry and served for 4 years. Again they are transferred to head office in the year 2022. At present they are working in the Finance Department at headquarters.

They are blessed with two children, elder daughter Miss. E. Sherlin Reshna was born on 15-06-2008 now studying 10th standard and their son Mr. E. Jeffrin Rajish was born on 24-03-2010 now studying 8th standard. Kindly uphold this family in your valuable prayers.



**Mr. Ebi Gnana Celin &  
Mrs. Jenila Pon Malar  
Family**



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- To motivate the members and leaders for deeper involvement.

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