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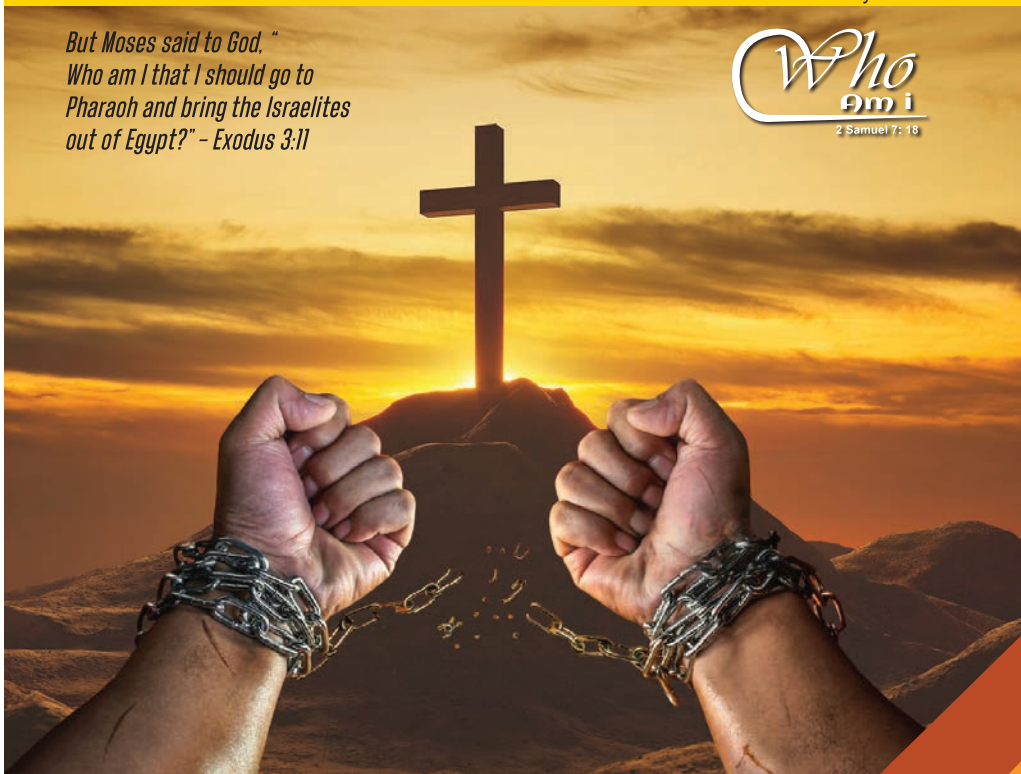
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But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" – Exodus 3:11

Who
am I
2 Samuel 7: 18



GOD THE REDEEMER

"Who am I to refuse God's Purpose?"

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Frontline...

God the Redeemer

Abraham Lincoln, the former president of the United States of America, saw a pig floundering in the mud on his way to Congress. He signaled the driver to stop the vehicle and saw if the driver could save the pig out of the gutter but in vain. Therefore he himself got into the rescue mission ignoring the expensive clothes that he was wearing. He got into the gutter and saved the pig out of the mess. In the same way our Lord we worship today is alive and He cares about us. **He sees**

- All that we do and our sufferings too. **He feels** - our innermost feelings.

He hears - And the voice of yearning that we cannot express it in words).

He speaks - Words of comfort, rebuke and guidance. That is why when the people of Israel were in slavery, in Exodus 3:7 God says "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering". So saying this, instead of remaining silent, he started to act, that is, when He shared with Moses His heart beat for His people and the plan of redemption. Moses in return said in Exodus 3:11, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" In this verse, we see that Moses refused to fulfill God's purpose. Therefore God chooses the leaders like Moses and he qualifies them and trains them through difficult circumstances and in many ways, leading them straight to the purpose He has. To redeem the Israelites, God chose Moses when he was a small child and placed him in the Pharaoh's palace for years and after which he taught patience and humility through the sheep and in the wilderness for 40 years. God qualified Moses who refused to accept the plan and used him for His redemption plan. On that day, God used leaders like Moses and many kings and judges in his plan of redemption. God, unable to see that his people are drowning in slavery in the mire of sin, came as a savior and completed everything for us in the plan of salvation. He is looking for a group of people to be used in the work of redemption to tell the way of salvation that has been accomplished today. Let us surrender ourselves completely at His feet to be used.



- **Mercy Selwyn** (Communication Department)

**"In a burst of anger I turned
my face away for a little while.
But with everlasting love I will
have compassion on you,"
says the Lord, your Redeemer.**

- Isaiah 54: 8

**Prayer is essentially a
partnership of the redeemed
child of God working hand
in hand with God toward the
realization of His redemptive
purposes on earth.**

- Jack W. Hayford

**Yet their Redeemer is strong;
the Lord Almighty is his name.
He will vigorously defend their
cause so that he may bring
rest to their land, but unrest
to those who live in Babylon.**

- Jeremiah 50:34

**The longing of my heart
is to make known my glorious
Redeemer to those who have
never heard.**

- William Chalmers Burns

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Our Vision:

Reach the unreached Indians
with the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Our Mission:

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

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

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among various people groups.

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FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY...

Dear Partners in the mission of reaching the un-reached,

Many times, I have read Mark 10: 43, but when I read it yet again few days back, the Holy Spirit put the verse in a new light. The background of this verse started with the request of John and James to Jesus Christ that He had to do whatever they ask. They wanted the prime position among Jesus' disciples. As a reply to their request Jesus said in Mark 10:43, Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be **your** servant. Jesus said that if you want to become great among a group of people, you must be **their** servant. It is not becoming servant to someone else or somewhere else but being a servant to the same people among whom the person wants to become great. Unless we emptied our pride, ego, positions etc. on the altar of the Lord completely, God may not fulfil His will in our lives.

Visit of Tamil Nadu Zonal missionaries, Evangelists, and churches:

Before Christmas, I visited Tamil Nadu zonal field missionaries and evangelists for four days for a time of fellowship. I shared the Word of God in three church Christmas programs. God blessed the visit.

Kodaikanal meeting: After Christmas, for two days I taught missiological insights to the missionaries of an indigenous Organization in Kodaikanal. The sessions were an enriching experience for me too along with the missionaries.

Punjab visit: From 4th January to 7th January, I visited the missionaries serving the Lord in the state of Punjab. It was hectic four days of travel including the nights and reaching the staying spot only in the early morning hours. The weather was very cold and foggy and driving in the foggy nights were very difficult. But the presence and protecting hands of the Lord helped us to travel safely.

CCC training in Faridkot: Along with senior missionaries, we conducted the Cross Cultural Communication training for the Punjab, Jammu and the Himachal missionaries in the Training Centre at Faridkot, Punjab. The data gathered from the language helpers by the missionaries are very useful for the ministry.

Visiting prayer group leaders in Chennai: On 16th afternoon, I visited with the Secretary Scan to some of the prayer group leader families to share the joy and sorrow of the families.

Fall of a corn of wheat: Mr. G. Kumar served the Lord in FMPB for 18 years and

on 17th January 2024, entered into the glory at the age of 45. At the time of his home call, he was ministering in Gospel Ratham. Please remember his wife Mrs. Savithri and two children studying in Santhosha Vidhyalaya. I thank all the prayer group leaders who stood with the Sister at the time of this great loss.

Please pray for my following programs in the month of February 2024

Presbyter ordination in Amritsar:

The Bishop of CNI Amritsar Diocese Rt. Rev. Samantaroy has graciously fixed the date to ordain 26 of our missionaries as Presbyters on 4th February 2024. We thank the dear Bishop for this great help to the ministry

Interview of the missionaries:

February 8th is scheduled to conduct the interview to recruit missionaries. Please pray that good number of candidates may turn up for the interview and God's chosen ones may be selected.

National Planning Conference 2024:

The yearly event of the National Planning Conference will be conducted in Chennai on 10th and 11th of February 2024. Please pray for God's blessings and guidance be on the gathering. 9th February will be observed as a 12 hour fasting and prayer day.

217th Executive Committee meeting:

The 217th Executive Committee meeting

will be held on 11th and 12th of February 2024. We appreciate your kind prayers.

Orientation for newly appointed field secretaries in Nagpur:

An orientation for the newly appointed field secretaries is organized by the field department in Nagpur. I will conduct some sessions to the secretaries on 15th and 16th February 2024.

Divisional Secretaries meeting:

The two days fasting and prayer and 2 days planning for the Divisional Secretaries will be conducted from 20th February to 23rd February.

SCAN meeting in Erode:

Please pray for the SCAN meeting in Erode and other programs on 24th and 25th February.

CCC for Northern Zone missionaries:

The Cross Cultural Communication workshop will be conducted beginning from 28th February in Jhansi. Your prayers are highly appreciated

I would like to extend my thanks to all of you for your prayers and supporting the ministry in all possible ways. Kindly pray for all the missionaries that they may reach more number of un-reached people. I believe your wholehearted support will take us much closer to achieve the vision.

Your fellow servant in God's mission



Rev. John Berlin S.

A dramatic illustration of Moses, an elderly man with a white beard, wearing a grey robe and a hood. He holds a long wooden staff in his right hand and gestures with his left hand towards a bright, cloudy sky. The sky is filled with large, billowing white and yellow clouds, suggesting a divine presence or a powerful light source.

Who Am I to refuse God's Purpose?

God had heard the cry of the Israelites and called Moses for the task. Moses clearly heard a voice from the burning bush calling out his name. Moses responded in a humble response "Here I Am" (Exodus 3:4-5). God told why Moses that He had seen the suffering of His people under the cruelty of the Egyptians and has heard their cries (Exodus 3:7). God called Moses to be the person He would work through to deliver His people from the bondage in Egypt (Exodus 3:10).

Introduction:

Often when God chooses us to do something great, our initial response will be to resist, pushing back against His plan. Resistance comes from our belief that we know the situation better than God does. We are happy to have God take care of situations for us. We just do not want or hesitate to be His primary instrument. Moses was no exception. Moses received a direct call from the God of Abraham.

Background of Exodus 3:11:

The Israelites had been in Egypt for over 400 years, as God had told Abraham that would happen. However, God had promised Abraham that he would 'punish the nation' that mistreats his descendants, bring the fourth generation out of bondage and give them a land that was flowing with milk and honey (Genesis 15:13-16).

He did not doubt that his call was from the Most High God, because he heard it with his own ears. When God called Moses' name from the burning bush with a task for him, Moses answered God "Here I am" but whether out of apprehension, humility, fear or unwillingness, Moses questioned God "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" (Exodus 3:11) and he quickly added five excuses for not immediately doing as God asked.

1. Moses' first excuse was **I am Unworthy or I am not good enough** (Exodus 3:11). Moses said that he was not worthy of the great task to which God was calling him. He felt inadequate. By himself, he was inadequate, just as we are. God said in reply to Moses, "I will be with

you" (3:12). The deliverance of the people did not depend on the ability of Moses but on the presence, power and sufficiency of God.

2. Moses' second excuse was that **he did not have an answer concerning whose authority he had to be Israel's deliverer** (Exodus 3:13-22). God told Moses that He is Jehovah, the Self-Existent Creator, who is sending him to Egypt. The Infinite God of the universe would give him the authority to act in His Great Name: "I AM WHO I AM." Moses was to tell the Israelites in Egypt that God was going to deliver them from slavery and take them to the Promised Land that He had given to their ancestor Abraham.

3. Moses' third excuse to God (Exodus 4:1-9). He raised the possibility that none of the leaders in Israel would believe that God had sent him. God's response was through the ability to manifest three supernatural miracles, which would prove that God had sent him.

a. The first sign was of the rod turning into a serpent. In the very act of his picking up the serpent by the tail as God told, Moses was learning obedience to God's commands. Moses was learning that it was not going to be by Egyptian reasoning or logic that he would deliver Israel, but

it would have to be by God's Word and Spirit.

b. The second sign was of his hand becoming leprous.

c. The third sign was of the water turning to blood.

In each of these signs, a spiritual lesson is learned. These signs illustrated the conversion of the natural into the supernatural, and the normal into the miraculous. By these signs, God demonstrated to Moses the power by which he was to deliver the children of Israel. Moses was still belligerent and gave God another excuse.

4. Moses' fourth excuse (Exodus 4:10-12). Moses said that he was not an eloquent speaker and had problems in speaking. It is interesting to note that Acts 7:22 states that when Moses was in Egypt before his exile, he was "mighty in words." Moses either had lost his ability to speak or was just making another excuse. God answered Moses and told him that He would enable him to speak and teach him what to say.

5. Moses' fifth and final excuse. Moses simply told God that he was unqualified for the task and that He should get a better-qualified person to do it (Exodus 4:13-17). At this point, the Bible states that God got angry with Moses. God's answer was that He would allow his older brother,

Aaron, to assist him but that Moses would still be God's choice to be Israel's deliverer from slavery.

Application:

God ultimately had Redemption in His mind and wanted to redeem His people out of the slavery, for which God often chooses the most unlikely persons to fulfil His work and mission. Jonah, Gideon, David, Peter, you and me. He sees past the man or woman standing before Him and sees eternity. He doesn't see our ability (Skill, money, beauty...) but our availability for Him to fulfil His ultimate purpose for His glory.

Conclusion:

When God calls us to a task, don't we often ask the same question? "Who am I that you would send me?" We start listing our perceived failures and telling God all the reasons that He should choose someone else. We never pause to take the time to

look back in our lives on those very experiences that were "failures" to see how God might have been equipping us for just this moment.

If the God of the universe and the creator of the world who is omniscient (all-knowing) and omnipotent (all-powerful) is calling your name, then He certainly knows your failures, your strengths, your weaknesses... and they all are perfectly in line for the task to which He is calling you. In fact, those very experiences you are questioning – the ones you see as failures – are the ones God has been using you to equip you, prepare you, and train you for what He is now asking you to do. So change your question: "Who am I that you would send me?" to a statement: "Here I am Lord, send me!" If He is calling you, then you are the perfect person for the task.

Prayer - The secret weapon

At around 2:30 that morning, our missionary Alex and his family returned home in an Omni car after dedicating a Church built at a peint mission field in Moty Palsan village in Maharashtra state. The car they were traveling in stumbled to avoid a head-on collision with a speeding vehicle ahead in the hilly terrain but got to the right position within seconds. They reached their home at 4 O'clock that morning. Our Honorary Mobilization Secretary Mr. Sakthivel, is Alex's sponsor. At 2.30 am that night he was moved by the Lord to pray for the safety of his Missionary. When he contacted Alex, early that morning he praised God for the wonderful protection that God had bestowed.

FIELD VISITS

MAHARASHTRA

On 19.10.2023 we left Chennai towards Maharashtra and landed in Jawahar Mission field. After

enjoying the missionaries' warm welcome, we went to Bedpa Children Home where the Varli People Group received us with their welcome dance. We listened to their testimonies and during the prayer time, many people got deliverance from evil spirit. We participated in the half-day fasting prayer in Poshera Church and met the children in CDC. We heard the stories from the believers of the miracles that happened in their lives. We ministered in the Church services during Sunday worship. During the prayer time again, we witnessed the deliverance brought by God to His people. Then we proceeded to Dhanu mission field and visited the three Churches in Kainadu, Musalpada and Jharli and were thrilled to hear the witnesses of the church elders and their commitment.

Honorary Mobilization Secretary - Redhills.

ASOM

God enabled our team, consisting of 15 members, to visit the mission fields spread across Asom and to spend time with the missionaries from November 4th to 12th. The Lord enabled us to visit the 6 mission fields namely Gogamukh, Narayanpur, Kalabari, Majuli, Lakkimpur, and Thakuvkana where we also participated in the believers' gatherings. It is to be appreciated that our missionaries are working amidst many hurdles, challenges and sacrifices. God granted grace to our team members to minister to those people along with our missionaries through our singing songs and sharing our testimonies. We made a decision to pray fervently for the deliverance of the people in this field who are in the clutches of devil and caught in social evils and sins like indulging in adultery, children addicted to drinking, practice of child marriage etc., All glory to God alone who made this trip a blessing to all of us.



Honorary Mobilization Secretary - Redhills.

Herewith

we have enclosed the list of Missionaries' children who will appear for Std X and XII public examinations for this year 2023 -2024.

Kindly uphold them in your regular prayers. Also pray for FMPB members' children and our home children who will be appearing for the public examinations.



Staff Children Studying in Standard 10th (2023-2024)

Sl. No. Children's Name

Parent's Name

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|-----|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. | APOORV BARDHAN | - REV. JUBARAJ BARDHAN |
| 2. | SUBHRA JYOTI KARADO | - MR. KARADO BISWO RANJAN |
| 3. | JANE AKILAH | - REV. JOHNSON SANKAR |
| 4. | ANUGRAH PAUL BHUINYA | - REV. SAU BHUINYA |
| 5. | AARADHANA | - MR. PRABHAKARAN N |
| 6. | EMMANUEL JEBA SAM | - MR. BALAMURUGAN V |
| 7. | SHARON ANGELINE | - REV. JOHN SAMUEL |
| 8. | SAM PAUL PATRICK | - REV. ISAAC DHANASINGH R |
| 9. | SUDEEP JOY BEERO | - REV. SANJAYA KUMAR BEERO |
| 10. | SHRILTON SINGH | - REV. PAUL DAYASINGH A Y |
| 11. | ANOKHA NARZARY | - MR. ARONSINGH NARZARY |
| 12. | EMELYN JESSEY | - MR. FELIX KAMALIOL EDWARD S S |
| 13. | DERICK CAFELICE R | - REV. RAMASAMY V |
| 14. | SHERLIN RESHNA | - MR. EBI GNANA CELIN S |
| 15. | SHARON BARJO | - MR. PAULUS BARJO |
| 16. | SUSMITA SALONI | - REV. SURKAR RAMESHBHAI |
| 17. | ARPANA MIRACLINE HARRIS | - MR. JOHN PAUL HARRIS J |
| 18. | ANKIT PANNA | - MR. JAHAR SAI PANNA |
| 19. | JABEZ SHINE | - REV. RAMESH VELRAJ A |
| 20. | STENISH GRAHAMBHEL | - REV. STEPHEN R |
| 21. | HANNI JEHOSEBA P | - REV. PETER PRABHAKARAN |

22. ZIEGENBALG JOSHUA
23. ADLINE BLESSY J
24. JASON PAUL
25. JOICE SOFIA
26. VIBINYA ANATO GIFTY

- MR. VICTOR JEYASEELAN C
- MR. JOHN DINESH G M
- MR. KONKA GIRI BABU
- MR. MEENUGA ADEPPA @MATHEW
- MR. AGUSTIN BIJI

Staff Children Studying in Standard 12th (2023-2024)

Sl. No. Children's Name

Parent's Name

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. PRINCE CHARLES | - REV. HARAMOHAN PRABHU DAS NAYAK |
| 2. MAHIMA | - REV. SUTHARSAN THOMAS JEYARAJ |
| 3. IDA GRACE | - REV. JOHN STEPHEN Y |
| 4. PRASANJIT JYOTI | - REV. BENJAMIN JYOTI |
| 5. JOSIAH ANDERSON SAMUEL | - REV. ARULANANDAM VENKATESAN M |
| 6. CHARISMA | - REV. HAMUEL LIMMA |
| 7. RUFUS KUMAR | - MR. HEMANTA KUMAR SABAR |
| 8. SELINA SINGH | - REV. SAMARENDRA SINGH |
| 9. PRAGATI | - MR. BIDUSH KUMAR NAYAK |
| 10. JEBA SHARON SINGH | - MR. SUGANTO KUMAR SINGH |
| 11. NIKITOLI BLESSY CHOPHY | - REV. YECTO CHOPHY |
| 12. IDA DUBILA | - REV. MATHEW K |
| 13. SAMUEL JOYSON | - REV. VINAYARAJ M |
| 14. BLESSY EVANGELINE VIJAY | - REV. VIJAYAKUMAR K |
| 15. ANGELIN BLESSY | - REV. SRINIVASAN J |
| 16. SPERSHIGA PAUL | - REV. PAUL DAYASINGH A Y |
| 17. MOUMITA | - REV. MUNNA MOHINDIAR |
| 18. DINAH | - REV. DANIEL VIJAYARAJ |
| 19. JASMINE | - REV. KARTHIKEYAN S |
| 20. ASHER DAVIS | - MR. SENTHIL MURUGAN |
| 21. KATHRYN GIFTY | - MR. PRATYUSH NAYAK |
| 22. GLORINA B K | - MR. BASAVARAJA K |
| 23. ABHISHEK BODAR | - MR. BODAR AMRUT BHAI |
| 24. THERISSA G | - MR. GEDDAM SRINIVASA RAO |
| 25. STEFFI R MALIGER | - REV. RAJA B |
| 26. JUSTINE KING PAUL | - MR. KONKA GIRI BABU |
| 27. JOHN WESLEY | - MR. MEENUGA ADEPPA @ MATHEW |
| 28. ASHISH JOHN | - MRS. URMILA BEN |
| 29. SONALI GANSALVES | - Mrs. HENA KUMARI TANDY |
| 30. PRAVIN KUMAR | - MRS. PADMAVATHI |

Missionary Biography

Early Life

Mr. Mohan was born in a non-Christian family on the 15th of June 1988, in Namanddahalli, a small village in Dharmapuri district. His father Mr. Raman earned daily wages and somehow fed the family. His mother was Muniamma Lydia, a housewife. Even though they were very poor, his father decided to send him to the School. Mohan joined in the Panchapalli Government High School and he finished his 10thStd (SSLC) in 2004. However, the family's financial woes persisted. Though he joined the Government Polytechnic College in Krishnagiri in 2010, he left it within two months. As he had the passion for the higher studies, he tried his best, finally, by the grace of the Lord, he did his higher secondary privately and passed the examination with good marks in 2016.

Salvation Experience

Mohan's mother Muniamma Lydia became a Christian and attended a nearby Church. Mohan had an opportunity to read the Bible as he was encouraged by his mother. First, he did not understand anything mentioned in the Bible. Anyhow he continued reading it. There were many questions that troubled his mind. Why does God need to die? How can God die as a human? After reading the Bible regularly, the spirit of God led him to the truth. He totally



Mr. Mohan
(1988 - 2021)

believed the work of Christ on the cross and accepted Jesus as his personal Saviour. He attended an Independent Church regularly and began to grow in the Lord.

Call to the Missionary work

One day when he was reading the bible passage John 12:25-26 "Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me." The spirit of God taught him the cost of discipleship and the need of serving the Supreme God. He was encouraged by the God's promise that **God the Father will honor the one who serves Him**. This passage motivated him to follow Jesus and to serve Him.

Mohan used to go to the Library and used to read many biographies, especially the biographies of missionaries. That prompted him to do something for the Lord. So, he joined the Gospel Group of his church and started to preach the Gospel to others along with his friends. He distributed tracts and thus earned little experience in the ministry. One day he got an opportunity to read 'Araikooval' and the magazine attracted him and also challenged him to do the ministry to reach the unreached. He had a burden for the perishing soul and committed his life for full-time ministry. In 2015 he attended the training conducted by the SALT INSTITUTE, CHENNAI. This training also helped him to grow in the Lord and to do the ministry. So, he applied for the missionary work in FMPB. He was called to the interview in 2017 and was selected as a missionary candidate. He went to the National Institute of Missions, Jhansi, for one year training and completed his training in 2018.

Ministry in North India

After completing the training at NIM Jhansi, he was sent to Rajasthan Jeep Team. He did ministry along with other co-workers based at Tapukara field, Alwar, Rajasthan. He was a very calm and sincere worker. He maintained a good relationship with his fellow workers. And he worked in Tapukara field from June 2018 to Jan 2021. On 2019, September 27th Mohan got married to Miss. Archana at Royakottai, Krishnagiri district. Miss. Archana was born on 3rd December 1993 in a village called Madhepalli of Krishnagiri district. Her parents -father Mr. Muniappa and mother

Valliammal- accepted Christ through the ministry of FMPB. Her father died earlier, her mother Valliammal worked hard for the study of her daughter, with her little income. Archana finished her school and joined a college for her higher study. And she finished her B.com degree with good marks. She also pursued her computer course and waited for a job. When she was very young, she accepted Jesus Christ in one of the FMPB meetings. She involved herself in the ministry like Sunday school, VBS, Youth meetings and so on through the local Church of Pandikuri. She had a burden to reach the people around her, especially all those village people. During one of the FMPB meetings she committed her life to full time missionary work. The local FMPB worker Mr. Abraham Thimmappa also helped her to grow in the Lord and motivated her for the ministry. So, the Mohan family began their ministry from January 2021. God blessed their married life with a boy baby Jason Jenish. Jason was born on 29th August 2020.

Last Days

Mr. Mohan and his wife Archana started their new ministry among the Hindi speaking people in Kanpur area. They came to Uttar Pradesh and began their ministry based at Bhagya nagar of Kanpur region. Within three months, the Covid 19 pandemic spread to the region surrounding Kanpur. Many village people were affected and they did not have good hospital facilities. It was virulent and many died. In the due course Mr. Mohan was also infected with Covid. Within a short period, the infection was so high that it affected his

lungs. He was taken to the Star Hospital and all treatment was given to him, but nothing worked out in his favour. From the 1st of May onward he found it very difficult to breathe and his oxygen level went down on 2nd May 2021. The doctors of Star Hospital advised the family to take him to Kanpur City. So, our missionaries took him to Narayana Medical College and Research Centre, Kanpur.

Before he was admitted and taken inside the hospital, he entered into glory leaving his young wife and eight month old baby boy. Our senior missionaries and the Presbyterian Church Pastor Xavier helped for the funeral service and his body was laid down in the Christian burial ground at Kanpur. Within a short span of life Mohan did what he could do for the Lord.

- Rev. Dr. E. Rajan



Entered into glory

Dr. Mrs. V. Jhansibai Kanagaraj was the wife of our Honorary Mobilization Secretary, Mr. M Kanagaraj, a retired headmaster of a Government High School in Rajapalayam. She was also the mother of our missionary, Mrs. Alby Harris. Over the past 40 years, Dr. Mrs. V. Jhansibai Kanagaraj demonstrated a strong commitment to promote the organizational goals of

FMPB through personal prayer, coordinating Prayer Groups, and selflessly contributing to meet the ministry's needs. Her outstanding contributions included substantial support for missionaries, involvement in church construction, and sponsorship of children in need. As a member of the CSI Church Rajapalayam congregation, she played a crucial role in fostering positive relationships between the mission and the church. Her musical talent in singing led her to take a keen interest in forming and leading the choir. In her earlier professional life as a Gynecologist, Dr. Mrs. V. Jhansibai designated a special room in her home for missionaries during their confinement, providing them with motherly care. Her special virtues of hospitality with a smile, her gift of encouraging others, her commendable character in the family circles and shouldering her responsibilities along with her husband is to be appreciated. Moreover she served as a member of the Executive Committee for many years. In the last five years, Dr. Mrs. V. Jhansibai faced health challenges, yet she persevered until she victoriously completed her earthly journey on December 27, 2023, at the age of 79. Let us unite in our prayers to provide comfort to her grieving family members - her husband, children and the loved ones.

- Jeyaprakash- Hon.Mob.Sec- FMPB.

FIELD VISIT

MAHARASHTRA

With the help from above, we from Tambaram mobilization area left Chennai to visit the Ettapalli mission field in Maharashtra on 20.10.23. All 12 of us were given a warm welcome by the missionary and were taken to the Allapalli

childrens' Home. The next day we were able to pray with the believers in Ettaharkasa and Kettapalli village Churches. We heard the testimonies shared by the believers and marveled hearing the history of the Churches which were established amidst severe opposition. We felt as if we were in our relatives house by the manner they showered their love upon us. We were able to realize the protection under His Wings who helped us to move through the interior parts. After a very long travel we reached Allapalli Home for the night's rest and very early next morning on 22nd we worshipped the Lord along with the Ettapalli and Rekkannar Church congregation. While returning, we were able to see the Churches built in Parcelkondi and Pandavavuri villages. The time we spent with the children in the children Homes of Allapalli on 23rd was edifying. Their way of singing, worshipping the Lord, and sharing testimonies brought happiness. The next day we met all the evangelists working in that area. Great was our God's grace in strengthening us to cover the stretch of 400 km distance in a very short time with much enthusiasm. We were astonished observing the commitment of our missionaries, their firmness in doing God's will and their undistracted toil and zeal in winning souls in the midst of opposition. We with a commitment to intercede for these dear ones for engaging in the work which we were unable to do and God to do indescribable things as a result of our prayers left on 23rd and returned to our respective places on 24th.

Honoraray Mob.Secretary - Tambaram

MISSIONARY DEDICATION

Missionary T.Seenu toiling in the State of Maharashtra was dedicated on January 7th by the priests Rev. Anbazhahan(ECI)and Rev. Selvaraj for the glory of God. Selvan. David Nixon has come forwarded to support this missionary through his prayer and resource. May our Lord bless this family.

Honoraray Mob.Secretary - Redhills.



TRAIL BLAZERS

Father Damien or St. Jozef Damien De Veuster of Molokai, or Saint Damien, was a Roman Catholic priest from Belgium. He was recognised for his ministry, which he led from 1873 until his death in 1889, in the Kingdom of Hawaii to people with leprosy (Hansen's disease) who lived in government-mandated medical quarantine in a settlement on the Kalaupapa Peninsula of Moloka'i.

Early Days:

Damien De Veuster was born in rural Belgium as the youngest of seven children to a Flemish corn merchant, Joannes Franciscus De Veuster and his wife Anne-Catherine Wouters on January 3, 1840. He was forced to quit school at age 13 to work on the family farm. He was educated at the college of Braine-le-Comte, and in 1858 he joined the Society of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (Picpus Fathers) at Leuven, Belgium. In 1858, inspired by a mission given by the Redemptorists.

Religious Vocation:

Damien entered the novitiate of



Father Damien

the Fathers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary at Louvain and took part in religion. He was admitted to the religious profession on October 7, 1860. During his religious studies, Damien prayed daily with a missionary zeal to be sent on a mission. Three years later, Damien replaced his brother, Father Pamphile (Auguste), as he couldn't travel to Hawaii as a missionary because of illness. As we read about Damien, we can't stop realising how the hand of God was silently active in His life.

Life in Hawaii:

On March 19, 1864, Damien arrived at Honolulu Harbour in O'ahu. He was ordained into the priesthood on May 21, 1864. In 1865, Damien was

assigned to the Catholic Mission in North Kohala on the island of Hawaii. While he was serving in several parishes in O'ahu, the Kingdom of Hawaii was struggling with labour shortage and public health crisis. Many of the Native Hawaiian parishioners had high mortality rates due to infectious diseases such as leprosy, smallpox, cholera, influenza, syphilis, and whooping cough, brought to the Hawaiian Islands by foreign traders, sailors and immigrants. Thousands of Hawaiians died of such diseases, to which they had not acquired immunity. While Bishop Louis Désiré Maigret realised that this assignment had a high risk, he did not want to send any one person "in the name of obedience." After much prayer, four priests volunteered to go; among them on was Father Damien. The Bishop planned for the volunteers to take turns, assisting the inhabitants.

Ministry of Father Damien:

On May 10, 1873, the first volunteer, Father Damien, arrived at the isolated settlement at Kalaupapa, where there were then 600 lepers. Damien worked with them to build a Church and establish the Church of Saint Philomena. In addition to serving as a priest, he built reservoir, homes made furniture, coffins, and dug graves. Six months after he arrived at Kalawao, he wrote to his brother, Pamphile, in Europe: "I make myself a leper with the lepers

to gain all to Jesus Christ." During this time, Father Damien cared for the lepers and established leaders within the community to improve the quality of life. He ate food by hand with the lepers and lived with them as equals. Father Damien aided the colony by teaching, painting houses, organizing farms, and organizing the construction of roads, hospitals, and Churches. Father Damien also served as a priest during this time. Father Damien told the lepers that, despite what the outside world thought of them, they were always precious in the eyes of God. Some historians believed that Father Damien was a catalyst for a turning point in the community. Under his leadership, basic laws were enforced, shacks were upgraded and improved as painted houses, working farms were organized, and schools were established. At his request and of the lepers, Father Damien remained in Moloka'i.

Recognition of His Work:

King David Kalākaua bestowed on Damien the honor of "Knight Commander of the Royal Order of Kalākaua." Crown Princess Lydia Lili uokalani shared her experience, acclaiming Damien's efforts. Consequently, Damien became internationally known in the United States and Europe. American Protestants raised large sums of money for the missionary's work. The Church of England sent food, medicine, clothing, and supplies to the settlement. It is

believed that Damien never wore the royal medal, although it was placed by his side during his funeral.

Illnesses and Death:

Father Damien worked in Hawaii for 16 years, providing comfort to the lepers of Kalaupapa. In December 1884, while he was preparing to bathe, Damien inadvertently put his foot into steaming water, causing his skin to blister. He felt nothing and realized that he had contracted leprosy after working in the colony for 11 years. This was a common way for people to discover that they had been infected with leprosy. Despite his illness, Damien worked even harder. Even though the illness was slowing his body down, Damien engaged in a flurry of activities during his last years. With his remaining time, he

tried to advance and complete as many projects as possible. During his last stages, four volunteers came to help him in his everyday work and life. Conrardy took up Damien's pastoral duties. Cope organized a working hospital. Dutton attended to the construction and maintenance of the community's buildings. Sinnett nursed Damien during the last phases of his illness. With an arm in a sling, a foot in bandages, and his leg dragging, Damien knew that his death was near. He was bedridden on March 23, 1889. Damien died at the age of 49 on April 15, 1889, of leprosy at 8:00 a.m. Damien was laid to rest under the same Pandanus tree where he first slept upon his arrival on Moloka'i.

- Mr. Reuben Clement



From 15th to 23rd October 2023 we went to visit the mission fields in Delhi & Haryana. We were able to get 2 missionary sponsorship and 1 child sponsor through this team of 15 from Washermenpet. We were burdened to pray for these fields and returned to our places with a decision to meet the need in these fields.

Honoraray Mob.Secretary - Washermenpet.

Kerju Church History

Mrs. Agnes Edward &
Rev. C. John Kumar



GENERAL

Kerju village is in Sitapur Taluk- Surguja district- Chhattisgarh.

As per the Population Census 2011, there are total 696 families residing in the village Kerju. The total population of Kerju is 3,372 out of which 1,677 are males and 1,695 are females thus the Average Sex Ratio of Kerju is 1,011. As per the Census 2011, the literacy rate of Kerju is 56.9%. As per constitution of India and Panchyati Raaj Act (Amendment 1998), Kerju village is administrated by Sarpanch (Head of Village) who is elected representative of the village. The Schedule Caste (SC) constitutes 5.4% while Schedule Tribe (ST) is 83.3% of total population in Kerju village. Kerju is a village situated in Sitapur tehsil of Surguja district in Chhattisgarh.

THE BEGINNING

FMPB began its ministry among the Oraon tribe in April 1993 in Ludeg mission field. The pioneers for the Oraon people group from FMPB are Rev. Karunakaran and Late David Daniel. In the year 2000, Ludeg field had 20 congregations. So Ludeg field was bifurcated into 4 fields: Ludeg, Pathalgaon, Sitapur and Bahicha. On March 1st 2005 Tapkara mission field was opened. The first missionaries to Tapkara field were Mr. Tenny Sing Tepp and Mr. Kokani Pravin Bhai. In June 2010, Mr. Kokani Pravin Bhai, his wife, Mrs. Kokani Paruben and their little son, Mast. Prince Kumar fell as a grain of wheat in the Tapkara soil. Only their daughter, Ms. Prashansa Kumari made good her escape.

The gospel was taken to Kerju village by the local FMPB evangelists Mr. Samuel Khalko and Mr. Ranjith. They took a room on rent in the Kerju village in the neighborhood of Mr. Bachan Lakada. The first believer of Kerju congregation is Mr. Bachan Lakada. He narrates how he accepted Christ in his own words.

"My wife, Subasu Kerketta was suffering from hip pain for several years. One night she went outside to relieve herself. When she tried to move to get back to the house, she realized that she was unable to stretch herself and get up. She started crying and called me for help. I heard her weeping and I lifted her back to the house. That whole night we did not sleep. Early in the next day morning I decided to call the evangelists, Samuel and Ranjith to pray for my wife. I felt that going to the hospital for treatment was only a waste of money. I approached the evangelists and brought them to my house. The evangelists prayed for my wife with much tears. When I saw the tears in their eyes, I was touched. I realized the love of Jesus through their tears. They prayed for my wife thrice and they asked me to apply prayer oil on her body. After that they asked my wife to get up and walk. Immediately she put her legs down and began to walk freely without any pain in her body. That same day I accepted Jesus Christ as the only true God "

The very first prayer meeting was conducted by Evangelist. Samuel Khalko at Bachan Lakada's house. Only five members of his family took part in the prayer meeting.

CHURCH GROWTH

As the prayer meetings continued in

Bachan Lakada's house, his neighbor, Jitender and Jeshwar also accepted Christ after a healing miracle and they too joined the worship services. Through many miracles, many people became Christians. From 2005 to Jan 2016, 18 families accepted Christ and took baptism. For 7 years the congregation gathered at the first believer, Bachan Lakada's house. From Feb 2007 the Sunday school was started in the Kerju Congregation. Every summer VBS programme was conducted for the children. The first fruit festival was also celebrated by the members of the church.

The first church elder (mandali pastor) who led the church was Suthan Tigga. He led the church vibrantly till 2009. After 2009 he joined FMPB as a local evangelist. After that, Jitender Toppo took the leadership. The Kerju church congregation grew in number through many healing miracles and power encounters.

IMPORTANT INCIDENTS IN THE HISTORY OF KERJU CHURCH

Shivnath Ekka from Kerju village was a great devotee of a god. He was very religious and he followed all the customs and rituals. In 2003 he was affected by paralysis. Both his hands and legs got bent inwardly. His family approached the magicians and he got well but not permanently. Whenever he toiled in his agricultural field his health was good. But later he was affected by paralysis. Again they had to call the magicians for his healing. Their earnings from the toilsome labour went in vain. This continued till 2015. In 2015, his wife approached the local evangelist, Mr. Noharsai Lakada. The evangelist prayed earnestly for Shivnath

Ekka. From July 2015 God completely healed him from paralysis. Even after accepting Christ, he fell sick. He was unable to eat anything or drink water but because of his steadfast faith in the Lord he got healed. Praise God.

Mr. Sukhrithi Toppo is from Kumunsia village. Before accepting Christ he was following the “Red flag” group. The guru of that group used to chant spells to stop the demonic atrocities in his house. After the guru died the satanic atrocities increased in his house. Suddenly many stones and sand used to fall from the roof top and terrible sounds were heard in his house. His house became haunted. For 4 years his family was living in fear. Helplessly he approached the local evangelist to be prayed for. The evangelist prayed for his house and within 4 days all the demonic activities ceased.



**Mr. Hari Ekka from Kerju village
shares his testimony**

“My name is Hari Ekka. I was worshipping a goddess for 12 years. I had an idol of the goddess in my house and every day I worshipped it sincerely. Even after being very devoted to the goddess, I had no peace in my heart. I suffered from various ailments in my body. My daughter and son-in-law were believers. They were leading a happy and peaceful life. Their lifestyle

led me to accept Christ. My son-in-law, Gopal prayed for me and I was healed from my ailments and I was filled with the peace that passes all understanding. From then on I accepted Christ wholeheartedly. On 9.1.2016 I took baptism along with 5 members of my family”.

THE CHURCH LAND

The Kerju congregation believers gathered for worship at the house of the first believer, Bachan Lakada for 7 years. Bachan Lakada voluntarily came forward and gave his land for building a church. The piece of land that he donated was adjacent to the road but when the village sarpanch opposed, he donated another piece of land that was little far away from the road.

MAJOR EVENTS OF CONSTRUCTION

The foundation of the church was laid in January 2011. A stay order was issued by the local authority. The panchayat president, Boktho Ekka hindered the church construction through the village registrar. But his evil plans were thwarted by God. Mr. Suthan gave 500 bricks freely. The members of the congregation worked for 50% wages. The church was dedicated on 1.1.2012. The size of the church is 40 X 30ft. The church's name is “Naya Jeevan Church”.

OFFERINGS

The monthly offering ranges from Rs. 1000 to Rs. 2000. Kinds of offerings: First fruit offerings, thanksgiving offerings etc. The annual subscription for a family is Rs. 150.

Suthan Tigga is working as an evangelist in Tapkara field. 25 to 30 people attend the worship meetings. Church elder leads the worship meetings.



Happy Birthday

MR. BENJAMIN JYOTI
MR. ARONSINGH NARZARY, MR. SHANKAR M.
MRS. KANTI DEVI SHIVSHANKAR

Jammu & Kashmir

Jammu: Vasave Elesh Prabhu & Sunitha Vechya

Praise God: For the outreach Christmas program meet conducted for the students of Jammu Raymond University. The Lord enabled the team to answer the questions intelligently of about 70 students gathered there, regarding the Christian faith. The Gospel was proclaimed to about 45 people residing in a Sainik colony, where the army personal reside, through the outreach ministry. The Christmas carol program was conducted in a very peaceful manner in Basicalan and Bishnath areas.

Pray: For the University Students, the Army personal and the 367 other people who heard the Gospel through the various outreach ministries during the Christmas time, to respond to the Word of God and to put their faith in Jesus. For people who pray to the Lord desperate for a miracle in order to experience the touch of God upon their lives. For people to over come the temptation of not attending the

Church and to retain the Grace that blesses their lives. For the believers who become self-complacent in just attending online services rather than attending the Church.

Noushara: Sialunthang Zou & Lingneihoi; Shaik Subhani & Emy Backya

Praise God: For the Christmas programs conducted successfully in Siyal and Kay villages amidst the severe cold weather. Many villagers attended the Christmas meet and learnt about the purpose of the birth of Jesus Christ as a Saviour for the mankind. The Lord protected our Church elder Bachan Singh, when his motorbike crashed into a car and met with an accident. For the healing received by Hemanth from a heart ailment and Anju Devi from various sicknesses in her body.

Pray: For the Seer village believers who have forsaken their Christian faith, considering it to be a hindrance to the tobacco business they were involved in, to repent and seek the Lord. For the police and the army who prevent our missionary from getting access to meet these backslidden people to be touched by the love of Christ. For Sher Singh of Kai village who originally gifted his land for the construction of the Church, now under the instigation by vested interests is claiming the Church as his own. Pray that he would repent and forsake his claims.



Happy Birthday

MR. PRABAHAR N., MR. MARKUS MALTO R.
MRS VASANTHARANI GEORGE
MRS. ROSHILA MOCHAHARY
MRS JOYCE SHOBANA PON AUGUSTIN
MRS. MANINI BEBARTA ASTABAN
MR. JOSEPH KIRUBAGARAN S.

Himachal Pradesh

Thanedhar:

Jebarson & Gayathri C

Praise God: The family Chitra - Vishal who remained barren for 7 years of their married life, were blessed with a baby, in response to their prayers. The Christmas celebration at Thanedhar village was conducted with great joy and the Good News was proclaimed and sweets distributed to the villagers. 15 Nepali language audio Gospels were distributed. 115 people witnessed the birth of Christ through screening of the Nativity film.

Pray: For the family of Rathan and Manju who lost much of their belongings to a theft in their house. For a new comer to the Church Madhana Gopal, to receive healing for his kidney ailment. For the Holy Spirit to move the hearts of those who received sweets and heard the Good News of Jesus Christ during Christmas, to believe in faith.

Anni:

Gin Sawm & Ching Hoih

Praise God: For Bangku Devi who

became an invalid due to stroke and under the bondage of an evil spirit for over 8 years received deliverance when she was persistent in her prayers for 6 months. Today she is able to walk up to the Church to attend the service. The Lord helped to open a Bank Account to deposit the Church offerings. For the blessings of a girl child to the family of Bhira Raji. For the prayerful dedication service conducted the house constructed by Mungaram.

Pray: For the families of Rohit, Kasila, Thilak Bhimla and Kamala to overcome the obstacles and to be prepared for a public confession of their faith in Jesus Christ. For the problems faced by the families of Shivran and Bhagat Ram to be solved. For the expansion of the ministry to new villages.



Uphold those who are weak

A Christmas celebration was going on at the Sagarabakhtal mission field of Dang district, Gujarat. In the middle of the program, a believer named Samuel, who came on stage and witnessed how God raised him up from nothing, thanked the Lord for doing so much good and said that in order to show his love to others, he promised to give sarees and blankets to all the widows in this area. Accordingly, he distributed sarees blankets as a gift of Christmas love to destitute widows living in the villages in the area. All the villagers praised the work of the Christians saying that no political party or religious movement had ever shown such love and God's name was glorified.





Happy Birthday

MRS. MURUGAMMAL ESTHER ALBERT PRABHAKARAN

Nerwa: Immanuel S & Sangeetha J

Praise God: The Christmas programs conducted in the villages of Bharanu, Bangal and Atal were attended by a significant number of people. Those who attended listened patiently to the sharing of the Good News. The Lord protected the Atal Church Elder Lalith miraculously when the vehicle he was traveling rolled over on a hilly terrain due to an accident.

Pray: For the respective Bank Managers to allow the opening of bank accounts pertaining to the Churches of various villages for depositing and for financial transactions of the Church funds. For the opposition prevailing in Bharanu and Atal villages to disappear. To find a suitable place to conduct the worship services. For the enhancement of the faith of believers of Thyara and Dunglech villages in the midst of persecution and to overcome discouragement. For our missionary family to receive the blessing of a child.

Rampur: Doujapao Guite & Florence

Praise God: For God's healing hand at the right time upon Prakash, suffering from an intense stomach pain who discovered an intestinal burst when he underwent a scan, received

subsequent hospitalization and surgery and recovered well. For the successful Christmas programs conducted in all the villages of our field without any opposition or disturbance to the event or the believers. A local magazine production covered our event and took official photographs.

Pray: For the ministry amongst the Nepali group of people to take root. For the Holy Spirit to lead many more people to the fold of Jesus Christ through the witnessing life of the family of Kannuram and Sonudevi. For the fruitful blessings of the ministry to be started in Sumra region. For the repentance of Sadhuram who personally meets our believers who attend Church and try to convince them to forsake their faith.



Setting aside the Darkness of Ignorance

Jeberson - Gayathri our missionary family from Thanedher field in Himachal boarded a bus in Rampur village and was travelling. The bus speeded through the hilly ghat sections winding its way through steep valleys. Suddenly a 50 year old man in the bus clutched his heart and winced in pain and collapsed. Suspecting it to be a cardiac arrest, none came forward to help this man. Our missionary decided to go close to the man and try artificial resuscitation. But the others prevented him saying this is the work of the devil and the devil may attack us. Our missionary approached the driver and asked him to go to the nearest hospital. In ten minutes' time the bus halted at the hospital. However, the man was declared brought dead on arrival by the doctors who examined him. Pray the Darkness of Ignorance which veils the people be lifted by the light of God's word.





Karsog:
**Pawan Kumar &
Prabhashni Devi**

Praise God: For the help the Lord rendered to Sapna's 5-year child which had swallowed a coin, to come out when she prayed. The Christmas service was conducted without any hindrances in Karsog and Basthanpur. Shilpa, a non-believer had invited our missionaries to pray for her daughter's birthday, and it paved way for our missionaries to share God's Word to those who had gathered there. Preethi resumed her faith in Jesus and is attending Church service again because of a dream that she had of Jesus warning her in it.

Pray: For Pushpa, Shushma and Meera who were regular to Church is now avoiding attending the service, to be restored back to their faith. For Mahendra Chougan, Reeta, Abishek and Silpa families who show interest to the Gospel to know the Lord more

and to boldly accept Him. God to bless the efforts taken to start a worship service in Coat village.

Punjab
Ahmedgarh Mandi:
**Krupa Rakshana &
Shakena S**

Praise God: For the divine protection to our believer Harpaol's husband who slipped and fell close to the back wheel of a bus he traveled. The Church Managing Committee member Shanay, a milk seller, had an accident on the highway to Ludhiana in a two wheeler and escaped without major injuries even though he lost 130 litres of milk. The Christmas carol rounds went on smoothly without any opposition. The Christmas programs were conducted successfully in 4 places for the Glory of God. The Lord blessed the family of Radha and Srikanth with a child through prayers after many years of being childless.

Pray: For the families of Raji, Krishna and Samarjith families to come to Church and confess their faith in Christ. For Suraj under judicial custody over a false case hoisted on him to obtain bail and experience freedom. The women's meet, Church leaders training program and small prayer groups to be conducted successfully.



Happy Birthday

MRS. ARPUTHAM SELVI VIJAY
MR. DEIVANAYAGAM SAMUEL
MRS. ANUGAMI EKKA JAHAR SAI

Bathinda: Sanjib Anand & Prastuta Bati; Pratap Rahang & Reshmi

Praise God: The Christmas carol services went of smoothly in all the places and was conducted in a very grand manner particularly in 4 villages. The Good News was proclaimed to about 1500 people who attended the event. About 10 new families have started coming to the Church.

Pray: For the blessings of the Public confession events, Film Show screenings, Satsang programs, small prayer cells and training programs which are planned for the upcoming month to be a blessing. For Kuldeep Singh and Radha Shyam to be delivered from their addiction to drinking alcohol. For the efforts undertaken to establish new mission fields in Rampura Pool, Sangath Mandi and Thalavadi, to be fruitful.

Jaito: Chittaranjan Tandy & Tejaswita

Praise God: For the 5 new persons who had a public confession of their faith in Jesus Christ. Around 1200 people received the Gospel tracts that were distributed during the Christmas

programs. Sophia Kaur of Bazakhanna village who was suffering from a stroke received a miraculous healing in response to prayers. Angrez of Bazakhanna village who constantly opposes the ministry done in the village came for the Christmas program and patiently listened to the Good News being shared.

Pray: For the healing of Paramjith Kaur a new contact who is bedridden for about 6 months due to a sickness. For the repentance of Mandeep Kaur who instigates people to oppose the Christian faith in Wander village. For Kuldeep, Kamal, Sonu and Karan who are good volunteers for the ministry to get good jobs for their livelihood. For Kora Singh, Suresh Kumar and Bindhar Singh to find suitable Christian brides as their life partners.

Faridhkot: Choudhary Rajesh & Sarita Paul

Praise God: For the Gospel which was proclaimed anew in Sakkariya and Gujvana villages and in about 8 villages, the Christmas Carol service was conducted without any hindrances. Nearly 500 persons gathered and witnessed the Christmas programs conducted in Faridhkot, Sappavali and Seethak villages by the Grace of God.

Pray: For the efforts taken to organize night meetings and Satsangs in the villages of Marat, Sappavali, Kamiyani and Seethak villages to materialize and be fruitful. For an 8 year old child Angelin of Rupyanvala village to undergo a leg surgery and recover well to walk again. For new contacts to be established in Sajarvali, Van and Bajivala villages.



Happy Birthday

MRS. PATRICIA TAMIL SELVI KUMAR
MR. HAMOM NABA SINGH

Haryana

Ratio:

Karthikeyan & Jayanthi M

Praise God: For Rinku Bai and Sanna Bai who were diagnosed with a low blood count prayed, and the Lord revived their blood count. For Balvindher Singh, a drug addict who received deliverance from this evil habit by the prayers of his family members and has now started attending the Church. For the MP Sattar village Church believers who came forward voluntarily and provided financially for procuring Audio systems for the Church.

Pray: For the safe confinement of Sunil - Manju family who has conceived after 4 years of their married life. For starting women's prayer fellowships in the villages of Dhivana and Jadithakkal. For the Lord to provide for the needs of Asha to run her family after her husband's death by suicide. For Sandeep Singh who left his house 7

months ago to return back safely to his home.

Barwala:
**Mintu Kutum &
Subhra Bag**

Praise God: For the Christmas programs which happened peacefully in Garandhani village in spite of the prevailing opposition. When Rahul's family prayed in tears for the repentance of Rahul who left his family and went to Punjab due to a misunderstanding with his family, he came back home safely and reconciled with his family. For a 6-year old boy Ashish from Gaibipur village, who is affected with kidney stones and prepared for a surgery, received a miraculous healing when his parents prayed for him.

Pray: For the increased persecution faced in ministry in the villages of Garandhani, Hasangar, Saniana, Barwala, Amaredhi and Jind regions to subside by the Grace of God. For the successful conduct of a 2-day youth meet and for many youths to participate and be spiritually blessed. For Veermati of Hasangar village to receive healing from TB. For Dharshana of Amarehdi village who are forced by her family members to deny her Christian faith to be strengthened by the Lord, and for her family members to taste the love of our Lord.



Fasting Prayer Day

Happy Birthday

MR. DURAISAMY K. FRANCIS
MR. PRASANTH MEESALA
MRS. PADMAVATHI NARAYANA NAIK
MRS. THANAPUSHPAM ARULRAJ
MRS. HELAN MARIYAM R.

Uttarakhand

**Utham Nagar: Christian
Prakash & Sumitra Ben**

Praise God: For an 18-year-old youth Suraj of Banzardhat village, who was bedridden with an undiagnosed sickness, received a miraculous healing when our missionary along with the Church believers visited him and prayed in faith. He was able to stand up and walk and his family who witnessed this healing has now started to believe in Jesus. God enabled Swapnil to obtain a Government job as an Engineer. The Lord healed the broken bones of Vinod to join together.

Pray: For the procurement of land for the construction of the Church at Bannakheda village. For the repentance of Balveer who is causing nuisance in his family under the influence of alcohol. The Lord to bless the conduct of social awareness program on the ill effects of drinking, the adult literacy program and the Church Elders meet to be fruitful.

**Nanakmatta: Ramasamy
Jerome & Anthoni Rajam**

Praise God: For the Christmas Carols

which was held enthusiastically in the villages of Hariya and Dhuldi. For the Gospel which was newly proclaimed in the villages of Poliganj and Bangavah. For the miraculous recovery experienced by Sathvinder of Divdi village from a Lung and Kidney ailment, returned home in response to his fervent prayers.

Pray: For our believer Manish to receive a good harvest from his sugarcane fields. For the Lord to answer the prayer and heal Balvineeth Kaur of her ailment in her heart. For the obstacles in going abroad faced by Jaswinder Singh to be removed. For Nisha of Divdi village to receive healing from breathing difficulties faced by her.

**Kichha: Bibhaba Pani &
Bithika Pani**

Praise God: For the new mission field started in this area and for the 95 villages in this area to be reached with the Gospel. For the Lord to give opportunities to proclaim the Gospel. For this mission field which was birthed to cater to the Kichha, Sakthi and Baandh Nagars. For the first contact Ashok in the Kichha field to find other contacts. For the people of Lalpur and Rathampur villages who eagerly listened to the Gospel.

Pray: For Jangi's family to be delivered from their ailments and to find their way to our Lord Jesus. For the Lord to answer the prayers of Rani and bless her with a child. For Balaji's son who is suffering for a long time from a disease to receive healing. For the moderate persecution prevailing against the Christian people to cease by the Grace of God.



Happy Birthday

MR. SIBI SELVIN SAM
MRS. GAVIT SUNITABEN RASHYABHAI
MRS. REKHA CHAMPIA

Delhi

Patparganj:

John Davidson & Esther

Praise God: Children's Bible Quiz, Family song competitions were conducted as part of the Christmas programs in Thirilokpuri Church. Two Children classes were conducted in the Hodal region. Our youth group met with the Aids affected people in Rohini Sector area and conducted Christmas program and shared the Love of Jesus Christ and prayed for them. God enabled the team to share the Christmas wish through the Carols as they met 30 homes and another extra 30 homes in other sectors as well.

Pray: For the complete healing over Abishek of Kalyanpuri region from Cancer. For Roshan of 29th Labour colony to be delivered from his addiction to alcohol. For the safe confinement of Simran from Noida. For the Lord to bless the families

Santhosh - Sushila, Ravi- Elisabeth and Abishekh -Asha with a child in response to their prayers. For the believers of Thirilokpuri to actively involve in outreach ministry

Rajasthan

Udaipur:

**Ashish Kumar &
Savita Devi**

Praise God: 15 persons confessed their faith in Christ. Many people attended the Christmas programs conducted in 5 places and heard the Good News. The Lord blessed all the Christmas Worship service and the carol rounds to happen for the Glory of God without any hindrance. In 3 different places, a New Year commitment service was conducted for the believers.

Pray: For the newcomers to Church, the families of Lakshman and Kamal who remain childless for the past 7 years of their married life to be blessed with a child from the Lord. For Raji who suffered a sudden loss of sight to regain her vision. For Kamala and Henna to receive deliverance from the possession of an evil spirit. For the Lord to grant opportunities for the proclamation of the Gospel in the new mission field in Gokunda taluk.



Happy Birthday

MRS. JECINTH JOANNA RAMAMUNI PRASAD
MRS. DEENA KUMARI BEBARTA ASHAPRAPTA
MRS. DURGA DEVI @ RUTH MARY SANKAR A.

Kherwada:

**Devu Bhai & Jamu
Ben; Thangbiakmuan,
Kenoz Stanley; Debashis
Hemram & Shefali Hansda**

Praise God: For the 9 new persons who accepted Christ as their personal Saviour and joined the fold of believers. For the healing received by Keerthan who was unable to urinate, when he sought the Lord in prayer. For the progressive healing received by Beena Ben suffering from TB infection. For Sunil who received healing from epilepsy from which he constantly suffered. Even amidst the election times, the Lord enabled the smooth conduct of the various Christmas programs in various places.

Pray: For the Lord to cause a change of hearts amongst the officials of the Panchayat office who remain stiff necked in granting permission for the construction of a Church even after many months of the petition being

submitted in this regard. For the divine consolation for the family of Dinesh Bai over the loss of their beloved son Ayyub. For Chandhubai suffering from an abscess in his lungs to receive healing. For favourable conditions to prevail for establishing worship groups in Nanoda and Kalendhar villages

Hanumangarh:

Mudhavathu

**Raju Naik & Bhukya
Jhansi Bhai**

Praise God: For the Christmas programs conducted in a very peaceful manner in 7 places. Many non - Christians witnessed the Good News of the birth of Jesus Christ. Many believers took part in the Bible Study conducted in 3 places. Haghar village was newly reached with the Gospel.

Pray: For the deliverance of Surender Singh diagnosed with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder. For the consolation of Jagveersingh who recently lost his beloved mother. For those who heard the Good News of Jesus Christ in the Christmas programs and received the Gospel tract to read, know the truth and experience the Lord Jesus Christ in their lives. For the chosen people of Haghar who have been reached with the Gospel to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.



Uttar Pradesh

Sikandra:

**Vasava Pachiya Bhai &
Savitri Ben**

Praise God: The persistent prayers of Julie of Mungishapur village helped her to conceive after 13 years of remaining childless in her married life. The Lord enabled the missionary family to newly take charge of this mission field and to be able to find a good house to stay. By God's Grace the Panchayat Assistant Head Officer and the District Police Superintendent attended the Christmas program that was held. God protected Priyadarshini from a major accident on her way to school.

Pray: For our believers to remain courageous in the midst of fear of rumors which are constantly being propagated against those who belong to the Christian faith. For the successful conduct of the Gospel proclamation events and the Spiritual training programs planned for the upcoming

months. For the non-believers to read and understand the Gospel tract. For many people to gather during the Gospel proclamation events. For Dharmendra to recover from the surgery he underwent and for the wounds to quickly heal.

Jhinhak:

**Samarendra Singh &
Susmita**

Praise God: For all the 4 people who publicly confessed their faith in Christ and joined the fold of believers. For about 2000 people who had gathered in our various Christmas programs heard the good news proclaimed and witnessed the event. For 10 people who have newly come into the faith and joyfully attended the seeker's camp. The Grace of God enabled us to proclaim the Gospel in Harmoli and Sujampur villages.

Pray: For 19year old Shanthi who is struggling in her academics due to her declining vision to be healed by the Grace of God. For our youth Bipin, Jithu, Ashish, Akilesh and Rajath to secure good jobs. For the backslidden people of Bagadhrpur, Mubarakpur and Badval villages to repent and turn back to the Lord. For worship groups to be established in the two new villages where the Gospel has been proclaimed.



Happy Birthday

MR. BINAYA KUMAR GURU

Kanpur:

Mongwai Phom & Nisha

Praise God: For the Lord's protection of our 29 missionaries, 29 Local evangelist workers, 5 Casual volunteers, our Church believers during this Christmas season and throughout the New year. For all the 4 persons who accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. About 8000 people participated in the various Christmas Carol programs conducted in many places and heard the Good News being proclaimed. For God's divine protection upon our missionary Sheeba and her children who suffered a fall when their two wheeler met with an accident.

Pray: For God's mercy to prevail over a case filed on our believer Jayalal and 3 other Elders. For a case filed against our missionary Jangkhulun and Anil of Ghatampur mission field and against the Vaisoli Church to be dealt by the Grace of God. For justice to prevail in the case filed against the land, housing our Gonda hostel. For the Lord to restrain the policemen who threaten our local evangelists Amit Kumar and Kamal. For the 12th grade students of our hostel to concentrate in their studies. For Gopal our student preparing for the entrance examination for an engineering college, to get through it.

Madhya Pradesh

**Niwali: Channamallappa
& Roopa Yalavagi**

Praise God: 9 Persons have tasted the love of Jesus and have come into the fold of the believers. 163 persons heard the Gospel when it was proclaimed in the villages of Revajai, Budgaon, Mogarikeda, Chatali and Dondvada and received the Gospel tracts that were distributed. For the successful conduct of the Church organising committee and women's special meet in the village of Kolyabani.

Pray: For the planned Gospel proclamation ministry to take place without any hindrances. For the consecration of the newly built Church in the village of Kolabani to take place without any disturbances. The Jesus film screening ministry and women's special meet to be conducted successfully

**Dabra: Satikanta Parichha
& Sagarika Pradhan**

Praise God: For Harshan Singh who had backslidden, repented and has started to come back to the Church. For the screening of the Jesus film in Kousalyapur village which had faced severe opposition and for the many who watched the film without any disturbance. Many believers joyfully attended the Christmas Carols conducted in all the villages.

Pray: For God to raise up a committed mission worker to serve in the sub field of Bilaspur. For the Church Elders of Namsigal village Church to be burdened to lead the Church spiritually. For Dhivesh Kalu and Jordan Singh to repent of their sins and turn to the Lord. For the Church construction at Prem Nagar to be completed successfully.



Happy Birthday

MR. JEEVARATNA BEERO
MR. RONJAY NARZARY

Bihar

Raniganj:

**Dharmendra Parrichha &
Madhusmita Pani**

Praise God: A large number of people gathered and attended the Christmas programs conducted in Jagad, Gopalpur and Kothihat villages. The Gospel was proclaimed anew in Hirapatti and Hemnagar villages. The Lord has blessed us with new contacts in these villages. In response to the family prayers of Nithyanand Mandal, the Lord enabled him to buy an Auto Rickshaw for his livelihood. God protected Ranjidev and healed him from his injuries sustained in an accident while driving his motorbike.

Pray: For the healing of a new believer Arun Rishidev from a spinal cord injury. For Siva's son who is suffering from an undiagnosed disease resulting in weakened bones to be healed. For the believers of Madavpura village to be strengthened in their faith and to be able to find opportunity to share the Gospel to their relatives. For Rupam

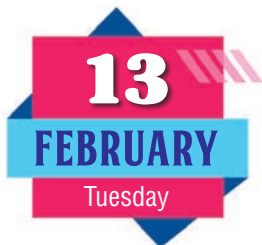
Devi her husband Ravindher Mandhal who is a stumbling block for her Christian faith to repent, and accept Christ as his personal Saviour.

Aairiya:

**Jennis J B &
Suganthi Pushpam**

Praise God: For the progressive healing received from TB by Ashok Rishidev of Narbathganj in answer to prayers. Manoj withstood all the persecution he faced for Christ and overcame and has opened the doors of his house for conducting a prayer meet. For Jithin Devi addicted to tobacco, received deliverance from this evil habit in response to fasting prayers. Two persons who initially made a ruckus to stop the Christmas program was made quiet after a while and viewed the program by the Grace of God.

Pray: For the repentance of Salon Rishidev who subjects his wife to domestic abuse because of his addiction to alcohol. For the problems faced by Mahesh of Narbathganj village to be resolved and to enable him to come back to the Church. Due to the intense persecution prevailing in Kajvi Sanrapur region, all the planned ministry programs, the Jesus film shows and other ministries have been stopped. Pray the Lord would open doors for ministry. For the backslidden people - Bindhu and Rishidev to repent and turn back to the Lord.



Happy Birthday

MRS. STELLA PRABHUDASS
MR. SANJEEB KUMAR ANDRAP
MRS. KAMPUNG TABA CHUCHAO
MRS. VIOLET HANSDA
MRS. GURPREET KAUR KULDEEP SINGH

Jharkhand

Tinpahar:

Nehemiah & Anamika Pegu

Praise God: The Christmas programs were conducted successfully with the participation of many non-believers who heard the Good News. For the dedication of the newly built house of Mangaru Munda. God enabled us to speak about the love and care of Jesus to those who had assembled there. For our believer Gopal who secured a government job in the Judiciary Courts. Many believers attended the New Year worship service and recommitted their lives to the Lord.

Pray: For the consolation of our new believer Titeria Kujur who lost her husband recently. For her family to be comforted and to remain steadfast in their faith. For the new believers Kiran Lakra, Bhatiya Kispoda, Lila Kajir and Suhi Kujur to grow in their understanding and faith in Jesus Christ, and to be prepared to publicly

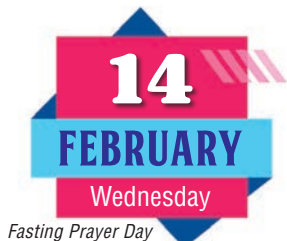
confess their faith. For the repentance of Narayan Munda, Dhukka Minz, Dharma Kakhka and Sangkerva Minz who persecute the believers severely. For the Lord to bless the confinement of Ashok Munda's wife who conceived after many years of barrenness.

Jaganathpur:

Basudev Malto & Basanti Malto; S Abraham & Alice Sheeba

Praise God: For the 10 persons who tasted the love of our Lord Jesus Christ and joined the fold of believers. All the Christmas programs were conducted without any hindrance. As a result of the outreach Ministry, many people heard the Gospel in Bukreep, Kudakattu, Madakkattu, Hadachpera and Pondiyari villages. A Soul winning training program was conducted for the Church elders of Badajamda village.

Pray: For the repentance of those who attacked during a prayer meet in Purujaldi village and a false case foisted on 2 widowed believers. The Lord to strengthen these 2 widows and other believers who have to forsake their work and present themselves in the judicial courts regarding the case filed. For the preparatory work done for the public confession of the faith of the believers' in Padapachaya and Kundijora villages to be blessed by the Lord. For the blessings of the Soul winners camp planned for the Kadakesana village.



Fasting Prayer Day

Happy Birthday

MRS. LAL NUN MAWI HMAR KIPGEN

**Mandro & Bagaya
Children Home:**

**Hijam Kenedy Singh &
Linthoibi Chanu**

Praise God: For the 20 persons who confessed their faith on Jesus Christ and joined the fold of believers. For Roshan Soran's life preserved by the Lord even when a poisonous snake bit him. For the 5 places where the Jesus film was screened. For all the children who completed their half yearly exams successfully.

Pray: For the Lord to open the doors for ministry in the Bagalpur District of Bihar for the proclamation of the Gospel. For a worship group to be established in the Birbandi village. Small prayer cells to be established in all the congregations. For Baburam Hansdak and Bonibas Kisku who oppose the Gospel to taste the love of our Lord Jesus. For the 12th graders preparing for their Board exams to be preserved in good health and

to concentrate on their studies. For the Lord to grant them wisdom and understanding

**Pathna and Barharva
Girls Home:**

**Peter Prabhakaran &
Vimala; Vasava Aruna,
Ching Nei Sian**

Praise God: For 3 new persons who confessed their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour of their lives. For the healing received by a little girl Boido Hemrom from sleeplessness and headache causing her difficult to study. The worship service at Mahadevpur which was temporarily halted has again been restarted by the Grace of God. The harvest festival was observed joyfully in all the congregations.

Pray: Simon Hemron of Kokru village lost his goat to poisoning by his enemies. Pray that Simon would receive compensation and his enemies would taste the love of our Lord. For their good health and wisdom to be bestowed on all the students who prepare for their board exams in our girls home. Pray that the parents of these students would be led to pray for their children.



Happy Birthday

MR. DANIEL THOMAS
MRS. MERCY DEBORAH SENTHIL
MR. VASAVE ELESH PRABHU
MR. AYYANAR M.

Manika:

**Vedamanikam
Appadurai & Jeba**

Praise God: Our believers distributed sarees and bedsheets to the poor and needy in their village on the day of the Christmas program. God gave a good life partner to Pooja of Paethla village. For the children, youth and adults who recited God's Word in the Christmas program.

Pray: For Asha Kumari and Karishma to be able to do their 10th board exams well. A widow named Panbathiya of Thetherghat village to be delivered from demon possession. The Church construction in Biara to reach its completion soon. The backslidden families from the Oravan group namely Dhinesh, Pali, Sadan, Arvind, Poodhan, Krishna, Pirilekha and Rakesh to be restored back to faith.

West Bengal

**Balurghat: R Kingsly
Livingston & Delphin**

Praise God: For the dedication of the Church at Nakdagari village for the Glory of God. The Christmas programs were

conducted in 4 places and about 150 people received the Gospel tracts that were distributed during the event. For the good participation of a number of women who regularly attend the Bible study groups taking place in the Ponkat village Church.

Pray: For Pulmuni Soren, Roshan Hemrom, Parthi Mardi, Subajith Hemrom, Surojith Hemrom families who have been prepared for a public confession of their faith in Jesus Christ to grow steadfast in their faith. Like the women's Bible study group happening in Pongat village Church, pray for the start of Bible study groups in Danthagari, Gosapur, Hariapur and Katna village Churches and for many believers to attend the study. For the upcoming elders training camp and youth retreats to bear much fruit.

**Jamboni: Ephraim Malli
& Prosonsita Malli**

Praise God: For 2 persons who accepted Jesus as their personal Saviour. For the deliverance received by Kausalya from an evil spirit possession in response to continuous prayers offered in faith. For the successful conduct of the Christmas programs planned in 18 places and for the vast groups of people who attended the event and individually received the Good News tract.

Pray: For the work of the Holy Spirit in the villages of Katkura and Salka Panasar villages where the Gospel was presented to be led to a saving faith and for a worship centre to be soon established here. For Kadonmi Soren, Satyuri Soren, Samgari Marti and Hauti Marti who show interest to the Gospel to know the Lord deeply and to be led to a public confession of their faith on Jesus Christ.



Happy Birthday

MRS. PON LATHA JEBAKUMAR
MR. SATHEES KUMAR C.

Tapan: Haramohan & Kumari Susama

Praise God: For the 5 persons who confessed their faith on the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. For the dedication of the Nagthagar Church for the Glory of God. The Christmas programs were conducted successfully in Nagthagar, Baspada, Mohandhara and Nemba fields. Around 800 people participated in these celebrations and heard the Good News and received the Gospel tracts. For the healing received by Pisthu Murmu who became very weak due to Jaundice.

Pray: For Hemrom who was suffering from depression, received healing when he prayed to the Lord and became a believer. But after a period of time, the depression struck again and his relatives blamed him for his Christian faith and bound him up and prevented him from going to Church. Pray the Lord would heal him and help him to regain his faith. For the consolation of Nurul's family grieving over the loss of their child.

West Bengal Santhal Region:

Solomon A & Suganthi

Praise God: For the 27 people who accepted Christ as their personal

Saviour and joined the fold of believers. About 7350 people attended the various Christmas programs that were organised and heard the Good News. For the dedication of the newly built Churches in Nagathgar, Basaga and Bansol villages for the Glory of God.

Pray: For the Lord to touch the lives of those people who refuse our believers to enter into the villages of Jeetdaspur region. For the repentance and a change of heart for those who threaten our believers Manoj Dudu, Sirdhar Hemrom family who have newly come into the faith. For the efforts taken to start a new worship group in Singhiya, Doya Dola, Kesampur and Betkasa villages to be fruitful.

Samsi:

Deepratna & Mithlesh

Praise God: Two persons confessed their faith on our Lord Jesus Christ. For the healing received in response to prayers offered in faith by a new believer Shiva Saran from many kinds of sickness which made him bed ridden earlier. About 800 people witnessed the Jesus Film which was screened in about 8 villages. They heard the Gospel and received the Gospel Tracts which were distributed. The Christmas program was conducted successfully in Vari and Rona villages.

Pray: For Rakesh Murmu whose legs are bent and swollen, to receive healing from the Lord. For the closed doors for the Gospel in Sithalpur area to be opened soon. For the Holy Spirit to lead Arjun Murmu of Batkara village and Dalu Hansda of Gondala village to know the Lord deeper and to be led to confess their faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.



Happy Birthday

MRS. RUHAMA GURU
MISS. VANGALAPUDI CHANDINI

Pakuahat: Rama Krishna Aggibada & Anjali Devi

Praise God: For Mithin Murmu of Daligot village who was possessed by an evil spirit tormenting him with sleeplessness was brought to the Church. When the believers prayed, the Lord delivered him and made him well. Because the Lord blessed the harvests of our believers, the Harvest festival observed in the Churches at Nimidanga, Salpani and Ulathur was conducted with great joy.

Pray: For the problems besetting the family of Sujana Hemrom to be resolved and peace to prevail. For the first fruit of the Oravan people group of the Pakuahat field, Mohan Oravan to live a witnessing life and enable others to come to our Lord Jesus Christ. For Adhivasi Sengal Abhiyan and his team who work things against our ministry, to taste and see the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Asom

Jonai: Sunil Prasad Singh & Joy Bella

Praise God: Two new persons confessed their faith on the Lord Jesus Christ and joined the fold of believers. For the multitude of people who gathered and witnessed the Christmas Carol program

conducted in Leimikkuri village. For the proclamation of the Gospel in Borang village which was once opposed to the Gospel. For Sivanandh Pegu who was delivered from the possession of an evil spirit in response to the chain of prayers offered in faith.

Pray: For the worship service to be restarted in Leimikkuri village, which had been stopped due to opposition. For the oppressor Dhalmul Tholai to repent and have a change of heart. For the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon the Church Elders – Rakesh Thokai, Thimbeshvari Tholai, Prasanth and Goliman, to enable them to lead the Church with the unction of the Holy Spirit. For the Lord to enable the missionaries to start worship groups in atleast 3 places before the end of March.



It's Gospel all along the way

Rajesh is a 45 year old man from Malanpur village of Dabra Mission field in Madhya Pradesh. He lived a witnessing life and whenever an opportunity would present to him, he would utilize it to share the Gospel without fail. He was returning with other passengers in an auto rickshaw after attending the Christmas programme in a nearby village. He began to share about Christ to his co passengers. An irritated religious fanatic and a co passenger filed a case against him and Rajesh was summoned to the police station where his contacts and financial sources were examined. By the divine wisdom bestowed upon him, he answered all questions in the right manner and even ended up sharing the Good News to the cops present. At the end of the investigation, he was discharged as a blameless man in an honourable way. The name of the Lord was glorified.





Happy Birthday

MRS. TEJASWITA BEBORTA
MR. SUKINLAL C.

Chattisgarh

Durgkondal: Babujee Murmu & Violet Hansda

Praise God: For the 5 persons who accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. This public confession of faith event happened for the first time in Halanjir village. The Gospel tracts have been distributed to at least 137 people. For the healing received by Babujee after remaining sick for a long period of time.

Pray: For God to heal our new believers Prakash and Pulmatti Kinto who suffer from physical weakness and unending stomach ache. For a spiritual revival to take place among the people of Dimdiya people group. For the believers of the Halanjir village to live a witnessing life so their life can testify about Jesus to their relatives who watch them.

Sitapur: Muthu Kumar M & Nethravathi

Praise God: for the deliverance received by Atul of Suvarpada village who suffered depression owing to his addiction to mobile and tobacco is now recovering in his mental state by the Grace of God. For the Christmas Carols

organised during the night time, which was conducted peacefully without any hindrance. During this festive season the Gospel was proclaimed in 11 villages through outreach ministry.

Pray: For Manoj Kesh, Nibakkar Doppo and Vikram Lakra who show interest in knowing the Lord to grow in their faith. For Seema -Gayandeep and Balsai who underwent depression owing to family issues to find their solution in Jesus Christ and receive the peace that He alone gives. For the seed of the Gospel sown in the hearts of all the listeners to bear fruit by the work of the Holy Spirit. For the Church construction work going on in Barbahala, Kaljeeba, and Dhara Tent to be completed on time and dedicated for the Glory of God.

Baiyathan - 1: Thang Chin Lian & Vung Thian

Praise God: For a great multitude who came and watched the screening of the Jesus film in Jansi village. The Good News was proclaimed anew in three villages. The needy among the villages where the Christmas program was conducted were provided with blankets to bear the cold weather. Many believers took part in the watch night service to mark the New Year in the presence of God.

Pray: For the Lord to answer the persevering prayer of Pushpa of Kappa village to conceive and bear a child. For the Lord to bless the fruit of the womb of Neha and Santhoshi sisters. For Vishnu to be delivered from his addiction to alcohol. For all the planned programs for this upcoming year to be conducted without any hindrances by the Grace of God.



Happy Birthday

MRS. ANBUMALAR BALAMURUGAN

Odisha

**Utkal Region: Ashok
Nayak & Surabhi Nayak**

Praise God: For the Gospel which was proclaimed in 4 new villages. For the 4 families who have newly come into faith on the Lord Jesus Christ. For the open doors prevailing for ministry in Mangeshpura, Bimbudiya and Ambasara villages. For the deliverance received by a person of Raisam village from many evil spirits which possessed him when the believers fasted and prayed. He has now become a believer.

Pray: For the 10 new families who have come into the faith to be prepared for a public confession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. For a worship service to be established amongst the villagers who show interest in hearing the Gospel. For God's Grace to enable us to reach out to the designated number of souls as part of our vision plan joining hands with our Local evangelists and Church Elders.

**Jashippur: Samuel J &
Havila; Arvinth Kumar &
Helen Mariam**

Praise God: For the many who stood and witnessed till the end, during the

screening of the Jesus film in about 15 villages. 337 people received the Gospel Tracts. For Shanthi Burdi of Parakmunda village was delivered from the possession of an evil spirit and her whole family has now come into the faith.

Pray: For those 337 people who received the Gospel Tracts to read and believe in the Word and be touched by the love of Jesus Christ. For the believers of Kandubil village who has to travel many miles to fetch potable water and thus unable to attend Church. Pray the Lord would solve their water crisis. For the families of Dhamu Parjo, Pirap Parjo, Sikkur Purdi and Maina to be blessed with a child after many years of barrenness.



The former and the latter times

In a little village of Gijirya in the Jasipur mission field of Orissa state lived a young girl Sini Barjo who was tormented by the possession of an evil spirit, which caused her to have sleepless nights and lose her sanity and appetite. She tried many treatments and religious rituals to resist the evil spirit, but to no avail. Finally, she was brought to the Church where the believers and the missionaries prayed fervently for her deliverance. In a few days her sanity was restored and she became just like any other normal girl. Overwhelmed with joy, her whole family believed in the Lord Jesus and started attending Church. But unfortunately, in a few months they had backslidden and started following their old ways of worship. Sini went under the attack of the devil which was now more intense, which led her to lose her sanity again, strip herself and ran naked in the village screaming. None in the village could restrain her. Her parents returned to the Church in repentance and wept for their daughter and sought the Lord's merciful healing. The Grace of God healed her one more time. The gladdened family committed themselves to follow the Lord at all times; and is now living their lives zealously for the Lord.





Happy Birthday

MR. KUNA CHANDRA PAIK, MR. JOHNSON V.

Rimuli: Shankar P & Jelin

Praise God: For Mongalu Munda and Jegan Munda who apart from leading their own Churches, also visit other villages and conduct prayer meetings. By the fervent prayers of the believers, a herd of 15 elephants which threatened to enter a human settlement retreated back into the forest. New comers have joined the prayer fellowship in Kongana and Jamuthi villages. A believer who donated his land in Archala village for the construction of a Church received healing from a sickness that he suffered for a long time.

Pray: For the Follow-up ministry done in 23 villages and the Gospel tracts distributed to various homes to be read by the members and the Holy Spirit to lead them to the Truth and to help them put their faith in Jesus Christ. For the men folk to follow the foot-steps of their women folk in attending the Church service. For the Church elders Buthram Munda, Mansingh Munda and Niran Munda to be filled by the Holy Spirit's guidance in leading their Church. For all the planned programs to be successfully conducted.

Gujarat

Randha Home:

**Marcas Malto & Sara;
Chandrika Ben, Angel Raj**

Praise God: For the eager participation

of our students who attended the Scriptural Exam from the book of Exodus and reciting the memory verses printed in our calendar. The parents and other villagers eagerly attended the Christmas Choir program and witnessed the talents of their children. For special coaching arranged for Mathematics and Science subjects to the students.

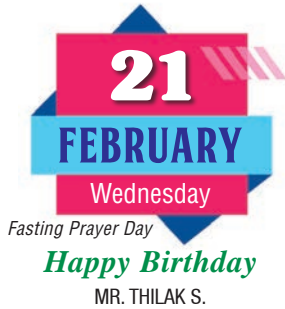
Pray: For the students preparing for the 10th Board exams to do well. For the children's health to be preserved in this cold season. For the new children of our hostel to quickly transform their minds from a state of homesickness to academic pursuits. For the health and safety of our missionaries and co-workers.

Bodeli:

Yesu Babu A & Usha S

Praise God: A Bible Quiz for all the believers of the Kudhanpur and Carnet Churches were conducted. For all the women who attended the special women's meet conducted in Sitpur and Kudhanpur Churches. A new Bible study fellowship has been started in the Carnet congregation.

Pray: For the few families of the Thatvi people group who have newly started to attend our Church to be led to faith upon our Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord would give these family as the first fruits and enable many more from the Thatvi people group to accept Christ as their personal Saviour. For a suitable place to be found for conducting the Church worship at Wakai village and for an appropriate land to be obtained for the construction of a Church for the Karnet Congregation. For new souls to be led to Christ in the follow up ministry conducted in 3 villages.



Surat: Madhavaroy M (Rtd) & Jebathangam

Praise God: When the lady of the tenant family of our believer Geetha, suffered miscarriage thrice, they concluded that the house is cursed. But when Geetha prayed with faith, the Lord caused the tenant to conceive again and now both the tenant and Geetha are praying together. For Sangeetha Ben to be delivered from the possession of an evil spirit. Pushpa's husband who received healing from the bite of a poisonous insect and Mohith who received a miraculous protection when he accidentally slipped and fell from the third floor at work.

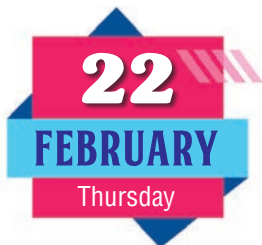
Pray: For the quick procurement of a selected land in the village of Bosthan village, for the construction of a Church. For the deliverance of Sandhu Bai, a backslidden believer from the possession of an evil spirit who has been brought to the Church again. For Geetha Ben and Mamta Ben to receive deliverance from the physical abuse they suffer in the

hands of their husbands. Pray for the repentance of their husbands. For Anitha Ben's husband to be delivered from his addiction to alcohol.

Choramba: Pushparaj R & Jothi Nirmala

Praise God: For 12 people who accepted Christ as their personal Saviour and were added to the fold of believers. For the Lord's miraculous protection to a labourer who fell down from a height while fixing the windows during the construction of the Church at Sondagara village. For the joyful celebration of Christmas programs in Kasvar, Buthvada, Sondagara and Choramba villages. For the multitude of people who attended the Christmas program in the open grounds of Ragipura village.

Pray: Due to the location of the Buthvada Church between the Temples of two different sects, there arise difficulties to conduct the Worship service which must be resolved amicably. The believers of the Kidumbara Church must find good Christian life partners for their young children. For the spiritual discouragement prevailing in the Church to be overcome by the Grace of God. For Viswa, a girl volunteer for the Children's ministry in Ragipura village, suffering from a low blood count to receive a healing.



Ahwa: Vigneshwaran & Angelin M

Praise God: For the 17 people who accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. For all the Christmas programs conducted successfully amidst severe cold conditions. even in forest areas the program was joyfully attended by a large number of people. As a thanksgiving offering to the Lord, the Harvest festival was observed in all the Churches. The Lord enabled the Panchayat leaders and the Revenue officials to aid the conduct of the Christmas programs.

Pray: For the Lord to change the hearts of Sakthibai and Gulabbai of Amdhava village who oppose the ministry to relent from their evil ways and turn to the Lord. For God to answer the prayers of Miraben, Meenaben and Surekaben and grant each one a child. For people to have the discernment to spot fake swamiji's. For our believers to reject the false Christian preachers. For new Churches to be built in our mission field and many new souls to be won for the Lord. For Local evangelists and Church elders to be used mightily by the Lord.

Mosda:

Paulraj & Koil Pushpam

Praise God: About 2000 people attended the Christmas program

conducted in Dhandiyavadi, Dhabga and Nivelda villages and heard the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ. In His mercy the Lord enabled the missionaries to visit 25 non believer families and share the Good News during the Christmas Carols conducted in Bodiypada town. Members from the 4 families that were visited have started coming to the Church. For God's protection over Sunilal's life when he met with a car accident.

Pray: For new believers - 3 widows from Raldha village who have come to the faith to stay strong in the Lord. For a 2year old boy Sirayan who is blind from birth to be healed by the Grace of God. For the upcoming spiritual meet planned in Posan village to be fruitful. A new worship group to be established in this area shortly. For the youth of the Church to attend the Church worship service and to live a witnessing life.



The Saul of Modern Times

The village of Arsol likes in the Rimuli Mission Field of Orissa state. The believers here used to worship the Lord in a very peaceful manner. As the believers count increased, this infuriated the father-in-law of Gurubari who started causing many troubles to the ministry. It became natural for him to foist false cases upon the believers. Our believers continued to pray for him. One day all of a sudden, he attended the Church service and shared a testimony that Jesus appeared to him in a vision the previous night and hence he declared that Jesus is the only true living Lord as he realised the Truth. Everyone who heard his testimony was amazed. Today he attends the Church regularly both for the morning and evening prayers. He praises the Lord by singing and praying sincerely. To God be the Glory.





Happy Birthday

MR. ISAAC RAJA D.
MR. SENTHIL KUMAR TIMOTHY
MRS. ANITHA PRABHA ANANDAKUMAR
MRS. EEMANDI ANURADHA

Umargam: Asir Moses & Amirth Golda

Praise God: 5 persons committed their lives to Jesus Christ and accepted Him as their personal Saviour. Many people attended the watch night service of the New Year held in Navanagori and Jeroli villages. Many people took part in the fasting prayer held in the Manda and Nikkozhi region and prayed for the salvation of their people groups. The Church elder's training program was successfully conducted.

Pray: For the night prayer meetings to be newly started in Boremal and Dhogirpada villages. For the efforts taken to share the Gospel through the night prayer meets, Jesus film screenings and outreach mission trips in this year to be fruitful in bringing the chosen souls to Christ. For the Church elders and Local evangelists to be filled with the Holy Spirit and to lead many people to the Lord and His Church.

Maharashtra

Savda: Ramesh Bai Vasava & Sunita Ben

Praise God: For the discovery of a poisonous snake among the clothes

of Vagaria's daughter in law and was later killed. The various Christmas Carol programs which were conducted without any hindrances. In 2 places where the Carol program was conducted, Good News tracts were distributed. Training was conducted for the leaders of small prayer cell groups.

Pray: For the repentance of Gowlsingh who opposes the Christian ministry. For the deliverance of Lakshmi Bai and Hariyabai from the possession of an evil spirit. For the healing of Javan Singh and Akash from TB infection. For the Lord to bless the family of Sunil – Siyanibai with a child. For the successful conduct of the various programs for the upcoming month.

Chopda: Bhangsingh Vasava & Yeman Poslibhai

Praise God: Five new persons accepted Christ as their personal Saviour and joined the fold of believers. The Lord enabled the smooth conduct of the Christmas program and the worship service in Chopda village where there was consistent opposition to the Christian faith. For our Hostel children Arpan Jammu and Akash Barsiya who participated and excelled in the district sports that were conducted.

Pray: For the healing of a tumour seen in the stomach of Krishna of Amol village. For Ramesh Bai of Nagpur village who is bedridden for the past 9 years due to a sickness to receive healing. For the recruitment of Tuition teachers to conduct special supplementary classes for our students. For the progress of our students in academics and in their spiritual growth.



Talasari: Mayilsami Joseph & Yesumani

Praise God: 17 persons confessed their faith in Christ Jesus and accepted Him as their Lord and Saviour of their lives. For about 2000 people who gathered and witnessed the proclamation of the Good News in the Christmas Program conducted in Uthva village. For those believers who had backslidden from their faith in Kodada village, were spiritually revived through these programs. The Lord enabled us to meet the 36 families through the Christmas Carol visits. For the 5 new families that have come into the faith in Parda and Velugam villages.

Pray: For a suitable land to be procured for the construction of the Church at Saivan village. A new worship group to be started in Kosambat village. For the Lord to thwart the plans of those who intend to stop the worship service that has been started at Katkonai village. For the healing of 7- year old Aryan of Kansat village who is suffering from a physical deficiency.

Jawahar: Geddamm Srinivasa Rao & Medenki Rajyalaxmi

Praise God: Around 1200 people gathered and witnessed the Christmas Carol program conducted in Sinthoni and Lakkarumal village. During the

Christmas Carol procession in the villages of Mandhoni, Sisdha, Kotpa and Matvera, the Gospel was preached to all who gathered through Street preaching during the night time.

Pray: For the believers of Dabari village who face undue opposition to remain steadfast in their faith. For the oppressors to repent and experience the love of Jesus. For those who are being prepared for a public confession of their faith to overcome all challenges and be strengthened in their faith. For Manisha of Vikramal village to receive deliverance from the possession of an evil spirit.

Molgi: Bharanidharan S & Selvarani; Seenu, Bidyut

Praise God: For the public confession of the faith of 9 people upon our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. In 6 different places the Christmas Program was observed and celebrated joyfully. The New Year Service was conducted as a fasting prayer in 2 places and was attended by a large number of people. A special meet for women was conducted in 5 different places.

Pray: For our new missionary trainees Seenu and Bidyut to be blessed with the gift of learning new languages. For them to be used as a powerful instrument in the hands of our Lord. For the believer farmers who migrate to other regions to remain rooted in their faith on the Lord Jesus Christ and to live a testimonial life. For the backslidden believers Najukka and Latha to turn back to the Lord. For all the planned programs for the upcoming month to be successfully completed.



Happy Birthday

MRS. ANGEL JEBA HENRY
MRS. SUBHRA BAG MINTU KUTUM
MRS. SARATHI ARUN KUMAR
MRS. SUMATHI GANESH
MRS. NEETU DINESH KUMAR
MR. STEPHAN HANSDA

Karnataka

Haliyal:

Thanglal Zou & Nemzavah

Praise God: For the worship services newly started in Gervada, Detgara and Mainali villages. For the many people who took part in the 12 hour fasting prayer and prayed fervently for the salvation of their neighbours and family members. The Lord delivered Nagesh and Chithipa from their addiction to alcohol in response to persistent prayers offered by the Church and are now regularly attending the Church worship service. For Nagaraj who received healing from the migraine head ache he suffered.

Pray: For our missionary's brother Liyanminlung who is selected to join the Police force as an Inspector, to successfully complete his training and receive a posting. For Subash of Kakri village who feels numbness in his feet and unable to work, to receive healing

from the Lord. For Palunmang Sou to successfully face the interview for a State Bank job. For the repentance of Manju and Harris who oppose the ministry done in Hosa Karahalli and Kalhatti villages.

Shiggaon:

Sunil Data Kara & Meenakhi Beero

Praise God: For three new persons who confessed their faith in Christ. For the gradual healing received by 21 year old youth who had damaged his liver through excessive drinking, through a chain prayer undertaken in the Church. The Grace of God which enabled us to have a safe conduct of the Christmas programs in all the fields. For God's provision of a teaching job for Ashwini who faithfully sought the Lord in prayers.

Pray: For Pradeep waiting for a job offer after his completion of ITI course, to receive a suitable job. For Bibijan a new believer to receive healing from a problem in her fingers. For 20 year old Magesh suffering from a severe diabetic ailment to receive healing from the Lord. For an Islamic family who had suffered a loss in their business and is now coming to the Church to pray for their financial crisis to find the Living Lord in their thirst for deliverance. For the healing of Kandha from a fractured knee cap due to a vehicular accident.



Happy Birthday

MR. SURESH JOSEPH

**Nidagundi:
Samuel Bebart**

Praise God: For the 950 people who heard the Good News being proclaimed in the various Christmas programs and the 1650 Good News tracts being distributed. For the healing in progress received by Reshma from a TB infection, due to persistent prayers. Because of the fervent prayers of the Gowda Church, Ashok who was in a coma due to an accident, opened his eyes after a week.

Pray: For God to bless Shilpa, Usha, Sakkubai and Sivaliya with committed Christian life partners. For the repentance of Limbaji, Parasu, Uchariya, Ingappa, Punith Raji, Suresh and Praksh who oppose the Christian ministry in Uppaladini village. For the Lord to deliver Raji-Jothi, Sunil-Nila, Santhosh - Kavitha, Somu-Jaya families from the bondage of debts incurred by them.

**Gowribindanur:
Francis K Duraiswamy &
Jayanthi P**

Praise God: For an Elderly believer Adhilakshmiyamma who was swindled of her property by her relatives and forsaken, came to Church in an

abandoned state and prayed for the Lord's mercy upon her. The Lord responded to her prayers and enabled her relatives to care for her again. God answered the prayers of Chandralekha who lost her job suddenly and enabled her to get back another job. The Good News was shared to many people who attended the Christmas programs conducted in various places.

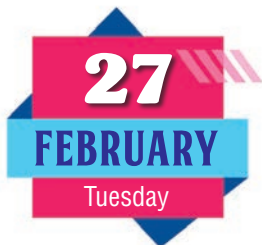
Pray: For Rapat - Kiruba family to be reconciled of all their differences in Christ and for peace to prevail in their family. For God to negate the attempts by Lakshmiddeviammal's relatives to usurp her land. For Naveen, Surya, Nandhini, Govardhan and Prakash to grow in their faith and be bold in a public confession of their faith. For Narendhra who falls sick often and is burdened by his family problems to receive healing from the Lord. For the families of Prasad and Thimmappa to renew their relationship with Christ.



Speak in the name of Jesus

Thalasari is our mission field in Palghar District of Maharashtra. As part of our Gospel Ratham ministry, our team went to the Matgav village. Yogitha who had lost her speaking ability and remained mute for 9 months was brought to the Church by her family members for prayer. Having lost hope in all the treatments as everything proved futile, her family put their faith in prayer and wanted the Church to pray for Yogitha. When our missionary and elders joined together and prayed fervently with faith, the Lord did a miracle and opened her mouth so that she could speak. Today the whole family has become believers and testifies the Goodness of the Lord to others.





Happy Birthday

MRS. NIANG KHAN MAN VUM BIAK LAL
MRS. ANITA SHISHU PAL

Khanapur:

Vinayaraj M & Shantha

Praise God: For the Church Elders Basappa and Yellappa overcame all the obstacles faced due to persecution for their faith and managed to conduct a successful Christmas program by the Grace of God. For the 3 persons who accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. Our believer Chinnamma who had earlier donated 70 chairs to the Church has now come forward to donate an Almirah for the usage of the Church.

Pray: For the Lord to bless the health and business of our believer Saritha who run a Chat stall travelling every day from Gulbarga to Khanapur to support her family. Our believers not to get ensnared by all the false teaching that comes via social media. For our believer's son Pramodh to successfully complete his Engineering course in Hubli and prepare himself to secure a good job. For another of

our missionary's son to qualify in the NEET Exam and be placed as an Assistant professor.

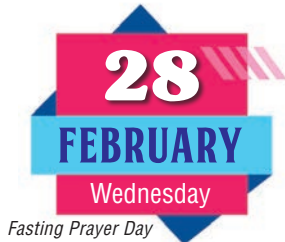
Andhra Pradesh

Chittoor Region:

**Vediyappan L &
Lakshmi M**

Praise God: For the Local evangelist worker's family meet which was successfully conducted and for the workers who recommitted themselves to serve the Lord, to remain faithful in their commitment. Many people took part in the fasting prayer conducted in a hill adjacent to the Ramapuram village and prayed fervently. A women's special meet was conducted in Bairedupalli village. For the Gospel proclamation done in Sulturpet and Madhanapalli villages through the Gospel Ratham program.

Pray: The person who has given his land for the construction of a training headquarters in Bairedupalli village to vacate the land soon. Pray the land would be cleared and would come under our possession. For the heart ailment suffered by Shanthi Priya the wife of our Local evangelist to be healed by the Grace of God. For those who heard the Gospel through the Christmas Carols programs to be led to faith upon our Lord Jesus Christ.



Happy Birthday

MR. VINU P., MR. SAMUEL J.
MRS. IRENE LETTHENMUONG HAOKIP

Palamaner:
**Paul Kuppuswamy &
Shyla K**

Praise God: For the successful conduct of Christmas Carols conducted in 25 villages without any hindrance. For the screening of the Jesus Film in Mittur village. Gospel tracts were distributed among those who viewed the film. For all the believers who attended the New Year Service and were blessed with the Promises from His Word. The Church Organizing committee meet was conducted successfully in all the Churches.

Pray: For the fruitful running of the Selvarapalli worship group. For a suitable land to be procured for the construction of the Church. For our believer who has opened a restaurant in Palamner town to be blessed in his business. For a worship group to be started in Kandariga village where there are currently 10 believers prevailing. For the healing of Vinoth from depression, Venkataraman from TNB, Abraham from Asthma and Prasanth from a lung infection.

Tamil Nadu
**Mecheri: RR Dharmaraj &
Maria Selvii**

Praise God: For the Christmas programs that were conducted in all the Churches of our mission field. The Lord blessed the family of Susai- Mary and Nithin-Nancy with a beautiful child after remaining childless for many years. For the healing received by Mohan from a sickness he suffered for a long time, when he prayed fervently.

Pray: When Padmavathi prayed to the Lord in the Church for healing, the Lord healed her of her hemorrhage problem. For the repentance of Ramesh who prevents his wife Rajeshwari from attending the Church. For the Lord to bless the family of Nithya-Suresh and Kousalya-Deepakraj with a child in response to their fervent prayers.

**Anchetty: David Nicolson
& Ivy Margaret**

Praise God: For the Gospel which was proclaimed newly in 7 villages and for new contacts established with 15 persons. The Christmas programs were effectively conducted in all the places pertaining to the mission field.

Pray: For the new contacts Manasa, Bhavana, Manju, Lakshmi, Atkipathi, Shanmugam, Prema, Rajkumar, Masanauthu, Pandiyan, Sekar and Chandran families to know the Lord deeper and to come into the fold of believers. For our believer Lakshmi to regain her lost vocal cords.



Denkanikottai: Jebaraj S & Thangammal M

Praise God: The Grace of God which enabled our sponsor David Bhaskar from Bangalore and his team which distributed the gifts given during our Christmas programs in Seekepuram and Karandapalli villages. When our missionary along with his wife were travelling in a bike through a forested area, they were miraculously protected by the Lord from an elephant which crossed their path barely 20 metres away. The Lord enabled us to distribute gifts and share the Good News as part of Christmas outreach to 20 families of Maragatta village who have not yet accepted the Lord as their personal Saviour.

Pray: For the Grace of God to fulfil our vision to establish a Church, keeping in focus 7 villages pertaining to the Maragatta Panchayat and for the ministry to be done in these villages. For the repentance of Nagappa who is a stumbling block for the Christians, unable to obtain a land to be used as a graveyard. For our believer Sunder to receive a job transfer from Chengalpet to Krishnagiri. For Rajkumar to secure a good job. For Paul Laksmannan to receive healing from an infection in his eyes.

A Meaningful Initiative this Christmas Season

God's prompting in my heart saying, 'Fill your three neighbouring towns with the Good News of the Gospel' kept coming to me very clearly. In obedience to this, I planned to distribute during this Christmas season a 14-page evangelistic booklet in Hindi titled, 'Mol Unmol' in the towns of Madhepura, Supaul and Saharsa with the permission of the SDOs concerned. I was overcome with fear but God strengthened me through Jere 20:11. God enabled us to distribute a total of 21055 of these booklets. We started this distribution from the district court complexes in each of these districts. Apart from lawyers who gladly accepted these booklets, there were litigants from various villages who happily received these; some of them took extra copies for their neighbours. One of the lawyers seeing a person hesitant to take the booklet said to him, 'Take the booklet, go home and read it. There are words of wisdom and a lot of good teaching in it'. Pray that in the days to come we would be able to see people being led to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Rev. M. John - Missionary



Sivakumar was born on 26.09.94 in Virudu Vilanginaan village of Tiruvanamalai District, to the parents Chandrasekar & Latha who brought up their children very strictly in the orthodox Hindu tradition and rituals as strong bakths. In the year 2011, he participated in a camp conducted by the Union of Evangelical students and heard the message based on Salvation. Eagerly he accepted it and confessed his sins and surrendered himself totally to his Savior Jesus Christ. Finishing his collage studies, when he was employed in a private firm, he heard the call of God while reading the Bible through Genesis 12 and had resigned his job. His parents opposed his move and told them that he would receive no inheritance from their side. He took his stand and told them that he was not bothered about it and that he would serve God in His vineyard. Nobody communicated with him for a week. His parents had a change of heart when Sivakumar fasted and prayed. They themselves called him and sent him willingly to serve God with their blessings. So Sivakumar joined FMPB and completed his training in 2017 and was placed in Haryana for a year and then moved to Uttarkhand where he served the Lord for four years. He got married to Susheela Marak in the year 2020. Susheela Marak was the third daughter of Mr. Chandan Marak & Mrs. Minnoti Marak hailing from Govati district in Assam. They are first generation Christians in their family who had accepted Christ through the Baptist mission. Susheela had accepted Christ when she was in the eleventh standard, through the Baptist mission. In 2018 she joined FMPB, as she had already committed herself for the full time ministry. She was trained in Jhansi NIM center and was put up in Rajasthan Children Home. At present they are serving the Lord in Dineshpur Mission field in Uthrakhand. God blessed this couple with a male child on 2.04.2021 and named him as Jeevan Chan Samuel. Let us remember them in our prayers.



**Sivakumar &
Susheela Marak
Family**



“Our longing and sighing”

- 1** *How many days will it take for the Gospel of Jesus Christ to be known by the entire nation? How many days will it take for all to know?*
- 2** *The people, like sheep in abundance, stray. God's blessing is generous to all who seek it.*
- 3** *In these days when the powers of Satan are increasing, won't the children of God stand as one?*
- 4** *Given the immense needs and the continual slipping away of opportunities, will the servants of God not humble themselves and minister in unity?*
- 5** *When will the anger, resentment, jealousy, and divisions among the missionaries disappear?*
- 6** *When will the day arrive when the kernels from the true wheat disappear within the soil? Will the day come when we break?*

**An old mission song
(Yethani Natkal Selum...)
in Tamil composed by
late Mr. Emil Jebasing.
It has been translated
into English.*