



# FRIENDS FOCUS

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*Greater love has no one than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. - John 15:13*

## GOD WHO LOVES

Who am I for this unmerited love?



*Who  
am i*

2 Samuel 7: 18

## Who am I for this unmerited Love?

One of the deepest needs of our hearts is to be loved by others. Not only do we want to be loved, but we also desire that others make that love known to us. We seek a demonstration of their love, a tangible expression that lets us know they care. We long that others should act in our best interest and to surround us with understanding. Born in 1938 to parents deeply involved in witchcraft in Puerto Rico, Nicky Cruz suffered severe abuses from his 18 siblings, including being labeled the "Son of Satan" by his mother during a spiritual trance. At age 9, he attempted suicide. By 15, exiled to New York City, he joined the infamous Ma Mau gang, facing repeated arrests and a bleak future. However, the words of an evangelist named David Wilkerson among the gangsters, "Nicky, Jesus loves you," resonated with him, transforming his notorious life into one of evangelism for gangsters like himself in New York City. This world is in desperate need of love. Yet, the love offered by this world is conditional and temporary. Nevertheless, the Bible speaks of a love that is unconditional and eternal, as in Romans 5:8: "But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." The verse begins with "But God," highlighting the contrast between our sinful state and God's redeeming love. It shows that despite our powerlessness, ungodliness, unrighteousness, and ingratitude, God chose to demonstrate His love for us. The verse continues, "demonstrates His own love for us," illustrating the **\*love of a Potter for His pottery**. Instead of discarding us, God continues to work with us, reshaping and refining us into vessels of usefulness. It portrays the **\*love of a Shepherd for His lost sheep**, as He seeks and saves the lost, providing protection and care. Like **\*a gardener nurturing a barren tree**, God gives us another chance to bear fruit. This love was acted out to the extent of sacrificing His son for us that also while we were yet sinners. And if God did all this for us when we were still His enemies, how much more will He save us from the wrath to come now that we are his friends through Christ Jesus our Lord. Who are we for this unmerited love that He has lavished upon us. Christianity is a joyful way of living, because we have received forgiveness and reconciliation free of cost. We have been brought back into the relationship with our Great and Loving God. This Easter let's share this Love with those that long for this loving touch from a God who loves them.

## FRONTLINE...



- Mercy Selwyn (*Communication Department*)

**See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. - 1 John 3:1**

**"The cross of Jesus Christ represents the intersection of God's love and God's holiness." - Robert Jeffress**

**May have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge- that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:18-19**

**God proved His love on the Cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, I love you." - Billy Graham**

## FRIENDS FOCUS

### Our Vision:

Reach the unreached Indians with the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

### Our Mission:

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

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FMPB does saturation evangelism among various people groups.

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## From the General Secretary...

**D**ear Partners in the mission of reaching the unreached,

We give praises and glory to God to bring us into the third month of 2024. God might have taken us through various life situations for all of them we may not know the reasons or the result. Acts chapter 16:36 says "The jailer told Paul, "The magistrates have ordered that you and Silas be released. Now you can leave. Go in peace," and that points out that Paul and Silas were in the prison till even after the conversion of the Jailer. Then the question arises why did the earthquake take place and the jail doors were opened? In a deep study we can understand that the opening of the prison is not for making Paul and Silas to escape safely, but for the conversion of Roman jailer. Miracles in our lives are not always for the deliverance of us, but sometime for the deliverance of others like the Roman Jailer. God wants us to submit ourselves, so that He can use us for the blessing of someone else.

**Seed Company visit:** Seed Company used to help our Bible Translation Projects for some years before, and then the relationship was not continued as it was. Seed Company representative visited Headquarters and we discussed to resume our partnership.

**Visiting leaders in Salem:** I visited the mobilization leaders through three pocket meetings in different places of the town. I discussed the mobilization roadmap with the leaders and they accepted wholeheartedly.

**Meetings in Salem:** On 28th there were dedication services in Hasthampatti church and in Lechler church in Salem. We had one more pocket meeting. Evening we had the family get-together of FMPB.

**Meeting with Professional forum:** I had a meeting with the Bengaluru Professional Forum representative to discuss further plans in the wake of their visit of Jharkhand. We discussed various things and decided to have smart class rooms in three places and also about training the teachers and wardens.

**Presbyter ordination in Amritsar:** The Bishop of CNI Amritsar Diocese Rt. Rev. Samantaroy ordained 24 of our missionaries as Presbyters on 4th February 2024. The ordination service was a great blessing. The Delhi Diocese Bishop and our former Vice President Rt. Rev. Paul Swarup also was present in the service. We thank the dear Bishops for this great help to the ministry.

**Meeting with Bible Society of India:** The Bible Society of India's Associate Director for Media and Special Audience and the Secretary for Tamil Nadu Auxiliary visited our office on 6th. And we discussed the possibilities to work in closer relationship in Translation and in scripture usage.

**National Planning Conference 2024:** The National Planning Conference 2024 was held in Gurukul, Chennai on 10th & 11th February. 259 leaders and secretaries participated in the meeting. 9th was observed as a 12 hours fasting and prayer day. The reporting time and the

discussion time were a great blessing. FMPB missionary children conducted the worship time and singing on both days.

**Dedication of Malto telefilm & Training materials:** A Telefilm with the title of 'Mesa' in Malto language has been produced to strengthen the follow up ministry especially among the youngsters of Malto community. This film was dedicated at the National Planning Conference along with two training books for Evangelists and Church elders.

**Missionary interview:** The interview held on 8th February yielded 10 more missionaries for the ministry of FMPB. This is the first time after several years in a regular interview that all who attended could be selected. Praise God for all the 10 new missionaries.

### **And some more important meetings participated**

- Bethel Agricultural Fellowship Board meeting • Medical Administrative Council meeting of MUT
- Management Committee meeting • Visiting Kanniyakumari • Visiting Tuticorin
- The 217th Executive Committee meeting was held on 11th and 12th of February 2024.
- Orientation for newly appointed secretaries' families

### **Please pray for my programs in the month of March 2024**

1. Cross Cultural Communication training for Northern Zone missionaries at Jhansi
2. Field Zonal Secretaries meeting in Jhansi
3. Visiting Himachal Regional missionaries from 6th to 11th March
4. Bethel Agricultural Fellowship Board meeting at Salem
5. Meeting Bengaluru Professional Forum members in Bengaluru

### **1000 hours prayer**

FMPB is thankful for your participation in the 1000 hours prayer started in the middle of February. It almost covers this full month and I request you all to participate in the prayers organised in your area.

There are some important changes in the administrative responsibilities and I request you all to pray for the missionaries and their responsibilities

Name	Present responsibility	New responsibility
<b>Rev. P.T. Jeyasekhar</b>	Secretary - Chennai North mobilization	Secretary - Tamil Nadu North mobilization
<b>Rev. Gilbert Williams</b>	Allotment department	Advisor - Prayer department
<b>Rev. Emmanuel Ranjith Singh</b>	Secretary - Tamil Nadu North mobilization	Advisor - Overseas Department
<b>Rev. Daniel David</b>	Secretary - Prayer department	Secretary - Chennai North mobilization

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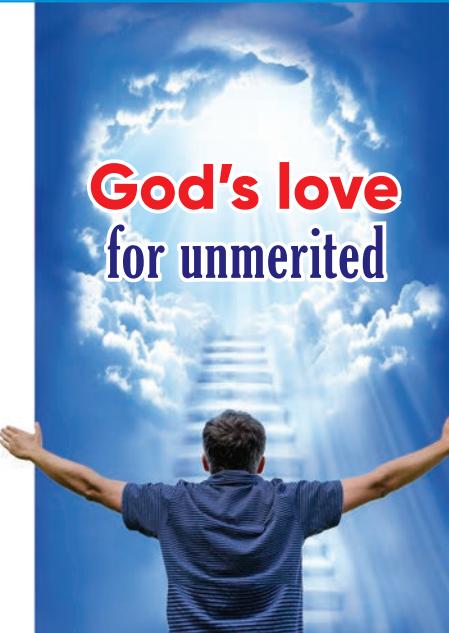
For any queries related with Finance department, kindly contact Brother Ebi Gnana Celin by asking the reception to connect to him or in his mobile number 9688115292.

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 unreached people. I believe your wholehearted support will take us more closer to achieve the vision.

Your fellow servant in God's mission



Rev. John Berlin S.



**God's love  
for unmerited**

*No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15: 13*

### Introduction:

A missionary family worked in a remote village where a dam was located. Once, the

missionary's wife and her three children went to the dam for a visit. People in the surrounding knew that the water in the dam was deep and it is dangerous to step into the water and there were many drowned deaths reported every year. The missionary family was not aware of that and one of the children entered into the current and was about to sink. Seeing the danger, mother risked her life by entering into the current and saved her child. Love is not selfish. It seeks the welfare of others. Yes. Jesus Christ showed His love on the cross. Isaiah says, "surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted Him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the punishment that made us whole, and by His bruises we are healed". (Isaiah 53: 4-5) God did not love us by looking at our perfection but He loved us when we were

unworthy, disgraceful, and in a pathetic condition. King David acknowledged it. He says God lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. Psalms 40: 2.

### True love is selfless

Apostle John frequently points out God's love in his Gospel writings and in the epistles. He loved the Lord so much and it is believed that John was the one "who reclined upon the bosom of the Lord. He was the beloved disciple and was both a witness and a teacher. John uses the word love' 57 times in his Gospel which is comparatively more than the other gospel writers. In his first epistle he uses 56 times which indicates his focus on God's love. It could be the reason the Gospel of John changed the lives of many.

In John 15: 13 Apostle John speaks about Jesus' exhortation about love of a friend. True friends will demonstrate the love not only by words but also in action. King David puts God's love in the following verses. God does not deal with us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; Psalm 103: 10 - 11. We are most privileged to be loved so much. When we grow in this love we will also reflect it in our daily life. Do we love others who offend us or ill-treat us? We are expected to love others without any reservation.

We see that David and Jonathan's love for each other was so deep and they were thick fiends until death departed each other. Saul tried to kill David, but Jonathan remained as a faithful friend to David and warned him of Saul's anger to kill him. When two of them met for the last time in the Wilderness of Ziph, they planned that David would be the next king of God's people Israel and Jonathan his minister (1 Samuel 23:16 -18). Jonathan was Prince yet he was not worried about his position. We read Jonathan presented gifts to his dear friend David (I Samuel 18: 4) and both made covenant with one another. David mourned when his friend was killed by the enemies in the battle field. (II Samuel 1: 11- 12)

### True love accepts the sinner

God's love is so deep and wide to the level of forgiving the traitor or accepting a criminal who was condemned by the society to be crucified. This love accepts the repented sinner into the family of God. God the Father's love is portrayed in the prodigal son story. The father waited for his son to come back to him although he wasted the wealth and brought defamation to his father. The Father ran to the street to welcome the son who lived a pitiable life and not deserved the right to be called his son. Father initiated the home calling and celebration of the sinner. I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. (Luke 15: 7). When we go

to Eucharist table we understand that God accept the home coming of repented sinner into his family. No one has ever explained the love of God than St. John in his Gospel. For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life'. (John 3: 16). Pharisees were jealous of Jesus Christ because He accepted the sinners whereas the so called religious people were not doing it. They had "I am holier than you" attitude which made them to feel proud about their religious practice such as observing fasting prayers, rituals, offering tithes, and careful in following religious laws.

Martin Luther coined the term 'grace alone'. We do not earn salvation experience through our efforts and practice but we become holy by the grace of God only. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God not by works, so that no one can boast. (Galatians 2: 8 - 9)

Jesus Christ just did not end up teaching the crowd to show love of God, but He Himself was a role model to His follower. We too talk so much about God's love and often find it difficult to forgive others and unwilling to accept them as they are. We set norms for someone to be loved. Jesus Christ could forgive Peter, thief and all that have crucified Him. As we spend hours in penitence during these Lenten days we must decide and practice to love one

another and accept one another throughout our lives. This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister. (I John 3:11)

### True love gives one's own life

Few years back I read in the newspaper that a son and his father were crossing the railway track. Father was old and had lost his hearing. Therefore he moved to the track without noticing the fast approaching train. His son ran and pushed his father from the track. Father was safe but his son fell on the track and was run over by the speeding train and died. If human beings are so affectionate towards the others, how much God's love would be?

In the recent days we hear that believers are driven away from their home and beaten by the persecutors for their faith. The love of God makes them to stand firm in their faith despite severe threatening from every corner. The amount of sacrifice Jesus Christ made for us is nothing comparable to the sufferings we endure. Also Bible teaches us to endure suffering and prove our love for God.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. (John10:11). Usually shepherds use the sheep for its wool, meat, milk etc. On the contrary Jesus Christ teaches that He loves the sheep and therefore He will lay down

His own life for the sheep. The life span of sheep is ten to twelve years. God is eternal and human beings are mortal. God's love is amazing that He gave Himself to save the perishing lives of human. Apostle John reminds us that "Jesus died for our sins and that God loved us so much that He sent Christ for us. God sent His only begotten son to save us through a cruel death on the cross" (1 John 4:10). Holy God had to take the punishment of us on Himself otherwise salvation would not be possible for us. We often forget His costly gift and end up in forgetting the loving sacrifice of God's son.

### **Conclusion:**

How do we show our love to this world which is longing for someone to be loved by others? Martin Luther King Junior

said, "Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend." As Christians we need to understand who I am to be loved so much? We are expected to show our love to others as Jesus Christ did. Jesus Christ literally cried for His people who rejected Him. **The Words of Jesus:** "Jerusalem, Jerusalem . . . how often have I desired to gather your children together as a mother hen gathers her brood under her wings." (Matt. 23:37)

**In Isaiah 49:15**, God says, "'Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? . . . so I will not forget you,' says the Lord." Let us remain loyal to the sacrificial love of God.

- **Rev. V. P. Jebaraj**, Secretary - HRD

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# NATIONAL PLANNING CONFERENCE

# 2024

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## NATIONAL PLANNING CONFERENCE

# 2024



The National Planning Conference of Friends Missionary Prayer Band for the year 2024 was held at Gurukul Theological Seminary - Auditorium, Chennai, on the 10th and 11th of February. The theme of the conference was "Who Am I?" (2 Samuel 7:18). The invitees, including full-time missionaries, honorary staff, prayer group members, and leaders totalling 259 persons from across the nation, participated in the Planning Conference.

Prior to the Planning Conference, on February 9th, 2024, a twelve-hour Fasting prayer was conducted from 7 am to 7 pm. Almost 150 persons joined together and prayed for various concerns of our ministry, nation, and the blessings of the Planning Conference.

Conference 2024. Rev. Kalanchiyam, shared the Word of God. The Divisional and Zonal Secretaries of FMPB brought prayer concerns that illustrated the wonderful deeds of God in the mission fields amidst many challenges and oppositions.

In the Planning Conference - our missionary kids, under the leadership of Mr. Immanuel, the Honorary Secretary - Youth Wing, Chennai, commenced the opening session with lively songs in English, Hindi, and Tamil. Mr. C. Reginald, the President of FMPB, presided over the conference with a keynote address. Mr. J.S.A. Julius, a retired Deputy Commissioner - Customs, the former Chairman of UESI, delivered the Word of God based on the theme (2 Samuel 7:18), drawing from his experience, which enabled the participants to vividly

understand the theme. The General Secretary and the Treasurer presented their ministerial report to the forum following which the Divisional Heads presented their reports with required explanations that enabled the participants to praise God. The participants were divided into ten groups and engaged in a brainstorming session on the given ten questions.

The second day of the conference commenced with a Holy Communion Service overseen by Rev. Robinson Hasdak, the Secretary of Mobilization Ministry - North & North East India. Following this, Brother J.S.A. Julius delivered a message rooted in the scripture passage Luke 24:13-35, focusing on the Emmaus experience. This sharing from the Word of God served to fortify and revitalize the faith of all the participants, enriching their spiritual journey throughout the conference. Following that, the teaser of Malto tele film and 2 training books for our local evangelists and Church elders were dedicated for the glory of God. Then the leaders of all ten groups presented their insights and expectations based on their group discussions. The thrust of the year was projected by the General Secretary, Rev. John Berlin, which led the participants to sharpen and focus their thinking and actions on the theme very clearly.

The Prayer of Commitment, led by Mr. James Dharmabalan, the vice-President of FMPB, emphasized participants' roles in advancing the movement, followed by closing remarks from the President Mr. C. Reginald. The conference was concluded with a vote of thanks by Rev. Dr. J.J. Harris, the Secretary - HQ., following which the final prayer, and benediction was given by the General Secretary

We are grateful to all the prayer group leaders, leaders of the HQ, and the volunteers who tirelessly worked for the blessing of the National Planning Conference 2024. Glory to God!

- **Rev. Dr. J.J. Harris**, FMPB, HQ - Secretary

## For Those Writing Board Exams

"We will continue to keep in our prayers the children of our missionaries who are taking the 10th and 12th class exams mentioned in last month's Friends Focus. Additionally, we will pray for the children of our believers studying in our hostels and the children of our prayer group members, to score high marks in their exams."





## Women- God's Masterpiece

The women missionaries who landed on the shores of India, particularly in South India, deserve commendation for their tireless efforts in empowering South Indian women who were often confined to household chores in the kitchen. Their dedication has enabled these women to shine in the outside world, fulfilling their dreams as reflected in Psalms 68:13: "Though you have lien among the pots, yet shall ye be the wings of dove covered with silver and her feathers with wings of gold." Elsa Caldwell, the wife of Rev. Caldwell, aimed to start schools for girls to train them to live a life in Christ Jesus and transform into excellent mothers.

These missionaries sought out girls and women confined to the kitchen, sowing seeds of education and imparting good habits and hygiene to facilitate their total transformation. The wives of famous missionaries, along with single women missionaries, played a crucial role in the emancipation of women, engaging in this divine

cause. They not only shared this vision and burden with their relatives and friends but also inspired them to commit their lives to making a greater impact on society.

Women who embarked on a new journey of freedom also worked alongside missionaries in bringing about societal change. The transformative love of Jesus Christ, when allowed to fill lives, brings about automatic changes in the surrounding environment. In Friends Missionary Prayer Band, 485 women missionaries who have ventured into mission fields among unknown people groups are witnessing transformation through their commitment and sacrifice, impacting the lives of those who have accepted Jesus Christ.

Women supporting missionaries through generous contributions and tireless prayers have paved the way for numerous individuals, languishing in darkness without care and concern, to come under the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We extend sincere greetings to every woman who has chosen the noble path of serving Jesus Christ, celebrating World Women's Day for various reasons.

**Mrs. Maniselsi Sarathi**  
Women Wing



## Fallen Corn of Wheat!



**Bro. G. Kumar**

17.07.1978 - 17.01.2024

Bro. G. Kumar, born on 17.07.1978, in Kanyakumari to parents Mr. Gopal and Mrs. Lalitha, was a devout follower of Hinduism from his childhood. Despite participating in religious rituals, a profound realization led him to accept Jesus Christ as the living God for eternal life. His sister, a believer in Jesus, played a role in introducing him to church services. With a burning desire to share the love of Christ, Bro. G. Kumar became a volunteer in the Gospel Ratham team from 2004 to 2008. Subsequently, he joined FMPB as a missionary, undergoing training at UP Jhansi NIM for a year. In 2010, he married Ms. Savithri, and together

they served among the Maltos in the mission field of Kairajodi, Jharkhand. Concerned for the welfare of children in the region, he faced numerous challenges to establish a Day Care Children Centre in the village of Kolikoda. The center aimed to provide education and proper nutrition to the underprivileged children. Concurrently, as the Gospel Ratham ministry gained momentum, Bro. G. Kumar translated scripts into Hindi, actively engaging in presenting the Gospel in the heart language of the people. This effort reached approximately 25,000 individuals in Uttar Pradesh, as the program was broadcast continuously for 45 days. In 2015, due to health issues, Bro. G. Kumar was relocated to South India, with his base in Sularpettai, near the Andhra border. While undergoing treatment in Chennai, he remained actively involved in the Gospel Ratham ministry. On 17.01.2024, he answered the divine call to enter into eternal life. Bro. G. Kumar was known for his calmness, patience, and unwavering commitment to strict discipline and perfection in all endeavors. Let us extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife Savithri and their children Abisekh and Aanika, who are currently studying in the 4th standard at Dohnavur Santhosa Vidhyalaya.

**Rev. D. Abraham,**  
Communication Department



## Magazines for the year April 2024 - March 2027

Friends Missionary Prayer Band invites sealed tender for printing of the monthly magazines, 'Araikooval' & 'Friends Focus' in Tamil and English, 36 issues in each of these languages respectively for a period of 3 years from April 2024 to March 2027.

### Specification

Magazine	No. of copies	Size	Language
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- The printer should have minimum 10 years of experience in magazine printing (colour)
- Printer should ensure the completion of work by 23rd of every month from the date of awarding the work order.
- Earnest Money Deposit: Rs.1,00,000/-

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Date of submission upto 12 pm of 19.03.2024

Date of Opening tender 11 am on 26.03.2024

Tender documents (free of cost) can be obtained in person or by post from the Secretary, Communication FMPB 29, High School Road, Ambattur, Chennai - 600 053 on submission of documentary proof for having 10 years of experience in Magazine (colour) printing. **Contact- FMPB 044-26570404**

## CHURCH DEDICATION



## Jharkhand

With God's enablement, our missionary and child sponsor living in Irenapuram, Mrs. Gnana Justiba's daughter, Mrs. S.G. Priya Kitlin, generously contributed towards the construction of a Church in Sarasbath village - Saharjudi Mission Field in Jharkhand. The family actively participated in the

celebrations and expressed gratitude to God as they witnessed the dedication of the Church for His glory on 10.01.2024. We extend our thanks to Rev. Kumaravel, who not only warmly welcomed us but also coordinated the program. Special appreciation goes to Muthaiah Samuel for his hospitality and send-off, and to Rev. Paulraj, who shared the Word of God and conducted the service. Our heartfelt greetings to all the congregation members who participated in large numbers. May the name of God be glorified!

- Hon. Mobilization Secretary, Marthandam

## FIELD VISIT



## Gujarat

### Virudhunagar Region

A team of 12 members including the Honorary Mobilization Secretary, prayer group leaders and supporting members started in order to visit Gujarat mission Fields on 19.10.2023. On the second day we prayed for the children in Randha Home and for all the 16 children who had committed for

full time ministry and for the Varli people groups. The next day we worshipped the Lord in Kavcha village Church of Silvassa mission field and also in the Baptism service. In the evening we joined in the dedication service of Simion Church in Dishti village. With much burden we interceded for the ministries in Madhuban mission field. We were also burdened to pray daily for the evil works of Satan- eg. the clothing of women kept in a certain place gets lost and found in another place after a few days, etc., On the final day we visited the Andharpada mission field and prayed for them. We proceeded to Surat and from there we returned to our places on 26.10.2023.

- Mobilization Secretary - Viruthunagar

# TRAIL BLAZERS

Joanne Shetler served among the Balangao people in the Philippines for over 20 years. She translated the New Testament into the people's native language, persevered in the face of personal danger, and overcame evil spirits by God's power.

## Early Life and Call to Missions

Joanne Shetler born in California in 1936, growing up on a farm in rural America, she never dreamed of serving as a missionary, instead she wanted to be a nurse, and have a house full of happy people. At the age of 11, Joanne accepted Christ as her Saviour at a Bible club meeting.

One Sunday morning a visiting missionary in her congregation said that, only 10 percent of Christian workers were serving the other 90% of people who had never heard about Jesus. Joanne felt a definite call to missions, but she wasn't ready to give up her dream. She wrestled with God, but surrendered her future to His will and was willing to go anywhere. After completing her high school, Joanne chose to take a linguistics subject in Biola University and soon became very interested in Bible translation.

## Ministry in the Philippines

After graduating from Biola University, God led Joanne to begin work with a partner Anne Fetzer, in a remote area called Balangao of the northern Philippines. It was 1962 when they arrived in Balangao, the people who



## Joanne Shetler

had never heard the Good News also were in need of linguistics expert to come and write down their language. In addition to linguistic work, the missionaries were also translating the New Testament and provided medical help for the locals. However, Joanne and Anne were in major culture shock. The people of Balangao were headhunters and they still fought violent tribal wars where many were killed.

The Lord had sent them to do more than just translate the Bible. The mortality rate in childbirth was very high. She was able to help many women in childbirth. The people were under serious oppression by evil spirits and did many sacrifices to pacify them. Because of their ministry, they often encountered spiritual resistance and attack. However, they overcame the evil spirits by the power of God and prayer. When the people realized that the God of the missionaries was stronger than the evil spirits, they began to seek God, and Joanne's Bible study group grew from 60 people to over 200 people.

In 1982 Joanne was able to finish translating the New Testament into the people's language. As a result, local churches were established, and she had the joy of seeing a few thousand people come to Christ. The Bible was taught in public schools, youth camps, and Bible conferences. Bible-preaching churches had sprung up in every village in the Balangao Valley. The Balangao people have begun outreach work in neighboring regions, and have even sent out a few missionaries to other parts of Asia.

In 1982 she returned to the US for furlough and speaking tours. Visiting the JAARS Center in North Carolina, she realized that it was a place where she could care for her mother in her last days of her widowhood and yet complete her Balangao work. JAARS is able to transport Bibles, medical supplies, mail and food to the missionaries in most remote locations.

Joanne began translating the Old Testament by 2006 and returned to Balangao in 2010. JAARS provided her with two-way single sideband radio communication, and the generator to run it. But JAARS realized that their most valuable resource for serving the people, saving time and energy would be air transportation. When they finally found a relatively flat spot, Balangao men hammered away at massive boulders, built drainage ditches for two natural springs and built an 11-meter extension on flat spot. A year later that giant eagle-in-the-sky (airplane) landed in Balangao!

The whole world of Balangao had waited breathlessly for the coming of an airplane—that “magic” from another world. A new church was born in Balangao.

JAARS had the technological support that would help her continue working on the Old Testament and remotely carry out field responsibilities. The Vernacular Media department could convert the Balangao text to audio and make video presentations.

## Present Ministry

In her late 50s, Joanne did her Master's degree in intercultural studies. After graduation, she began to train church leaders and share her burden for unreached people groups. She received the 'Clyde Cook Missions Award' from Biola University in 2016. Today, she is based in North Carolina and travels around the world for speaking engagements. She had the joy of sharing from her years of experience with future translation workers when they come to JAARS for cultural training.

Joanne told Decision Magazine in 2006, The Balangaos are just one example of how the power of God's Word in a people's heart language can change them forever. We have God's Word in our own language but many have never heard the Gospel in their own language. The question is, what does God want us to do about it? Perhaps He wants us to go or to give to this work. He certainly wants us to pray! “The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few”. Matthew 9:37

Joanne Shetler wrote in her book, AND THE WORD CAME WITH POWER as follows:

*“I've never quite figured out how to bring God the glory. But I have learned to surrender my dreams to Him. And He has made the reality of living according to His plan even better than my greatest dreams.”*

- **Mrs. Jaya Soundari Jebaraj**  
Communication department

## CHURCH DEDICATION



### Chhattisgarh

On 25.11.2023, a Church in Shivpur village in Ludeg Mission field, Chhattisgarh was dedicated for the Glory of God. This was sponsored by the family of Bro. Prashanth S. hailing from Thamaraikulam in Kanyakumari District. This was declared open by Prashanth, Christal Prashanth and his mother Yesu Parimala. More than 300 believers took part in this dedication service.

## PROVIDENTIAL HELP

Kalavathi residing in Sari Village of Rampur field in Ghaziabad District is a faithful believer who loves the Lord. She fervently prayed for the past 4 years for the healing of her husband who was battling Cancer. She was forced to live a precarious life selling milk and residing in a rented house with her children. She had applied to the Government for the sanction of a house under the Govt scheme. Under this circumstance, her husband tragically passed into Glory. After his burial, Kalavathi organized a memorial prayer meet in her house and testified on who God is in her tragedy and gave thanks for the life of her husband. The whole village looked in amazement at the peace prevailing in Kalavathi, who was able to testify to the goodness of God even under tragic circumstances, when any other person would choose to go in oblivion. That very day, her house under the Government scheme was sanctioned and she also received a fund of Rs 60,000 for her family. Her cow also gave birth to a healthy calf. God's Holy Name was glorified in her village.



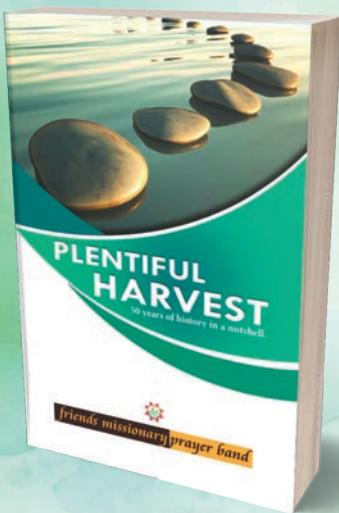
### CHURCH DEDICATION – Nurol

By the grace of God, 12 believers were added to the fold of Christ in February 2024 in the Tapan field in West Bengal. The six families of Nurol village believers constructed a katcha church for themselves and dedicated it for the glory of God on January 26, 2024. As we express gratitude to God for these vibrant believers, let's earnestly pray that the Lord may add many more souls to this church and in the Tapan field.

- Rev. Haramohan Prabhu Das

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## Happy Birthday

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## Jammu

### **Noushera: Sianlunthang Zou & Lingneihoi, Shaik Subhani & Emy Backya**

**Praise God:** Three persons confessed their faith in Christ and accepted Him as their personal Saviour. The people of Kaniya village gathered and listened eagerly to the proclamation of the Gospel done with the help of a believer Anuradha. Four families have given an invite to conduct a regular worship service. The people of Saryala village welcomed us to proclaim the Gospel and many of them participated in the prayer meet. Four youths have committed their lives to Christ in the youth retreat conducted in Tharyala village.

**Pray:** For the ministry to bear fruit in the villages of Kaniya and Saryala without any hindrance. Anuradha to receive healing from her pain in the limbs. For Muheshdevi a widow with two children

to receive healing from a heart ailment. For Rohit who passed in the police constable recruitment examination to receive the order to join the training for the Police forces. Priyanka of Souki village who remains childless after 8 years of her married life to conceive. For the Lord to raise up new local evangelists for the enhancement of the ministry.

### **Samba: Ayyanar M & Manpreet Kour**

**Praise God:** For the women of the Kuttak village Church who voluntarily came forward to organize a Bible Study, regularly attend it, share the Gospel to others and are diligent to do good deeds for the Glory of God. The Children's Bible club has been started in Pandhi village. For Sunil of Sumak village who used to be a reckless and disobedient drunkard, had a life changing encounter with Jesus in response to his parents' fervent prayers for him. For the Kuttak and Sukmanga Church believers who consider it their responsibility to share the Gospel to others and take every effort towards this noble work.

**Pray:** For those who heard the Gospel in the villages of Rajli, Rajpura, Matval and Nat to have the experience of accepting Christ as their personal Saviour. For the Lord's touch upon the religious fanatics who spread slander and rumour against God's people and the Church. For a change of heart for Sanju of Dayalasuvak village who prevents his wife from pursuing her Christian faith. For the procurement of suitable lands to construct the Church at Sumak and Kuttak villages.



## Himachal Pradesh

### **Rohru:** **Johnson Sankar &** **Jebarani J**

**Praise God:** For the youth camps successfully conducted in Samra and Limra Congregations. For the deliverance of Vimala from Kuttu village from the possession of an evil spirit. For God's grace which enabled us to release the audio version of the Bible for those who are illiterate to help them know the Word of God. The mercy of God which protected our missionaries and our believers who were engaged in the evangelism from the intense cold weather.

**Pray:** For Nikhil, Neha and Ujilidevi to receive divine comfort as they grieve the loss of their beloved mother. For many to accept Christ in their lives in the village of Kumma where the ministry is being expanded. For some believers who are not showing interest in attending the Church to be filled with zeal towards the Lord and His Kingdom.

### **Rampur:** **Doujapau Guite &** **Florence**

**Praise God:** For 9 year old Sudhir who was returning from a new year

worship service, suffered a burn injury when a firecracker he was carrying exploded. But by the Grace of God, he recovered well with treatment. God helped Indher a believer to receive compensation from the Government for his house which was destroyed by the earth quake in Nepal. The Lord protected Sudha's house from being burnt down when it caught fire leading to the loss of only a few chickens and small belongings. When Hema who had fainted and collapsed in an attack of the evil spirit was prayed upon in her home at midnight, she regained her consciousness and was set free from her bondage. Her sister who witnessed this miracle has now started her faith journey in Christ.

**Pray:** For Indher's son Amos to receive healing from a syndrome which causes swelling in his face. For the Lord's touch upon Luckyram, Jyothi Prakash, Nandhalal, Gopal Ram, Ramdasi, Chandrakala and Gupjahadevi who create hindrances for the ministry. For the healing of Mothilal of Padhoda village suffering from blood cancer and the people of the village to witness the wonder working power of our Lord. For the Lord to bless our evangelist Virendher Singh's family with a child. For peace and reconciliation to happen among the fighting believers of Kasabad village. For the surgery of fixing artificial fingers to Sudhir a little boy to be successful. For our missionary, to experience healing from his spinal cord ailment.

3  
MARCH  
Sunday

## Happy Birthday

Mr. John Samuel A., Mr. Jeevan Ranjan Mohapatra  
Mrs. Prastuta Bati Pani, Mr. Thang Chin Lian L.  
Mrs. Mercy Elizabeth Sivasankaran

### Anni: Gin Sawm & Ching Hoih Kim

**Praise God:** For the youth meet that was successfully conducted, and the youth who renewed their relationship with Christ. Many people gathered in 4 villages where the Gospel proclamation was done as part of the outreach ministry. 4 persons have newly begun to attend Church. For the life transformation of Mahindran from a reckless drunkard to a sombre Church attending believer due to the persistent prayers of his family members.

**Pray:** For the consolation of Sibhu Ram's daughter who had lost her husband. For Daluram, Sheela, Whiyamundevi, Munlala and Shyamllal who have backslidden from their faith, to come back to the Lord. For the long sustained strife over property between Palakram and Hartiyal families to come to an amicable settlement in the judicial court where their case is ongoing. For the 4 families who have newly come into the faith to grow deeper in their knowledge of the Lord.

## Punjab

### Budhlada: Hamom Naba & Dulanti Reang

**Praise God:** For the 3 persons who

had a public confession of their faith in Jesus and joined the Church. In about 16 places, the Satsang programme was conducted in a significant manner. About 3000 people gathered to witness this programme and heard the Gospel. For Meena who was affected with paralysis, received a miraculous healing in response to prayers.

**Pray:** For the high prevalence of Drug addiction amidst the youth and teens to be brought down by the prayer and by the Government. For the Christian youth to be able to find committed Christian spouses. For Gurupreet to reconcile with his wife and live together in peace. For the planned women's meet to be successfully conducted and be fruitful in its vision.

## TIME TO ACT

With tears rolling down his cheeks, Ashok of Mosgi field in Nandhubar District of Maharashtra was hurrying down the forest path where there was not much people movement. A Church Elder Oliya from the Vetalibari Church who was coming in the opposite direction noticed the tears in his eyes and stopped to ask him for the reason. But he was not in a state to share anything. Upon gentle persuasion Ashok shared his state of loneliness, unloved and ridicules from others, all his deeds amounting to nothing with his life not worth a penny. So he decided to take his own life and asked the Elder not to stop him. Oliya found an opportunity to share the tender love of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit changed the heart of Ashok who returned back to his village dropping the idea of suicide. As Oliya lay down in bed that night, he was unable to sleep. So he went to the house of Ashok and invited him to pray with him. Today Ashok is a transformed man attending the Church regularly. Had Oliya discarded the opportunity to share the Love of Jesus at the right time, a precious soul would have been lost to eternity. Today is the Time to ACT.



## Happy Birthday

Mr. John Berlin S.  
Mr. Thimmesh M.P.  
Mr. Kishanta Limma  
Mr. Dinesh Maraiya  
Mrs. Pansuri Mohlin

## Buthlada Region:

**Sanjib Anand &  
Prastutabati,  
Pratap Rahang & Reshmi**

**Praise God:** For the reconciliation Virbal of Bairuba village had with his neighbour, for the Glory of God. For the life transformation experienced by the youths Radhe and Kuldeep who used to kick up troubles in an intoxicated state with many people, were delivered from their bondage to alcoholism due to the fervent prayers of their parents. They have now started attending Church. For the miraculous healing received by Mandeep's daughter of Jantik village from a nervous issue in the brain causing her to loose her memory . She is now progressing well in her recovery.

**Pray:** For Vimsingh, Lovepreet, Rohit, Mukesh, Nani, Roji, Amith, Balavandh Savandh and Raja who have shown interest in the Gospel and has started attending Church, to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. For healing for Gulvandh Singh of Thungvali village suffering from throat

cancer and his wife suffering from pneumonia, by the grace of God. For our youth girls Sadhana, Jesan and Gurpreeth volunteering sincerely in the ministry to confirm their calling to serve the Lord fulltime in ministry. For the enhancement of the ministry in Pairuba, Pachomandi, Mormandi and Mandikalan regions.

## Ahmedgarh Mandi: Krupa Rakshana & Shekena S

**Praise God:** God's healing touch upon Piritto who had excess fluids accumulated in her lungs, its being gradually drained out by His grace. Many people gathered and heard the Gospel proclaimed in Jagirarot village. For God's vindication upon Suraj who had been wrongly accused and was later acquitted of all charges. God's Grace enabled us to proclaim the Gospel to about 350 people and distribute tracts to them.

**Pray:** For the new comers to the Worship Service, the families of Dharmendra and Joni to grow deeper in their faith. For Lakshmana of Rogida village who suffers from bone deformation because of a wrongly performed spinal cord surgery to recover and heal well by the grace of God. For a new believer Heena's husband who suddenly quit his job and lost his mental balance, to receive healing from the Lord. For getting new contacts in the villages of Lehara pint, Bokir and Ganganval through prayer.

5  
MARCH  
Tuesday

## Happy Birthday

Mrs. Thangammal Jebaraj  
Mr. Sunil Matthew K., Mr. Ravi Kumar S.  
Mrs. Stella David Perumal, Mr. Lubin Murmu  
Mr. Sambhunath Nayak

## Mansa: Debratto Biswas & Manna Singh

**Praise God:** For God's merciful protection upon Balvindher Kaur of Nagogi village who survived a motorbike accident and escaped with minor injuries. The Bible study groups are functioning well in Malva, Janavali and Jigneer villages. Due to the earnest prayers of the believers, Amarjith Singh, Kakka Singh and Balraj Singh were able to procure big lands, build big houses and buy cars by the grace of God. As a result of the outreach ministry, 8 new families have started coming to the Church.

**Pray:** For Kirana Kaur of Nagogi village to be delivered from the possession of an evil spirit for the past 7 years. For the healing of our local evangelist Sathpal suffering from Diabetes and Breathlessness. For Jokisingh of Mascan village who is unable to walk, due to an accident to receive healing. For the backslidden families of Karamjith, Gurjith, Kuldheep and Prasanth to repent and return back to the Lord.

## Jaito: Chittaranjan Tandy & Tejaswita

**Praise God:** For the many youths who attended the youth meet conducted,

and received spiritual blessings. Two Satangs were conducted and about 310 tracts were distributed. When we prayed and gave counselling to Sneha Kaur, Mahendra Kaur, Mandeep Kaur and Jyothi Kaur who were suffering from depression and causing problems to their families, the Lord mercifully delivered them. The compound wall construction for the Jaithu Church was successfully completed.

**Pray:** For the repentance of Sukvindher Singh and his family who broke into the Jaithu Church and stole some of the Church property. For the repentance of Kurmalsingh who opposes our ministry in Dapthigana village. For the new contacts Gurval Singh, Thungar Singh, Gangaram and Prem Singh to renounce their old traditions and follow Christ whole heartedly. For the safe conduct of Jeep Ministry and film ministry to bear fruit.

## GOD'S INTERVENTION

Bandu is a good believer residing in the Kanapur field of Dharwad District of Karnataka. He is working as a vigilance officer in the anti-corruption bureau of the State Government. As he did not support bribery, his enemies out of jealousy and with the intention of taking revenge foisted a false case on him, claiming he threatened people asking for bribes. He was imprisoned on account of this. With no options ahead that he could see, he turned to the Heavenly father to plead for His Grace. The Church also joined with his family and earnestly prayed for his vindication. In response to the prayers, the Lord hastily made the trial progress and he was declared to be innocent on account of false allegation, was vindicated as a righteous man and released from the prison. Thank God for He is a righteous judge.



**Happy Birthday**

Mr. James Arulraj M.

**Mogi:  
Justin Y &  
Saral Jhansi Rani**

**Praise God:** For the Gospel Proclamation done for the first time in Moira village and the youth revival meet and the special women's meet and the Church Elders soul winning training programme conducted effectively. Rubi Kaur of Dharamkot village fervently praying for a girl child, has been blessed with a girl child by the prayer answering Lord. For Goldi of Chotagagri village who has been affected with a skin infection casing itching has been healed of her ailment in response to her prayers.

**Pray:** For the efforts of proclaiming the Gospel in Moira and Bhavana villages to bear fruit. For the Lord to bestow a child to Simran who remains childless after 5 years of her married life. For the Church administrative committee formed in every Church to function effectively with the cooperation of everyone to fulfil various activities in ministry. The doors of the Tharkot village Church which was broken and

the microphone and audio speakers stolen, a case has been filed for theft in the Church. Pray the Lord would mercifully restore back the stolen items.

## **Haryana Jeevan Nagar:**

**Aliyakim Jena & Deepika**

**Praise God:** For the follow up ministry which took place in 17 places. For 20 Bibles distributed to people who were ministered to by personal evangelism. The believers of Lohra village Church slowly stopped attending the Church one by one due to a sickness. When our missionary went to the village and prayed fervently, the Lord restored their health and they started attending the Church again.

**Pray:** For the Gospel proclamation to happen without any hindrance in Loha, Abisegar and Shanthi Nagar areas. For the families of Malli, Kumar, Nayak and Dhanak to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. Even though many come to the worship service diligently, they are apprehensive to share about Jesus to others. Pray especially for these people to overcome their doubts and cultural fears and witness Christ by proclaiming the Truth. For our believer Kamal who is in jail for about 3 months due to a false case hoisted on him by the father of a girl, to receive bail and be eventually vindicated for the truth.



## *Happy Birthday*

Mr. Gilbert Williams S.  
Mr. Solomon Gnanasekhar J.  
Mr. Tong Kho Lun Kipgen, Mr. John Arulraj  
Mrs. Lianbiaknemi Singh

## **Uttarakhand Bazpur: Christian Prakash & Sumitraben**

**Praise God:** For the Gospel Proclamation done for the first time in Lalpur and Kalabanvari villages. For Babulal of Patel Nagar who was buckled down by a sickness in his spinal cord, came to the Church to pray along with the believers. He is now able to walk with his back straight. For Giri a young boy suffering from boils all over his body making it difficult for him to even sleep, had a miraculous healing in response to prayers. For Gulseersingh who was tormented by satanic attack for the past ten years finally found peace due to the deliverance he experienced in prayers.

**Pray:** For Suman to get a born again life partner. For Vicky to be able to secure a government job. For Rajini to be blessed with a child. For Kishani who suffers much because of her drunkard

husband and son who pick up quarrels with many of their village people. For Parvathi suffering from lung ailment along with a low blood count to receive healing from the Lord.

## **Dinespur: Sivakumar C & Suseelamarak**

**Praise God:** For Baplu of Dhainimbar village who suffered without even a house to live, fasted and prayed, and the Lord blessed him with an opportunity to build a small house. For the successful running of the women's meet and the Bible study classes conducted in Jabalpur village. For the communion service conducted for the first time in Thimiri village for the Glory of God. This enabled us to emphasise on the importance of publicly confessing their faith in Christ and become a member of the Church through the covenant of partaking of the bread and wine.

**Pray:** For Indharpal and Aman, who for some reason waver in committing their life for Christ, to find opportunities to know the Lord deeper. For Gurudev who broke his leg in an accident and staying at home to recover well and be enabled to do his work. For our believer Raji Baplu of Kera village to be delivered from her abject poverty. For the deliverance of 16 year old Jyothi of Thanimbar village from the possession of an evil spirit.



## Happy Birthday

Mr. Hamuel Limma, Miss. Rani Uranw

### Delhi Patparganj: John David & Esther

**Praise God:** For the open doors for the Gospel prevailing in Sikripur area. For the Church Elders Ramachandran and Jerry Chrsitopher who lead their respective congregations in a very spiritual and effective way. The Lord healed Sannibai of his ailment in his heart through prayers. For the newly started prayer meet in Lalitha's home.

**Pray:** For Suraj our drummer in the Church, suffering from anger issues and bringing in unwanted problems, to be able to restrain his temper by the grace of God, and to discipline himself with the fruit of the Holy Spirit. For our ex mission worker's relatives who have left our Church, try to fragment the church congregation. For the spirit of oneness to prevail among the believers.

### Rajasthan Samraniya: Meenuga Adeppa @ Matthew & Rampuram Peddakka

**Praise God:** About 800 people heard the Gospel in the Outreach ministry conducted in 10 villages and many received the tracts. When the whole

village faced a water shortage, the Church Elder at Sikkar village Ramsingh Bilala prayed and dug a well and was blessed with good water at a short depth. The Lord miraculously saved a woman from Lukari village when she was bit by a poisonous snake in response to fervent prayers.

**Pray:** For the few families who have started attending the Church at Kori village to be led to the saving faith in Christ Jesus. For the repentance of Ramesh and Prem who oppose the Christian ministry done in Lukari village. For the families of Jamudi Rakesh, Nudodi, Krihng, Renu, Sankar and Anbay family to confess Christ as their personal Saviour. For Balram and Kailash Bheel of Parola community who have committed themselves for full time ministry, to be placed in suitable fields to begin their ministry.



### HARD TO KICK AT THE THORNS

20 year old Sandeep residing in Petta village of Pimpalner field in Nandhubar District of Maharashtra had the sadistic pleasure of ridiculing Christians and swearing at believers when they were on the way to worship the Lord. The Believers prayed fervently that the Lord would touch Sandeep's heart. Suddenly Sandeep started to lose his vision and began to stumble while walking. His parents and his relatives took him to various eye specialists and hospitals, but his vision was never recovered. Realising his sin of ridiculing Christians, he repented and came to the Church and asked the believers to pray for him. Our believers gladly prayed for him. Gradually the Lord restored his vision over a period of time and today he along with his family are among the worshippers in the Church.



9  
MARCH  
Saturday

## Happy Birthday

Mrs. Vasanthi Stella Emmanuel, Mr. David P.  
Mrs. Ponnuthai Gnanasundari Arthur  
Mrs. Pravati Mani Vinod Kumar

### Kherwada: Bhoya Devubhai & Gavit Jamuben

**Praise God:** For Deesha Eshwar who had publically confessed Jesus Christ as her Saviour and joined the Church. For the Lord who provided water in a short depth to the wells dug by Henja Bai, Henji Bai, Kandithamar and Kailash who asked our local missionary to pray before beginning their digging process. For Jeevathram, Basandhi, Neelam who suffered a fracture in an accident, recovered well by the Grace of God.

**Pray:** For the repentance of the family members of Anitha who oppose her because of her Christian faith, and God's strength to Anitha in these trying times. For the believers to be sustained in God's grace amidst the severe persecution they face in Palicha village. For a new worship group to be established in Petsa village. For Gopalan residing in Sukridevar village whose 2 month old infant is constantly

throwing up and not able to take in food to be healed from the suffering. For Lakshmi and Narmada to receive healing from the excessive bleeding they suffer. For our missionary's son studying in the school at Dhonavur to be healed from the migraine headache he suffers often.

### Ajithgar: Jaybeer Singh & Devi Rani

**Praise God:** The Gospel proclaimed through songs and story telling for the first time in Thoi village. Many gathered and heard the Gospel. Jithesh and Sarvam have extended invitation to us to have a Christian meet in their homes. For the miraculous healing received by Sajiram who was unable to walk due to paralysis, in response to prayers offered in faith. For the new contact established in Karbapji village.

**Pray:** For the healing upon Jithesh's mum from Thoi village suffering from excessive bleeding for many years. The family of Kailesh has lost their peace due to loss of job for Kailesh. Pray that he will secure a job and experience Godly peace in his family. For the repentance of Urmila's husband who oppose her coming to the Church. For Maya who has the condition of her hands which are not able to remain steady thereby unable to work, to receive healing from the Lord.



## *Happy Birthday*

Mr. Selva Kumar R. @ Joseph Wilson

Mrs. Promilla Soren

Mrs. Sharmila Satheesh

## Uttar Pradesh

### Gonda Children Home: Om Prakash Gupta & Tumpa

**Praise God:** For the open doors and good reception to the Gospel amongst the Nat people group. For the Gospel which was proclaimed in Samputhara, Thilagai, Bowla and Gukkarpurva villages. For small prayer cells to be started. For God's Grace which enabled us to conduct Bible Study groups. God's protection over the students residing in our children home.

**Pray:** For Nisha Babu and Sumith Kumar who are getting prepared to write their 12th Board exams. For deliverance of Vidhyaram from Satanic attacks which causes much strife and lack of peace in his family. For God's favour upon us to receive a favourable judgement in the case pertaining to our hostel land which is coming up for

hearing in the Lucknow High Court. For new worship services to be started in Samputhara, Thilagai, Nath Nagar and Bowla villages.

### Barthana: Rajan S & Jebamalar S

**Praise God:** For two new persons who confessed their faith in Jesus Christ and joined the fold of believers. For the worship services restarted in Asthapur and Bituna Churches which were temporarily shut down due to opposition prevailing in this area. For the deliverance received by Kajal from the possession of an evil spirit and Shalu from an epileptic attack by the grace of God and prayers. For the Lord to bestow a child to the families of Rabi and Kuttu.

**Pray:** For God's favour upon the judgement on the case pertaining to the Church at Mohana. For the repentance of Dhurupsingh who constantly threatens our missionary Yadeep Singh wherever he travels for ministry. For the believers of Asthapur Church to attend the worship service diligently. For God's healing upon our missionary Anguri who has traces of infection in her blood. For Sundhiravadhi a new believer who struggles to walk, to receive healing from the Lord.



### Happy Birthday

Mr. Asir Selvaraj C., Mr. Praween Das  
Mr. Satikanta Parichha

### Haseran: Suresh Malto & Premlata Malto

**Praise God:** The Church anniversary was celebrated joyfully in Thagarvapura Church. For God's protection upon our missionary Suresh and his wife and children when they met with an accident in the two wheeler they were travelling. For the successful surgery conducted upon Archana and Rajendrapal of Muttekpura village. God's Grace which saved Anurag from committing suicide and he was provided counselling.

**Pray:** For Mansing of Dhirva village who is in judicial custody because of a false case hoisted on him to receive bail and eventually be vindicated for the truth. For the family of Riya under deep sorrow because of her elopement with her boyfriend, to find comfort in the Lord and for Riya to repent and come back to her family. To find a local missionary to take care of the ministry work pertaining to the growing ministry of Hasiran village Church.

### Jalaun: Gavit Rakesh & Irgar Reshma

**Praise God:** For the believers of Kukarkuva village who gathered and fasted and prayed on Jan 22nd when the whole of UP was celebrating the opening of a grand temple. Four of them committed their lives to Christ and accepted Him as their personal Saviour. Anoj of Kasikara village affected with paralysis is now able

to walk because of a chain prayer offered for his healing. For 200 tracts distributed in 2 villages among those gathered to hear the proclamation of the Gospel as part of the outreach ministry.

**Pray:** For the believers of Sirsaklar village to stand firm in their faith amidst persecution. For the opposition to cease. For Roshan to experience deliverance from the bondage caused by an evil spirit. For the efforts to proclaim the Gospel in Kanjari village with the help of a new contact in this village to bear fruit.

### Jhinjhak: Samrendarsingh & Susmita

**Praise God:** For Omprakash who often used to collapse and fall under the attack of the devil was carried to the Polanagar Church. When the believers gathered and prayed together in faith, God delivered Omprakash from his bondage. The Gospel has been proclaimed for the first time in Rajinipur and Puyapur village. For the believers of the Rasulabath Church who remained steadfast in prayer and faith even when miscreants broke into the Church at night and desecrated the cross. The spiritual meet conducted for the believers of Thatpur, Picholi, Ralpur and Surasi villages was attended by over 200 believers and were blessed.

**Pray:** For the miscreants who desecrated the Church at Rasulabath to experience the touch of our Lord Jesus Christ. For our Jinsak Church youth leader's brother who remains in jail for the past four years over a false case filed on him, to receive deliverance from the Lord. For Rajini the wife of our Church elder Amarsingh who is a stumbling block for him to serve the Lord, to repent and accept Christ as her Saviour. For the believers of Mukkarpur and Pampaiya villages to grow in the spirit of Prayer.



**Happy Birthday**

Mrs. Shiny Kinsly

## **Ghatampur: Jhagholun Touthang & Ngaithianching Touthang**

**Praise God:** In spite of the restriction prevailing in Uttar Pradesh for conducting any spiritual meetings or gatherings, the Lord enabled us to visit families individually and share the Gospel through personal evangelism. The believers are being taught to prevent large gatherings but to worship the Lord in small groups. These small groups are spiritually effective and progressing well. The daughter of our local evangelist Geetha Ben secured a Government job by the grace of God.

**Pray:** For the Churches in Ghatampur, Bhavan and Joganabad villages which remain locked. For the believers to overcome all obstacles and for the situation to be conducive to start worshipping the Lord in these places. In the case registered against the Ghatampur Church, our Missionary's name, local evangelist name and our Church elder's names are mentioned

in the FIR and signatures were forcibly obtained in blank papers too with the intention of including more names. Pray the Lord would safeguard His children from unforeseen dangers.

## **Madhya Pradesh**

### **Chiriya: Mahendran A & Pushpam**

**Praise God:** For 16 persons who accepted Christ as their personal Saviour and joined the fold of believers. For Beendubai, who was born blind has left his job of begging, and instead share the Gospel and witness for Christ and does this ministry for the Glory of God. For restarting the worship service at Malgav village which had been previously stopped. There was unrest in the village due to the death of a little girl in the house of a believer. Amidst this opposition, when the believers gathered and prayed, the Lord brought peace even amidst this broken situation by His Grace.

**Pray:** For the worship service at Chotti Sirval village to be restarted. For the healing of Sandhubai from Breast Cancer and Sandhmaram from Oral Cancer. For the deliverance of Ankit and Jamsingh from the possession of evil spirit. For the successful conduct of the upcoming planned women's meet, youth and Church elder's meets.



## Happy Birthday

Mr. Hutoi Achumi K., Mr. Yesuprakash J.

### Dhulkot: Gopikrishna & Menaga L

**Praise God:** When an 8 year old boy suffered a fall during his playtime and was brought to the Church with his body swollen, the believers gathered together and prayed and the Lord restored the health of the boy. God's grace enabled us to share the Gospel to 30 people through personal evangelism in Tharanbaliya village and give them tracts too. For the successful conduct of special women's meet, soul winners training and youth meet.

**Pray:** For the construction of the Church at Thukkaithat village which was stopped by religious fanatics to be restarted by the Power of God. For worship groups to be started in Pachugori and Kalikrai villages. Pray for the believers of Samli village to remain steadfast in the Lord amidst persecution.

### Pansemal & Mandano: Godisela Praveen & Mounika

**Praise God:** For the 10 persons who tasted the love of our Lord, accepted Christ as their personal Saviour and joined the Church as believers. The Lord answered the desperate prayers of Mohana who was under intense pressure by the Bank to repay the loan taken,

when an unidentified stranger repaid the loan taken by Mohana purely by God's Grace. For God's protection upon Pooja when the saree she wore while riding a two wheeler got entangled in the spokes of her wheel and she suffered a fall.

**Pray:** The Lord blessed Shoba with a child in answer to her fervent prayers after 5 miscarriages. When Bhavsingh's house in Patla village caught fire, God helped the fire to be doused quickly. For the healing received by Suban of Kevadi village from Cancer when he came to the Church for prayers. He is now able to consume food. Pray for his complete recovery.

### Bihar Raniganj: Ananthan M & Nisha I

**Praise God:** By the grace of God we were able to find new contacts in Paisa and Maijarpur villages. The Gospel proclamation was done in 5 places. For Jogindhar, Razak, Sarojana Devi of Kavaspur village, Baplu Rajak, Poonam Devi of Gudupundi village who heard the Gospel and believed it and are coming to the prayer meet. For the Lord's protection of the missionaries and believers from the intense cold season.

**Pray:** For the success of the efforts taken to establish a new worship group in Paisa village. For Santhosh Rajak of Bisanpur village who eagerly heard the Gospel and even invited us to start a prayer meet in his home. Pray that a Church would be established through him in the future. For the upcoming planned Gospel Outreach meetings, and the special meetings for the believers to be successfully conducted.



## Happy Birthday

Mrs. Elizabeth David, Mr. Vyasa Babu A.  
Mrs. Vung ThianChing Thang, Mrs. Birari Ritaben

### Muraliganj: Selina Joyce & John M (retd)

**Praise God:** For Pablu Ram of Katpavliya village who got introduced to us and God's grace which enabled us to conduct a prayer meet in his home. We were able to share the Gospel and distribute tracts and 25 New Testaments in Panjnathpur, Bhavanpur and Thilapur villages. For the miraculous protection over Praven Sadha of Sapidabarna village who had gone to Delhi for work and escaped a major industrial accident by the grace of God.

**Pray:** For the Lord to mercifully grant a child to Bijoy Savitha couple who remain childless after many years of married life and desperately seek the Lord. For God's comfort over Soni Devi of Bagavanpur who suffered a loss of 4 goats which died in the intense cold weather. For the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of those who received the tracts to read, believe and become enlightening in the truth.

### Jharkhand

### Dhalbhumgarh Home: Vaghera Pramodkumar & Raut Jashodaben

**Praise God:** For all the children who returned safely back to the hostel after their vacations. For the healing received by Cyrus, Rajdiyo and Karunagar from their skin infections. For Guna, Sikandher

and Savan who were healed from their viral fever infections. For Adam Naik who lost his focus to study because of mental depression, was healed in prayer.

**Pray:** For the orphan Adam Naik who has no one to care for him to be permanently healed from his depression by the grace of God. For Prakash Purthy suffering from an eye ailment to have his vision restored through surgery and prayers. For Amar Singh, Haribabu, Rabindhra, Sameer and Udhay writing their 10th Board exams and Amar, Saivan, Roshan, Sonaram and Sukkaram going to write their 12th Board exams to prepare well for the exams, by the grace of God.

### Amalagachi: Gajen Champramary & Roshila Mochahary

**Praise God:** 9 persons committed their lives to the Lord and accepted Him as their personal Saviour. In spite of outsiders threatening not to conduct the Christian Outreach programmes, the protecting hand of God enabled the believers to still conduct the programme smoothly. The youth camp was conducted successfully. On the final day even the parents who stayed back revived their salvation in Christ. Many women took part in the women's meet and were blessed.

**Pray:** For the Lord to touch the family of Sanjay who was formerly dealing with the spirit world of Ouija Boards, accepted Christ as His personal Saviour. Fearing Ostracization from his neighbours in the village, he embraced the spirit world one more time. Pray that he should repent and turn back to the Lord. For Sonia, Pagariya and Sandhana who causes much hindrance to our ministry to repent and taste the Love of our God.



## Happy Birthday

Mrs. Aruna Kingsly, Mr. Stalin Jeeva N.

Mrs. Paran Jothy Lucina Subramanian

Mrs. Angelin Vasanthi Elangovan

Mr. Hijam Kenedy Singh, Mr. Rajan S.

## Pathargama: Krishankumar & Shanthilal

**Praise God:** For the 4 people who confessed their faith in Jesus Christ publicly. The full day fasting prayer conducted for the first time in the house of Arunroy of Maguvanandh village was well attended by many believers without any hindrances. Because of the persistent prayers of his family, Ramesh Madiya who had deserted his family 2 years ago returned back to the family. Small prayer cells and conference prayer cells started amidst women folk is progressing well by the Grace of God.

**Pray:** For establishing churches in all the 64 villages of this mission field. For Tejas Ravi, Suman and Rohan who have backslidden in their faith, to turn back to the Lord. Because of warm reception for the Gospel amongst the Das people group, pray the Lord would raise up a full time worker from this group to serve the Lord and minister to the people. Because of lack of burial

grounds allotted for Christians, families suffer when they lose their beloved ones. For a proper burial site to be allocated by the Government.

## Nonihat: Benhur M & Mary Jhansi Rani

**Praise God:** For the public confession of faith by 15 people who had accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. For 7 believers who memorized all the verses in a Biblical Calendar 2023 and recited them, were awarded prizes for their effort. For the miraculous protection and healing upon Sunitha Hanthak who had a poisonous snake bite and was brought to the Church and prayed for by the believers. For Gudu Murmu of Kandoldi Church who suffered from mental depression for many days, received healing because of the persistent prayers of the Congregation.

**Pray:** For 8 year old Ritesh Murmu who is suffering from boils all over his body for the last 2 years, to receive healing from the Lord. For Pagala Marandi's family to overcome all obstacles and accept Christ as Lord and Saviour of their lives. For Mathal Marandy to be healed of her problems in her vision. For the 49 children who are enrolled in our Child day care centre to excel well in the knowledge of the world and in the knowledge of the Scriptures. For the Elders of the 24 Congregations to realise their responsibilities and to work with commitment.



## **Happy Birthday**

Mr. Vecto Chophy  
Mrs. Animol John Kumar  
Mrs. Agnes Ebenezer Edward  
Mrs. Shefali Hansda

## **Hansdiha: Senthil Kumar Timothy & Muthuselvi**

**Praise God:** For the 17 people who came out of the darkness and into the Light of God's Word. For the deliverance experienced by Sithalan's wife of Thullattan village from the possession of the evil spirit. Sikkandhar's wife from Thaljourney was tormented by an evil spirit which would disguise itself like boy and tempt her. She immediately proclaimed the praises of the Lord and this led to her deliverance in a miraculous way. For Vishak Hemrom of Lakpadi village who escaped unhurt from a motor vehicle accident.

**Pray:** To find an appropriate place for Sunday worship because of the demise of the person who used to give his house for conducting worship, and his family members reluctant to continue giving the house for worship services currently. For God's grace in enabling us to find an Elder who would be able

to lead the Church. For the procurement of a suitable land for a Church to be built in Suparam where about 6 small congregations are connected with the present Church, which has no permanent Church building yet.

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

**Praise God:** For Pathros Soren of Jordiga village has come forward to donate his land for the construction of the Church. For the reconciliation between Ruth Murmu and her mother in law and both of them come together to the Church. For the good harvest the Lord has provided in the fields of the believers. The training for the Local Evangelist was conducted in an effective manner.

**Pray:** For Shanthi Murmu who served as a mission worker in this field and has gone to Gujarat to plan for her marriage to be worked out by God's Grace. For Sheela Hansdak, Sunitha Marandi and Sushil Hemrom who were interviewed and chosen to be full time missionaries to be able to get trained and to be used by the Lord in His ministry in the future. For the successful conduct of the adult literacy programme and for the open door to proclaim the Gospel.



## Happy Birthday

Mr. Selvaraj A.  
Mrs. Savita Devi Ashish Kumar

## Gangupada Children's Home: Sujitha Senapathi, Evelyn Packia

**Praise God:** Along with the other staff, we were able to visit the village of Koma, a little far from the Home, to share our witnesses and to proclaim the Gospel. A spiritual retreat for our workers was conducted well by the grace of God. The Lord helped us to appoint a good cook in response to our prayers for a long time. Among the six youths who finished computer studies, four of them were chosen to work in companies after being successful in personal interviews.

**Pray:** For Mahima Malto to receive deliverance from fits constantly affecting her. Student who have finished giving their exams for 10th and 12th to fare well in their results. The road from Gangupada to Thalpadiya village has become severely damaged. Neither the local administration nor the villagers show any interest in repairing the roads. Pray this situation might change. For students who are sick to recover well.

For Shanthi Maha to be delivered from the possession of an evil spirit. For Manju and Mamitha to be healed from the migraines. For Papli Thomas who faints repeatedly, to receive healing. For Anna Bashavin's mother, Apsi Sanisar and Basanthi's father to prayerfully overcome their discouragement.

## Tinpahad: Nehemiah & Anamika Pegu

**Praise God:** For the 6 persons who publically confessed Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and joined the Church. For the guidance of the Lord to Sumidevi to search and discover a poisonous serpent within her house and drive it away. The Lord enabled us to share the Gospel not only to the tribes but also to people of other communities. We were able to share the Gospel and distribute the tracts to many persons on the Republic Day.

**Pray:** For Rajidap who suffer constant abuse and suffer poverty because of her drunkard husband, to find deliverance from her suffering. For the repentance of the local swamijis who threaten Anil Munda to forsake his Christian faith and come back to his native faith. For the Lord to answer the earnest prayer of a little girl Sonali, for the salvation of her family. Pray, the relatives of Ithva Munda would stop creating problems in her land because of her Christian faith, and for them to repent and experience the love of Jesus Christ.



## Happy Birthday

Mrs. Indramma Daniel Vijayaraj

### North East Zone:

#### Paulraj P & Jeba Jothi

**Praise God:** For the spiritual revival meeting conducted for all the local evangelist of Santhal Sahibganj, Santhal Dhumka and Santhal West regions. For the dedication of a Church constructed out of bamboo by the voluntary giving of the believers of Arasola village for the glory of God. Murmu a student of Kairabani Home escaped with minor injuries in a two wheeler accident. For the dedication of the Churches at Kandidola and sarapada villages.

**Pray:** For the repentance of Baburam Hansdhak and Bonibas Kisku who aggressively oppose the Christian ministry done in the Mandro field. For the effective functioning of the adult literacy programme. For the Tribal Sengal Movement who constantly cause trouble for the Christians, to be restrained by the Power of God. For all the students of our home who prepare for the Government Board exams, to focus and study well.

#### Maharo:

#### Immanuel Karthi & Jyothilakshmi

**Praise God:** The prayers of Ajay Bhujar and Beena Devi were answered and the Lord blessed them with a child. For the Lord's grace and protection upon our

local evangelist Mangala and his wife who fell down not once but twice from a two wheeler. Both the workers and their vehicle were protected from any significant damage. When Mangala was attacked by a drunkard in Seppudiya village who also wanted to stone him, the Lord rescued His child.

**Pray:** Increased persecution is prevailing upon the believers of Pagadathangal and Seppadiya village. Pray for this situation to be restrained. For the Lord's help and strength to a believer and his 5 children as his wife died. Also pray for the Lord's comfort for Renudevi who struggles with her two little children when her husband lost his life in an accident. For the healing of our new believer Binoth Das of Sonaridhari village from paralysis.

### West Bengal

#### Maldah:

#### Anil Kumar Bisoyi & Alice Bisoyi

**Praise God:** For four people who publicly confessed their faith in Jesus Christ. For the 800 tracts, 80 New Testaments and 5 Bibles distributed to the listeners during the follow up ministry done in 6 villages. Many people viewed the screening of the Jesus film in 3 places.

**Pray:** For those people who received the tracts and Bibles in the villages of Rajapur, Pada Krishnapur, Baruna, Pathepur and Ramdanga villages to be transformed by the Word of God and believe in the Truth. For the seeds of the Gospel sown among Raja Ponsi people group to bear fruit. For Mithu Rai's family who come to the Church and pray for conceiving a child, to have their prayers answered by the grace of God.

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Tuesday

### Happy Birthday

Mrs. Renuma Sadangi Deeptilal Mali  
Mrs. Delphin Kingsly Livingston

### Chattisgarh Ludeg:

### Karunakaran & Elizabeth

**Praise God:** For the believers who have accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. For the first time shared the Gospel with their friends and neighbours in their village and celebrated Christmas. Three people accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. Basudhi of Pidimuda village used to pray to Jesus for healing from her sickness and parallel also follow her own faith customs for the past 18 months, decided to renounce her own faith customs and have faith in Jesus alone. God heard her prayers and granted her the healing she longed for.

**Pray:** For 17 year old Mangtha of Kakirapara village to receive deliverance from her depression. For the youths Anish and Santhosh to be delivered from their addiction to alcohol. For Ushavandhi of Doodhuvanaro village to receive healing from stomach ailment she is suffering for a long time. For the Church construction to speedily begin in the village Doodhuvanaro. For our desire to bring at least a 100 souls to Christ, to be fulfilled by the power of God.

### Champa: Vinod Kumar Singh & Pravati Mani

**Praise God:** For the 6 persons who confessed their faith in Christ Jesus as

their personal Saviour. For the Gospel Proclamation which happened in a significant way in Gamariyan village. Many attended the meeting and heard the Gospel. There was a good reception for the Gospel amongst the villages of Rosatta and Muralidi.

**Pray:** For Anita to overcome the hindrances caused by her own family in attending the Church. For Agnibai to receive healing from his mental depression. For God's protection upon our believers who migrate to other cities and states for their seasonal work, not to falter in their Christian faith.

### Bande: Babujee Murmu & Violet Hansda

**Praise God:** When our local evangelist Manoj and his wife were travelling in a motorbike returning from a ministry, the Lord protected them from a striking Cobra crossing their path. When an elder of the Church passed away in Morekandi village, the believers started praying that no opposition should rise up against the Christian burial accorded to the Elder. The Lord answered their prayers and the burial took place in a Christian way unopposed.

**Pray:** For Anil Kodi who opposes his parents from pursuing their Christian faith to repent and taste the love of our Lord for himself. For the deliverance of Bhirja Batta who under a depression abuses his wife. For the believers of Bakkugal Village to remain steadfast in their faith, even amidst intense persecution for their Christian faith. When the Church Elder of Modimarkka village was murdered, the Church attendance started to dwindle. Pray the Lord would revive the faith of the believers.



## Happy Birthday

Mr. David Perumal, Mr. George C.R.  
Mrs. Puspita Rani Behera  
Mrs. Gnana Selvaran Jeeva  
Mr. Bimal Chandra Murmu  
Mr. Samuel Beborta

## Odisha Jeganathpur: Basudev Malto & Basanti,

**Praise God:** For the 29 people who have tasted the love of our Lord and accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. Training for small prayer cell groups, women's meet and youth camps were conducted with good results. Many people of 7 villages heard the proclamation of the Gospel through the outreach ministry conducted. Many believers took part in this ministry and about 2947 tracts were distributed to those who received them. Padmavathi prayed to the Lord in the Church for healing, the Lord healed her of haemorrhage.

**Pray:** 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. When the parents of Madhu Sudhan an 18 year old prayed fervently in the Church, Madhu who had left the home due to a mental depression returned home safely and sanely. The Lord blessed our missionary family with a beautiful girl baby.

## Keonjhar: Sukinlal & Jeyarani T

**Praise God:** For the 13 people who had a public confession of their faith in Jesus Christ. The Gospel was proclaimed in 8 villages and about 400 tracts, 5 Bibles and 20 New Testaments were distributed to those who received them. For Jullinthara and Rithika suffering from mental depression were healed through prayers. The Lord blessed Suganthi and Lakshmi families with a baby after 5 years of their married lives.

**Pray:** For a good receptivity for the Gospel among the Ho and Juvang people groups to prevail. For Lippi Banra, Jithin and Jimomani to receive deliverance from their mental depression. For the 2 new families who have come into faith in Christ, to grow deeper in the knowledge of God. For the upcoming Gospel proclamation programmes and special meetings to be conducted successfully and to bear much fruit in the days to come.

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MARCH

Thursday

## Happy Birthday

Mrs. Celina Hansdak Kisku

Mrs. Propilla Bosumatory Prodip

Mr. Govindarajan E., Mrs. Sasikala Venkatesan

Mr. Rajendran J., Mr. Ganesh R.

## Rimuli: Sankar P & Jelin T

**Praise God:** For the 16 new persons who had a public confession of their faith in Jesus Christ. A temporary Church constructed out of bamboo was dedicated in Archala village for the Glory of God. For Pitchi Munda and Kandhora Munda who received gradual healing from the severity of TB. The Lord enabled us to share the Gospel and distribute tracts to Usurukal and Devhori regions on the festive day of Makara Shanthi.

**Pray:** For the deliverance of 17-year-old Naveen Munda from the possession of an evil spirit and to be released from his depression. For the new comers Randegi – Rajani families to Church to grow deeper in the knowledge of our Lord. For the Lord to bless Karuna Munda and Basandhi families with a child. For the Church construction currently happening in Konkana, Noibanga and Jamuti villages to progress well and be completed in a good manner by God's Grace.

## Rairangpur: Kuna Chandra Paik & Krutanjali Paik

**Praise God:** For 6 people who had a public confession of their faith in Jesus

Christ and were added to the fold of believers. Because of good harvest in their fields by God's grace, the believers joyfully celebrated the harvest festival in all the Churches. The Gospel proclamation was held at Bajadala village and 890 tracts were distributed among them. The families of Kailash and Prasantha have started coming to the Church Service.

**Pray:** For the planned believers spiritual meet, Church Elders training programme to be conducted successfully. For the strife between the believers of Gunjupal and Sunamara villages and the people of other faith to be reconciled by the grace of God. For the repentance of those who oppose our ministry in Gunduriya and Kalamatti fields. For those who are new to the Church, to grow more in faith and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ and eventually come into a saving faith.

## THE COST OF CRITICISM

In the Akkade village of Pimpalner field in Nandhubar District of Maharashtra resides a 55 year old Sister Jiji who often used to pick up quarrels with our believers. When our local evangelist was conducting a prayer meet in the village, she pulled him to the nearest police station and foisted a false case on him. She had him imprisoned in the station. Our believers patiently prayed earnestly for our local evangelist. In the month of January Jiji developed oral cancer and found it hard to eat and with no cure in sight, started to suffer a lot. She realised her mistake and approached our believers and asked for forgiveness and to pray for her. Today by the Lord's mercy, she is on the process of healing. A solemn fear prevailed in the village upon realising the consequences of opposing the Christian believers. Let us pray Jiji would be fully cured and would be a testimony for the Lord in this region.



## Jashipur: Samuel J & Havila Paramananthi

**Praise God:** When a believer died in the village of Jalda, the villagers did not allow the body of our believer to be buried in the village. However when the believers joined together and prayed, the Lord moved the hearts of the villages who finally relented and assisted the believers to bury the body in the village itself. Due to the earnest prayers of Minsoori, her 6 month old infant who was constantly crying, stopped crying and was at peace. When the believers prayed for tar road connectivity for 50 villages, the Government has started the process of laying up the roads.

**Pray:** For a suitable place to be found for conducting the worship service at Rathnakar village. For the healing of an elderly woman who is unable to work because of her ailment. For the procurement of a good land at Bathijatty village for the construction of a Church. For the Lord to raise up committed young people to serve the Lord.

## Gujarat Vijaya Nagar: Vijaykumar & Susheela

**Praise God:** The Lord provided healing

and deliverance to Mahendra who was suffering from a mental depression in response to the fervent prayers offered by his parents. Mahendra has returned back to the family causing them utmost happiness. For Sumitha who suffered from a swelling in her stomach and unable to eat anything was not healed even though she tried many forms of treatment. When she was led to pray in the Church, the Lord miraculously healed her. When Kalubai's Elder son suffered much from vomiting and dysentery was on the verge of loosing his life, Kalubai brought his second son who was also suffering much to the Church to be prayed for. The Lord touched them and healed them. Today the family of Kalubai believes in Jesus Christ and attends Church.

**Pray:** For Dhaviben who is much weakened because her both kidneys have stopped functioning to receive healing from the Lord. The Church construction at Sikkari village is facing hindrances after its foundation is completed. Pray that the Lord would enable the construction of the Church to be completed successfully even in the midst of opposition. For Ramesh who has let go of his witchcraft and black magic works, repented and accepted Christ in his life to be a witness for both his sons Rakesh and Kamalesh also to let go of their evil practices and follow Christ in their father's footsteps. For Somlaji to overcome his fear that his house is constantly being shaken by some evil force and trust in the protection of the Lord.

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MARCH

Saturday

## Happy Birthday

Mr. Sukanto Kumar Singh  
Mrs. Nemzavah Thanglal Zou

## Bhav Nagar: Akhilesh Kumar & Kiran Devi

**Praise God:** One person had a public confession of his faith and joined the Church. For Ramanivas a believer who had not got his wages from his employer for the past one year, fervently prayed to the Lord with fasting. The Lord heard his prayers and the employer paid all his pending wages in full. For Pradeep and Sundaram and their families who have newly started attending the Church.

**Pray:** For the deliverance of 17 year old Nidhiben from the possession of evil spirit. For the power of the evil spirits which cause physical weakness and lack of peace in Jawahar's family to cease by the power of our mighty God. For a bigger space to conduct Worship services in Hatnagar and Kabodi villages in the light of many new people coming to attend the worship service. For the seeds of Gospel to bear fruit in the villages of Thagodi and Puteshwar villages where it has been sown through the outreach ministry.

## Surat: Jebathangam & Madhavaroy (retd)

**Praise God:** Challenged by the sarcasm against the Christian faith by Pushaben's husband, Pushbaben

prayed with fasting through the night over the phone for the deliverance of a 17 year old girl from the possession of an evil spirit. The Lord vindicated her prayers offered in faith and delivered the girl. Her husband has also started his journey of faith in Christ. When Shobaben was hospitalised with a sickness, the believers cared for her 4 children in an act of Christian love and fellowship. The Lord helped Sangeetha Ben to finish the construction of her house.

**Pray:** For the repentance of Priyanka who has not only backslidden from the Christian faith , but also hinders the other believers as they follow Jesus Christ. For the recovery of Lalitha Ben who underwent a surgery to remove a tumour from her stomach. For the 50 people who had received the tract, to be enlightened by the truth of God's Word to be led to believe by the work of the Holy Spirit. For the youth who participated in the youth meet to lead witnessing lives and be blessed.

## ◆◆◆ AGE - NEVER A BARRIER ◆◆◆

An event of a public confession of the Christian Faith was in progress in the Munkat field of Dharwad district of Karnataka. A group to welcome the new believers was standing on one side and another group to welcome the Church members were standing on the other side of the Church. Men, Women and Children were all singing praises to the Lord. As the new believers were standing in a line for their turn for the public confession, we were surprised to see a 103 year old lady Ellamma who used to come regularly to the Church for a long time. This lady finally decided to confess her faith publicly and she eagerly took part and accepted the Lord as her personal Saviour joyfully.



**Happy Birthday**

Mrs. Nirola Digal, Mr. Kenoz Stanley Inbaraj

### **Nasvadi: Henry Solomon & Angel Jeba**

**Praise God:** For Vasanthi Ben who confessed her faith in Christ Jesus as her personal Saviour. For the miraculous healing received by Nanabai from a poisonous snake bite, when believers gathered and prayed for him fervently. For the healing received by Mukesh, Vijay and Kemji from a long suffering ailment by the mercy of God. For Shanthi Ben who received healing from an excessive bleeding issue when she fasted and prayed fervently.

**Pray:** For the families of Meena and Jagdeesh who show interest towards the Gospel, to be led to a saving faith in Christ Jesus. For the believers of Thherthankundhi village who face opposition from their relatives on account of their faith, to remain steadfast in the Lord. For a place to be found for conducting the worship service at Kenda village. For Mukesh to receive a suitable life partner.

### **Ahwa: Vigneshwaran & Angelin M**

**Praise God:** For our church Elder Sitharam of Sinsinagavuda village who was infected with high fever which made him lie down in an almost lifeless state.

His wife prayed for him fervently and the Lord restored back his health. For Paruben of Thulsonet village and Ajith of Kadamba village who met with an accident and escaped with minor injuries by God's grace. About 860 Tracts were distributed to people who gathered for the Outreach Ministry conducted.

**Pray:** For the healing of a new believer Govindh of Motacharya village who is greatly weakened due to his sickness. For the healing of Pindu of Padhalpari village affected with mental depression and living in the forest to return back to his family. For Umesh of Savarkal village who is gradually losing his hearing ability due to a boil in his ears, to be restored by the grace of God. For the Prayer Cells and the Bible Study fellowship groups currently conducted in 42 places to be run effectively.

### **Mosda: Paulraj R & Koil Pusham**

**Praise God:** In the Land donated by Urmila for the construction of the Church, the Government has freely given us a bore well, Solar panel and an electric motor. For the deliverance of Priyanka Dhia and Sunitha Ben of Seesa village from the possession of an evil spirit. For Yogesh of Thanavadi village who fell down from a two wheeler and escaped with minor injuries only.

**Pray:** For our believers in cotton business who are being deceived by the intermediary brokers to get the right price for their products. For Arjun, Rajesh, Mahan and Ganesh to be able to get suitable Christian life partner. For Pathesh who is unable to source water for harvesting his agricultural lands to be able to draw water from a bore well.



**Happy Birthday**

Mrs. Lhingneihoi Zou

## **Kadod: Jeevaratna Beero & Zipporah**

**Praise God:** The Gospel proclamation was done in Anroli, Samthan and Kathora village and 737 people received the Gospel Tracts. 70 women participated in the women's special meet conducted in Palsot village committed to pray every day for the ministry. By the fervent prayers of Lalsingh, his relative Nainaben with a zealous faith in his native faith was led to discover the truth and place his faith in the living Lord Jesus Christ.

**Pray:** For the healing of Sunitha Ben of Pardoli village who has been hospitalized for treatment for TB. For the efforts of Asha Ben of Savani village to conduct a prayer meet in her home to be fruitful. For our believer Sivraj's panipuri business to be blessed by the Lord even as his enemies mixed some stuff in his raw materials causing an undesirable stench. For a worship group to be started in Palsari village and for the villagers not to oppose the conduct of this worship service.

## **Selamba:**

### **Yuvanesh & Jhansi Rani**

**Praise God:** For the many spiritual tracts distributed amongst 250 people, 19 of whom received the New Testament

and 9 full Bibles during the conduct of an outreach meeting. In Two places a special meet was conducted for women. 195 children enrolled themselves in a Children's one-day retreat.

**Pray:** For the Government to take steps in eradicating the sickle cell anaemic infection which is a major cause of sickness for many people. The local administration would take up the application given on behalf of Nanimal, Simbabari, Kortha and Dhaval Mogaram Churches for sanctioning electricity to their premises.

## **Umargam: Asir Moses & Amirth Golda**

**Praise God:** For the 5 persons who tasted the love of the Lord and accepted Jesus as their personal Saviour. A multitude of 800 people gathered in Anglas village in the outreach ministry conducted and heard the Gospel, received Tracts and attended till the end. The Year beginning fasting prayer meet for all the local evangelist were conducted in Kergham and Umargam villages. They recommitted their lives to faithful service to the Lord.

**Pray:** The harvest festival was celebrated joyfully in all the Churches. For literate believers to come forward to lead the Bible Study groups and relevant training to be imparted to them. For the successful implementation of women's prayer group to be established in all the Churches. For the efforts taken by the believers to distribute Gospel tracts amongst their unbelieving relatives and share the love of Jesus and Gospel, to be blessed by the Lord, and for the cooperation of the believers themselves.



## **Happy Birthday**

Mr. Jacob Gnanapandithan M.  
Mrs. Maria Selvi Dharmaraj  
Mr. Albert Santhosh Raj J.  
Miss. Ching Nei Sian

## **Dadra & Nagar Haveli (U.T.)**

### **Silvassa: Davidson Rajasingh & Kanmani**

**Praise God:** For Suresh of Jeerval village suffering from the start of a leprous attack fasted and prayed and was able to recover well. 7 persons have started coming to the church newly. For Kandaben of Ampoli village after accepting Christ as his personal Saviour is no longer selling tobacco in his shop. When the believer gathered and prayed around Geetha Ben of Fatepur village, she recovered well from a snake bite.

**Pray:** For the villagers who opposed a condolence prayer meet to be held in the house of a believer of Kutli village who passed away, to relent and allow the meeting to be held. For the healing of 19 year old Vishwas, son of our local evangelist suffering from sudden

attack of epilepsy. For both the sons of Makesh of Nanarandha village who refuse to attend the Church to repent and discover the joy of worshipping the Lord. For the deliverance of the daughter of Amar of Athal village who suffers from the possession of an evil spirit.

## **Maharashtra**

### **Akkalkuwa: Jagmohan Singh & Swati Sharma**

**Praise God:** For follow up ministry conducted in 7 villages and 549 people who heard the Gospel through personal evangelism by the grace of God. For the women's special meet conducted in 3 places and Church elders' training programme at 2 places and the soul winning training meet were a great blessing. Many believers took part in the special spiritual meet organized for the first time at Rathanpada village.

**Pray:** For the start of prayer cells which would enhance the ministry and help the believers grow in faith. For Moramba and Church elder Suganya to receive healing from their sickness. For Vinitha and Mumta who suffer from ulcer in their uterus to be healed. For the wedding of our missionary's sister to be conducted well by the grace of God.



**Happy Birthday**

Mr. Moorthi T.

### **Point: Alex Prabu & Priya Hethzi**

**Praise God:** For 36 people of Bugathpada village and 23 people from Hethpada village who accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. Many people gathered and the all night prayer was conducted fervently in the very village of Porpada, where the Church was demolished. For the Harvest festival which was joyfully celebrated in all the village churches. For the healing received by Mamta from a snake bite and Sangeetha from a sickness. For Latha who testified of God's miraculous protection when she fell from a tree where she was cutting wood. and was caught by the branches of another tree and escaped with minor injuries.

**Pray:** A Puja in a nude state is being conducted in Hethpada village every time when believers have a special meeting or a gathering for worship. Pray for God's loving touch upon those who take part in this puja. For Sanjai Vadu a believer of Kakdupana village whose chicken coop was set on fire

because he refused to donate to the local temple deity. Pray for those who committed this act to taste the love of our Lord. For the false cases hoisted against the believers in Kamdesh and Dengdanra village to fizzle out in due time. For the many kids at Sarasamal children home affected with chicken pox, to recover well. Pray for God to bestow good health to these kids during the exam time.

### **Molgi: Bidyut Kumar; Seenu**

**Praise God:** For God enabled us to meet people in the 5 segments of the Vatpalli village and share the Gospel and distribute tracts to about 722 people who received them by God's grace. For Ashok of Vetli Pari village who conquered his suicidal thoughts. All the Church elders took part in the administrative committee meet to decide on the admin affairs of the Church. The Lord answered the persisting prayers of Sangeetha for many years and blessed her with a child.

**Pray:** For Dharma, Hirobai and Radhiyabai to remain steadfast in their faith. For Ashok who overcame his suicidal thoughts and attending the Church, to know the Lord deeper, and find purpose for his life. Suvitha to be healed of her paralysis. For the successful conduct of the upcoming outreach ministry, Jesus film screening and special meets to win souls for the Lord.



**Happy Birthday**

Mrs. Jerinah Shimrah

### **Jawhar: Geddam Srinivasa Rao & Rajyalaxmi**

**Praise God:** Nanubai a believer in our field who drives an auto rickshaw in Mumbai was seriously injured in an accident and admitted to a hospital in a coma stage, because of the faithful prayers of the believers, after a month long hospitalisation, Nanubai recovered, healed well and returned back home. A special one-day retreat was conducted for the believers of the Manipada, Lakramal, Singlisamal congregations. For the believers of Larli people group who remain steadfast in their faith and challenged to face any kind of opposition.

**Pray:** For the success of establishing small prayer groups. For Munva who has been trained to effectively lead the functioning of these prayer cells. For the extension of the Bible study classes to all the Churches in our mission field. Pray for committed people trained in the scriptures to lead these Bible study groups.

### **Ettapalli: Vasave Arvind & Valvi Eju**

**Praise God:** For 6 persons who confessed their faith in Christ and joined the fold of believers. For Madhukar Vade of Rekanar village who visited many places for treatment and yet was not able to cure his mental depression, was finally carried to our Church to be prayed for. The Lord heard the prayers and granted him healing and in a week's time he returned to home fully restored. For the believers of Maveli village whose ration cards have been cancelled because they had embraced the Christian faith, fasted and prayed fervently for the Lord's intervention. The Lord restored their ration cards back to them through the Government and they are now able to procure food materials.

**Pray:** For the new believers Kesu Narakte, Anil Kutta and Karthik to know the Lord deeper. For those people in Venasar village who plan and strategize to stop the Christian ministry and change the new believers back to their own traditional customs to realise the futility of their plans against the Living Lord and his people. Pray for a good harvest of souls in the villages of Kotmi, Keda, Bumkam and Kutta where the Gospel has been proclaimed.



## Happy Birthday

Mrs. Alice Ranjit James  
Mr. John Andrews Sugirtharaj

## Mukhwada: Shankar M & Anandhi S

**Praise God:** For the 30 persons who eagerly heard the Gospel during the follow up ministry conducted in Singhvat and Ber Astha villages. For Lakshman Bamre of Savapada village suffering from TB for a long time, received healing when he came to the Church and prayed continuously. He was able to eat without coughing and to speak clearly. His whole family have started coming to the Church. Ganesh who previously used to prevent believers from attending the Church is a changed person and attending the Church himself. Ramuwah sought the Lord for a two wheeler for his job, and the Lord granted him his request.

**Pray:** For the consolation of Krishna who has lost his loved child and for Prabhakar who had lost his mother. For Sitharam who is being threatened by the local magicians for embracing the Christian faith, to be strengthened by the Lord. For the youth children of our believers to volunteer to help in Church activities, to regularly attend Church service and to live a witnessing life in their village neighbourhood. For

finding committed teachers to serve in our student's day care centres for conducting tuition classes.

## Pimpalner: Jubaraj Bardhan & Sheeba Jasmine

**Praise God:** For our church Elder Sitharam of Sinsinagavuda village who was infected with high fever which made him lie down in an almost lifeless state. His wife prayed for him fervently and the Lord restored back his health. For Paruben of Thulsonet village and Ajith of Kadamba village who met with an accident and escaped with minor injuries by God's Grace. About 860 Tracts were distributed to people who gathered for the Outreach Ministry conducted.

**Pray:** For 3 persons who accepted Christ as their personal Saviour and have become believers. The Lord answered the prayers of Manisha - Shivaji family who have 3 daughters and prayed for a boy baby. Our believers who went to work in the fields adjoining big cities, drank water mixed with insecticides from the drip irrigation system. Thankfully through enlightening them and through prayers, they were saved from further ignorance and sickness. The sister of Thijen Bai from Rimoli village was unable to sleep or consume food for about 6 months causing her to be very weak. When she was taken to the Church and prayed upon, the Lord strengthened her and these days she is able to eat well and recovering.



## Happy Birthday

Mr. Konkani Sampathbhai, Mr. Abraham S.  
Mrs. Kshetrimayum Priya Devi Jeewer

## Chopda: Vasava Bhangsingh & YeMahale Yemanben

**Praise God:** For the 7 persons who accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and joined the Church. For Tulsiram who was under the bondage of Satanic attack and was taken to the Church for prayer received deliverance when we prayed for him in faith. For the children of our Home who progress well in their writing and studying skills. When the missionary family knelt down and prayed for the little daughter of our hostel cook who was under an attack of epilepsy, the Lord healed her.

**Pray:** For the 20 persons to overcome all hindrances during their preparation for the public confession of their faith in Jesus Christ. For the repentance of village head Mailina Patil of Veloda village who prevents the believers from entering the village. For the students preparing for their 10th Board exams to prepare and fare well in their exams, and to be blessed with good health. Those who have committed their lives to Christ must remain steadfast in faith and in His love till the end of their lives.

## Karnataka Hubli Region: Sunil Datakara & Meenakhi Beero

**Praise God:** For the 6 persons who have newly joined the Church. For Basavaraj family members who have reconciled, forgetting all their past enmity and started coming to the Church in the Sikyon field. For the Lord's protection over 7 year old Paul who slipped and fell from a two wheeler and escaped without any major injuries. For 103 year old Sellamma granny who accepted the Lord Jesus as her Saviour and joined the Church. For Mahadevi of Seerhatti field who was affected by paralysis and bedridden, received healing when the believers of the Church prayed fervently for her. When she started to walk, the villagers were astounded and many gave us an invite to come to their house and pray.

**Pray:** For the persecutions faced by the Uppadadi Church of Nidagundi field. Even when the policemen came to the village and warned them against giving problems to the Christians, our believers are getting beaten up right under the noses of the policemen to our dismay. For the Lord to touch the life of the fanatic leader Ravi Darappa Lamani and his accomplices Limba, Parasu, Uchiya, Ingappa and some more. For those of our believers who were beaten and humiliated before the villagers to remain steadfast in their faith and prayerful to overcome these challenges. For the villages of Ittagi and Kanakuppa of Kanapur field where the efforts taken to conduct evening meetings to be fruitful. For 65 year old Kamalam in Mumdkat field who faces pressure from the bank officials to evict her from her house, in order to repay the loan taken by her husband. Pray the Lord would provide her resources and rescue her.



**Happy Birthday**

Mrs. Amirtha Golda Asir

Mr. John Ezung

Mrs. Thoti Gurramvari Hima Bindu Ramesh

Mr. Basanta Guru

## Andhra Pradesh

### **Dhamalacheruvu: John David Raj & Gnanasekari**

**Praise God:** In the Outreach ministry conducted in Ramapuram and Kodukusindha areas, many participated and received spiritual tracts. For Jemima of Nellimandhapalli village whose milking cow stopped giving milk due to a sickness. When Jemima fervently prayed to the Lord with a vow, the cow started providing milk again by the grace of God. For the miraculous save of Nilavathi of Errapalli village from a poisonous snake when she stepped out of her house in the night.

**Pray:** For divine comfort to Kiruba Parvathi of Chandhrayapalli village due to her husband's demise and discernment on her to divide her property equally amongst her children in a peaceful way. For the salvation of Jeyachandra and Parthasarathy. For the

Lord to sustain the livelihood of Ruth struggling with her 8 year old sick son, after her husband deserted her. For the repentance of the higher authority of blind person Aaron in his workplace simply because of his Christian faith.

### **PHYSICAL INABILITY - NEVER A BARRIER**

Bindubai is a resident of Patlolpaliya village of Siraya field in Madhya Pradesh. Born blind, he along with his mother use to travel in trains, singing songs and seeking alms which pretty soon became his livelihood. Once, when he was seeking for alms, a Christian pastor who was travelling shared with him the Good News of Jesus Christ which brought a transformation in his life. From then on he began singing Christian songs in the streets and sharing the Gospel to people at random. Many drunkards heard his testimony and were delivered from their drinking habit and started leading a good life. Presently in his small house, about 20 to 25 people including his relatives who were touched by his life changing testimony, gather every evening to worship the living Lord. The Lord is providing for Bindu's life without having to seek alms for his survival. A Physical Challenge or a deficiency in body can never be a stumbling block for serving the Lord.



Mr. Rabindra Murmu was a member of the Methodist Church and also a first generation Christian. He was born on 02.04.1985 as the third son to Mr. Lakhiram Murmu and Mrs. Solma Hembrom, who belong to Murgabani village, Pakur Dist in Jharkhand. When he was 9 years old, he was baptized and grew in the Lord through the follow-up ministry of FMPB missionaries.

He prayed to God that if he passed his Matric exam, he would do God's ministry. God heard his prayer, and he passed. When he was in the 11th standard, he attended a Youth camp arranged by our missionaries, where the theme was "You are the light of the World" (Mt. 5:14). Touched by the verse, he decided to read and pray every day. One day, while reading John 15:13, his heart melted, and he pondered how the Holy and Creator God could call him FRIEND. That same day, he accepted Christ as his Savior and committed his life to God's ministry. God performed many miracles in his life. After completing his college studies, observing his pious life, our missionaries appointed him as a Church Elder for his village Church. After five years of village ministry, he underwent one year of Hindi Training in UP. He then joined FMPB as a Missionary in 2014 and underwent one year of Missionary Training in NIM Jhansi, UP. After training, he was placed in Asom, where he worked among the 'Missing' People Group.

Miss. Selina Marandi, a believer of the Church of North India, was born to parents Mr. Pradhan Marandi and Mariyam Kisku in Bindin village, Shabiganj Dist of Jharkhand State. She worked as staff in our Malto Community College for three years, where she developed a burden for ministry. She joined FMPB in 2017. After one year of Missionary training in NIM, Mr. Rabindra Murmu and Miss. Selina Marandi were united in Holy Matrimony. While they both worked among the Missing people group for five years, one day Mr. Rabindra experienced extreme ear pain and lost his hearing. He underwent treatment at CMC Vellore for his ear problem in 2022. Since March 2023, this family has been working at our FMPB Headquarters in Chennai. Let us remember this family in our prayers.



**Mr. Rabindra  
Murmu & Mrs.  
Selina Marandi**

# 1000 Hours Chain of Prayer

February 14 to March 28, 2024

*We urge you, as children of God to stand in the gap and intercede for the prosperity of our nation, for end time revival in our churches, for ministries and ministers of God during the Lenten season 2024.*

## Prayer methods:

Chain of Prayer

Prayer Groups, Churches and Mobilization districts.

12/24/72 Hours of Fasting prayer

All Mobilization regions.

1/3 Hours Intercession prayer

Churches, Prayer Groups, Leaders and Sponsor's residence.

*Let's participate in the prayer individually, as families, as churches and as Prayer Groups. Surely, we will see the Glory of God in our nation.*



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