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“simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” John 21:15

Loving God Even More



Friends Missionary Prayer Band wishes you a
HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025

FRONTLINE

Each morning, the Benedictine monks stood at a crossroads.

Whenever a new monk entered the common

life of the monastery, he would exchange his everyday clothes for simple robes. The monk would then hang his old garments in the monastery closet. No matter how long a monk had been part of the community, he always knew that at any time, he could return to the closet, put on his old clothes, and go back to his former life. Every day, **he needed to make a fresh decision to stay on the spiritual path**-to decide whether he loved Jesus or this new way of life more than anything he had left behind.

In **John 21** After experiencing a great deal of turmoil, Peter returned to fishing with a group of disciples. That night Peter had **Physical needs** (food, money, tired), **Emotionally drained** (discouraged, fear), **Socially lonely** (hopeless, uncertain future) and **Spiritually dry** (Purpose lost). So, to make ends meet, they returned to their old skills, fishing (v. 9, 12).

But then came a turning point. "Early in the morning" Jesus stood on the shore, **waiting for them** and **welcomed them** with a meal. He asked Peter thrice, "**DO YOU LOVE ME MORE THAN THESE?**" (v. 15). Peter, responded, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." And Jesus replied, "Feed my lambs. "So, how can we show that we love Jesus more than anything or anyone in this world? One way to demonstrate this love is by how we invest our time, talent, and treasure (TTT). These three things reveal whom or what we love most. The other word for love is **time**. If we truly love someone, we will spend time with them and think about them often. Similarly, when we love Jesus, our time will be dedicated to Him. We will also use our **talents** to please and serve Him. Just as we would spend money on someone we love, we will gladly give of our **treasure** to support God's work.

The overflow of this love for Jesus leads to mission-feeding and tending His sheep, which is the mission Jesus gave to Peter. Earlier in **Mat 4:19**, Jesus had said, "I will make you fishers of men." But in this moment, Peter was focused on his old life-fishing, nets, boats, and the sea. Yet this was not the path that would help him fulfil the commission Jesus had given him. Jesus had already taught His disciples that no one can serve two masters (Lk 16:13). Before He could recommit Peter, Jesus needed to ensure that Peter would not turn back to his old life. Jesus met all of Peter's needs, affirmed his love for Him three times, and gave him back his true purpose in life-reinstating the mission. Peter, now fully recommitted, faithfully embraced this mission and passed it on to us, as seen in **1 Pt 5:1-3**. So, have we made our decision? Are you ready to choose Jesus over everything else in this world?

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

... "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind' and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself'." Luke 10:27

Loving God more than anyone or anything else is the very foundation for being a disciple. If you want to live your Christian life to its fullest then love Jesus more than anyone or anything else.

- Greg Laurie

"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him".

1 John 2:15

Anything you love more, fear more, serve more or value more than God is your idol. - Adrian Rogers

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Our Vision

Reach the unreached Indians with the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Our Mission

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

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

FMPB does saturation evangelism among various people groups.

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

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FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY...

Dear Partners in the mission of reaching the unreached,

On behalf of FMPB, as its General Secretary, I am praying and wishing you all a blessed and Christ centred 2025. We give all glory and honour to our Almighty God for all the spiritual and physical blessings He has showered upon the organisation and all its missionaries, prayer group leaders, members and well-wishers. When we look back into 2024, it is very obvious that it is by His grace we live today. God has been mindful of us to protect and provide all needed in 2024. With the attitude of gratefulness and thankfulness to our God, with confidence let us look into the future.

For 2025, God has given the theme "more than these" taken from John 21:15; ... Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" This theme is setting the tone for FMPB in 2025, with the expectation of Jesus Christ 'do we love Jesus more than all the things and people.' The nation can be reached only when we love Jesus more than everything else. Anyone who love the Lord cannot refrain from sharing the gospel to the fellow Indians and involving in the ministry of reaching the

unreached. Let us lift our soul to the throne of grace to intercede for the redemption of our fellow countrymen.

Veteran missionary entered into glory: Our retired missionary Mrs. Vellaiammal Packiamuthu and the mother of Secretary HRD, Rev. V.P. Jebaraj Samuel and Trichy Mobilization missionary Mrs. Selvi Manimaran entered into glory on 5.12. 2024 at the age of 84. We express our heartfelt condolences and prayers to the family members. Remember Mr. Packiamuthu Annan and the families in your prayers.

Ministry council: The 8th ministry council meeting was held from November 20 to 22nd in Chennai. All Zonal Secretaries and above secretaries of FMPB attended the meeting. There were paper presentations and discussions on subjects like Vision based ministry, looking beyond, using data for ministry, roadmaps towards realizing the vision etc. Many recommendations were made from the forum and the concerned departments are working out action plan to implement the recommendation.

Field Zonal Secretaries meeting: The Field Zonal Secretaries meeting was held in Chennai on 23rd & 24th November 2024. The field ministry's performance was analysed region wise and some rectifications and remedial measures were planned.

UCPI advisory forum: On 27th and 28th of November the Advisory Forum of United Christian Prayer for India (UCPI) met to discuss the possibilities of strengthening the evangelistic effort.

Carol in Padi: On 28th, I joined FMPB's carol team to visit houses in Padi area. The committed effort of our prayer group leaders and members to visit houses and raise support for Christmas gift is highly commendable. The carol team was consisting of people from every age group including children. I praise God for the way the vision is getting into the young minds for the glory of God and thanking the parents. Year after year our prayer group leaders and members visiting houses enthusiastically mainly in the rainy season.

Divisional Secretaries meeting: The Divisional Secretaries meeting was held from 1st December to 4th December in Periyamalai for two days fasting prayer and two days planning. We had a blessed time in the presence of God.

Meeting with Tamil Nadu Samiti: Some of the Tamil Nadu Church Council (Samiti) leaders met me in Periyamalai. I was thrilled to hear that the Samiti conducted three days. youth meeting organised by a small team of our youth believers raising the support from the churches itself.

Jharkhand visit: From 8th to 15th, I visited the missionary families working among the Malto, Oraon, Das and santal people groups. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and sharing.

Ordination service: I praise God for the support of Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church to the ministry of FMPB. On 11th December the Moderator of NELC and Bishop of NELC Dumka Diocese ordained 44 of our missionaries and evangelists as presbyters at Koraya Mission, near Dumka. This ordination will help our missionaries and evangelists to strengthen the ministry in the new churches and among the people groups.

I request you to pray for my January month programs: From 2nd January to 4th January, I will be speaking in the Irenipuram, Kanniyakumari church convention and on 5th morning service also

On 5th and 6th January, I will be speaking in different meetings in Tuticorin district.

From 9th to 14th, I will be visiting the Chittoor and Anandapur fields of Andhra Pradesh.

The Management Committee is scheduled on 18th and 19th of January.

The new Field Secretaries orientation is being arranged in Nagpur from 21st January to 23rd January.

God willing, I will be speaking in meetings in Vallam, Chengalput on 25th and 26th January.

On 31st January a Cross-Cultural Program is arranged for the missionaries from Central Zone.

FMPB thank you all for your sacrificial support for the ministry through prayers, participation and provisions in the whole year of 2024. You are remembered in our prayers for God's presence and protection be upon you in the whole year of 2025. Let us all take the pledge that we will love Jesus more than these. God be with you.

As we step into a new year, let us anchor our hope not in the circumstances around us but in God's unfailing promises.

Happy New Year.

Your fellow servant in God's mission



Rev. John Berlin S.

'HEART TO HEART'

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear brothers and sisters

The Lord, in His wisdom, has entrusted me with the role of the FMPB President and I thank God that He considered me faithful to His mission. I seek your prayers that I, along with the members of the Executive Committee, will be holy and truthful, honest and humble before God and God's people.

FMPB is a God-inspired movement with a God-given vision to impact the whole nation. God wants you and me to involve in this movement with total dedication and enthusiasm, so that we can be a blessing to the nation. The Bible says emphatically that "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33.12) If we want India to be a blessed and prosperous nation, the best solution will be to bring God, God's values, God's teachings and God's blessings to the entire nation. That's why I urge you to intercede for our nation and to involve in God's mission with love and sacrifice.

A few months back, I was in South Korea participating at the Lausanne Congress, which brought together more than 5,000 leaders across the world. During the Congress, the leaders from South Korea shared their interesting history. Soon after the second world war, Korea was divided into North Korea and South Korea. The best portion of the land and industries went to North Korea. But today North Korea is not a progressive Nation, while South Korea has become a developed and high-income country in a few decades, thanks to its



commitment to Christian values. In 1901, Korea's Christian population was just 1% and today it has gone way beyond 29%. When God's values come into any nation, the country will be progressive and blessed.

As we enter the new year, I want to share with you three important principles for your personal growth and the growth of the mission

1. No vision, no progress: Where there is no vision, don't expect progress. The Bible says 'Where there is no vision, people perish'. Without a vision, organizations can get stuck in a cycle of monotony and mediocrity. God wants FMPB missionaries, FMPB leaders and prayer partners to be people of 'Heavenly vision' and move towards excellence in all areas.

When the King of Babylon spoke to Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, he found them to be ten times better than the others (Daniel 1: 19-20). Their knowledge, wisdom, and integrity were readily apparent, leading them to stand before the King as people of excellence. It's the Lord who gave them knowledge and wisdom. God's children are called to be 10-xers.

What is the vision and dream for FMPB? What do we want to achieve in the next 5 years, 10 years and 20 years? May the Lord give us a very large vision to enlarge our mission fields amidst various people groups. May the Lord open our eyes to discern that 'the harvest is plenty and the laborers are few.'

God has given our leaders the vision to raise 1000 missionaries in the next five years. Pray that the Lord will raise many committed men and women to be full-time missionaries, missionary doctors, missionary teachers, missionary engineers, missionary business leaders and missionary civil servants across the nation. Thousands of leaders need to be empowered; more communities need to be touched; more people need to be transformed. It's the God-given responsibility to help the people in the tribal and backward areas to be uplifted so that they can see the light. FMPB will partner with the Church and other missions to achieve this.

Have a larger vision to have greater progress in the Mission Field, in the Mobilization and in the Headquarters. Have a greater vision to raise thousands of youth and women, involved in FMPB. Similarly, have a larger vision to raise thousands of prayer partners in every village and town, in all families and churches, who will pray for the nation and pray for the mission. "The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results."

2. No private victory, no public victory: Where there is no private victory, don't expect public victory. If we want FMPB to make a great impact on the nation, each one of us should be people of honesty

and humility. Let us ask the Lord to make our private lives Holy and to help us to be exemplary men and women in our private lives.

The victory of personal prayers, getting to know God through the scriptures, keeping covenants, and loving even our enemies are just a few steps that will help us obtain the public victory we seek.

Each Leader, Prayer Group Member, Committee Member, Missionary and everyone needs victory in their private lives. Victory in our private life means our excellence in our character and competence.

God is calling us to be people of high level of character as given in Psalm 15 - do the right thing always; be respectful and compassionate to others. If we are unable to face people joyfully but harbor hate within us, then there is no private victory. If we speak unkind and abusive words against our spouses, children, relatives or others, then there is no private victory. If we do not live a blameless life, then there is no private victory.

If we do not have private victory, don't expect victory from FMPB movement. During my work in the Government, on many occasions, when I had to get very important things done, I used to kneel down, fast and pray in my private life and this led to victory in my public life.

3. No sacrifice, no gain: If there is no sacrifice, we cannot expect to do great things or see the nation progress. It's due to the enormous sacrifices of Gandhiji and thousands of freedom fighters, India could

gain independence. I am aware that all the missionaries have made enormous personal sacrifices, leaving their home and relatives and moving to faraway lands to be involved in missions. They have invested their entire lives for the sake of the Gospel. We are truly grateful to them for their commitment and sacrificial lives.

Many of you have been giving sacrificially, small and big and this has been a great blessing in touching thousands of people. Giving is a blessing and giving is divine. Giving brings 'aha' moments of joy. We encourage more families and more churches giving sacrificially for the missions. No pain no gain.

Govt of India has identified 75 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG), who are most vulnerable and backward among the Scheduled Tribes. Most of them have not seen civilization even today and their condition is marked by Pre-agricultural *level of technology*, Low level of literacy, economic backwardness and a declining or stagnant population.

Most of them live inside the deep forests, with no electricity, no schools, no phones, no roads and no civilized facilities. The missions and Churches should come forward to transform the lives of such people who need our help badly. Missions bring peace and progress; missions bring hope and joy. This is the calling of FMPB. This is the calling of God's people.

We thank God for you !

FMPB Office Bearers and Executive Committee Members stand committed

to build the movement with high level of character and high level of competence, high level of vision and high level of compassion. We want to inspire and encourage the band of Missionaries and Mobilization Secretaries, Lay Leaders and Prayer Partners to stand up for Jesus with courage and conviction, with holiness and righteousness. Victory belongs to God.

We thank God for you, for your commitment and involvement in the mission. We are aware that many of you have a very high regard for FMPB. At the same time, you have very high expectations from FMPB in terms of its governance. We want to assure that FMPB will be governed with high level of excellence in all the areas of its operations.

We look forward to your prayers, valuable suggestions and support to take the mission to a higher level. You can always take the liberty to write to us through president@fmpb.org, vicepresident@fmpb.org or treasurer@fmpb.org so that together we can achieve something big and beautiful for God. This is God's mission and we need to be diligent and faithful in serving God.

Make your life a masterpiece, do something great and noble that you will be proud of. May the Lord pour out His divine favor upon you and bless you with His grace and peace in an abundant measure in this new year !

God bless you. God bless your families. God bless FMPB.

Regards

John Samuel
President, FMPB

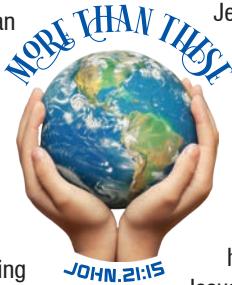
More than these

John
21:15

Standing in the beginning of a new year and looking back into 2024, our eyes moisture remembering the goodness and faithfulness of God. He carried through the year as a father carries the child. God deserves our complete obedience and first love all through our life. We can be assured of God's protection, provision and presence in 2025 and beyond.

'Do you love me **More than these**' is a question directed to Peter to know his level of commitment and love to the Lord. The ensued prophecy regarding Peter was connected to the answer of Peter to the question the Lord asked in John 21: 15, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

This question became necessary because even after witnessing and saw the risen Lord, Peter not only went back from the call, God has given to him that, I will make you fishers of men. He also became the cause for the turning back of other six disciples too from their call. Peter denied Jesus at the time of His trial and repented by weeping bitterly. But even after seeing the resurrected Jesus, yet again he went away from the call and commission. But Jesus didn't give up



on Peter, so He went to the fishing place and tried to restore Peter. Before knowing the restoration of Peter, it would be right to know why the restoration is required in the first place. Restoring and reinstating became necessary due to the fall of Peter. Let us see the reasons for Peter's fall before knowing the reinstating.

Peter had a special place and experiences among the disciples of Jesus Christ. In Matthew 16:18, Jesus said, "you are Peter on this rock, I will build my church. He was one among the three disciples who were in the inner circle of Jesus Christ. The amazing experience of Jesus transfiguration was witnessed by Peter. The confession as Jesus is Christ, the Messiah was testified by Peter. When all the other disciples were running away from Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane, he was the one who defended Jesus by slicing the ear of the servant.

Peter started his ministry in a high note and ended in denying Jesus and became a stumbling block to the other disciples.

Peter's denial did not happen in one fine evening, but the fall had started somewhere in the past of his life and grew gradually and ended with the denial. We need to learn an important spiritual lesson. Our relationship with God may be strong and we may be used mightily by the Lord. But all along our life's journey we may have something which is eating away our spiritual health slowly and without the knowledge of others. The often-mentioned allegory for this is the huge tree falls all in a sudden. A deeper look says that the tree is being eaten by the ants for many

years, not visible to the naked eyes. It seems that the tree is healthy, tall and large, but all in a sudden it falls. That is the life of Peter.

Another related thing in Christian life is, we have to grow more in relationship with God, holiness, obedience, denying self and in all the fruit of the Spirit. The thumb rule is either you will grow or you will decline. There is no stagnancy for long period in spiritual life.

Reasons for Peter to deny Jesus

1. Had faith on his human strength

In Mark 14:27, 29 & 31 Jesus warned all the disciples that all would fail Him. Peter's reply to the prediction of Jesus was that all may fail, but he would not fail. If necessary, he was willing to die with Christ rather than disowning Christ. Peter was very sincere when he uttered the words that he would not fail Jesus. The words came out of a committed and loyal disciple. The only problem in this is when Jesus said all would fall away, Peter would have prayed to Jesus to be strengthened that he may not do that. But he said he would not do that by putting his trust on himself.

Christian life is a warfare and we have to depend on God to sustain us in that life and put on all the spiritual armours mentioned in Ephesians 6:11, "put on the armour of God". Unless we go to the fortress of Jesus and rooted on the Rock that is Christ Jesus, it is very difficult to stand firm for Christ.

The Ireland shipbuilding company Harland & Wolff and the British shipping company White Star Line believed and publicised that their ship Titanic will not sink because of their faith on the design of the ship and the sheer size of it. But the world heard that the unsinkable ship sunk in its first voyage after

hitting the iceberg 600 kms southeast of the coast of Newfoundland, Canada.

In Matthew 26:41 Jesus said that "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." The flesh is weak and putting our trust on the flesh for anything will lead us into the fall.

The quote "When the going gets tough, the tough get going" is used in many motivational talks and self-help books and is attributed to both Joseph P. Kennedy, father of the US President John F. Kennedy and to Norwegian-born American football player and coach Knute Rockne. But a child of God will say when the going gets tough, we go to Jesus who invited all who are weary and burdened through Matthew 11:28, to go to Him and He would give rest. When reading the verse, the heart is leaping in trust on Jesus for not only this new year but for the years to come too.

In Luke 18:9 to 14, the Pharisee put his trust on his good works and adhering some religious practices, but the tax collector could not depend on any of those things; instead, he put his trust on the unending mercies of the Lord. It was the one who put his trust on God who was made righteous.

John 15:5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. Philippians 4:13 I can do all this through Him who gives me strength.

2. He did not have the concerns of God's mind

In Matthew 16, Mark 8 and Luke 9 presents the question of Jesus to His disciples that what people say Who He is and what the disciples say who He is, for which Peter replied in Matthew 16:16 "You are the

Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

But when Jesus start saying that He would suffer at the hands of the elders and must be killed, Peter took Jesus aside and rebuked Him and Jesus replied in Matthew 16:23, Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

Jesus’ accusation on Peter immediately after appreciating Him for identifying Jesus as the Messiah was that Peter did not have in his mind the concerns of God but only human concerns. God wants us to have the concerns of God in our mind. The burden of God about the perishing people without Christ must be our concern, to take the gospel to the inner most part of this nation is God’s concern. But are we not filled with mere human concerns and concerns related with our lives? It is to be our prayer in this year that Lord fills our minds with the concerns you have.

Peter was with Jesus, heard all His teachings, but still didn’t understand God’s mind or didn’t want to have the concerns of God. In the transfiguration mount, when Peter saw the transfiguration of Jesus, he suggested let us have tents here and stay (Luke 9:32). Peter did not want to face the world outside and its challenges, but wanted to live in the glory of transfiguration. Many of God’s children today have the same attitude as Peter’s; they want to live in the spiritual glory. People want to praise God but don’t want to understand the pain of God. People want to be blessed but don’t want to be a blessing to the dark world outside.

Since our minds are filled with the concerns of humans, we are trying to steering our life by ourselves rather than allowing God to run

our lives. If we allow our lives to be run by God, God will definitely fill our minds with the concerns of God and will steer our lives to fulfil God’s will.

Jeremiah 2:31 second part, God says, ... Why do my people say, ‘We are free to roam; we will come to you no more’? Today’s generation says that we are free to roam. The children of God think why should we go to God and allow us to be controlled by God, but we can roam free. In Matthew 26:42 Jesus prayed to the Father that His will be done. By saying this, Jesus surrendered His will to the will of the Father. This surrendering the will was done knowing the suffering awaited due to this choice.

When I was a missionary to the Malto tribe in Jharkhand, in one of the training program conducted in a village I noticed that a middle aged church elder refrain from having breakfast and lunch. On my enquiry, he revealed that he was in fasting for 40 days having a light meal only in the night. The purpose of the fasting still challenges me, because he was fasting for the salvation of his people the Malto. Do we have that much burden for the people dying without Christ and without knowing the message of salvation. What has filled our minds the concerns of God or concerns of humans?

3. Peter followed Jesus half- heartedly

Mark 14:37 says ‘Then He returned to His disciples and found them sleeping. “Simon,” He said to Peter, “are you asleep? Couldn’t you keep watch for one hour?’. This verse clearly says Jesus found all his disciples sleeping, but directed the question of ‘are you asleep’ towards only one disciple and that was Peter.

John 18:18 & 25 mentions that Peter was warming himself standing with the servants because it was cold when his Master was facing all sorts of suffering. This is the Peter who told that he would die with Jesus. Peter was better than many other disciples. When the other disciples ran away leaving Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane, Peter was following Jesus in His trials. Was Peter better than the other disciples? Perhaps yes, but this kind of following is not sufficient to stand firm in Christ. That is why Peter denied Christ after warming himself.

Peter was comforting himself from the cold when Jesus was suffering and that led him to the denial. Inspite of Jesus' repeated request to pray, Peter was sleeping without praying with Jesus. Here in the High Priest's house Jesus was on the process to get the death verdict, but Peter was warming himself. What level of complacency, insensitivity and prioritizing his own need. The question is are we like Peter living in the comforts and luxuries of the world when people die without Christ?

In Genesis 37 we see the height of insensitivity of Joseph's brothers. They put Joseph in the pit in vs 24 and vs 25 says that they sat to eat. It was the food brought by Joseph, but when the young lad was in the pit scared and pained by seeing the betrayal of his brothers, they sat to eat.

The reasons for following Jesus' halfheartedly was may be because of self, love for the word, love for money, love for comforts etc. The antidote for halfhearted following is to die for self and live for Christ. In Galatians 2:20 Paul says that 'I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live,

but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me'. The understanding that I no longer live but it is Christ who lives in me will make me to follow Christ wholeheartedly. The knowledge of Jesus Christ's love for me and laying down of His life for me will make me to reject all belong to the world and to follow Jesus everywhere and in everything.

How can I warm myself like Peter when the world is condemned and perishing without Christ? Unless I come out of the warmth of the fire, I cannot fully understand the pain of Jesus and His trials. In Luke 9: 57 to 62 we see three people who wanted to follow Jesus but not able to do it with whole heart, and immediately because some things which are very genuine held them back. Out of the three men, one person told Jesus that he would follow Him. The other two were invited by Jesus to follow Him. But one said he wanted to bury his father and another wanted to bid farewell to the family. These people did not say that they would not follow Jesus, but wanted to prioritise something else also in their lives. Jesus said no man having put his hand to the plough, and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God. It is very clear that to follow Jesus, we must be ready to give up everything else and to follow Jesus with whole heart.

Peter's reinstation

Later Peter wept bitterly because he had denied Jesus and told to very ordinary people that he did not know Jesus Christ. Then he witnessed the resurrected Jesus and understood Jesus was raised from the dead through the empty tomb. But Peter

failed yet again, when he said I am going for fishing, leaving the call and the entrusted work of fishing for men.

So many a time we decided to follow Jesus fully and do His will in the last year as well as before that. But we fail like Peter again and again because of our dependency on our strength, because not having in our mind the concerns God has and because following Jesus halfheartedly.

Then Jesus met him one more time and asked him the very important question, "Simon, son of John do you love me more than these? Second time Jesus asked, "Simon, son of John do you love me? Even after the affirmative answer of Peter that he love Jesus, Jesus asked the third time "Simon, son of John do you love me? Peter was hurt and said, "Lord you know all things and you know that I love you". Then Jesus

said in John 21:19 Follow me and again in vs 22 follow me.

Jesus questions of three times was based on Jesus' expectation that Peter should love Him more than all these. That is what Jesus expects from us too that we have to love Him more than all these includes everything. That is the question Jesus asks to all of us as we are standing in the beginning of the year, that do we love Him more than these. These includes everything literally everything except Jesus. He loved us so much that he suffered and died on the cross for us. Rev. 2.4 Jesus said "Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first". God wants us to love Him with the first love above everything. Do we love Him more than these?

- **Rev. S. John Berlin**
General Secretary

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Ordination Ceremony



We give all glory and honor to God for the fruitful and spirit-filled conclusion of the ordination ceremony for our missionaries and evangelists. It was a truly blessed event. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church (NELC) for graciously conducting the ordination and for their steadfast support and partnership in advancing the Lord's ministry alongside the Friends Missionary Prayer Band (FMPB). The orientation program, which took place from December 8 to 10, 2024, at MPC, Dumka, Jharkhand, set the stage for the ordination ceremony. By God's abundant grace, 25 missionaries and 19 evangelists were solemnly ordained at the NELC Koroya Mission on December 11, 2024. This sacred occasion, led by the Most Rt. Rev. Isilash Basumatary, Moderator of NELC, equipped them to serve more effectively in fulfilling the Great Commission of our Lord. The ordination service was attended by approximately 700 participants, all united in worship and thanksgiving to God for this significant milestone. We also had the privilege of having the General Secretary of FMPB present for this momentous event.

Nothing is too difficult for Him

A relative of our believer, Mrs. Aarthi, Mr. Raja, a 26-year-old from Bhatia Colony, Fatehabad, Haryana, was admitted to the hospital with lung cancer. He had previously been working against Christians. However, our believers met him and shared the Good News with him. When he asked them to pray for him, they prayed for him fervently. Almighty God heard their prayers and granted him complete healing, causing all the cancer cells to disappear. When the doctors re-examined him, they were surprised to find no trace of cancer. Hallelujah!

Fallen Corn of Wheat!



Mrs. VELLAIAMMAL PACKIAMUTHU V P

(1939 - 2024)

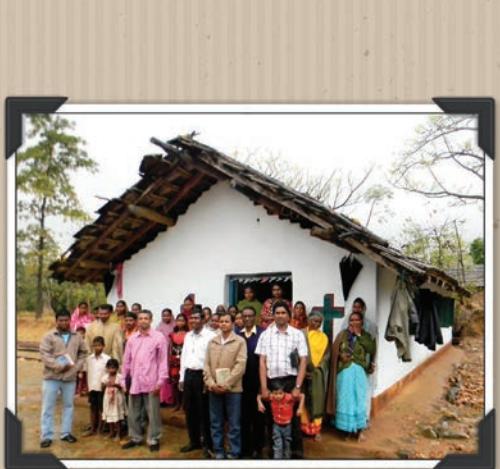
Mrs. Vellaiammal was born in a Christian family on 05/07/1939 as the last daughter of Mr. Ponnaiah and Mrs. Thangammal in the village of Kuruvankottai in Alangulam Taluk of Tenkasi District. 03/09/1962 She joined Mr. VP Packiamuthu in wedded life. She was led to salvation by her husband. Her husband, who was engaged in agriculture and village ministry, was very sure of God's call to evangelize among people who had never heard about Jesus Christ even once. So, after getting their eldest daughter, Esther Mary, married, they put their youngest daughter, Jaya Selvi (6th grade), in the hostel and left their son, Jebaraj Samuel (5th grade), in the care of a relative and joined the Friends Missionary Prayer Band and began the ministry in Periyamalai. Six months later, in November 1980, Mrs. Vellaiammal joined FMPB as a full-time missionary. As a family, they started their ministry with their two-and-a-half-year-old son, Asir Thanasingh, at Panchapalli. Later she was doing God's work with her husband at Belalrampatti, Palakodu, Veppanapalli, Penagaram, Manalurpet, Thirukovilur, Krishnagiri, and Kaveripatnam.

She was full of compassion and was like a mother to the believers. The one who can get along with everyone and was best at hospitality, even though she faced needs in the early days of the, she was enthusiastically involved in the ministry, fully dependent on God without murmuring. Even in the days when there was opposition from the village leaders and intimidation from the religious extremists in the village ministry, she ministered tirelessly without fear.

She used to conduct Wednesday fasting prayer and Sunday worship in the villages. She shared about the ministry with the children during the holidays and led them in prayer and spiritual life. Today her son Rev. Jebaraj Samuel and daughter Jaya Selvi are working as full-time missionaries in our organization. Her eldest daughter, Esther Mary, runs a (pickle) business. The younger son works in a non-government organization.

After 24 years of service through our organization, Mrs. Vellaiammal retired on 04/03/2004. After August 2024, she had occasional physical weakness and was staying with her daughter Jaya Selvi in Trichy and receiving medical treatment. She came from Chennai to her son Jebaraj Samuel's house in October. She was admitted to the hospital on 1st December due to kidney failure and weakness and entered the Kingdom of God early in the morning on 3rd December. Missionaries, retired missionaries, and prayer group leaders attended the condolence prayer meeting held at the Chennai Headquarters at 11 am that morning. After that her body was taken to her hometown, Alangulam, and laid to rest in her residence compound. Let us praise God for the blessed life of Amma. We pray for the comfort of her husband, children, family, and grandchildren.

Mrs. Jaya Soundari
- Communication Department



ORIYA CHURCH HISTORY

KEONJHAR FIELD, UTKAL REGION, SOUTH EASTERN ZONE

From the
beginning up
to February
2014

By: **Mrs. Agnes Edward**

Oriya is a medium size village located in Telkoi Block of Keonjhar district, Orissa with total 222 families residing.

The Keonjhar mission field was opened in February 1986. Mr. Fredrick Satya Samuel and Mr. Ruban Samuel were the first missionaries of Keonjhar field. In the year, 1982 the BYM missionaries Mr. Philip Bishoyi and Mr. Chellian were staying at Kanjipani and were doing ministry at Telkoi, Keonjhar. Both the missionaries went door to door proclaiming gospel and distributing tracts at Oriya village. A man

named, Naru Munda from Oriya village met them and told about Mr. Beersingh who had a shriveled hand. He took him to Beersingh's house. The missionaries told him about Jesus and his miracles. Mr. Beersingh told them that he would accept Christ if his hand would be restored. Through the prayer of BYM missionaries his had got restored. So he accepted Christ and worship center was started at Mr. Beersingh's house. In 1985 the BYM missionaries had to vacate the area due to severe opposition.

After the BYM missionaries left, the first believers started attending the Baptist Church at Keonjhar. A believer, Mr. Mangalu Munda from Simlipahad (not a FMPB believer) started visiting Oriya and was giving pastoral care. He introduced the organization, "Amar Jyothi" and its missionary, Mr. Shabnam Singh. The worship at Mr. Beersingh's house was continued by the latter organization. Even at that time there was severe opposition. But the people of Amar Jyothi rendered help to the believers. Later they too left the area.

In the first week of November 1989, a believer named Soma Munda came to the FMPB missionaries, Mr. K Francis and Mr. Ashok Nayak and invited them stating, "The Lord has clearly spoken to Mrs. Beersingh to call the Madrasai brothers working in Keonjhar to teach us." Five times the missionaries evaded him from telling this. Finally Mrs. Beersingh's daughter fell sick, so her husband came and told the missionaries about her sickness. The missionaries prayed for her and God healed her. From then on FMPB missionaries started visiting them.

Fifteen persons joined the Church on 20.1.1990. Rev. Edwin Balasingh and Mr. M J Sugumaran and the field missionaries were present. Soon after the service, nearly 100 people came with sticks to beat the missionaries. They dragged the believer, Mr. Soma Munda like a dog. They forced them to go to the Katarapali police station. They took the Bibles and bags of the missionaries. They tried to beat the missionaries and burn their Bibles and bags. But by His grace a policeman took them to the police station at Telkoi and the station head sent two policemen as escort them till Jagmohanpur.

CHURCH GROWTH

People from the neighboring villages started coming to the Oriya believers for prayers and experienced miracle. From Keonjhar field history dated May 1990, "In May 1990, Mrs. Subuni Gagarai was suffering from dysentery. They went to many witch doctors for healing but she did not recover. Finally, Mrs. Subuni Gagarai and her husband went to Oriya village and asked the believers to pray for her. Through the prayers of the Oriya believers, she got well. Her family accepted Christ. 5 people joined the Church at Badajamda field on 8.6.1990."

Great Miracles

A Oriya believer, Mr. Pradhan Munda's wife Mrs. Hawnri Munda was admitted in the Telkoi hospital due to a tumour in her stomach. The medicine that was administered to her did not heal her. On the 4th day she passed away and the doctor declared her dead and asked her family to take back her body. As they were bringing her body home, the villagers of Katarapalli (3 km from Oriya) mocked them because they were Christians. They told the believers

to throw her body in the jungle and go away. The Oriya believers decided to pray for her to rise again. For three continuous days and nights they prayed for her. On the 4th day morning she rose up and asked for food. During the 3 days, her body neither decomposed nor stank. Because of this miracle 60 to 70 people started coming to the Church.

Worship Details

From November 1989 FMPB continued the worship at Mr. Beersingh's house. Due to lack of space at Beersingh's house, a believer, Mr. Mohan Munda donated his land in 1993 and a Katcha Church was constructed on that land. So the worship continued at the Katcha Church till 2009. Meanwhile, in 2001 Mr. Pradhan Munda and his son, Mr. Maheshwar Munda donated their 20 decimal land because God rose up Mr. Pradhan Munda's wife, Mrs. Hawnri Munda from the dead. As the number of believers increased to 70, again there was lack of space at the Katcha Church. So they decided to build a Church in the land donated by Mr. Pradhan Munda and his son, Mr. Maheshwar Munda (the land donated by Mr. Mohan Munda was smaller). In 2011, a semi pucca Church was built and dedicated. So the worship was shifted from the Katcha Church to the semi – pucca Church. In Oriya village, believer, Late. Mr. Pradhan Munda and his son, Mr. Maheshwar Munda donated their 20 decimal lands towards Church construction.

THE CONGREGATION AND THE COMMUNITY

The Oriya congregation members are from the following villages: Oriya, Balisahi, Purunapani, Kaliapani, Pitanali, Katarapalli, Demiria and Jata villages. All of them are from HO people group.

CHURCH CONSTRUCTION

The Oriya Church foundation stone was laid on: 25.4.2010. It is a semi – Pucca Church. There was no opposition at the time of construction. The Oriya Church was constructed entirely by locals' contribution. Some donated wood, some donated tiles and still others gave Rs. 1000/- or Rs. 2000/- each. All the believers worked hard and built the Church. They brought wood from the jungle for erecting the beam. Mr. Ramo and Mr. Bhimo were the main masons. On 5.12.2010 one of the beams broke, so again three more beams were brought. The missionary's wife, Mrs. Susama gave Rs. 3000/- for doors and windows expenses. The Oriya Church was dedicated for the glory of God by the field missionary, Rev. Haramohan at 12.30 pm.

MIRACLES AND IMPORTANT EVENTS FROM ORIYA CONGREGATION

In 1986, the first believer Mr. Beer Singh's 20 years old daughter passed away because of a tumour in her stomach. None of the villagers helped them in burial. Frustrated Beersingh, decided to go back to his old faith. Even his son, Somnath supported him. But his wife, Mrs. Sunai Munda refused to accept his decision. So she was chased out of their house. So she made a small hut and started living there.

The first believer, Mrs. Sunai Beersingh Munda

Anamu Munda was from Jhili village. His wife was suffering from dysentery because of the witchcraft done by a sorcerer who was their relative. Anamu Munda sought the help of a magician for his wife's healing. As his wife did not get well, they remembered Soma Munda and the believers from Oriya

village. On 16.12.1991, the Oriya believers prayed for her and God healed her.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION

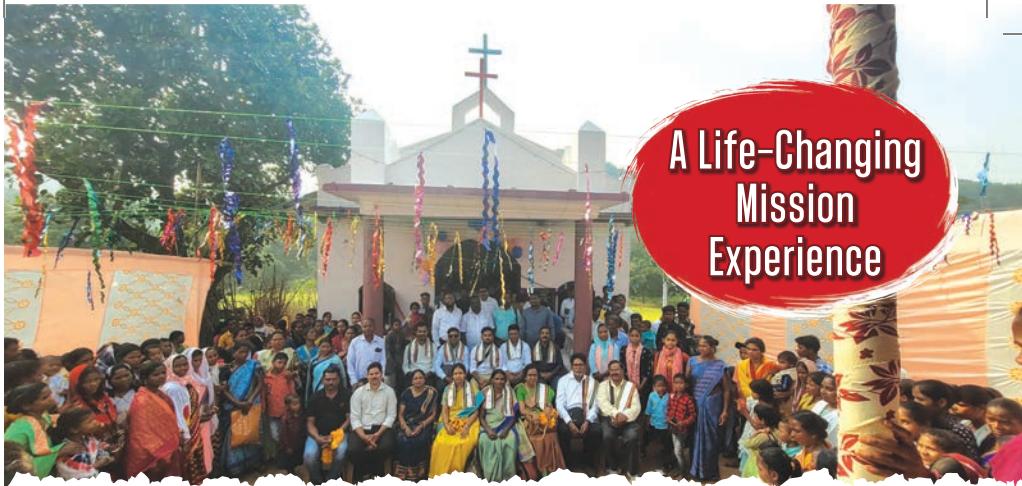
The missionaries who served in Oriya congregation: Mr. Fredrick Satya Samuel, Mr. Ruban Samuel, Mr. K. Francis, Mr. Karunakaran, Mr. Ashok Nayak, Mr. Harmohan and Mr. Samarendra Singh. The Local evangelists who served in Oriya Congregation is Mr. Soma Munda and Church Elder was Mr. Maheshwar Munda.

Church Committee

The Church committee members are Mr. Maheshwar Munda, Ramu Munda (Secretary), Somnath Munda (Treasurer) and Bhima Munda. The committee meets once in 3 months. The tenure of each committee is 3 years. The believers selected the members by raising their hands when the names are read. The committee discusses about the outreach, spiritual growth of the believers and Church related issues. Mr. Soma Munda from Oriya village worked with FMPB as local evangelist.

Outreach

The Oriya Church elder, Mr. Maheshwar and the first believer and Mrs. Sunai Munda goes for outreach ministry once in a month. They had been to Demiria, Jata, Tenteinali and Baradavtha villages for outreach ministry. They pray for the sick and share the gospel to those who are upset with problems. Through outreach ministries, a congregation is established at Baradavtha village. The believers share the gospel to their relatives and 18 worshipping groups have been started so far because of the belief of the relatives. Glory to God.



Recently, a team of 11 Members from Hyderabad went on a mission trip to Jharkhand and Odisha from Oct 30th till Nov 4th, 2024. On November 3, 2024, we had the incredible privilege of attending the dedication program for the Kodamdih Church. It was a truly blessed gathering, with 300-400 believers from many surrounding villages coming together to celebrate this joyous occasion. Though we traveled nearly four hours to reach this remote place, the experience was nothing short of extraordinary. We are humbled and grateful to God for allowing us to be part of this milestone in His kingdom work. We were deeply moved by the lives of the missionaries we met. Many of them serve tirelessly, caring for 30 to 60 villages each-learning new languages, adapting to challenging environments, and enduring persecution in some of the most remote areas. Despite the hardships, their faith stands firm, and their only request was, "Pray for us and send missionaries from Telangana."

Hearing this broke our hearts. Telangana is known for producing scientists, entrepreneurs, engineers, doctors, and other professionals. Our cities boast mega-churches and thriving congregations, yet we are faced with the sobering reality that we have not raised a single missionary to serve in these fields for the last many years. My heart cries for the need. This trip has deeply convicted us. We can no longer be complacent. The need is urgent, and the fields are ripe for harvest. As a team, we have committed to earnestly praying for the mission field and raising awareness about this pressing need.

Let us be a generation that answers the call to go, to send, and to intercede for the unreached. The Great Commission is not an option but a command. Together, let us step out in faith and make a difference in God's kingdom. Please join us in this mission of prayer, support, and action.

- FMPB FAMILY SECUNDERBADM



Mr. Konka Giri Babu, Mr. Gin Sawm
Mr. Meenuga Adeppa Matthew
Mrs. Sarita Paul Chaudhary Rajesh
Mr. Habel Hembrom

Jammu & Kashmir

Noushera: Shaik Subhani & Emi Backya

Praise God: For the family of Somi who have committed themselves to minister in the Dangri region. For God's protection upon Manohar who travelled in a bus which met with an accident. Sonu who was an alcohol addict, was able to relinquish his evil habit as an outcome of his wife's earnest prayers for his deliverance.

Pray: For the new believers in Keneeth and Berari villages to grow in their faith. For the confusions prevailing in the engagement of Sakshi Ben to be resolved. For Kamal and Rahul who faced failure in the army recruitment exams to not lose hope and try another time. For unity to prevail among the believers of Siyal and Kahi congregations. For those who are hesitant to confess their faith in Christ, to overcome societal fears.

Samba:

Ayyanar & Manpreet Kour

Praise God: For the new contacts found in Siada and Patyari villages.

For the migrant workers living in Rekka village have an open heart to receive the Gospel. The elders of Kooch and Sakmungi village Church give good support to the mission work and are willing to stand in the frontline. Bible study groups and women's groups have been formed.

Pray: For the Lord to provide open doors in Hiranagar, Pongal and Rajpura villages for the Gospel. For good receptivity for the Gospel among the people groups of Magesa and Rajput. For the Lord to touch the persecutors of the Christian faith in Kooch region where the ministry is progressing well. For Balveer and Anu to receive deliverance from the bondage of Satan.

Himachal Pradesh

Nerwa: Emmanuel S & Sangeetha Jesintha

Praise God: 2 persons accepted Jesus as their personal Saviour and joined the fold of believers. The Gospel was proclaimed for the first time in two new villages. The Worship service at Bangal village which was stopped earlier due to opposition from the villagers, was restarted by the Grace of God.

Pray: For the believers of Dungalaj and Thyra congregations who suffer severe persecution for their faith, to remain courageous amidst the restrictions placed by the villagers and be steadfast in their faith. For the Churches of Bangal, Baranu and Attal to remain faithful amidst persecution. For the Gospel to reach out to new villages of Soppal, Jiknipal and Gupvi.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Mekalai Chelvi Prabahar
Mr. Nathan Kumar Bebartha
Mrs. Mahale Yemanben Bhangsingh
Mr. Munna Mohendar
Mr. Raut Subhashbhai Lahnumbhai
Mr. Updesh Kumar

Rekongpeo: Sankar A & Ruth Mary

Praise God: For Bav Bagadur who confessed Christ as the true living God and Saviour publically. The Gospel was shared in two new villages by the Grace of God. For Reeth, daughter of Rumansingh who secured a nursing job overseas. For Prakash who escaped unhurt in a vehicular accident. The women's meet and elder's training meet were successfully conducted.

Pray: For Arjun, Karaman, Poonam, Ajay, Rampiyari, Anu and Ranji who are being prepared for a public confession of their faith to eventually become disciples of Christ Jesus. For the comfort of the family of Narthan who passed away, who was also the landlord of our missionary and was a great support to the mission. For the healing of Bagathchand suffering

from a heart ailment. For the successful conducting of all the planned mission events for the upcoming month.

Rampur: Doujapao Guite & Florence Lamvung

Praise God: For 643 people were newly evangelized in Kattu villages. God miraculously saved the life of our Nepali believer Thiru, who works as a physical trainer in the Indian Army, from a car accident that occurred when he came to his hometown for a vacation. For Sunita Maggi's deliverance from demon possession. After five years, a prayer meeting is held at the house of Kopu Devi who has returned to the Church; for them to continue coming to the Church. Let us praise God for the blessing of Briya with a child after three years of Marriage.

Pray: Kopu Devi to continue to grow in faith and be healed of eye problem. Vepur, the son of Kala Devi, to be built in Christ. Prasithi Devi, who had stopped coming to the Church due to the wrong guidance of some people, to come back to the Church. Some people have made it a habit to avoid coming to the Church to change the habit. Let us pray that our local evangelist will serve with truth and integrity in the given responsibility.



Punjab Ahmedgarh Mandi:

Krupa Rakshana & Shekena

Praise God: Two persons confessed their faith in Christ publicly. By her prayers offered in faith, Soni secured a job in SBI Bank and received the Order. Due to the meticulous functioning of the prayer cells of the Rogira Church, new people have started coming to the Church service. 24 youth took part in the youth revival camp conducted in Mansa village. The Gospel proclamation was done for the first time in Sikha, Shanhar, Barundi and Sogagiyian villages

Pray: For the divine consolation of Lakshman and Bansingh who lost their wives and for Neelam Ben who lost her husband. For the believers who have accepted Christ, but remain apprehensive to share the Gospel owing to fear. Pray for the Lord to bestow upon them the spirit of courage. For the healing of Dharmendra Singh

from a stomach ailment for a long time, our missionary's adolescent daughter, Keerthana to receive healing from the white scars seen in her face.

Mansa: Debrato Biswas & Manna Singh

Praise God: Three people have accepted Jesus as their personal Saviour and were added to His fold. Seven new families attend the service. For the more than 800 believers who attended the Fourth Annual Mela in which 150 were new who attended it. Let us praise God for helping Shanti Singh who is able to walk with the help of an iron rod and attend the Church, whose leg was paralyzed for six months due to an accident.

Pray: For the planned outreach ministry to go on without any hindrances. For Ladisingh, Sumit Singh, Manjit Singh, Gulab Singh, Jyoti Kaur, Anmol Singh, Kuldeep Singh, Jeevan Kumar, Pal Dev Singh, Khaki Kaur, Preet Kaur, and Bittu Singh who are waiting for the perfect life partner. Let us pray that the family of Angrej Singh Samsher Singh and Sujit Singh may live peacefully as a family.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Ivy Margaret Nicholson
Mrs. Bagiyam Cornelius, Mr. Pumsonchin
Mr. Lal Kishor Murmu

Bathinda: Sanjib Anand & Prastutabati Pani

Praise God: Two persons accepted Jesus as their personal Savior. For evangelization through Jesus' movie in Kuttu Walakkalan and Madikalalan villages. For a special training session for teenagers conducted at Mour Mandi, Bucho Mandi, Bhai Rupa and Mandi Kalan areas. Let us praise God for Saransit Kaur who was freed from the clutches of the evil spirit.

Pray: For many youths to rise for full-time ministry. To complete the compound wall at Bhai Rupa Church and to complete the floor and compound wall work at Bucho Mandi Church very soon. Let us pray for the recovery of Lagnansingh who is suffering from mental illness and for the recovery of Monisingh who is suffering from paralysis.

Nihalsinghwala/

Bagharpurna: Sivasankaran & Mercy Elizabeth

Praise God: For the night meetings

held in three places. For the outreach work conducted in Niviya village by the women's group. For full protection from the police during Sunday services by God's grace. Let us praise God for the follow-up ministry done in 12 villages.

Pray: Believers who have backslidden in the faith to feel the love of Jesus again. If Sarabjit Kaur is released from jail and accepts Jesus his family is also ready to accept Jesus; so pray for him to be released soon. Sukhvender Kaur and Mansi to be freed from the clutches of the devil. Let's pray that baby Gracy's tongue will have a divine touch and be able to speak fluently soon.



He stills our spirit

Komal, the son of Gudi Beheb from Jhajepura village in the Jalaun field of Uttar Pradesh, was mentally ill and violent. He would sometimes run away from home, stabbing and injuring his wife, children, and other family members. The family lived in constant fear of what would happen when he returned home. Gudi Beheb came to Jhajepura Church and requested our missionary to pray for her son. When the missionary prayed for Komal, God blessed him with complete mental healing. Through this, God also blessed his family, enabling them to start a worship group in their house. To God be the glory!





Happy Birthday

Mr. Suresh Malto
Mrs. Evanjalin Samraj
Miss. Manisha Lakra
Miss. Lhingneichong

Haryana Barwala:

Mintu Kutum & Subhra Bag

Praise God: 2 persons confessed their faith in Jesus Christ in a public confession of their faith. The Church elders cleaned the pathway to the Church and removed the stones and strengthened the boundaries of the Church. For the miraculous healing of Pooja suffering from an advanced stage of tumour in her throat. Susheela of Parvala village suffering from typhoid for a long time, was restored back to health. Sabitha who was unable to walk due to intense pain in her legs, received healing.

Pray: For Poonam of Sananiya village to be healed of Tuberculosis. For the deliverance of Poliben of Kaibipur from satanic attacks. For the healing of Ravinder of Kakara village from an undiagnosed sickness. For the annual thanksgiving of Kaibipur Church to be celebrated joyfully. For many young people to take part in

the upcoming youth camp. For the women's prayer cells to function powerfully.

Kalanwali:

Vijaya Kumar & Jebala S

Praise God: 90 people heard the Gospel for the first time. Gospel Tracts have been distributed to 60 people. God helped us to evangelize and get three new contacts through the Jeep team in two locations through Jesus' movie and outreach ministries. 42 children and eight adults were blessed in the children's camp organized in this field. The Bhammi family of Gugan Vali village who had backslidden from the faith were counselled from scriptures is participating in the Church worship again. Let us praise God that Subpal Kaur from Jakmal Wali village who was suffering from depression to get relief through prayer.

Pray: That the people of Jalalana, Chakeriyan and Jagmalwali villages to profess their faith without hindrance. Iqbal Kaur, a new contact from Sirusha village, suffers from health problems and is unable to walk; God to grant him healing and for him to accept Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. The newly inducted members of Panithala Church Committee and Kalanwali Church Committee to live fruitful lives and strive to develop themselves in spiritual life.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Jennis J.B.

Ratio:

Karthikeyan & Jayanthi M

Praise: For evangelizing 225 people. For one who was incorporated into Christ's flock. For the newly started four women's prayer groups and one for the children's prayer group. After five years, the Ramesh family was blessed with a son.

Pray: Every male believer to engage in evangelism. God to deliver Manna and Komal from the clutches of the devil. God to bless Soundarya Mandra with children.

Tosham: Ajay Barde

Praise God: For evangelizing 30 people in two new villages. For youth in our church to participate in evangelistic ministry. Let us praise God for the healing that God has given to Praveen from epilepsy.

Pray: For the youth in our Church to have a good future and be deeply rooted in Christ and bear fruit. A church should be built for believers who find it difficult to gather in congregations to worship. God to heal our new ministerial contact Vijo Devi from stroke, who is taking part in the prayers regularly.

Fatehabad:

David S & Jeba Grace

Praise God: Three professed their faith. 230 for hearing the Gospel. Malcheetho was delivered from demon possession. Two families have begun to believe in Jesus through Bhatia Colony Prayer Group. Let us praise God for helping the Battil Dabar worship group to collect their own offering for the Church flooring work.

Pray: Subhash's sister's family from Machira village to accept Jesus as their Lord. Let us pray that the works of satan in Mattana village and surrounding villages will be defeated in Jesus' name.

Jeevan Nagar: Aliayakim Jena & Deepika Rekha

Praise God: God miraculously delivered Rimbi's brother Jega Singh from alcoholism when Rimbi, Shano and Preet Kour prayed to free after fasting for 11 days. As the construction worker Baldevsingh who was victimized in an accident lost his hand became functionless, received a miraculous healing and was able to go back to work when our local evangelist prayed for him.

Pray: Sandhu Nagar believers who do not attend our own worship and attend other services on the websites to attend the Church worship regularly. Scheduled Satsang meeting, night meeting, Bible classes, film ministry and small prayer groups to run smoothly. Let us pray for the recovery of 12-year-old Yuvraj from kidney stone.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Rameshwar Dayal Nirmal

Rajasthan Hanumangarh:

**Madhavathu Raju Nayak &
Bhukya Jhansi Bai**

Praise God: Two persons relinquished their old sinful life and received the new life in Christ and became believers. The Silver jubilee celebrations of the Church at Kunja village was joyfully conducted and thousands of people took part and praised God. For Rajkumar who went to Mumbai in search of job, was cheated and lost all his money, however returned back safely home in good health. For Karnal who had a miraculous save from a poisonous snake bite. Due to fervent prayers, the Lord enabled Sonu to construct a new house.

Pray: For Renu Kaur to receive healing from an ailment in her lungs. For Ashok Kumar and his family members who suffer frequent illness to receive healing from the Lord. For Likveer Singh who often fights with his family members to live a

harmonious life. For Malgeeth Singh addicted to alcoholism especially after separation from his wife to relinquish this evil habit and for a peaceful life for his family.

Kherwada:

**Kenoz Stanley & Shanthini,
Debashiis Hembram & Shifali**

Praise God: 31 persons have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour in the last month and have joined the Church. Geetha Ben under a satanic attack, who lost her voice and vision, received a miraculous healing by the grace of God. For 20-year-old Neeraj who lost his vision, started coming to the Odapoda Church and is slowly regaining his vision. For Gandhi Thamor who is slowly recovering from a paralytic attack.

Pray: For the healing of Lakshmi suffering from a tumour in her liver, Kalu and Maggi suffering from a heart ailment and Kalpesh and Aswin suffering from a kidney ailment. For the Lord to bless Malaben who is fervently praying for a child for the past 12 years of her married life. For Shankar suffering from a tumour in his throat and is unable to eat properly to receive a healing. For the upcoming Training camps, Women's meet, Children's clubs to be conducted successfully.



Delhi

Patparganj:

John Davidson & Esther G

Praise God: For the Gospel preached to 25 people. For seven Bible classes conducted for young people. For two new contacts got in Trilokpuri. For the verses sowed in the hearts in the two-day camp conducted for the youth and young adults. Let us praise God as the Neelam family returns to the congregation. For the three-day convention meeting held and the eighth Church anniversary celebrated.

Pray: Women in faith to proclaim the Gospel to their people. Sonali and Sunitha's family regularly attends Church worship. For the deliverance of Jyoti from satanic clutches, Sirtaji as she is a kind of fortune teller and witch craft expert people come towards her to get cure from diseases; Sirtaji and those who go to her to know

Christ and accept Him. New ministerial contacts Chandra Valli family Taniya Bindu family Tara family Urijha Dayanand family Ravi Babu family to accept Jesus as their Savior. A local evangelist family to join in the ministry to reach their own people for Christ.

Uttarakhand

Dineshpur:

Siva Kumar & Susila Marak

Praise God: For the 120 people in two new villages who have heard the Gospel. Rajrani for getting cured from heart disease. Aquil and his wife Machila's life were saved in a major accident. We pray for the safe return of our believers Bablu and Anarkali family who migrated to Rajasthan for work.

Pray: Seema from Dimiri village, the new contact in our ministry, to be healed from breathing trouble. For Radhika from Kamar village who is married for seven years and is beaten by her in-laws for not having children to be blessed with children. Let's pray for Dharam Pal of Burboj village who suffered facial injuries due to an accident.



Kichha:

Bibha Pani & Bithika Nayak

Praise God: 80 persons passionately got the New Testaments. Amman from Nadelhi village for opening her house for prayer. For a satsang gathering held at Pooran's house. For ten people who gather for prayer in the village of Komurow. When Guru Nam Singh's buffalo was unable to eat or drink water for many days when he prayed, let us praise God for giving miraculous healing to Guru Nam's buffalo.

Pray: Villages such as Bodoli, Sajana, New Mangal, Lalpur, Kisan Pura, Bodori, Pradapur, Kichha, Sumoline, Doradam, Sadipuri, Nepali Colony etc. to have a door for evangelism. Akash to accept Christ. The pressures from the Gurudwara that are obstacles to evangelism to stop. The activities of Christian opponents decrease. Let's pray for a suitable place to start the worship service.

Uttar Pradesh

Haseran:
Suresh Malto & Premalat Malto

Praise God: The miraculous save of Sathiyam and his wife Gyanmathi from a two-wheeler accident. For the healing received by Aman Kumar of Rakkanpura after a long period of sickness in response to his prayers. Pradeep an alcoholic addict relinquished his evil habit in response to the faithful prayers of his wife for his deliverance. As a family they are now attending the Church.

Pray: For the spiritual growth of the congregations of Kanikapur, Pinora, Pargasi, Guvarpur, Harikapur, Sappa villages. The caste discrimination prevailing among the believers to be overcome by the grace of God. For the congregations of Motagurva and Rohini Churches who are stagnant in their spiritual life to awaken from their lukewarm life. For the believers who have backslidden to come back to faith in the Lord with repentance. For Sarvesh and Rambabu to be set free from their addiction to alcohol.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Joshua Chinnadurai S.
Mr. Sanjib Anand, Mr. Paulus Barjo
Mr. Selvam Thavamani, Mrs. Hajojam Hijam
Mr. Santhakumar J.

Jalaun: Gavit Rakesh & Irgar Reshma

Praise God: 3 became disciples of Christ. For those who received five Bibles and 10 New Testaments. For a newly started prayer group in a village named Mongiral. Let us praise God for the growing ministry at the Rampura sub centre.

Pray: That the three new members of Christ's flock may grow well in faith. For open doors for evangelism in new villages. Jagat to get relief from inflammation of the liver. Let us pray for peace in Narendra's family.

Sikandra:

Pachiyabhai & Savitaben

Praise God: About 140 people have heard God's Word for the first time. Follow-up work has been done in 16 villages. About 70 people participated in the women's camp held in Hariharpur, Khoja Phul, and Sainipur villages. God protected our believers from anti-Christian elements. Let us praise God for Jab

Dev, Indira Kumar and Sangeeta family to grow in Christ and to live as witnesses for God.

Pray: Ram Pal Jitendra and Akash family of Maheshpur village to be saved. May God bless the efforts to start new worship groups in Kakuriya, Inguwara and Ninokara villages. May those who attend Salampur Nandhu Vandu and Aliapur worship live as witnesses to God. Let us pray that God blesses Sivani, Kajol, Neetu and Sarathkumar with suitable work.



God saw the tears

An elderly mother, in tears, invited our missionary to pray at her home during a prayer meeting in the village of Dharani Baghar, located in Amalagachi, Jharkhand. When the missionary and other believers arrived to pray, she explained that her young son, Maha Narayanan, had gone to Mumbai for work. While the other youths who had gone with him had returned home, her son had not. The missionary prayed for her son's safe return. The following day, an unknown person brought Narayanan and left him lying on the veranda of the house. Narayanan, who had been unwell, is now finding relief through prayer. Both mother and son continue to participate in our worship services. Glory to God!





Happy Birthday

Mrs. Jeya Helen Rose Selvakumar

Barthana:

S Rajan & Jeba Malar

Praise God: God has given grace to share the Good News in three new villages namely Padinapur, Purvadikshat, Nadkadera. God saved Mohar Shi of Paicholi village from snake bite and Sanjeev of Maman village from a vehicle accident. God freed Rani Snega Lata and Ahivaran from the clutches of the evil spirit. The marriages of Deepak, Vinya and Bablu were conducted according to the Christian tradition. Let us praise God for healing Kiran from kidney stone problem, Pratap from stroke, Rajini from measles and Sudha from leg nerve problem through prayer.

Pray: The case against the Meghana Church to soon be over and the Church to open and worship to be resumed. Local evangelist Shyam Sundar to be freed from the court case soon. God to deliver Rekha and Ranjith from demon possession. The opposition to the Gospel among the Sabera people to come to an end. Those addicted to alcohol and tobacco be freed by God. Panchayat presidents Ramchandan

and Sarippu Nath to be touched by God. May God help Binita, a struggling believer with four small children, and whose husband is no more. God to heal Radha, a local evangelist who is suffering from chest pain. Let us pray that God will give us a suitable place to hold worship in Mallosi and Bithuna.

**Madhya Pradesh
Pal:**

Venkatesh Waddar & Sheeba

Praise God: Two people professed their faith by accepting Jesus as their personal Savior. Suresh of Bhasali village and his wife to end the problems and live in peace. When Anjura Akka's husband from Halkeda village was imprisoned due to bad habits, Anjura prayed diligently and her husband got bail and now he confessed that Jesus is Lord.

Pray: When the people here are sick, they do not come to Jesus, they do not go to the hospital, they look for magicians and seek Jesus on the verge of death, they are healed and saved. Three-year-old Suraj's throat tumor disappears without surgery. To heal the rotting feet of Dwalip of Morwal village. Sonari of Chattabiri village recovers from stroke. Rakesh from Pankheda village and Jothikagu from Raber village to have a stable mind. Let us pray for the recovery of Mukesh from Waragaon village from epilepsy.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Laulin Bhuiyia

Asom Gogamukh: Densing R & Kavita

Praise God: Six people have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal savior. A non-believer named Jodh Bulgham was unable to walk after gastric surgery and the missionaries prayed for God's healing and his entire family accepted Jesus as their personal Saviour. Let us praise God for the door to evangelism in places like Kaman Sabri, Mat Mora, Sorongduk Madi and Boovoni.

Pray: To overcome the powers of darkness found in the Gogamugh area. For peace to prevail in their family of Khanarekom whose husband is bedridden. Oyayu Pankung who regularly participates in our worships to get delivered from deafness and inability to speak. Let us pray that Nehru Pankung, Deepan Pankung, and Bilash Taith, who are bedridden due to illness, to get well and to accept Jesus as their personal Savior.

Gohpur: Nathan Kumar Bebartha & Nirupoma

Praise God: About 600 people were reached for the first time with the Gospel. In four places children's gatherings were organized. God helped to evangelize a new village through a night meeting. Gladson was healed from typhoid fever through prayer. Gospel tracts were distributed to many.

Pray: All the ministries to be carried out without hindrance as planned; New believers grow in the Lord. God is adding multitudes of souls into His flock every day. For God's perfect healing for the missionary's wife who is suffering from thyroid problem.

Bihar Araria: Dharmendra Parrichha & Madhu Smita

Praise God: Two for confessing Jesus as their personal Savior. For follow-up ministry in 5 villages. Ajay Das, a new comer to our Church to heed to the Gospel. Let us praise God for our new contact in the ministry, Anmul Devi from Mathepura village, to join us in the worship service.

Pray: Deepak Rishvu family to stand firm in faith. The Sirsia Kala village people to know the love of Jesus. Let us pray that we get a new contact in ministry in new villages.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Shailen Hansda

Jharkhand

Amalagachi:

**Gajen Champramary &
Roshila Mochahary**

Praise God: 7 persons confessed Christ as their Saviour in a public confession of faith event and became members of the Church. A seventeen-year-old boy in Dalai Bahar was admitted to the hospital for a sickness. For lack of money, he was discharged and without any hope brought back to his home. However, when the believers joined and prayed fervently for the boy, the Lord provided a miraculous healing and today the whole family has joined our Church worship service. Good farming techniques were taught to the believers.

Pray: For the 7 local evangelists who minister in the field. For the Gospel Proclamation event planned in Dalai Bahar village to be fruitful. For the planned Church Elders' meet and youth camp to be conducted successfully in Santhanadanga village. For the 4

families who have newly come into the Christian faith to grow in their faith and be steadfast.

Jama:
**Munna Mohendar &
Sumita Das**

Praise God: 15 persons gave their lives to Jesus Christ and became believers. The Lord blessed many members of our congregations with a good harvest this season and harvest festival was commemorated as a thanksgiving to the Lord of Harvest. The Church Elders training and Prayer cell leaders meet was successfully conducted. The Swadeshi workers' families meet and harvest festivals were conducted in all our congregations successfully. Jesus' film was screened in 10 places. Many witnessed the film.

Pray: For the healing of Anitha Soren and Ganesh from epilepsy and Ramdan Soren suffering from paralysis. For Kangi Marandy and Rose Bella who are unable to work properly because of a loss of vision, to receive healing from the Lord. For the Church Elders who take decision independently to yield themselves to consult the committee first. For all the small prayer cells to function meticulously. For educated believers to come forward to lead these prayer cells.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Issac Abel S.

Tinphahad:

Nehemiah & Anamika Pegu

Praise God: For the blessing of more than hundred children participating in the VBS conducted by our youth in Velpakadia village. Six people accepted Jesus as their personal Saviour and professed their faith. For the healing of the mentally challenged believer Seema Toppo. Let us praise God that Ravi Singh, who lived disobedient to his parents, has had a big change in his life and is leading our congregational activities.

Pray: The villagers who forbid the Mandal Munda family from coming to the Church to accept Jesus. Aarti Devi's husband who is an obstacle to her faith in Jesus to have a change of Heart. The problems in the family of Kamadia Tirki to be solved and for them to live together in peace. Let us pray for the repentance of Birbal Lagra, who opposes the Gospel.

Saharjuri: Muthiah U Samuel & Margaret

Praise God: For two people joining Christ's flock. For showing the Jesus

film in nine places. Kataladi Church construction work has started and is going on. Manoj Murmu, the congregation elder of Chok Mani worshiping Group, who had migrated for work fell unconscious people prayed for him and he revived.

Pray: Every believer in this congregation to commit themselves to the work of soul harvesting. May God bless the family of Babuji Kishku who has been waiting for a child for eight years. Sriful Tudu who lost his eyesight to regain it. A land to be bought to construct a Church for Sarwaye worship Group.

Amrapada: Vyasu Babu & Sowndarya Rekhan

Praise God: 24 people became disciples of God. For evangelizing about 1571 people in 14 villages. Because God has granted a good harvest for believers. Let us praise God that Manuel Hansda from the village of Pasco, who had fallen back in faith, was again drawn by God's love.

Pray: Our believers to be protected from false teachers and teachings but be rooted in God's Word. Gobesvar Hembrom from the village of Kalido who terrorized our believers to know Jesus. For the comfort of Deena Hansdak, who had lost her five-year-old son. Let us pray for the healing of Katik Hembrom from epilepsy and Jokarnath Bhaski from kidney problem.



Mrs. Shiny Joseph

Mrs. Suganthi Solomon

Hansdiha: Senthil Kumar & Muthu Selvi

Praise God: 15 people for accepting Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Because God transformed all the worship groups in the Sabbaram Pastorate into a congregation. Praise God for the evangelization of 660 people in 17 new villages.

Pray: People who are interested in evangelism in the villages of Kodasapada, Lattipadi, Thabai, Ranginia and Amgachi to soon accept Jesus and profess their faith. A new believer, Major Sibulal works in the Indian Army to get rid of alcoholism. Let us pray that the villagers will not be a hindrance to the three families from the village of Sugar who have converted to faith and come back to the love of Christ.

Nonihat: M Benhur & Mary Johnsny Rani

Praise God: 11 people accepted Jesus as their personal Saviour and were united the flock of Jesus.

For evangelization in eight villages through film ministry and in 16 villages through night meetings. Budhu Marandi for receiving sight through prayer. Let us praise God for the healing of Thalamai Marandhi from stroke.

Pray: Deram Murungai and Lachu Soren who come to the worship services to profess their faith. Nee Vani Santhana Rothanpur Karua Siddhya Pari to spread the Gospel through film. Baga Besra of Kuji village to recover from stroke. For Anil Kisku and Shani Murmu in Kortika Village to get back their eye sight.



Will not be put to Shame

Our believer, Hoppini Tudu, from the village of Nemdunga in the Pakuahat district of West Bengal, passed away suddenly. Her husband had passed away earlier, and her two sons had migrated for work. None of the villagers came forward to bury her. The funeral was carried out with the help of other believers. The following day, Sujeept Murmu and Karu Hansda, who had assisted with the burial, fell ill and were admitted to the hospital. When the villagers began to speculate that this was the work of the devil and that a curse had fallen upon them, the believers prayed for them in unison. By God's grace, both of them recovered and returned home in perfect health. Hallelujah!





Happy Birthday

Mrs. Deborah D. Roselyn Arulraj

Davagodda Hotel/CDC/ Adult Literacy:

**Johnson Rajadurai &
Vinothini Johnson**

Praise God: For the continuation of education programs for Rural children in the villages of Parambi, Tamrupita, Pattuwade, Chota Jara and Pusera. For 1110 people benefited from Livestock and Agriculture Camp conducted at 19 locations by Peter Jebaraj Annan. Let us praise God for helping 13 girls complete a one-month educational program.

Pray: Parents and villagers to support the Rural children's education program. These people to complete the Malto, Hindi and English subjects of LKG, UKG and Class I syllabus in ten months' time. For future studies of these children. For the preparation works to publish the bi-monthly Malto magazine. For preparations for the publication of a manual for the Sunday school lesson book for teenagers and a book called Wuji Awli (Light of Life). Everyone

below 30 years of age should get education and read the Scriptures. Six-month evening class programs to succeed. For the livelihood and survival efforts of the believers in the Raj Mahal range. The number of migrations from this place to decrease. Let us pray for the success of all the plans for development among them.

West Bengal

**Pakuahat: Ramakrishna
Aggibada & Anjali Devi**

Praise God: 5 persons have accepted Christ as their Lord and Saviour. The Lord enabled us to give a blessed burial to Hopni our believer from Neemdunga village, who passed away all of a sudden. The Harvest festival was commemorated for the first time in Sildani, Manikpur, Ulathur and Neemdunga village Churches. God enabled our Church Elder's son Parikshan of Salbina Church to open a computer shop in Bakkurghat road.

Pray: For the adult literacy programme commissioned in Sildani and Nemdunga villages to function effectively and many to attend and benefit. For the Lord to touch the hearts of Lathar Soren, Sibhu Dudu who actively oppose the Christian ministry. For those of our believers who migrate to other areas for work to guard their Christian faith. For the spiritual growth of our believers.



Itahar: Astaban Aditya Kumar & Manini Bebarata

Praise God: About 677 people heard the Gospel for the first time through the evangelization of 24 new villages. 18 people from Udaipur Dilno-Hadappada, Pulpadia and Bastubi villages accepted Jesus as their personal Savior. Many came to know the love of Jesus through the film ministry held in seven places. Night meetings were held in seven villages. God helped believers' meetings, small prayer groups, training meetings for church elders to go smoothly. Let us praise raGod for miraculously protecting the believer Kupitha Tudu from Sonadangi village from a car accident.

Pray: People in the newly evangelized villages to confess Jesus as the true God. For God to heal Manjili Baskey, Huponi Kisku, Rupini Kisku, Poran Tudu who are suffering from Tuberculosis and Maloti Hansdak who is suffering from Brain Tumor. God to bless the families of our local evangelist Sujan Hembrom, Tagore Besara and Sonali Murmu with children. Let us pray for the comfort of our missionary's sisters, Anupama and Ambi Palinama, who have lost their husbands, and for the education and future of their children.

Karandihi: Kaithiengin Vaiphei & Melody Dimsonting

Praise God: God helped all the ministries to go smoothly last month. 13 new villages were evangelized and about 501 people heard the Gospel for the first time. God gave grace to do outdoor ministry in new villages. For the healing God gave to our believers Sarkar Kisku, Mari Tutu, Monkusi family and Sibali Hamrom who were afflicted with various infirmities through prayer.

Pray: Evangelization was done in 4 new villages, Jesus' movie screened in 8 villages and 10-night meetings were conducted. Evangelization work is planned in the villages of Sokil, Belbari, Reuthangi, Haitala, Kwabari, Itadola, Altapur, Gundergaon, Banyel, Sidung Dola, Sadipur; for it to be fruitful. Munna Baski, who is the only believer in the village of Anlakudu, is addicted to alcohol and is unable to attend the Church and has no peace in the family; for him to repent and be delivered from the habit and again participate in the Church worship with his family. People who have fallen away from the faith to come back to the faith. In the villages of Sorgarkao, Majok, Bhattar Kusiamari, and Sisra, the people who resisted evangelism to have a change of heart; Let us pray for God to do a miracle for Sudeep, a six-year-old boy who is unable to walk or stand.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Vijaya Joyson

Raniganj: Durubaraj Bebara & Pushpanjali

Praise God: Two people have come into the fold of Jesus Christ. About 1050 people heard the Gospel in the night meetings held in nine new villages. For the Jesus film ministry conducted in 10 villages without any hindrance. God protected Sunita Murunga from snake bite. God gave relief to Noah from respiratory problem. Harvest Festival was celebrated with joy in the Church. God delivered Mulica Marandi from the clutches of the devil through prayer. Two youths have joined our ministry as voluntary workers. God gave an open door to evangelize the village of Dano. The life of Hishimaasi congregation elder Sunil Soren despite his broken arm in an accident was saved.

Pray: For all the planned ministry for this month to be blessed without hindrance; For God to protect and grant good health to all the local evangelist and the families of the believers during this winter.

Believers to engage themselves in evangelism. People who are ready to accept Jesus Christ should believe in Him wholeheartedly and confess. For God to give an open door for evangelism in Bhujupitah. People who have backslidden from the faith to come back to the faith. For all the believers and Church elders to participate enthusiastically in Sunday worship and soul winning ministry.



The Way Maker

Whenever the missionary attempted to share the Gospel in Vadola village, located in the Sittara field of Maharashtra, the Panchayat head strongly opposed and prevented the efforts. However, believers persisted in prayer, asking for a change in his heart. After a few days, the Panchayat president fell seriously ill and became bedridden. Despite seeking help from various places, he found no relief. In his desperation, he called upon our believers and requested their prayers. God answered their prayers, and the Panchayat president was miraculously healed. In response, he gathered the villagers and publicly declared that Christians could freely conduct prayer meetings and that no one should hinder them. To God be the glory!





Happy Birthday

Mr. Isaac Dhanasingh R.

Tappan:

Haramohan Prabudas Nayak & Susama Pani

Praise: 14 people have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. God helped the youth training session held at Basta village and the believers camp held by Natha Harris to be a blessing. God protected the lives of Elders Robin Murmu and Burmal Murmu when they were electrocuted. God healed Suresh Ko, Prashakman from mouth ulcer, Tigulin, Rema Hembrom from spine problem, Mayon Marathi from typhoid fever Sunil Kisku through prayer God has healed the harvest day believers to celebrate with joy let us praise the God who has graced us.

Pray: for the smooth functioning of the upcoming outreach ministries and follow-up work. A dedicated local evangelist to join to serve in Mohendra area which is an urgent need. Kabiraj Murmu of Salbari of Sakla Baski, Palton Hembrom of Butakum who opposes the Gospel to have a change of heart. Local evangelist Raju Murmu to be blessed with children. Kalitola, Panchata, Santhosh, Bindi Dola, Siyagaji, Sakatola to experience real

Salvation. Pray for Urumila Tudu to be freed from evil spirits, Sunita Soren to be delivered from fear and hearing loss. Sundari Hansda from kidney problem, Rakesh Marmam from body injuries, Manisha Kisku from gynaecological problem.

Samsi:

Deepratna & Mithilesh

Praise God: Film ministry was held in four villages. 12 people have come into a new life in Jesus Christ. Prayers are held every Friday in Mari and Udampukari villages. Talu Hansda's family, who had backslidden in the faith, are attending worship again after three years. When our believers Sanjay Hansda's health was at its worst at night, God heard the prayers of tears by his family and cured him. Let us praise God for the Salvation of Ganga Muni of Jithalpur village through the prayers of her husband.

Pray: God to bless the efforts to start a congregation in the new villages of Basanta and Kuska. In the village of Laskarpur, drunken and backslidden believers to resume back to faith in Jesus and be saved. May God change the hearts of Lal Murmu, Lalu Besra Jobedu who are protesting against our ministry in Modipur Village. Homebone Hansda, Robben Soren, Joba Hansda, Maglu Hansda, Koda Tola Village, Putrai Hemrom, Mongol Tudu, Jitalpur Village Nayga Marandi all to believe in Jesus Christ. Let us pray that God will give us a suitable place to build a Church in Wari village.



Mrs. Selina Marandi Rabindra Murmu

Odisha Jagannathpur: Basudev Malto & Basanti Malto; Suresh Malto

Praise God: For the 18 newly joined the Christ's flock. For evangelization of 2717 people in 12 villages through two outreach programs. 3 Bibles and 32 New Testaments were received by those who needed it. For the new youth evangelism group started on behalf of Maj Kaun Mandal. Barajamda Church for construction of training centre. Let us praise God for the worship group started among the new people group.

Pray: May God miraculously heal Santhi Triavir from rheumatism belonging to the Tattaria worship Group. Sukkaal to get relief from stroke. Vishnu Pingu to get relief from Tuberculosis. Let us pray for the healing of 12-year-old Bhagavan Laguri from epilepsy.

Jhinkpani:
Abraham S &
Alice Sheeba S

Praise God: The Ho believers are steadfast in their faith and evangelize their relatives. 15 people have come into blossoming life in Jesus Christ. God helped evangelize five new villages with the help of believers. New Believers Jai Sripar's kidney stone problem was cured through prayer. God gave a good harvest in Arjun Dham Sai's parched land. Chandukui was cured of tuberculosis and Ramu Bota of severe hip pain. Let us praise God who saved Seman Machua from the mining calamity.

Pray: Worship groups to be started in Kot So, Thuiwana, Sonapozi, Saibasa, villages. Manoj Burti, Sangeeta Burti, Kure Burti, Duropady Kalin, who show desire to accept God, preach Jesus Christ without hindrance. Bugribi Gurusekhara believers to grow in faith and a life of witness. The people threatening the believers in Mabru village should repent and be saved. The Church elder Chrambari to get a job in the mines. God to give a local evangelist with a burden for souls. Let's pray that God heals Salome from blood vomiting, Parvati from paralysis, Susanna from eye problems.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Premalatha Daniel Thomas
Miss. Shanti Murmu

Gujarat Jhalod:

Kumar Paul & Amutha M

Praise God: 23 persons gave their lives to Jesus Christ and declared He is Lord and received salvation. 250 youth took part in the youth meet at Lakanpur and were blessed. About 150 persons took part in the spiritual revival meeting that was conducted in Kedia and Vakola and their faith was strengthened. About 45 children took part in the children's meet conducted in Lakanpur and heard the Word of God. A new worship group was established in Kandi village by the grace of God.

Pray: For Renkuben of Rampur village who is suffering from a wound in her knees for a long time. For the Lord to bless the families of Payal, Sarala, Martha and Arvind with children. For the Church at Kedia to quickly get an electric connection. For Somobai of Jalampur suffering from a bent bone in his leg to receive healing. For the planned upcoming Church Elders' Training meet to be conducted successfully.

Ahwa:

Vigneshwaran & Angelin M

Praise God: 128 persons confessed Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. For the miraculous healing received by Imalben whose voice was restored after he lost it in an accident he suffered while driving his two wheeler. For Niruben who was blessed with a baby after 7 years of her married life. Vijay who suffered a prolonged chest pain, received healing from the Lord in response to his prayers. For Ashwin of Amsarvalan village who had a miraculous escape from a tiger attack, when he was sitting outside his house in the late evening hours, as he called the name of the Lord Jesus to save him.

Pray: The construction work of the Church at Mokra village was stopped when Church Elder Ramchand's wife passed away. Presently Ramchand is suffering from a paralytic attack. Pray for the recovery of Ramchand. For the construction work of Dungarda village to be completed and the Church to be dedicated for the Glory of God. For Kiranbai who is a constant persecutor of the faith in Amsarpada village, to experience the love of Jesus. For the 128 persons who accepted Christ in their lives, to remain steadfast in their faith.



Vijayanagar:

Vijay Kumar & Susheela A

Praise God: 12 persons accepted Christ as their personal Saviour in a public confession of their faith. For the complete healing received by Tekiha Ben who suffered from an epileptic attack in response to continuous prayers. Our new believer Geetha Ben's health suddenly deteriorated. Her cattle started dying one after the other in a sickness. Recognizing a Satanic attack on her, Geetha Ben fasted and prayed fervently and overcame all her trials. Beenakumari received healing from her stomach ailment.

Pray: For the healing of Vinahs and Heralal suffering from Hematemesis. For the deliverance of Kamni from satanic attacks which makes her sick every time she comes to the Church. For the healing of the wife of Prabhuval who suffers from sores all over her body. For Shanthilal who suffers

from water shortage due to the frequent breakdown of his motor which is used for drawing water, to find a solution for his problem.

Surat: Madhavaroy (retd) & Jebathangam

Praise God: For the Lord's provision of a new house to move in for Nainaben, who suffered opposition from the neighbour of her old house, because of her faith in Jesus. For Rajkumari who shared the Gospel and led two persons of her native village to faith in Jesus, when she visited her village during the holidays.

Pray: The Church at Surat Nagar has been demolished by the municipality. The rental hall that we had taken for the worship service has also been demolished. Pray the Lord would grant us a suitable place to conduct the worship service. For Kavita Ben's son Nitin to be obedient to his parents and to relinquish his bad friendships. For Sunitha Ben to receive healing from her persistent headache. For the Lord to raise up committed young people to serve as local evangelist in the Surat field.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Mathew K.
Mr. Kumar V.

Bodeli & Dabhoi: Yesu Babu & Usha S

Praise God: 23 persons received a new and transformed life in Christ. 20 persons took part in the newly started night meet in Thuvayi village. Many children of other faiths took part in the VBS Programme conducted in Kundanpur and Kaknet villages. In the 3-day youth camp conducted in Pokkadi, about 380 persons participated and committed their lives to be His witnesses.

Pray: For the healing of Kajri Ben suffering from swellings caused by a poisonous insect bite. For the consolation of the family of Sylesh Bai who lost their 2-year-old girl baby. For the quick recovery of student Harish who is unable to walk due to a snake bite for the past two months. For a new believer Manjula to remain steadfast in her faith in the midst of persecution from her family members. For the

upcoming Church Elders training programme and bible study groups to be successfully conducted.

Mosda:

Paulraj & Koil Pushpam L

Praise God: 10 persons accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. The believers of the Vasava congregation raised 2 Lakh rupees themselves and conducted the spiritual Vasava Mela, and were blessed. About 380 youth took part in the youth camp and committed their lives to live faithfully for the Lord. For Rathilal who lost his consciousness in a vehicle accident, regained his memory after four days of faithful prayers of his family. For Prince, son of a Church Elder of Mosda secured the second place in drawing competition conducted at state level.

Pray: For the healing of our new believer Jayanthi Bai of Kumina village whose right hand is incapable to move. For the lost 12th grade certificate of our believer Magesh to be found. For the healing of Lathaben and Samba Khaki suffering from sickle cell disease, to receive compete healing. For those who have背slidden from their faith in Thanavadi village to be restored back to the Church and to the Lord.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Niang Zangai Thawng Khan Kap

**Kawant:
Akhilesh Kumar &
Kiran Devi**

Praise God: 5 persons received Salvation and joined the Church as believers. 4 youths who took part in the regional youth camp committed their lives for full time ministry. For the prayer group from Tamil Nadu who encountered opposition in their field visit, were protected by the Lord. For Kataria Bai of Morpriya village who suffered a snake bite and suffered a deterioration in his health, in spite of a month-long treatment and rituals with a local magician, came to the Church for prayers. When the believers prayed, the Lord restored him back to health. For the healing of Selvi Ben of Kattamadi village, affected with a tumour in her throat

Pray: For the healing of Arvind Bai from a kidney ailment. For a suitable land to be procured for the construction of Church at Madhuvani village. For the healing

of Lala Bai of Motabia village suffering from a body pain for the past 7 years, and has now started coming to the Church. For the efforts taken to establish a new worship centre in Karanjpani village to be fruitful.

**Selamba:
Yuvanesh & Jhansi Rani**

Praise God: 1500 persons took part in the Vasava Mela and were blessed. The women's special meet was conducted successfully. For Padhu Bai suffering from a nervous disorder, received healing owing to his persistent prayers. For the backslidden believers of Khorda village who were restored back to faith in the Lord. For the Lord to bless the families of Rajendran and Ramanbai with a child.

Pray: For the complete healing of our Swadeshi worker Eshwar Bai who suffers frequent sickness, and is unable to minister well. For the high prevalence of sickle cell disease in this area to be eradicated. For Ashish and Philip who have committed themselves for full time ministry, to pursue their college education successfully and them come to the mission work. For the suitable procurement of land for construction of Church at Oligam, Sikli and Kavlikada.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Asnath Devadass, Mrs. Jeya Ruby Solomon
Mrs. Margaret Muthaiyah Samuel
Mrs. Kirubasanam Stella Andrews

Umargam: Asir Moses & Amirtha Golda

Praise God: The Church anniversary of Anglal congregation was commemorated joyfully. 10 persons embraced the new life in Christ and accepted Him as their personal Saviour. One-day fasting prayer was conducted in Kandvi, Manikur and Iroli villages. Many believers took part and prayed fervently. God enabled us to proclaim the Gospel in Kundar and Vabi regions by the grace of God.

Pray: For the Church Elders Training programme to be conducted successfully in Thum congregation. For the necessary permission to be obtained from the local authorities for conducting mass programmes. For all the 40 Church Elders to be zealous in leading their congregation believers to spiritual maturity and steadfast faith. For the local evangelists to faithfully minister in their respective regions.

Dadra & Nagar Haveli (U.T.)

Khanvel:

Arul Aseer D & Suguna L

Praise God: Around 400 youth

participated and were benefited in the youth meeting held. Anita Ben of Dolara village was delivered from the clutches of the devil. Ten families for accepting Jesus as their personal Savior.

Pray: Tamanna of Vaana village who has been suffering from allergies for two years now to receive divine healing and her family to be saved. A 15-year-old Pandhu Bhai is mentally ill and has no one to take care of him; for him to have God's touch. Davile Bhai, Reetha Ben, Ramesh Bhai, Kiran and Shantilal, who are backsliders in the faith, to resume back to faith in Christ. For the healing of Ramani Ben who is suffering from body inflammation and digestive disorder.

Randha Home:

Markus Malto & Sara Malto, Chandrika Ben, Manisha Lakra

Praise God: For the hostel children suffering from seasonal diseases to be healthy. For helping all the children write their exams well. For 40 children receiving music training. God helped us to get the necessary labor tax certificate (labor Cess certificate) for our hostel.

Pray: For the 10th class children attending the special classes conducted to get high marks. God to protect the children in the harsh winter. Let's pray for college students who are out of hostels to live a holy life.



Happy Birthday

Mr. John Dinesh G.M.

Maharashtra Chopda:

Vasava Bhangsingh & Mahale Yemanben

Praise God: 10 persons accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. The Lord provided a good committed warden for the Sangli Children's Home. Many youths attended the youth camp which was organised and committed their lives to be witnesses for Christ. The Lord enabled the students of our home to write their exams well. The opposition that prevailed against the Christian faith in Vadola village finally ceased and the Lord enabled us to start a new night meeting here.

Pray: The worship service in Mahadev village which is frequently stopped due to constant opposition from the village people to be conducted overcoming all these obstacles. For the repentance of those people who try to usurp the

land of our believers who have embraced the Christian faith. For Prakash, Sandeep, Akash and Arun who lag behind in their studies to improve academically.

Mashawad:

Bharanidharan & Selvarani V; Ebenezer Samuel & Joshna

Praise God: For the faith of Shanthi who was not swayed by the pressures imposed by her neighbouring land owners to conduct Pooja for a good cultivation, but rather prayed fervently and received a bountiful harvest. Gospel proclamation was conducted in Pirimkal, Rampur, Limpadi and Kansai villages. Women's meet was conducted in 3 places successfully. Follow up ministry was done in 9 villages by the grace of God.

Pray: For Baha Bai's vision to be restored even after surgery done three times did not yield any results. The believers of Kodumpankani village to remain steadfast in their faith amidst persecution. The Lord to bless the family of Geetha with a child who remain barren even after 12 years of married life. For the son of Jagadesh who right from his birth is unable to walk due to paralysis.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Bithika Bibhaba Pani

Molgi: Ruben Tudu & Rukmani Hembrom

Praise God: For the one person who accepted Jesus as their personal Savior. 820 people in two villages heard the Gospel. Bika Tata of Aarthi village for getting delivered from the clutches of the devil. Kardia Tata of Giniapari village who suffered a head injury from a fall was healed by prayer. Let's praise God for healing Butta Tata from stroke.

Pray: Lata Bhai, daughter of our local evangelist Kalusingh Tata, who is pursuing her studies in medicine, to successfully complete her studies and to get a good job. Let's pray for our missionary's wife who is pregnant to have a safe delivery.

Ner: Moorthi T & Bharathi

Praise God: For the newly started worship groups in Wadi and Chaughan villages. Two believers' families from Mahasadi and Vasamar villages who have backslidden in the faith to taste the love of Jesus again. The outreach ministry

planned in Nampur, Kusumba and Chattara villages was fruitful. Let us praise God for the Jesus movie shown in 5 villages through which Jesus was introduced to many.

Pray: Villagers in Bursat and Longchedi villages who saw the Jesus movie to accept Jesus. Believers who have migrated for work to stay firm in their faith. Let's pray that the parents of the children who have accepted the Gospel to come to know and accept Jesus through the children.

Boradi:

Omprakash & Sapna

Praise God: Three persons have accepted Jesus as their personal Saviour. 340 people came to know the Gospel through the Bajan meetings. For the 150 people who attended the Camp conducted for believers. Praise God for the people who were met through follow-up ministry.

Pray: Jeevan Bhai and Dentia Bhai who are addicted to drinking and drug addiction to be set free. Sumi of Boradi village and Jepa Bhai of Junapani village to have a clear their mind and return to normal. Kalpana from Borplesi village and Roshini from Kodida village to be cured from cancer. Let us pray for the recovery of Sokhali Bhai and Dilip Bhai who are suffering from kidney stone problem.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Jangkholun Touthang

Mrs. Steffi Biju Lal

Mr. Bharude Pratap Mangya

Chalisgaon: Yesu Prakash & Sunanda Belli

Praise: For 320 people who were met with the Gospel in three villages. For the 5 persons who received the new faith, after the follow-up service, Bible classes and small prayer groups were held. Adar Simbe, Sam Pawar and Jyoti Bhai of Patonda village were healed from stroke through prayer. Let's praise Jyoti Sindhu and Sai Devan who got cured from allergy.

Pray: Yarlcande to be freed from the clutches of the devil. Mangal Bhai and Mahima who are mentally disturbed get a divine healing. Let us pray for the recovery of Wukka Bai from asthma.

Pimpalner: Balaji Netalam & Jagatheeswari

Praise God: For making the Malpada Church available to us again. For evangelizing 2500 people in four villages. For re-starting of the prayer which was conducted once a month in Vijayapur village earlier. For

families of four persons who are new to worship at Road Village. Let us praise God for Taiben who was delivered from the devil's grip.

Pray: Weekly prayers to be started in Borgeda and Kalam Bir villages. Youth gathering to be held at Vijayapur worship group. Let's pray for Lakan to be cured from leukemia, 12-year-old Sumith to be cured from juvenile diabetes and Gautham who is unable to speak for four years, to be able to speak. Pakaram Akhir family in Vijayapur village, Putta, Jayavanthi Ben, and Kesar Ben family to be saved. Let us pray for evangelism to start in Mawijipada, Kulepada, Ashtane, Pakkuran and Waki village.

Etapalli: Babujee Murmu & Violet Hansda

Praise God: Six persons became disciples of Christ Jesus. For the seekers camp conducted at three places and for the people who participated in it. For protecting Talsulakami of Pushke village from a poisonous snake. Let's praise God for healing Ashwini Hechami from stomach tumor.

Pray for: Santhosh to be freed from alcoholism. Deepak Alami, Yesudas Gaude, Suraj Mattami, Prem Khatta, Ravi Khatta, and Rohit Mattami, who are addicted to alcohol and did not come to the Church, to repent and return to Jesus. Let us pray for the healing of the father of Tulsa Cotta who is suffering from swelling in both hands.



Karnataka

Mundaragi: Samuel Beborta

Praise God: 140 persons who are met through the Gospel. Durgesh of Hardhalli Worship Group for 20 years of debt got delivered through prayer. Praise God for the new ministerial contacts attending the Church service.

Pray: The spiritual eyes of Korahalli and Penahalli villagers to open and that they leave their rituals and embrace the real God. Telugu speaking Kunchigiri people to accept Jesus. Markama Meryamma, Rama Lakshmiamma, Sungalathamma, Jayamma, Mayil Amma, Devi Amma and Premalatha Amma are unable to attend the Church due to their debt problems. Durgesh, who is a new comer to the Church, to be healed from kidney stone problem which he has been having for eight

years. Ratana Naveen to get a job in the medical field. The youth in our church to get scholarships to study and good jobs for their life support and them be rooted in Christ.

Shiggaon: Narendra Kumar

Praise God: For He enabled Prasuram to build his own house in response to his fervent prayers. About 380 persons heard the Gospel through the jeep ministry team. A 3 day fasting prayer was conducted. Many believers took part and prayed earnestly. Sivappa who left his house and was untraceable for many months, returned back home safely in response to the prayers of his family members. For the miraculous escape experienced by Nasabella from a road accident.

Pray: For Rakesh who is hopeful of securing a government job and for his efforts to be blessed. For Santhosh to receive a favourable judgement in the court case he faces. For Kavitha presently struggling to find a place to live. For Nigamma to receive good health. For both his sons to be able to find good work and come up in life.



Andhra Pradesh

Roddam: Debadatta Lima & Sonia Rani

Praise God: A training was conducted for those who lead small prayer cells. Many watched the Jesus Film screened in two villages. 8 persons confessed their faith in a public confession of faith event. Many took part in the seekers camp conducted for the first time in Krishnapuram village and heard the Gospel. For the iron rod which pierced Devaramma's leg, was surgically removed successfully.

Pray: For Rajamma hospitalised for a long time to recover completely and return home. For the consolation of Backiam who is grieving over her bereaved husband. For Surya, Supriya Naidu, Gangamma, Hagamani, Naromiyama, Rathnam who have stopped attending the Church to repent and come back to worship the Lord.

Kuppam:

Venkatesan C & Sasikala

Praise God: Three persons accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and joined the Church. 1110 people heard the Gospel for the first time. God has commanded an open door to evangelize two new villages. Christmas celebration was held at KD School and at Chandrapuram Church. God helped eighteen elders to attend the FC meeting. The government has given permission to hold Christmas and New Year 2025 services.

Pray: That God may protect our believers from Christian opponents and may God meet those who hinder by forbidding our believers to hold services and prayer meetings in every village. A political leader in C Bandhapalli village in Sadipuram Mandal, has been appointed as the Director of a particular caste-based party and he has been banning members of his caste from participating in the Church worship; God to act in the heart of this political leader, that he will repent and declare that Jesus is the true God.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Srilatha Stephen Jeyaseelan
Mr. Pratap Rahang

Translation

Varli Translation:

Abraham G & Hemalatha

Praise God: By the grace of God, He helped to correct and do the revision work and to prepare the edited version from Romans to Galatians in Varli Nihari language. Praise be to God who helped us to edit 102 Varli songs and prepare the revised record and to have two books of Samuel checked by linguists (Consultant).

Pray: New Testament with Psalms and Proverbs in Dogri Nihari language to be printed and published. The remaining 428 songs in the Varli language to be revised and reprinted to prepare a revised version of the songbook. Let us pray that the needs of the language assistants will be met and that God will bless them with good health.

His Love melts the hardest heart too

Nodi is a village located in the foothills of the Amalagachi range in Jharkhand. The believers had gathered in large numbers because there was going to be a program for professing faith in the village. The Kurkhi couple, who had strongly opposed the ministry in the area and had controlled the villagers through witchcraft, invited the missionaries to their home. The members of the congregation tried to prevent them from going there because their house was located on top of a hill and far away from the village. However, the missionaries decided to go with the others to their home. When they arrived, they found all the puja items and tools used for performing magic piled outside the house. To their surprise, the sorcerer asked the missionaries to pray and burn those items, saying that he had accepted Christ. The missionaries joyfully accepted and prayed, fulfilling his request. Today, the Kurkhi family has become believers and is glorifying God. Hallelujah!

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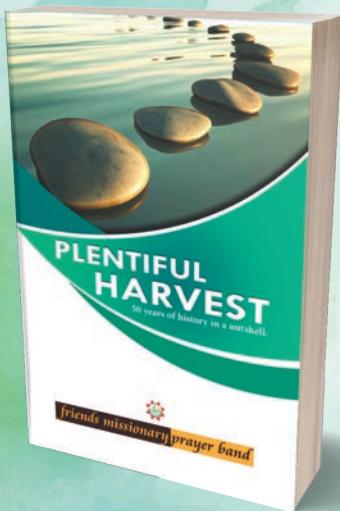
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A Prayer for the New Year

Lord, please bless the coming year. Help me to use my time wisely and strengthen my resolve to consistently do all of the following:

Never stop praying (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Lord, teach me to pray without ceasing. Remind me to make prayer my first response rather than a last resort. Conform me to the image of Christ, that I might with Him pray, "Not my will, but Thine be done."

Fencourage one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

Lord, open my eyes to the needs of those around me. Help me to love my neighbors as I love myself and to put their interests ahead of my own. May every word I speak edify and uplift and point others to You.

Work without complaining (Philippians 2:14)

Place a guard on my mouth. God, that I might not grumble about the tasks I've been given to do. Help me to serve others with gladness and do my work heartily and cheerfully, as a sacrifice of praise unto You.

Yearn for Christ's return (Mark 13:32-33)

Lord, keep me mindful of the fact that my hope is not rooted in social movements or political reform, but in Christ alone. Speed the day of His return and let me be found faithfully doing His work when He appears.

Evangelize the lost (Mark 16:15)

Give me a heart for those who don't know You, God. May I boldly and urgently proclaim the gospel of grace and forgiveness of sins that is freely available to all who confess Jesus is Lord and believe You raised Him from the dead.

Acknowledge Him (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Don't let me outlive my love & devotion to You, Lord. Let my life serve as an example of what it means to trust You fully. May all I do and say and hope and think bring glory and honor to Your precious, holy name.

Redeem the time (Ephesians 5:15-16)

"Lord, teach us to number our days, that we might apply our hearts to wisdom." Don't let me squander my time on earth. Show me how to invest it wisely in activities and pursuits that will bear fruit for all of eternity.

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