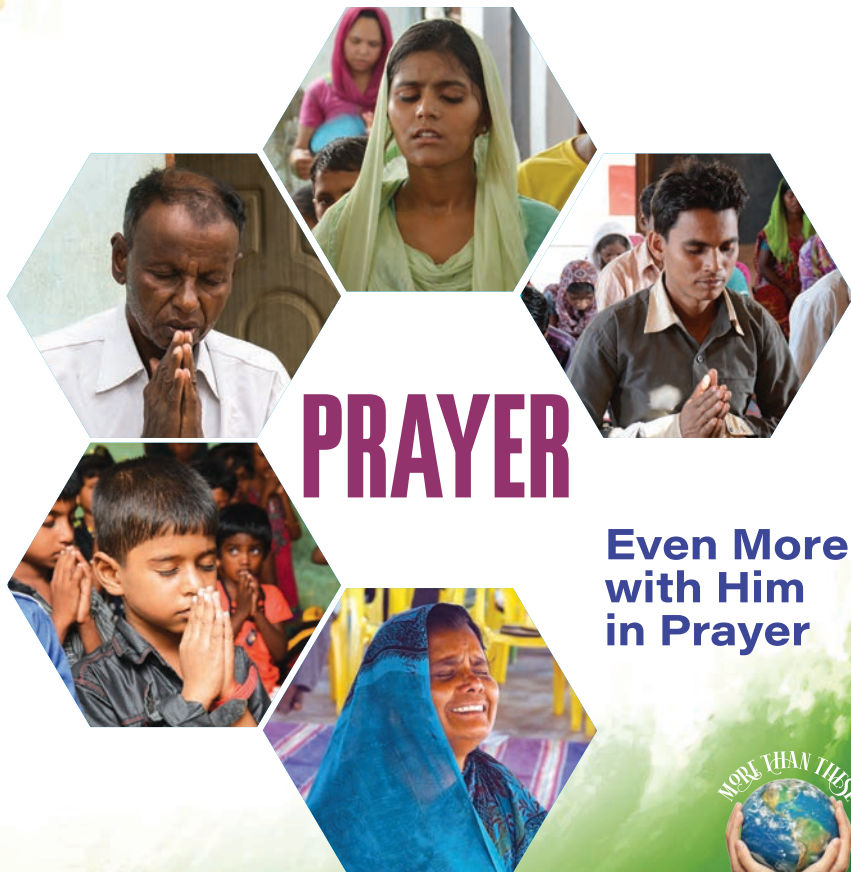




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*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Phil. 4:6*



PRAYER

**Even More
with Him
in Prayer**



FRONTLINE...

Pounding the Gates of Heaven

While gravely ill, John Knox, founder of the Presbyterian Church in Scotland, asked his wife to

read John 17-the Scripture where he had first “cast his anchor.” Strengthened by Jesus’ prayer, he began interceding for the ungodly, new converts, and for the protection of the Lord’s servants, many of whom were facing persecution. As Knox prayed, his spirit went home to be with the Lord. The man of whom Queen Mary had said, “I fear his prayers more than I do the armies of my enemies,” ministered through prayer until the moment of his death.

Prayer is the unseen power we get from God. Prayer is inviting God into every part of our lives-our hopes, fears, dreams, and pain. It's not just presenting a list of requests but building a relationship with Him. Relational prayer means talking to, listening to, and thinking about God throughout our day-in our routines, travels, work, or rest.

The sixth Etho of FMPB is “**Prayer**” (Phi. 4: 6). Prayer has been the lifeline of our organisation and the prayer groups our backbone. The Bible highlights various types of prayer, including adoration, confession, thanksgiving, supplication, Sanctification, repentance, intercession, and more. These prayers are not mutually exclusive and can be combined or used in different contexts to deepen one's relationship with God. When our human body encounters a problem, the nervous system acts as a rapid communication network, sending messages throughout the body to trigger appropriate responses. Just as the brain, spinal cord, and nerves work together to detect problems, process information, and respond-sometimes triggering hormones or the immune system-so too, as one body in FMPB, we respond when a believer, missionary, local evangelist, prayer group member, or our Nation faces trouble (James 5:16, Colossians 1:9, 1 Timothy 2:1). We feel their pain, pray earnestly, mobilize others to pray, and eagerly await God's response to give Him praise. Our spiritual forefathers once gripped the window bars of the FMPB office in Tuticorin, pleading for the salvation of our Nation. Let such fervent prayer not remain a part of history alone, but become our daily lifestyle. As we celebrate the Independence Day this month let us take all the news that we read, hear and know to the Lord in prayer. Let our individual and group prayers pound the gates of heaven for the Salvation of our Nation.



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

**Therefore I tell you,
whatever you ask for
in prayer, believe that you
have received it,
and it will be yours.**

Mark 11:24

**To get nations back on
their feet, we must first
get down on our knees.**

- Billy Graham

**I urge, then, first of all,
that petitions, prayers,
intercession and
thanksgiving be made
for all people.**

Thimothy 2:1

**The greatest and best
talent that God gives to
any man or woman in
the world is the talent
of prayer.**

- Alexander Whyte

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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 beloved mission family,

Warm greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

As we journey through ever-challenging times, the Lord continues to impress upon our hearts a foundational truth-that persistent prayer is both the posture and power of the people of God. Mission Pulse: A Cry That Moves Heaven: Luke 18:1-8 which begins with this powerful preface: "Then Jesus told His disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up." Jesus knew the temptation we face-to grow weary, to lose heart, and to become silent in our supplications. But through the story of the persistent widow, He calls us to press in, not pull back; to persevere, not resign. The widow had no name, no influence, and no status. Yet she refused to give up. Her relentlessness broke the resistance of an unrighteous judge. And Jesus uses this to illustrate the far greater assurance we have with our loving and just heavenly Father.

Throughout Scripture, God honors those who persist in prayer with faith:

- Hannah - 1 Samuel 1:10-20: In deep anguish, Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly. Though her prayer wasn't immediately answered, she continued to seek God, and in due time, Samuel-the prophet and leader of Israel-was born. Her tears became the seed of a nation's deliverance.
- Elijah - 1 Kings 18:41-46: After a great victory on Mount Carmel, Elijah bowed low with his face between his knees and prayed

for rain. He sent his servant to check the sky-seven times-before the first sign of a cloud appeared. Elijah teaches us that even the prayers of the righteous require perseverance before they yield fruit.

- The Early Church - Acts 1:14, Acts 12:5: The early believers "joined constantly in prayer," and later, when Peter was imprisoned, "the church was earnestly praying to God for him." Their persistence led to Peter's miraculous release-a testimony that prayer opens prison doors both literal and spiritual.

As a mission movement, our frontline is not only in villages and cities-it begins in the throne room of God. Today, we are called to persist in prayer for:

The Lost - those who have never heard the Gospel

"I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also." - John 10:16. Let us weep and intercede until the Gospel reaches the ends of the earth and the feet of the unreached are washed in the Word.

The Least - the poor, the marginalized, and the broken

"He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap." - Psalm 113:7. Pray for transformation-not just of hearts, but of homes and communities, through holistic mission.

The Last - those left behind, forgotten, or in final stages of life

"God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." - 2 Peter 3:9. Let us pray for those teetering at the edge of eternity-that they may find hope in Christ before it is too late.

Faith-Filled Prayer, Not Just Long Prayer: Jesus ends the parable with a searching question: "When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8). The issue is not whether we prayed long, but whether we prayed in faith-believing that God will act. Let us not lose heart. The Judge we cry out to is not unjust; He is our Father, our Defender, our Deliverer. The world may look at us as weak, outdated, or small. But our prayers shake heaven and move history.

Let the Widow's Cry Be Ours:

- Persistent. • Passionate. • Full of faith.

God has been gracious to lead and guide our ministry through many strategic and spiritually significant gatherings. It has been my joy and privilege to walk alongside our teams across regions this past month. Every visit has left me humbled, encouraged, and more aware of the weight of this divine calling.

Divisional Secretaries Meeting (June 18-19)

Held in an atmosphere of worship and reflection, this meeting allowed our leadership to come. Together in prayer, reporting, and discernment. We sensed the Lord knitting our hearts together across divisions, aligning us not only in plans, but in **purpose and passion** for the task ahead. It was a time of refreshing and realigning with God's mission.

Management Committee Meeting (June 21-22)

The deliberations at this meeting were covered in prayer and marked by wisdom. Decisions were taken with humility and clarity, addressing key aspects of personnel, policy, and future direction. We give thanks for the **unity of spirit** and the **shared commitment** to steward the mission faithfully.

Field Visit: Pient & Godavari Region - Central Zone (June 23-27)

Travelling across the mission fields in the Pient and Godavari regions gave us fresh encounters with **God's faithfulness and the fruit of persistent sowing**.

- Our **Regional Planning sessions, meetings with evangelists, and fellowship with church elders** were not merely administrative-they were **sacred moments**. We rejoiced in the growth, grieved with those enduring opposition, and stood in awe at what God is doing through our missionaries.
- Visiting the **children's hostels** was a profound experience. These precious boys and girls, nurtured in Christlike love and discipline, are not only being educated-they are being **discipled to be light-bearers** in their communities. It was a moving reminder of how prayer, giving, and mission converge in tangible transformation.

Church-Mission Partnership Strengthened - Gujarat Diocese (June 28)

We praise God for the opportunity to meet with **Rt. Rev. Silvanus Christian**, Bishop of the Gujarat Diocese (CNI), and key office bearers. The dialogue was marked by deep mutual respect, spiritual burden, and commitment to kingdom collaboration. We reaffirmed our shared vision to see the Gospel penetrate deeper into Gujarat. The conversation was not only strategic but **Spirit-led**-a true witness to unity in the body of Christ for the unreached.

Zonal Secretaries' Families prayer and planning - Forkadi (June 29-30)

What a joy it was to spend time with the families of our Zonal Secretaries. These quiet heroes carry both the weight of leadership and the burdens of home. Our time together was rich in worship, sharing, and mutual encouragement.

It reminded me - it is a family journey of faith and sacrifice.

Karnataka Mobilization Review & Staff Visit (July 5-7)

In Karnataka, I witnessed the quiet strength and faithful innovation of our mobilization staff. Listening to reports, engaging in review sessions, and praying with the team gave me hope. Amid challenges, the fire still burns, and the Lord is opening doors in new communities. May the Lord raise many more PG's, Leaders and missionaries - bold, compassionate, and faithful.

Christian Workers Fellowship Networking (July 9)

It was heartening to see a broader vision come alive as we gathered with other mission leaders and ministries. These conversations are vital to ensure Kingdom synergy, fervent prayers, and support one another in our shared gospel mandate.

Central Zone Mobilization PG Leaders Meeting (July 12)

It was a great joy to meet with PG leaders from **Virudhunagar, Theni, and Madurai**-some of them for the very first time. The fellowship was refreshing, and their spiritual passion and seasoned insights brought fresh momentum to our mobilization efforts. The personal discussions helped us shape clearer direction for the coming months. I praise God for the unwavering commitment and dedication of each of these leaders to the cause of Christ and the expansion of His kingdom.

Annual Family Gathering of Businessmen - Lady Doak College (July 13)

This annual event was a time of thanksgiving and testimony. As businessmen families 400 gathered at the Lady Doak College Auditorium, we were reminded again that God sees every sacrifice-every tear, every prayer, every unnoticed act of service. His reward is sure.

A Call to National Fasting Prayer - (August 8 -10)

Beloved, we are on the threshold of something greater. The Three-Day National Fasting Prayers (August 8-10) will be a pivotal time. I urge you-mobilize your churches, prayer cells, and families to join in fervent intercession for the nation and for the ministry of FMPB. We are not wrestling with flesh and blood-this is a spiritual war, and prayer is our weapon.

As we celebrate the 79th Independence Day of our beloved nation, let us thank God for the freedom we enjoy and the rich heritage we share. This is a sacred moment to remember the sacrifices of those who fought for our country's liberty and to renew our commitment to pray and work for its true well-being.

Let us come together to **pray earnestly for India**- For lasting **peace and justice** to reign in every corner.

- For wise and godly leadership in every sphere of governance
- For healing from every form of division, oppression, and violence.
- For the gospel to reach every heart and home-bringing **salvation, hope, and transformation**

May the Church in India rise as salt and light in these times, and may our land be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea (Habakkuk 2:14). Let us not only celebrate freedom-but also intercede for **true freedom in Christ** for every citizen of this great nation.

Pray on. Press on. Hope on.

United in faith, love, and service to the nation,



Rev. Vijay Prasanna Isaacs

Prayer

Our Lifeline

Luther once said, "To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing." Prayer is the lifeline of a believer. It deepens our relationship with God and enables us to commune with our Creator, the Almighty. Prayer brings comfort, peace of mind, and strength in our spiritual warfare. At the Ethos of our Martin organization is a deep commitment to prayer.

Jesus taught many things, but in the Gospel of Matthew, He specifically teaches about prayer in two key passages (Matthew 6:9; 9:38). In this section, we will explore seven types of prayer:

1 | Personal Prayer

(Genesis 28:20-21)

Jacob prayed for his personal needs—food, clothing, and protection. This is often the first kind of prayer that new believers offer. As we grow spiritually, our prayers begin to reflect deeper desires. Jesus addresses this in Matthew 6:25-33, reminding His disciples not to worry about material needs. Solomon, in contrast, made a prayer that pleased God—seeking wisdom (1 Kings 3:13). Are we still focused on our personal desires, or are we seeking God's will in our lives? Let us pray to live a life that is pleasing to Him.

2 | Prayer for Blessing

(1 Chronicles 4:10)

Jabez cried out, "Oh, that You would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let Your hand be with me, and keep me from harm." David similarly prayed, "May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face shine upon us" (Psalm 67:2). Let us seek spiritual blessings over worldly ones, desiring the favor and presence of God above all.

3 | Intercession for Others

(1 Samuel 7:8)

In fear, the people asked Samuel to intercede for them. Samuel declared, "Far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by failing to pray for you" (1 Samuel 12:23). God told Job's friends that Job would pray for them, and when he did, God restored Job's fortunes (Job 42:10). James encourages us to pray for one another (James 5:16). Let us take up the burdens of others and pray with compassion.



4 | Prayer in Times of Trouble

(1 Samuel 30:4-8)

David, though greatly distressed, strengthened himself in the Lord and sought His guidance-and God restored everything (1 Samuel 30:19). He also cried out during illness, and the Lord answered (Psalm 38:11). When King Jehoshaphat cried out in his time of need, God responded (2 Chronicles 20:5-12). Let us earnestly pray for believers facing fierce opposition in our mission fields, for the Lord has promised to respond in our times of trouble (Psalm 91:15; 50:15; Jeremiah 33:3).

5 | Prayer for Spiritual Growth

(Ephesians 1:15-19)

Paul prayed for believers to receive wisdom, revelation, and understanding. In Ephesians 3:15-19, he prays that we may be strengthened in our inner being and rooted in Christ's love. In Colossians 1:9-11, he prays that we may know God's will, live lives worthy of Him, and be empowered by His strength. We too must pray for such growth in our spiritual journey.

6 | Prayer for God's Ministers

(Acts 4:3)

The early Church constantly prayed for the apostles. When Peter was imprisoned, the Church gathered at Mary's house and prayed for his release (Acts 12:12). Paul requested prayer for boldness to proclaim the Gospel (Ephesians 6:19-20). Jesus Himself prayed for all believers (John 17:20). Today, many ministers face increasing persecution and hardship. Let us pray daily that they remain

steadfast and proclaim the Gospel boldly, under God's protection.

7 | Intercessory Prayer

(Genesis 18:23-33)

Exodus 32:11-13: Intercession is a noble and powerful form of prayer. Even today, Christ intercedes for us before the Father (1 John 2:1). Those closest to God often receive this spirit of intercession. God called Abraham His friend (Isaiah 41:8), and Abraham boldly pleaded with God for Sodom (Genesis 18:22-33). Moses interceded for the rebellious Israelites (Exodus 32:11-13), choosing the people's deliverance over his own greatness (Exodus 32:10). Paul also interceded for Onesimus, a slave, on his behalf to Philemon.

A young girl, though ill, longed to serve God. Her pastor encouraged her to write down the names of people she wanted to see saved and to pray for them. She obeyed, and before she passed away, all 56 people on her list had accepted Christ. We too can list our unsaved friends, relatives, and co-workers, and pray diligently for their salvation.

Conclusion

Prayer pleases God. Thomas Watson said, "Prayer melts God's heart." Through prayer, we grow closer to God and align ourselves with His will. Our country desperately needs our prayers. Let us kneel before God every day, pleading for the salvation of those still living in sin and spiritual darkness. Let us intercede fervently so that our nation may be won for Christ.

- Rev. S. Devadas

FMPB - Hindi Ministries, Chennai

**Independence
with Introspection:
Praying for a
Transformed India**

O Nation!

My Indian

Nation!



Although you are no longer called an abandoned nation, your nation will no longer be called a land that is deserted You are called Ephzibah and your nation Beulah. The Lord is pleased with you, your nation will live - Isaiah 62:4


As we celebrate the Independence Day of India, we thank God for the remarkable growth our nation has achieved. From being a struggling post-colonial state, we have emerged as the world's largest democracy and a rapidly growing economic power. Initiatives like green agriculture, eco-friendly infrastructure, and technological advancements reflect our pursuit of a self-sustaining, modern India, instilling pride in citizens both at home and abroad.

At independence, the literacy rate was just 12%. Today, it stands at 80.9%. Our food grain production has increased from 50

million to 300 million tons, making us self-sufficient. We've made strides in science, even reaching the moon. Yet, alongside these achievements, serious issues persist—poverty, hunger, unemployment, pollution, injustice, and social discrimination.

Despite welfare schemes like the Public Distribution System and Mid-Day Meals, many still lack access to basic needs: food, clothing, shelter, and quality education. Exploitation continues in various forms, and many remain in extreme poverty. Illiteracy persists, especially in rural and backward regions, where fear of empowerment prevents education from reaching the needy. Poor education leads to social evils like child labor, early marriage, and deception.

Unemployment, even among the educated, drives youth toward crime, drugs, and suicide. The drug menace is spreading, and women too are falling victim to this trap. Sexual immorality, fueled by poverty and material desires, is eroding the cultural values of our nation. Women face



harassment at work, home, and public places, often leading to lifelong trauma or even suicide. Dowry-related abuse and domestic violence are widespread. Corruption, bribery, caste discrimination, and communal violence further mar the social fabric.

Although we are a secular republic, individual freedoms are sometimes suppressed. Discrimination based on caste, religion, gender, and language contradicts the ideals of our Constitution.

Call to Action

In this crucial time, the Church must rise. We need people who will stand in the gap and pray fervently for national revival, justice, and salvation. Let us intercede for a disciplined, righteous, and transformed India where every citizen can live with dignity and hope.

Pray

- Let us pray for India to become a country without hunger and for the progress of all people living below the poverty line.
- Let us pray for the protection of the rights of all, including children, women, youth, and the elderly.
- Let us pray for a situation where reactionary thoughts or plans that hinder the progress of the people do not affect future generations. Let us pray for the establishment of

educational infrastructure so that India becomes a 100 percent literate nation.

- Let us pray for the change of heart in people who create divisions on the basis of race, religion, and language.
- Let us pray for the end of injustice, land distribution, and inequality inflicted on the poor. Let us pray for everyone to get their fair share in government welfare programs, for justice to be given to those who are unjustly oppressed, and for a country of equality without inequality.
- Let us pray that everyone in the country realizes that giving and receiving bribes is wrong.
- Let us pray that people who are addicted to drugs get rid of it and get prosperity in their lives, and that the government bans the production and sale of drugs and protects the welfare of the people.
- Let us pray that the idea of eliminating violence and walking on a path of righteousness without weapons sprouts in the minds of all Indians.
- Let us pray that everyone lives as a good citizen of the country, that an Indian who strives for justice and honesty arises, and that the feeling that everyone is created in the image of God is equal arises in the minds of all.

Mrs. Freeda Sam

FMPB - Headquarters



Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Day (MSME)



In our rapidly advancing nation, Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) deserve praise for their talent and experience.

Many entrepreneurs, trained from a young age, became professionals in their fields. However,

demonetization and the COVID-19 pandemic caused severe setbacks.

Burdened by loans and idle machinery, many entrepreneurs were forced into wage work, unable to sustain rent without owning land or property. These enterprises, vital to the ministries going on through FMPB (SCAN members), now face numerous challenges. August 30 is observed as National MSME Day, highlighting their importance and struggles.

Blessings: Businessmen who seek God first are experiencing His blessings. Many who started in lowly jobs have now become successful entrepreneurs by attending church as a family, praying, and beginning each day with Bible reading and prayer at their workplace. Those who give God the first share of their earnings and live with honesty are richly blessed. Many have passed on their businesses to the next generation, and by raising their children in godly devotion, their children now excel in business, aligning with modern trends in science, technology, and the nation's growth.

Based on the verse, "A little one shall become a thousand," God is blessing small Christian businesses. Despite competition, customers seek them out because they operate honestly—avoiding false measures, selling first-class products, limiting profit, and putting God first. Their integrity and dependence on God amid challenges bring His favor.

A Small Testimony: Mr. Peter Sivakumar, born into a non-Christian family and educated only up to the fourth grade, once worked in a Marwadi shop for a small income. After accepting Jesus as his Savior, he started a small shop in Ilampillai, Salem district. Despite limited means, he supported believers' children, and God blessed his efforts. Today, he is the founder of A1 Textiles, supplying sarees to major stores like Chennai Silks. He supports three missionaries and builds Churches in our mission fields annually. His life is a testimony to how God blesses those who honor Him in business.

Their Role in the Ministry: • Small business owners, salaried workers, and those who have accepted Jesus as their personal Savior are deeply burdened for souls and

missionaries. They pray daily and give generously to the ministry. • They collect offerings through money boxes (hundies) and help meet the ancillary needs of the ministry. • Business families gather weekly or monthly for all-night prayers, fasting, and intercessory gatherings. • They contribute towards building churches and hostels for the children of believers to stay and study. • Through their regular offerings and prayers, they support the children of missionaries and fellow believers.

Challenges They Face: • Seasonal businesses, such as summer soft drink sales, impact income stability. • Health issues like varicose veins and other ailments. • Business rivalry and jealousy. • Lack of ownership of land or workspace. • Hindrances during festive seasons. • Loan burdens and repayment difficulties. • Shortage of skilled labor.

Let us uphold these small and micro-entrepreneurs in our prayers as they continue to serve faithfully despite many challenges.

Rev. Augustus Pushparaj, Secretary - SCAN

Missionaries who have completed missionary training and have gone to the field

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Mr. Sushil Hembrom | Mrs. Sunita Marandi | Miss. Sheela Hansda

Miss. Randhon Murmu | Mrs. Kajal | Mrs. Vijitha | Miss. Ibalale Pame

Mr. Letkhogin Mate | Miss. Esther Nishon | Mrs. Reshmarani

Let us pray for them:

• God to encourage them amid unfamiliar language, culture, and climate, and grant them wisdom and memory to learn quickly. • For God to protect them from loneliness, physical weakness, and isolation. • The doors to be open for the gospel, and may their spiritual burden lead to deeper daily growth. • The villagers to receive them gladly and respond to the gospel. • God to grant them travel safety, unity with coworkers, strength to serve with zeal despite opposition. • God to give them suitable life partners for the unmarried, enabling them to serve as godly families.



TAPAN Mission Field

A Glimpse

About Tapan

Tapan is a village located in the Dakshin Dinajpur district of West Bengal. It lies about 14 km from Gangarampur town, which serves as the center for all economic activities. According to the Constitution of India and the

Panchayat Raj Act, Tapan is administered by an elected village headman (Sarpanch). The literacy rate stands at 75.29%. The village is home to the historically significant lake, Tapan Dihi, which also serves as a sanctuary for migratory birds.

Culture and Livelihood

Tapan is inhabited by two major ethnic groups - **Santals** and **Bengalis** - along with other communities such as the **Oraon**, **Munda**, **Bedia**, **Mahalia**, **Malphagadia**, **Rajbangshi**, and **Lokhara**. Most people engage in agriculture, labor work, and construction. Crops like mustard, wheat, cotton, vegetables, and paddy (twice a year) are cultivated.

Many youth migrate to other states in search of employment. While traditional marriages are arranged by elders, nowadays, many young people choose their partners and live together without formal ceremonies. However, marriages are still solemnized by the village headman. On the wedding day, both the bride and groom are carried in bamboo baskets. The groom is expected to give a dowry of Rs. 51 and a cow to the bride.

Religious Beliefs

The primary deity worshipped in Tapan is **Marang Buru**. However, due to the influence of non-tribal cultures, various other forms of worship have been adopted. Major festivals include **Paha Porop**, **Nav Porop**, **Soharai Porop**, and **Durga Puja**. A significant local festival, **Porla Kali**, is celebrated for a week, drawing large crowds from across India.

Spiritual leadership lies with the **village headman** and **Oja Gurus**, who are revered for their mystical powers. Superstitions and belief in magic are strong. Tattoos also hold spiritual significance - men tattoo their right wrists, and women tattoo the upper part of their chest, believing this ensures entrance to heaven. Ancestor worship is also common.

FMPB Ministry in Tapan

The Tapan mission field comes under the **Santal Region** of West Bengal, focusing primarily on reaching the **Santal** people who speak **Santali** and **Bengali**.

The field was first surveyed by **Mr. Kingsley** and **Mr. Pon Augustine** on 07/02/2015. The mission officially began in **June 2015**, with **Mr. Kingsley** serving as the first missionary until 2023. Alongside him, **Mr. Charles Marandi** and **Mr. Simon Kisku** served as local evangelists. Later, **Mr. Ranjan Khosla** and **Mr. Satish Kumar** also served for two years.

Since **November 2023**, the ministry has been led by **Rev. Haramohan Prabhudas Nayak** and his family, along with local evangelists **Mr. Raju Murmu** and **Mr. Simon Mardi** and their families.

Current Worship Groups

Nakthahar, Baspada, Nehamba, Nurol, Daws, Bonahar, Bodahum, Mahendra and Dikul.

First Fruit of the Gospel

The Gospel was shared across villages through night meetings, film ministry, tract distribution, and follow-up visits. In the village of **Togolpur**, some people responded positively to the message.

A 17-year-old girl named **Albina Marandi**, who had been suffering from a chronic illness, was miraculously healed after prayers were offered in Jesus' name. Witnessing this miracle, ten people came to faith and publicly declared their belief in **Buldola village** on **11/04/2016**. Since then, regular worship gatherings have continued there.



Challenges to the Gospel

- ✦ Restrictions by village leaders against night meetings, film, and drama ministry
- ✦ Prevalence of alcoholism and local liquor production
- ✦ Family opposition toward believers ✦ Spread of false teachings
- ✦ Youth migration to other states for work ✦ Cultural influence from Bengali religious practices ✦ Fear of evil spirits and societal pressure

Prayer Points

- ✦ Pray that church elders will grow in their knowledge of the Scriptures and lead believers in spiritual maturity.
- ✦ Ask the Lord to open doors for the Gospel in every village of the Tapan field.
- ✦ May God break the chains of superstition and spiritual blindness.
- ✦ Pray for every challenge to become a stepping stone for fruitful ministry.
- ✦ May believers grow strong spiritually and make a positive impact in their communities.
- ✦ Pray that those who oppose the Gospel will encounter Christ and be transformed.
- ✦ May those attending Gospel meetings boldly profess their faith.
- ✦ Pray for local employment opportunities so that believers do not have to migrate for work.
- ✦ Uplift the missionaries and evangelists in prayer - for their health, protection, and that they may be used mightily by God.

Rev. Haramohan Prabhudas Nayak, Tapan Field

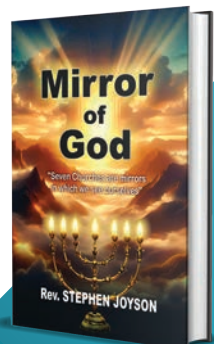
The Mirror of God

is a powerful and insightful book that offers a clear reflection of where you stand in your spiritual journey with Christ today. Drawing from the prophetic messages Christ gave to the seven churches in Revelation chapters 2 and 3-revealed through St. John-this book presents these messages as spiritual mirrors, allowing

believers to examine their inner lives in light of God's truth. Each message to the churches serves as a timeless reflection of the spiritual condition of Christians across different eras.

The insights shared in this book will guide your spiritual growth and serve as a stepping stone, not only for your personal walk with God but also as a means to lead others toward the kingdom of God through your life. It is an excellent resource for ministry and group Bible study.

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CHAURADIH CHURCH HISTORY

**JASHIPUR FIELD,
UTKAL REGION, SOUTH
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GENERAL

Badam is a medium size village located in Badampahar Block of Mayurbhanj district, Orissa with total 110 families residing. The village has population of 467 of which 232 are males while 235 are females, and children between ages 0-6 is 75, as per Population Census 2011. As of 2011, literacy rate of the village was 39.29 %. Male literacy stands at 54.31 % while female literacy rate was 24.10 %. Badam village is administrated by Sarpanch (Head of Village) who is elected representative of village. In Badam village, most of the village population is from Schedule Tribe (ST). Schedule Tribe (ST) constitutes 75.59 % of total population in Badam village. There is no population of Schedule Caste (SC) here. Moreover, only 69.42 % of workers are engaged in employment or have been earning more than 6 Months. While 30.58 % are involved in a marginal activity which provides livelihood for less than 6 months. The main workers are cultivators and agricultural laborers.

BEGINNING:

The Jashipur mission field was opened on 30.5.1989. The first missionaries were Mr. Gideon Ashok Kumar & family, Mr. Haramohan Prabhudas Naik and Mr. Bimal Kumar Jena. The Gospel was proclaimed to the Chauradih village during the time of Mr. Samarendra Singh.

In the year 2005, Mr. Pandu Taisom Naik, a resident of Chauradih village tried various methods to cure his ailing father. He had already lost his child due to sickness. Mr. Pandu Naik took his father to an ashram far away from his home. They met with the Baba there and agreed to try the meditation he prescribed. However, his father's condition only became worse.

Meanwhile Pandu Naik's uncle, Montay Hembrom from Dulkibeda village had accepted Christ and was leading a peaceful life. He was from Siltia Church congregation. He guided Pandu Naik to



Mr. Pandu Naik

put his faith on Christ. Persuaded by his uncle's words, Pandu Naik placed his faith in the Lord. Through faith and prayers, his father became well. Later, Pandu Naik and his whole family accepted Christ and were baptized. Thus, 10 people were baptized in the first baptism was held on 5.8.2009.

After the baptism, worship began at Pandu Naik's house. In the very first worship, 15 people participated and the worship was led by Subash Kuntia and Brindavan Hembrom. After 3 weeks, the worship was shifted to Sunaram Gagarai's house due to lack of space at Pandu Naik's house.

CHURCH GROWTH

Pandu Naik and his family members started proclaiming Christ to their relatives. On 9.9.2005 Mr. Malika Gagarai and his family (7 members) accepted Christ and took baptism. The land donor, Mr. Machua Jamodar and his family accepted Christ through the blessing of children.

In 2006, 23 people were added to the Chauradih congregation. Most of them were relatives of Pandu Naik. As the strength of the Church increased, there was a need for a bigger place to conduct worship. Soon the worship was shifted to Baigo Gararai's house. After two years, the worship was conducted at Machua

Jamodar's house from 2009 to 2012, till the Church was constructed.

CHURCH LAND AND CONSTRUCTION

The Chauradih Church land was donated by Mr. Machua Jamodar. Before accepting Christ, the children born to him died immediately after birth. Finally, a child survived through prayers. So, he and his family accepted Christ. As he wanted to do something for the Lord, he donated his land for constructing the Church.

The Chauradih Church foundation stone was laid on 22.9.2012. The Chauradih villagers opposed the Church construction when the foundation was laid. They asked the field missionary, Mr. Vinod Kumar not to enter their village as they considered him an outsider. But later they stopped opposing. The believers helped in the construction work. They took only 50% wages. The Church is named as 'Asha Masiha Mandali'. The Chauradih Church was dedicated for the glory of God on 10.11.2013. The Utkal Regional secretary, Rev. Albin Kissan Singh dedicated the Church. The missionaries, Rev. Haramohan and Mr. Vinod Kumar were also present. The first believer, Pandu Naik shared testimony of how the Gospel was proclaimed to Chauradih village. The local evangelists: Phagu, Madan, Jeban, Rasika and many believers were also present.

MIRACLES

1. 25.1.2006- At Chauradih, Mr. Machua Jamuda and his family of five took baptism. His daughter, Ms. Raimani

Jamuda was mentally unwell. Her family took her to Rawdia, a magician and made offerings but she did not recover. Then a fasting prayer was conducted at their house. Through the glory of God, she was completely healed. She soon began to clap her hands, and sing, pray and praise God.

2. Motaya Taisam was affected with brain malaria and he became very weak and his condition was critical. His family took him to the Rairangpur hospital for treatment, but he did not recover. Some people wanted to call the magician to do pujas. But the believers gathered and prayed for him in unison. God heard the prayers and healed him completely.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION



Mr. Sabon Gagarai

The following missionaries served in the Church through the years: Mr. Samarendra Singh, Mr. Ashok Naik, Mr. Vinod Kumar, Mr. Ganesh, Mr. Pawan, and Mr. Haramohan Prabhudhas Naik. The Church conducts Sunday School regularly and about 10 children participate. The Sunday school teachers are Pandu Taisam Naik and Navu Taisam. The monthly offering collected is approximately Rs. 500. The Church receives all kinds of offerings such as first fruit offerings, Church offering, thanksgiving offering, subscription, tithe

and rice offering. The Church elder, Mr. Sabon Gagarai and the believers go for outreach ministry. While some believers proclaim Christ to their relatives. Thus, the Gospel is being spread in the community. Holy Communion service is conducted once in three months at the Church. 20 to 25 people take part in the Holy Communion. 20 to 30 people attend the Sunday service with the Church elder Mr. Sabon Gagarai leading the Sunday service. The Chauradih congregation has 12 families (57 members). However, one family has backslidden because of alcoholic addiction.

The Church also conducts other programs such as Night Meetings, film screening, VBS, Believers training, Seekers Camp, Believers Camp, Christmas Program and Adult Literacy program for the benefit of the believers of this congregation.

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for all the believers who attend the Church to grow more rooted in Christ.
- Pray for believers who have backslidden due to addiction.
- Pray for the various Church activities that take place to happen without hindrances and to be a blessing for the people.
- Pray for more people from the village to repent, accept Christ, and join the Church.
- Pray for the literacy rate to improve so that more people can read the Bible and learn the Word of God.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Madhura Shanti Ramya Raju
Mr. Manjya Naik G., Mr. Raja B.
Mrs. Florence Doujapao
Mrs. Jebarani Ebenezer Sam
Mr. Krupa Rakshana Barre

Jammu

R.S Pura: Lunjalal Songthat & Mary Nengneikim

Praise God: For those who heard people heard the Gospel proclaimed in 5 new villages. Many children were blessed through the VBS successfully conducted in Banoti and Chowki villages and 10 of them have dedicated themselves to obeying God's word and their parents sincerely. 2 seekers camp were conducted and 40 persons attended the camp. Deepak of Chowki village a believer was trained into soul winning so that he would actively share the Gospel to his relatives. For Pooja from Akrachak suffering from kidney failure is slowly recovering by God's Grace.

Pray: For Pooja, Pinki and Pool Bhai who have recently confessed their faith publicly to stand firm and grow in the Lord and lead exemplary lives glorifying Christ. For our Church Elders - Purachand

and Krishanlal and for the believing families of Jagdish and Rajika who have backslidden and lost interest in spiritual activities to come back to the Lord in repentance. For the procurement of a suitable land in Kulian village for the construction of the Church and for the believers to contribute to the building of the Church. For the safe confinement of our missionary's wife Mary.

Narot: Sianlunthang Zou T & Lhingneihoi

Praise God: 151 new children learned about Christ through VBS classes held in five places. About 850 people in five villages were reached with the Gospel. God also helped distribute the New Testament to many. The Jillu and Joni families have expressed their interest in reading the Bible and becoming disciples of Christ. Local Evangelist Bhimla Devi was rescued from a raging river while traveling to a neighbouring village to preach the Gospel.

Pray: May the new believer Jillu's illness disappear. May God bless Sanam, Kujal, Ranju, Sakil and Tannu who are praying for a job and marriage. For Sakil, who has been unable to walk for a long time due to a foot ulcer to recover soon and through which may the ones who depend on him, know Christ. For the Gospel to spread among the large Mahesa ethnic group living in Kathua district and for them to accept Christ.



Happy Birthday

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

Ramgarh:

John Ezung & Libeni Jami

Praise God: God has blessed us with a large-scale sharing of the Gospel and its positive response in the villages of Aftal and Rajpura. For the many women who participated in the training to conduct soul-winning meetings and small prayer groups. A small prayer group has been started in Ramgarh. When VBS was held, 54 new children participated and learned the Word of God. For the five women who helped with VBS. Let us praise God for Sanjay who was electrocuted and fell down but was saved. Let us praise God for the group of people who listened to the Gospel at the night meetings held in 9 locations.

Pray: Let us pray that God meets Nancy from Randava Colony, who has not only backslid from her faith but has also led other believers astray and turned them to idol worship. Let us pray that the children's classes planned for Ramgarh and

Shivaji Nagar may proceed without hindrance. For peace to be sustained with the opposing groups. Let the worship service in Kothi village, which was stopped due to opposition, be resumed. Let us pray that the protesters may also find God.

Himachal

Rampur:

Doujapao Guite & Florence

Praise God: For Gangaram was miraculously protected from a snake bite when a snake had entered a box full of clothes. Unaware of its presence, he reached into the box to take out some clothes but was unharmed. Small prayer cell leaders training was conducted well. Sakshi was healed from stomach cancer through prayer. For the few new contacts who are attending the worship service. Gospel meetings were conducted in few villages.

Pray: For Reena to get a positive verdict in her court case. Vidhya Sagar to be healed from skin allergy and problem in nerves from brain. Manju the daughter of our local evangelist Kumba Dhas to be healed from the ailment she is struggling from. For all the believers to attend the Sunday services and the prayer meetings regularly.



Karsog: Pawan Kumar & Prabhashini Devi

Praise God: For Sunitha who had been struggling from eye problem for five years was healed through prayer. For Paapu who met with an accident and was in a dangerous situation was miraculously healed. Kusumba's husband who left the house due to a family problem repented and returned home. For the couple Sanjay and Sunith who have committed to serve the Lord and is serving.

Pray: For the couple Paapu and Sambadevi to be delivered from debt and to live peacefully. For all the planned trainings for the missionaries, small cell leaders and Church elders to be conducted without any hindrances.

Punjab

Bathinda: Sanjib Anand & Prastutabati Pani

Praise God: For the 45 children who took part in the meeting conducted for them. For Seema Kaur and Polyjeet Kaur who have committed themselves as full time missionaries.

For Jaspreet Kaur was healed from cyst in the stomach and Manjeet Kaur from liver problem. The problem in TP Singh's family is solved through prayer and are living peacefully now.

Pray: For the ministry to flourish in Koniyaana, Sapkaey and Telvaani areas. God to send committed people to help in the ministry with a burden. For God to bless Aarthi, Susmitha and Sathkar who are voluntarily helping in the ministry. God to deliver Puja from demon possession and Mouni, Kuldir and Ratir from alcoholism. For God to bless the efforts taken by the missionaries in starting a new worshipping group and make it fruitful.

The God Who Provides

Prakash, a believer living in the Niwalli mission field in Madhya Pradesh, admitted his elder brother to a hospital in Baroda, Gujarat. After 15 days of treatment, he had exhausted all his money. The doctor advised another three days of treatment, but he only had Rs.10 left and no one nearby to help. Broken-hearted, he knelt by the bedside and prayed. Early the next morning, a man approached him, handed him Rs.1600, and said, "I was inspired to give this to you." Before Prakash could even ask who he was, the man had gone. Prakash glorified God for this miraculous provision. Hallelujah!



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Mangaiyarkarasi Benjamin
Mrs. Suvila Gnanappu Daniel

Ahmadgarh Mandi: Krupa Rakshana & Shakena S

Praise God: For the 250 persons who heard the Gospel in 2 new villages. 80 children took part in the VBS conducted in Channa village where 60 of them are non believers. About 120 children attended VBS in Rohira village where it was conducted for the first time. Kirana and Sarbjit Kaur received deliverance from satanic bondages. Sarbjeet suffering from diarrhoea and vomiting for 20 days became very weak when she was prayed for by a believer, she experienced a miraculous healing.

Pray: For the children who attended the VBS at Rajkot, Methabgrah, Dhaler and Mini Chappar that they may grow in the faith and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For a new contact Sheema suffering from breast cancer to receive a healing. For Godly peace to prevail

in Simran's house so that all their family issues may be resolved. For Beena and her three children to receive Christ as their personal Saviour

Haryana Jeevan Nagar: Aliyakim Jena & Deepika Rekha

Praise God: For Sukh Dev of Sirsa who's 72% of the kidney was dysfunctional and was admitted in the ICU with no hope of survival was healed and was discharged when the believers prayed fervently with faith. For Ramesh Kumar and Mumraj families are enthusiastically participating in the worship services. Satsungs were conducted in 2 places, follow up meets in 5 places and the children's classes were conducted without any hindrances.

Pray: For the good health of the missionaries working in this field. God to bless the upcoming film ministry, night meets and prayer cells and make it fruitful. For all who participate enthusiastically in the worship services to boldly confess their faith. Through the trainings conducted for the Women, soul winning and Church elders the trained people to involve in sharing the Gospel.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Jyotsna Devi Prasanth
Mrs. Meshram Kalpana Valvi Netaji

Kalanwali:

Vijaya Kumar R & Jebala S

Praise God: For those children and adults who participated in the Bible study conducted for the children from Odhan, Kalanwali and Taduroad studied from the Scriptures eagerly. God preserved the life of a two-year-old child the son of Sandeep from Pippli village when he swallowed a soya seed which caused suffocation. Night meetings were conducted in 9 villages without any interruption.

Pray: For the children classes that had been started in Asir, Sakeriyan and Jhalaana village to be regular and fruitful and help the children to mature in the Lord. For Jashveer who is affected by AIDS and is a drug addict to be healed and delivered.

Rajasthan

Sri Ganganagar:

Binot Sompramary & Mirila Sompramary

Praise God: For the 2 new families who have started attending the

Church. A new Sunday worship service has been started. Sandeep had deliverance from evil spirit possession. Mira Bhai is recovering from a fracture in his knees. The Lord enabled the missionaries to complete 25 years as missionaries with FMPB though their current placement in Rajasthan is very new to them.

Pray: Amidst persecution and opposition to the Gospel, pray we will find open doors for the proclamation of His word. Some of the congregations are situated in close proximity to the Pakistani International Border raising safety concerns. For the newly formed congregation to grow in numbers and in faith. Pray we will adapt to the language and culture in our current field. For our missionary Binot to recover well from the brain stroke he suffered.



Please Pray For...

Sister Namsipanra (40 years old), from Kaki Domda village in Jharkhand, formerly practiced sorcery and earned a good income for her family through it. One day, she accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and completely gave up her sorcery profession. Please uphold her in your prayers as she grows in her new faith and witnesses for the Lord.





Happy Birthday

Mrs. Sudharani Bhai Ravi

Kherwada:

**Kenoz Stanley &
Vangalpudi Chandini;
Debashis Hembram &
Shefali Hansda**

Praise God: For Mamta Ben and Reena Ben had a safe child birth. God protected the life of Kareena Baleyjah when she took poison. Ashok Jothiya was delivered from demon possession. Our Local evangelist's son Ganesh Bhai's wedding was conducted in a grand manner amidst several commotions. For protecting Mothi Ben when a scorpion stung her. Reena Bhai was healed from cyst in the uterus.

Pray: For Silpa the daughter of our local evangelist to be healed from kidney stone without any operation. God to heal our local evangelist wife Suratha Ben who suffers from mental illness for the past 5 years, and Mamsha Ben

from depression and Souni Ben from cyst in stomach. Naani Ben, Ramila Ben, Kaali Ben and Jitendra Bhai to be delivered from demon possession.

Udaipur:

**Ashish Kumar &
Savita Dev**

Praise God: For those 26 people who attended the prayer meeting and committed to live a holy life. More than 200 people were blessed through the spiritual revival meeting conducted in 3 different places. Ramesh, Leela and Rajmol were delivered from demon possession. Arti was healed from kidney problem and Arpitha from fits through prayer.

Pray: For Bejli and Sangeeta families who hesitate to attend Sunday worship for the fear of their village heads. For the villagers who refused to permit to do the funeral service of Suguna who died due to TB in Christian way to be met by the Lord. Those who oppose the Gospel to have change of heart. Devilal who met with an accident and who's leg was fractured to be healed by the Lord. For the ministry to flourish in the Taluk of Balasiya.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Moses Muralidharan S.
Mrs. Joshna Jayrani Ebinesar
Miss. Arti

Uttar Pradesh

Rania:

Anil Kumar & Kavita

Praise God: About 300 children have participated in the VBS classes held at eight places and have come to know about Christ. Their parents also enthusiastically participated in the events of the final day. The construction of the Barajor Church is progressing smoothly without any hindrance. God saved Amit from having his hand amputated in an accident while working in a factory and made him a witness to Him.

Pray: Let us pray that the requests of the new believers who are coming to the meeting in Katra village will be fulfilled by God, and that they will grow in their faith daily. Let us pray that the separatists who are dividing the believers through different sectarian teachings in the Rania

region to not go to new places to preach the Gospel and destroy the Churches. Let us pray that the Babu and Aravind families who are new to worship to be saved and that they should confess God as a family soon.

Ghatampur:

Jangholun Touthang & Ngai Thianching

Praise God: Believers who were afraid to come to worship due to opposition are now starting to come. God has made it possible for us to go from house to house to pray and preach the Gospel without gathering in large numbers. The Rajiv Kumar family has been freed from the long-standing land dispute. The people of the Palmiki community have started to welcome the Gospel.

Pray: That the fears that exist among believers should go away. That Sonu, Rekha and Sumit will grow strong in faith, that they will be free from the devil's troubles. For Ravikumar, Aravind, Ramshakti, Aarti and Sunitha's family problems to be resolved and for them to live in peace. For the children of our believers who have got government jobs to not stray from the faith.



Happy Birthday

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

Bharthana:

Rajan S & Jeba Malar

Praise God: Night meetings were conducted in 4 places, follow up meets were conducted in 32 villages. Gospel was shared in 2 villages. The worship service was stopped in Maman village due to opposition; but as an answer to our prayers God enabled us to restart the service and to conduct it twice a week. The Milach Church's 11th anniversary was celebrated in a grand way. The government has sanctioned a house and also the money that was held up for several years was released to our Church elder Avinish who enthusiastically participates in the outreach ministries.

Pray: For the court case against Megna Church and against our local evangelist Shyam Sunders to finish soon with a positive verdict. For God to comfort Sachin who lost his father and grandfather in the same month. God to give a safe childbirth

to Suman, Saveeta and Compute. God to bless Manisha, Madhu, Mamta and Priyanka with children. God to heal Soni who struggles with a boil in her thigh that did not heal for the past 2 years. God to heal Lakshmi from kidney stone and swollen uterus, Sarda from gall bladder stone and Lali from swollen uterus.

National Institute of Missions:

N Rajadurai & Prema

Praise God: For He enabled the 10 new missionaries to finish their training and to be placed in the mission fields. Kajal and Vijitha who had completed their training have got married and have joined their husbands in their mission fields in Karnataka. Mohit and Pankaj have joined the training center to help in the works voluntarily. For the missionaries were able meet our believers in the jail and was able to encourage them. For the newly recruited missionaries.

Pray: For those believers who are in the jail and are facing problems from their relatives. For God to form the children in our homes as the pillars of the future Churches. For the 6 who are getting trained in the training centre to not be affected by the extreme heat. Many more young believers from our mission fields to commit for fulltime ministry.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Josephin Sheeba Jeevanandhan

Madhya Pradesh

Niwali: Hebel Hembrom & Basanti Marandi

Praise God: Five people committed themselves to living a holy life during a prayer meeting. 150 children participated in the VBS classes held in three places and received God's blessings. God helped to preach the Gospel to many through house-to-house visits in one village. Women's prayer meetings were held in 14 places.

Pray: New mission fields have been started in two places. Let us pray that dedicated local evangelists to come forward to work here, that Church elders will conduct Sunday worship regularly, and that believers will live holy lives and bring their relatives and villagers into the fold of Christ.

Morena:

Hosial Naik & Geetanjali

Praise God: Two people have given up their old sinful lives and chosen the holy life. Golu, a good student and a good believer, became very weak

due to a muscle spasm in his arms and legs during his exams; God heard his prayer and restored strength to his hands and enabled him to write the exams well. Kavita and Seema are volunteering to preach the Gospel in their village for God.

Pray: For God to provide relief to Udayvir, who is in financial crisis as his wife being bedridden due to kidney failure and Udayvir's father having recently passed away. For Sailendra family of Khairinda village, who are tired of the frequent illness and troubles caused by evil spirits; let us pray that God will encourage them. And for Mohar Singh and Shakuntala families to be strengthened by God.



The Flood Will Not Overwhelm You

Anusuya, a believer from Borpada village in the Peint field of Maharashtra, went to a nearby river with her husband to wash clothes. Due to heavy rains, the river suddenly overflowed, and Anusuya was swept away by the strong current. Her husband cried out to the Lord as the villagers searched frantically. Miraculously, she was carried to the riverbank unharmed and got up by herself a short while later. The entire family rejoiced and praised God for His mighty protection. The name of the Lord was glorified!





Happy Birthday

Mrs. Sanmata Manohar Thane
Mr. Omprakash

Guna:

Sateesh T & Sharmila A

Praise God: God eased Deewan Barela's pain from a scorpion sting when believers gathered and prayed for him. God healed Seetharam Barela who was not in her right senses and was roaming around when Gospel was shared to her family and prayed for her. Gospel was shared in a new village. Anjana Bhai and Radhu Bhai were delivered from demon possession. God healed Deepak when he suddenly developed body pain and swelling throughout the body at night and prayed.

Pray: For those who have confessed their faith in Jesus newly to grow in the Lord. For the magicians who oppose the ministry in the villages to repent and to accept the Lord. Ranjana Bhai and Radha Bhai to be delivered from demon possession. For the efforts taken to start a worship service in Baskedi village to be successful. For Kudibhai's husband who abandoned her for not having a baby in their 12 years of married life

to return home and to be blessed with children. God to heal our missionary Sathish from spinal cord problem and his wife Sharmila who struggles with epilepsy.

Dabra:

Satikanta Paricha & Sagarika Pradhan

Praise God: For the 5 teenagers who had committed their life to Jesus in the children camps that were conducted in 3 places. For the believers and Church elders are engaging themselves in soul winning with a great burden in their heart. Through the Church elders training and the womens meet many were blessed to learn from the Scriptures. For the peace Madhan and Reena are enjoying after our missionary had shared God's Word and counselled them for the family problem that they were facing; now they are attending the worship services.

Pray: For a Church to be built soon in Pitharvar. God to raise committed local evangelist to help in the ministry. To get permission from the municipality to build a training centre in Premnagar Church. To be able to register the Sultanpur Church land from the Thasildar office and Municipality. For the equipment needed for film ministry. For those believers who have backslid to restore back to faith on Jesus.



Dhar:

Santu Marandi & Rakhi

Praise God: Gospel was shared in a few new villages through outreach ministry. Many were blessed through the 3 days spiritual gatherings conducted for the believers. The Bilala people group who live in Kandhvani village listened to the Gospel eagerly. The training program conducted for the church elders helped them to grow in their spiritual life and also to lead their congregation in the right way.

Pray: For Rahul a 30 year youth from Bilkunda village who was receiving the Word of God with great eagerness is diagnosed with cancer; God should heal him completely. For those who are hesitant to acknowledge Christ in their life to do so boldly. For Chowgan, Parmanth, Parmanth Katharey and Rahul Katharey to be delivered from alcoholism and to be regular to Church. For all the planned progrmes to go on well.

Pal: Mahendran & Pushpam

Praise God: For the deliverance God gave to the family member of Amitsha

who was roaming the forest due to mental sickness when gospel was shared to the family members and prayed, now the whole family has accepted are attending the worship. God protected Raisha and Rathi from scorpion sting and Ramsingh from a poisonous snake bite. Roopsingh was healed from jaundice through prayer.

Pray: God to heal Kalimai from severe hip pain, Bongdi from paralysis, Rangaribhai from swollen leg and Mujilabhai from TB. For Puthlima to be delivered from demon possession.

Assom

Gogamukh &

Dhakhuwakana: Densingh R & Jasmine Kavitha R

Praise God: For a few who have confessed their faith in the Lord. 1 worshiping group has been started. Fuleshwar is recovering from cancer through prayer. Gitanjali and Lokibathang both were sick for a long time, but the Lord healed them through prayer. For Lisa Miraclin the daughter of our missionary is recovering.

Pray: For God to heal Jeyapathi from TB , Rukmani Kamman from spinal cord issues and Puivathi Pegu who is unable to do any work due to nervous disorder. All the believers to grow in the Lord and to keep themselves away from false doctrines. For an open door to Gospel in the villages in this mission field.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Jyothi Mary John Stephen

Gohpur:

**Nathan Kumar Bebartha &
Nirupoma Khosla**

Praise God: A new prayer group has been started in Lokbaisuk village. About 800 people heard the good news through night meetings held at five places. Many children came to know the truth in the Scriptures through children's camps held at three places.

Pray: Construction of the Jamakuri village Church has begun. Terrorists have threatened to demolish the Church if it is built. Let us pray for the safety. Let us pray for many new villages to have an open door for the Gospel to be preached, for prayer groups to be started, for local workers to receive good cooperation and for Church elders to lead the Churches in a spiritual way.

Bihar

**Eastern Gangetic
Region (EGR):**

**Babu Pushparaj d &
Rachel Joice**

Praise God: For the people from 2 villages are eager to listen to the Word of God. Rishidev was delivered from alcoholism. God healed our missionary Sheela Pawar from the wounds caused by a surgery done on her. For God enabled the Gospel to be shared in a few new villages.

Pray: For God to heal Botton Rishidev from a boil in his hands which broke and is giving intense pain. For Naagu Rishidev and Rahul Rishidev to be delivered from alcoholism. The outreach ministry that had been planned by our believers to a few villages to give good result. For Vidhyanandh Paswan who spreads ill reports about our believers to repent and accept the Lord. Navin Kumar's father to get salvation. For God to heal Prathima's 3-year-old daughter who has nerve problem and is unable to stand or walk. For Pileysen Rishidev to be delivered from drug addiction and be healed from piles problem.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Gnanasekari John David
Mr. Ashok Nayak

Jharkhand

Lalmatia:

Amarenthiran & Gowramma E

Praise God: For the 3 who have given up their old life and have embraced a new life. Gospel was shared in 3 new villages. God healed Kajol through prayer whose head was filled with sores. When 2 of our believers needed blood for a surgery God helped them to get it at the right time and also to recover and be discharged.

Pray: For the Mahabutton, Piyaram and Katkarey Churches to get a suitable church elders to lead the people. For Surendar Tudu who has lost his eyesight to recove it back. For Henna Murmu who could not go to work due to a wound to be healed and Meera Hembrom from swollen stomach unable to eat. God

to heal Marungmai Murmu whose fingers are rotting.

Nonihat:

Benhur M & MaryJohnsy Rani

Praise God: 26 people attended the prayer meeting and committed themselves to living a holy life. Somi Murmu was delivered from the clutches of the devil and Babuji Murmu from the severity of tuberculosis. The believers gathered at the Thana Church and engaged in a 2-day fasting prayer for the revival of the villagers. God helped Talmina Murmu to overcome the problems caused by the devil in her home and to find peace.

Pray: Let us pray for the recovery of Neeki Kisku, Salma Besra and Kudu, who are suffering from epilepsy. For the recovery of Rasiklal Hansta and Puthlal Soren from mental illness. For the repentance of Duma Marandi and Jagdishwar Hansta, who are opposing the Gospel. And for the strengthening of Church Elder Belta of the Bahadurpur Church, who is grieving after a house was broken into and a theft occurred.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Charles Chellakumar
Mr. Dhruvaraj Bebartar
Mrs. Sofia Daniel Rajamani

Mandro / Bhagaya Hostel: Hijam Kenedy Singh & Hojam Linthoibi; Sudhaharan (Rtd) & Florence

Praise God: 5 people who participated in the prayer meeting decided to give up their sinful lives and live a holy life. Many children participated in the VBS classes and learned the Word of God. A soul-winning training camp was held and believers and elders were benefited. David Marandi's lost buffalo returned home after prayers. New worship meetings have been started in the Banipur and Idzola areas of Bihar.

Pray: For the comfort of the Sanjkali's family members, who died of cancer. For the recovery of Marangmari Murmu and Teresa Hanstak, who suffer from paralysis. To get the land for the construction of a Church in the villages of Simra, Portala and Tiara, and for the smooth legal proceedings with the Panchayats. For the believers to grow in faith and live a testimonial life.

Sunderpahadi:

Shivshankar & Kantidevi

Praise God: The Pandariya village Church was consecrated for the glory of God. God helped to spread the Gospel for many people in 8 places. God graciously helped Suresh Madaiya, who was unconscious after being struck by lightning in Kusumba village, to recover.

Pray: For the family of the new believer in Bahadar village, Barka Tudu, who is grieving the death of his son. For the rapid spread of the Gospel in the Tamru area. For the speedy recovery of Sam Hem, who is suffering from malaria, and for the recovery of many people in this area who are suffering from kidney-related diseases.



Demons Tremble

Talamiya Murmu, a resident of Nonihat village in Dumka district of Jharkhand, was tormented by an evil spirit that disturbed his household every night, causing terrifying noises and driving away visitors. Despite trying various ways to get rid of the evil presence, nothing helped. Finally, he invited our missionaries to pray in his home. They shared the Gospel and prayed with the family. From that night onward, the demonic disturbances ceased completely, and Talamiya's entire family committed their lives to Christ. Glory to God!





Happy Birthday

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

Telo: Arulanandam Venkatesan M & Lisa

Praise God: 33 people who attended the revival meeting decided to live a new life for the Lord. In the outdoor Gospel sharing event held in parts of Bihar, about 1200 people were distributed Gospel tracts and God praised the grace to preach the Gospel. Through believers in 6 Churches, God made it possible for them to visit 19 villages to preach the Gospel to their non-believing relatives. The Ditti village Church was dedicated to the glory of God.

Pray: Let us pray for the immediate establishment of prayer groups in the villages of Dikrotala, Parapongama, Chotapongama, Perdor, Kitaijor and Tarapur, which are eager for the Gospel. Let us pray for the families of the church elders and local evangelists, for their ministries to be carried out well. For the black magic centres that confuse believers and prevent others from coming to Christ to be disarmed.

Dhalbhumgarh: Vaghera Pramod Kumar & Raut Jashodaben

Praise God: For the protection God gave to the believers Balai Soren and Surai Hembrom of Larkabasha village from an elephant. God healed Vijai Murmu from swelling in the leg and Naren Murmu struggling for four years from depression. As an answer to the prayer God gave a committed warden for the hostel.

Pray: God to heal Sam Mardi from epilepsy, Jithen Hansda from an untreatable stomach pain and Sohah Mardi from breathing issues. God to protect our believers and the home children during this monsoon and the seasonal diseases that follows. To get a good cook for the hostel.



Zeal for God

Vimala, a believer from the Ahmadgarh Mandi field in Punjab, went to her native village in Jaunpur district, Uttar Pradesh, during the summer vacation along with her children. On Sunday, as she prepared to go to Church, she was saddened to find that all the Churches in the area were closed. With much prayer and burden for souls, she shared the Gospel with five families she encountered and formed a small prayer group. They began gathering every night for prayer. Let us praise God for the spiritual zeal and burden He has placed in her heart.





Happy Birthday

Mrs. Mary Sebastine

West Bengal

**Itahar: Astaban Aditya
Kumar & Manini Bebartha**

Praise God: Seven people participated in the prayer and gave up their sinful lives. Ten people participated in the elders training camp held in Prabhukhat village and were spiritually benefitted. God helped the Jesus film to be screened in seven places. After seven years of marriage, God blessed the Sonali Baski family with a beautiful child. Simoli Marti and Chinmayi were saved from a poisonous of a snake bite.

Pray: Let us pray for the growth of the ministry in the 18 villages where worship is currently taking place and for the expansion of the ministry in neighbouring villages. Let us pray for the recovery of Konkon Kisku, who is suffering from swelling all over his body, for the recovery of Kabiraj Soran, who is suffering from tuberculosis, and for the recovery of Sinji Soran and Gaurav Hem, who are suffering from scabies all over their bodies.

**Malarpur: Updesh Kumar &
Shweta Verma**

Praise God: God helped the missionaries find a good house in Mallapur. Joseph and Sailesh, who were suffering from mental illness and were causing trouble to many, were freed when the missionaries went to their homes and prayed for them. Gospel meetings were held in 18 villages and Gospel tracts were distributed to 160 people.

Pray: For the worker Upesh Kumar who is suffering from rashes and itching all over his body, may God grant him miraculous healing soon. For God to bless the efforts to start a worship group in the Chandni areas. For meetings to be started in many new places in the Mallapur areas, and for the ministry to flourish.



The Poison Was Broken

Bandu Bhai, a believer from Kamatpada village of Peint field in Maharashtra, was working in his field one day when he was suddenly bitten by a venomous snake. Despite the shock and pain, he prayed earnestly, tied the wound with a piece of cloth, and walked back home. His family gave him first aid, anointed him with oil, and prayed over him. God miraculously intervened, and the snake venom had no effect on his body. He now boldly testifies to others about the miracle God performed in his life. Hallelujah!





Happy Birthday

Mrs. Ngai Thianching Jangkholun

Jambani: Ephraim Malli & Prosonsita Malli

Praise God: For the open-door God gave to share the Gospel in few villages for the first time. 3 families from the Singa people group have accepted the Lord. For Darmendra Soren a committed volunteer who helps in the ministry. Even during the continuous rains no ministry was interrupted.

Pray: For Ratan Chandra to accept the Lord. For Malathi Murmu, Boby Murmu, Sona Hansda family, Kalibath Soren, Dasa Soren, Pavelpatti Soren, Bijoy Krishna family, Gowrimoni Soren, Pulmoni Murmu, Ponmoni Soren, Jokemasi Kalipada Baski Robin Baski and Anjali's husband to accept the Lord. Leelima Singa from Thulibath is born blind and she shows interest in the Gospel; for her to receive her sight.

Haldibadi / Gazole:

Anil Kumar Bishoyi & Alice

Praise God: Even during the monsoon God enabled our missionaries do the ministry and for the protection He to

them all. For the open-door God gave to share the Gospel in 3 new villages. Follow-up ministry was done in 5 villages and many joyfully received the tracts.

Pray: For an open-door to Gospel in Sonapur, Kandapariya, Fatehpur, Pengaalpatti, Harirampaar and Pamuha villages. For a revival among the Rajbhansi people group. For those who oppose the believers from attending the worship service and prayers to repent and to be touched by the Love of Christ. For God to give a miraculous healing to Prathima's 3-and-a-half-year child to recover and be able to walk. God to heal Pradeep Depsharma from swollen liver and Mughul Sarkar from paralysis. For the missionary's elder brother who is bedridden to be healed and delivered.



Lost Cow Found

Sugurmani Munda from Kongona village in Rimuli, Odisha, returned home one evening to find his cow missing. He searched throughout the night but couldn't find it. Before sleeping, he prayed earnestly for the return of his cow. That night, he had a dream in which he saw the cow standing under a jackfruit tree at the edge of the village. The next morning, he went to that spot and found his cow exactly as seen in the dream. He praised God joyfully. Hallelujah!





Happy Birthday

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

Chattishgarh

Wadraf Nagar:

**Boopathi P &
Paulin Mary**

Praise God: For the deliverance God gave to 7 persons from alcoholism and bad habits. God protected the life of the missionary's wife when the auto in which she was returning from the ministry toppled all of a sudden. Gospel was preached in few village and Bible study was conducted in 13 places for the children.

Pray: For those who oppose Nikita for her faith to stop the opposition. God to deliver Ronni and Pazhankan from demon possession. For the planned ministerial programs to go on without any interruption and each program to be fruitful.

Gharghoda:

**Kingsly Issac Johnson M &
Meena**

Praise God: A one day fasting prayer and a 3 day fasting prayer were conducted successfully. The worship services were conducted without any hindrances. 5 outreach ministries and 15 Satsangs were conducted. A one day children's camp was conducted in the field. 3-year-old Jabez who was hospitalised for severe dysentery received healing through treatment and prayer. Suguna Ratiya who received divine healing from an undiagnosed disease later accepted Christ and publicly confessed her faith in the Lord.

Pray: For the Ratiya people group that many would respond to the Gospel of Christ and the believers would lead witnessing lives. For the obstacles against the Gospel to cease in Kamnar Taluk and open doors to prevail in the villages where currently the Gospel is not allowed. For Rukmani and Babulal and his son to receive divine healing and be led to a saving faith in Christ Jesus. For a suitable land to be procured in Kalabani village for the Church to be built. For Satkuver Sitar of Kedama village who is unable to walk to receive a healing.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Kumari Susama Haramohan
Mrs. Sushmita Samarendra Singh

Champa:

Vinod Kumar Singh & Pravatimani

Praise God: About 500 people heard the Gospel through the proclamation of the Word. 8 persons accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. The Gospel was preached in 5 new villages of Tanoud, Nevari, Jebra, Donga Kohorod, Vestara and Mevar colony. A women's camp and a family retreat was conducted in Pamgarh for edifying the faith of our believers. For the healing of Amran from Aklatara village from Blood Cancer.

Pray: For Madalsha suffering from arthritis for the past 6 years to receive healing. For the healing of Kanchan from severe body pain, Jagritee from kidney ailment. For the new sub centre to be opened in Sivri Narayan for the expansion of the ministry. For the missionary's

children pursuing professional education in Bangalore to be able to secure a good job.

Hati:

Dinesh Kumar & Neetu

Praise God: 80 persons head the Gospel. New families have joined the Church at Giariary village. A 3-day fasting prayer was conducted in Kartala. For the abundant rainfall in our land. The Lord provided a good harvest of paddy in the summer season in our region. Three of our believer families got benefited through the PM Awas scheme. A new family from the Ratya people group has started coming to the Church.

Pray: For Jampali a new contact from Sarti village that her husband should believe in Christ. For Jagish and his brother Pradeep to accept Christ as their personal Saviour. For the need of two families to serve as Pastors to be met. For the 2 new families coming to the Church at Samercana to grow in their faith. For Darsan Singh Ratya from Jogda village and Paras Ratty from Girary village to come to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.



Happy Birthday

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

Pathalgaon:

**Padvi Somlia Mansubhai &
Mahala Shilaben**

Praise God: During a one-day gathering of believers, 18 people have committed themselves to the life of holiness. A new prayer meeting has been started in the village of Tatkau. When there was distress regarding the lack of a place for worship, Narveen Khajur from the village of Bhatia offered his house. The Gospel has been shared with many through bhajan meetings in the villages of Chamarakara and Tindupawra.

Pray: Let us pray for the recovery of Harjit Singh from cancer, for the recovery of Chakalsai Ratiya and Jaiprakash, who are suffering from paralysis, for the liberation of Sukaram and Dukka, who are

trapped in the grip of the devil, for the recovery of Raiprol, who is suffering from swelling in his hands and feet and is suffering from high blood pressure. For the believers to regularly participate in Sunday worship.

Odisha

Angul: Sankar P & Jelin T

Praise God: Our believer Anantho Tudu's both the sons have committed their life to God and have gone to the Bible college. For the deliverance God gave to Dunusayan from demon possession. Our believers' children's weddings were conducted for the glory of God. The people in few villages eagerly listened to the Gospel shared.

Pray: For the dedication of the Jaithamathapur Church to be conducted peacefully. For the practice of child marriage among the Ho people group to be abolished. For more leaders to raise among the believers themselves to take the Gospel to their own people. Gospel to reach many more new villages and people to positively respond to the Gospel.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Emi Ananthi Eliya

Dhenkanal:

Ashok Naik & Surabhi Beero

Praise God: For Seematheraiya who was bedridden is healed through prayer. Beersing Purti was unable to walk due to demon possession is delivered and is able to walk now by the power of God. God delivered Dunusaimiya who was mentally not well due demon possession. Church elders training went on well.

Pray: The new believers to be rooted in the Lord. For Rahma, Seramhasaahi and Rangipal to be touched by the love of Christ. The Gondiya villagers who threaten our believers to repent and accept Christ; the believers to stay strong in the Lord. Santhuri Purthi to be healed from mental illness.

Gujarat

Selamba:

Yuvanesh & Jhansi Rani

Praise God: For the protection God gave to our missionaries when people tried to attack them in Kukermunda

village. Shramila who prayed for the fruit of the womb is blessed with a baby girl. Eshwarbhai is healed from kidney stone.

Pray: For a worship group to be started soon among the Sonwal village who show much interest in the Gospel. For sufficient rain this monsoon. For all the planned training programs to go on well. For the opposition to die down in Kukermunda, Raighat and Pulwadi villages and for an open-door for Gospel in these villages.

Khergam: Kumaran G & Jelin Jaya Pratha

Praise God: For He enabled us to renovate the hostel during the vacation. 30 new children have got the opportunity to join the hostel this year to study. The team from Mumbai enlightened our children in the secular and spiritual way. Those who completed the 12th standard were able to get into colleges.

Pray: For those children who have newly joined the hostel to be able to adjust and be joyful. To get a good cook and a committed warden to be got for the hostel. Children to be safe from the seasonal infections like scabies, fever and other illness. For all the children in this hostel to grow spiritually and also with all wisdom and knowledge.



Kaprada:

Bidush Kumar & Pritibala

Praise God: The Gospel was proclaimed through drama program in Patli and Savarpada village. 27 persons were added to the fold of believers in Vadi village. Radhubhai of Madhulna village who used to harm himself due to a satanic attack, received a miraculous deliverance. Trimbakbhai of Simbarvahal village who was hurt when a tree branch fell on his head and underwent a surgery has recovered well. For the protection upon Praveen of Dixal village who encountered a snake and met with an accident. Motiram of Kasathvadmal village had a miraculous save when the asbestos sheet he was installing fell upon him. Ritesh of Nachankhadak suffered a heart attack and recovered by God's Grace.

Pray: For the healing of Elishaben of Ildar Church from breathing issues, Goyaben of Ghotan village from a nervous problem, Sitaram of Midhulna village and Gangabhai of Bhoarpada village from paralysis. Motiram who is differently abled to be blessed with a good future. Pinkiben of Vihirpada village who remains childless after 7 years of married life to be blessed with children. For Laxambhai of Vadoli

village to receive divine comfort to enable him to come out of grief after the loss of his only son in an accident. For the forth coming youth meeting scheduled in two places.

Choramba / Kadod:

Pushparaj R & Jothi Nirmala

Praise God: The Gospel was proclaimed in Kareli village and 106 persons heard it. 62 children including non-believers attended the VBS in Palsod village. Sonaben of Barsadi village is responding to the Gospel and invited us to pray for her. The migrant labourers settled in Palsod village are regularly attending the Church service in Barsadi. For Arban a 10th grade student suffering from Cancer and under medication is recovering well and is attending school again. Night meetings are conducted in Umrakh and Bardoli villages.

Pray : For Lalmohar, Fulkumari, Sudhir Kumar and Pradip Kumar who publicly confessed their faith in Jesus Christ to attend Church services regularly and grow in their faith. Four migrant workers attending Bardoli Church are prepared to accept Christ Jesus as their personal saviour. Keshav of Kareili village to receive deliverance from an evil spirit possession. For Mehulbhai of Jatpore village to relinquish his bondage to alcohol so that his neighbours would be willing to attend the worship 'service in his home. Gijarben to recover well from her neck surgery. For the deliverance of Sasmita Kumari a 9th grade student from the possession of an evil spirit.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Ramamuni J.B.V. Prasad
Mr. Venkatesh Waddar
Mr. Ashish Kumar
Mrs. Subasini Murmu Stephens

Ahwa: Vigneshwaran n & Angelin M

Praise God: For 6 persons who publicly confessed their faith in Christ Jesus. For the Gospel preached to many persons. For the successful removal of tumour from Kumwantis of Suntha village. For Somle and Rosy who were blessed with a child after many years of waiting. For Santosh of Lahan Dhabs village who had a successful removal of appendicitis. Ramila Ben caught in a severe storm and rain managed to reach her village safely. Ramu of Vadpoda village unable to walk for the past 6 months is now able to walk due to prayers.

Pray: For Kalu and Latha of Koshiya village where new believers struggle with lack of peace due to satanic bondages, to experience deliverance. For Mothiram and Shanthi Lal of Chickinagovda village to be healed of their ailments. 4-year-old Josna of Vadiyavan village is still unable to walk from her birth to receive healing. Deepika from Taklipada village has given birth to a premature baby in 5 months of confinement. Pray the baby would be nurtured well. Savitha suffering from a tumour in the stomach and Daniel with

a low blood count to receive a healing. We are unable to hold any large scale meetings in Ahwa field because of strict police intervention who often come to even check the missionary's home for any Christian activity. Pray for open doors for the Gospel to be proclaimed.

Kawant: Akhilesh Kumar & Kiran Devi

Praise God: For 20 persons who accepted our Lord Jesus Christ as their personal saviour in a public confession of faith event in Mudabhari village. A three day spiritual retreat was conducted for our CDC Children and 160 children participated and were blessed with the Word of God. For the two outreach VBS programmes conducted in Tarasva and Kanjipani villages where many unbeliever's children participated and heard the Word of God. A two-day evangelist training, a youth training and a Sunday Class Teachers training were conducted in Jamania Church. For Sunita Ben under the torment of evil spirit received complete deliverance.

Pray: Jikaben of Ulka village suffering from severe stomach pain and experiencing no cure from medicines, to receive healing through prayers. For Manjubai of Makudamba village suffering from oral cancer to receive a divine healing. For Ashwinbhai Tadavi of Sinki village under the torment of satanic forces for the past 3 years received no deliverance through black magic and animal sacrifices. He has now turned to the Lord in prayer to receive a healing. Pray his faith in Christ would deliver him. For the upcoming public confession of faith events planned in various villages.



Mosda:

Paulraj R & Koil Pushpam

Praise God: Many children participated in the VBS classes held at three places and were benefited. Jaideep, who was very weak due to kidney failure, was healed through prayer. God protected Mahanbhai from being hit when his two-wheeler met with an accident on the forest road. Yohan and Dilip, who had been suffering from fever for a long time, were cured.

Pray: For the lump on Kalpana's neck, who newly attends worship, to disappear. For the hand of Jayantibai, who was paralyzed due to an accident, to heal. For the fight between husband and wife in Dinesh Bai's family to end and peace to be brought. For the recovery of Ramesh Bai, who is suffering from mental illness in the new village, Solia. For the destruction of the devils act on Anita and against the family of the believer Jettiyabai.

Bodeli / Dabhoi:
Yesu Babu & Usha S

Praise God: A women's prayer group has been started in Kundanpur village. Many people attended the camp held for the young children in the mission field and learned about reading the Bible and praying. Hansta, who had come to the women's meeting due to weakness in her whole body, returned home in good health after the prayer. Training and prayer meetings were held for Church elders in the Veraki and Kundan villages.

Pray: The Word of God touched the hearts of many villagers who were present as spectators at the night prayer meeting held in Karwan village. For a believer to recover from her fatigue and physical weakness due to the removal of her uterus. For Mukkiben who was attacked by evil spirits and had taken various treatments in vain, has come to our prayer meetings. Let us pray for her healing. For our believers who are starting field work during this rainy season, for them to have a good harvest.



Umergam: Asir Moses & Amritha Golda

Praise God: The Lord has graciously aided in distributing many New Testaments and many Gospel tracts. Many children of other faiths participated in the VBS classes held in four villages and learnt the righteousness and teachings of Christ. Lalita Ben was healed of a swollen thyroid gland through prayer. 13 people have decided to follow Christ and live their lives for Him.

Pray: Elesh Vinod, a 6th grader at Ranta Hostel, to be free from mental illness. For Deepak Bhai, who was injured in an accident. For God to bless the Gautham-Vandana couple with children. For the children of the believers studying in the hostel to excel in spiritual and worldly knowledge. Let us pray for the caretaker and cook in the hostel.

Dadra Nagar

Silvassa: Davidson Rajasingh & Kanmani

Praise God: For Sailesh who was unable to walk due to paralysis is able to walk through prayer. Through continuous prayers Elisa is recovering from TB. Many Church elders were blessed through the training conducted for them. For the protection God gave to Kalpesh, Vishal, Harji and Vijay from snake bite.

Pray: For Bhavani, Meera and Kulgi to be healed from paralysis. For Hansda who is unable to walk due to swollen legs to be healed. For the couple Vishal and Kakdiya to be blessed with children. Kalpesh whose kidneys have become dysfunctional to be healed.

Khanvel:

Arul Aseer & Suguna L

Praise God: For those persons who have accepted Christ as their personal Saviour and declared their faith publicly. For the 250 youth who participated in the Vasona village to live dedicated lives for the Lord. For the protection experienced by Vanitha Ben who encountered a snake in her workplace. For Ravina Ben of Thalavali village who experienced low water level during her confinement period, is now faring well due to the prayers offered for her.

Pray: For the safe confinement of Saritha Ben expecting her 2nd baby after a period of 12 years and experiencing low water levels. For Shiv Bhai of Sikada village suffering from a mental disorder for the past 5 years to receive a healing. Rasila Ben of Mogdam village suffering from depression due to a lack of child for the past 12 years of her married life, to receive a divine touch of the Lord. For the healing of Jamni Ben of Parzai village from depression, Nilesh of Umarvani village suffering from kidney stones and his son suffering from a skin infection.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Cindu Korah Edwin

Maharashtra

Surgana:

Mayilsamy T & Yesumani

Praise God: For the healing Thukaaram Chowdry of Babloon received from breathing trouble when he attended the prayer meeting and prayed with faith. The Borpada Church was dedicated for the glory of God. For the prayer cell that had been started through the efforts taken by the women believers in Joy Vihir village. For the open-door to the Gospel in Raniripada village.

Pray: For the efforts taken to start prayer cells in Bilurpada, Rohitpada and Kumripada village to be successful. For those opposing the ministry in Rohitvihir village to repent and to get salvation. The new believers from Kokri and Kotula villages to be rooted in the Lord. The meetings and trainings planned during this monsoon to go on without any interruption.

Chopda:

**Vasava Rameshbhai &
Vasava Sunitaben**

Praise God: Dulapen, who had been suffering from a lump in his neck for a year, came to the prayer and prayed earnestly, and the lump disappeared. 265 boys and girls participated in the VBS held at eight locations and learned scripture lessons. The prayer meeting has been started again in the Chopda village, as the opposition has been reduced slightly. 15 new boys were admitted to the hostel this year.

Pray: Let us pray that the new children who have arrived at the hostel this year not to get homesick and to focus on their studies, that they will be able to socialize with other students. For the hostel to have good and dedicated caretakers, and that the hostel cook's wife to safely return to the hostel.

Snakes Shall Not Harm You

In Rimuli field, Odisha, the wife of our believer Karthik collected firewood from the forest. Her son helped by stacking the wood in the kitchen, unaware that a snake was hidden inside the bundle. Later, when Karthik went to fetch firewood for cooking, he discovered the snake. Grateful that no one was harmed, the family praised God for His divine protection. Hallelujah!



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Sheela Victor

Peint:

Alex Prabhu & Priya Hethzi

Praise God: Two people have dedicated themselves to live a holy life for God after attending prayer. Ninguri, who was unable to sleep at night due to increased troubles from the devil, is relieved of his troubles after holding a prayer meeting and is sleeping well. Prakash, who was suffering from swollen kidneys and unable to urinate, has now had his swelling reduced and is urinating normally after praying. Kalpesh, who had been suffering from epilepsy, is recovering.

Pray: For the Devdongra and Porpada village Churches, which are currently under hearing in Court, and for God to meet those who are protesting against worship. For the recovery of Shantaram, who was attacked because he became a believer, is suffering from pain all over his body. For his attackers to repent and know God. For God to bless Alka-Vikash,

who have been praying for a child for the past 10 years, with children. For Sarika, a seventh grader who suddenly lost her hearing, may regain her hearing.

Boradi:

Omprakash & Sapna

Praise God: Eight people have decided to renounce their old sinful lives and live holy lives. The Lord provided with grace to start a new prayer group in the village of Paghaballa. After the unborn child died in the womb, Jalabi Ben was unaware and in a life-threatening condition for many days; God has blessed her and the child came out on its own after the believers prayed. The Jesus film was shown on television and more than 250 people watched it.

Pray: Let us pray for Mukesh and Deepak from Sakku and Budakvihar villages to be freed from mental illness. For Kutty and Jaganbai to be recovered from their breathing problems. For Pika and Ratanbai to have their eyesight restored. For Dusha and Vasi to be free from their chronic migraines, and for the upcoming training of elders, preachers and local evangelists to be successful in the upcoming monsoon season.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Edward Jebasingh J.
Mrs. Vasave Sunita Vechya

Talasari:

Geddamm Srinivas Rao & Medenki Rajyalakxmi

Praise God: 125 people attended the special gathering for women and received God's blessings. Anitha, a girl studying in 8th grade who was admitted to the hospital in a life-threatening condition after being bitten by a snake, was saved by prayer. New worship groups have been started in Naksori and Goshabad villages. A spiritual development training camp for Church elders and local workers was held successfully.

Pray: For the upcoming mela at the regional level. Let us pray that the village Churches be effectively administered, that worship groups are started in the villages of Barat and Tekkane. For God to bless the families of Kunta Dilip and Kukudu Dilip with children. For the training

camps planned for the upcoming monsoon season to go on well, and that God commands good rains.

Dhadgaon:

Ebinezer Samuel & Joshna Jayarani

Praise God: Eight of the participants in the prayer meeting have decided to follow Christ and live a holy life. God helped the Gospel to be preached for the first time in the Tirismal region. A 15-year-old girl, Dikubai, was working in the field when she unknowingly picked up a snake lying on the ground, but the snake ran away without harming her. The Lord graciously allowed Sunitha's hysterectomy to be completed successfully.

Pray: The villagers of Tirismal, Selpara, Katara, Umdi and Banbari, although they believe in Christ, are hesitant to come to worship due to fear of society. May their fears be removed, and may God bless the important leaders of the community. 45-year-old Kanjubai is unable to speak; may the name of Christ be glorified and his speech restored. Let us pray for the recovery of Kosadiyaben, who is admitted in the hospital due to severe diarrhea.



Mandana: Godisela Praveen & Idignala Mounika

Praise God: For Karina, a 12 year old girl whose limbs became inactive was taken to several magicians who could not help, but our believers and our missionaries when they prayed, she was healed. Koul Bahi was healed from respiratory problem. After Dhanasingh child was born dead he accepted the Lord and now his family is blessed with a baby boy.

Pray: The Kalamba Church construction to be completed. For Banu Bhai who had spent more than 7 lakhs for poojas to be healed. Roonabhai to be healed from mouth cancer and Rushi who passes faeces with blood. God to comfort Suklal who had lost his mother.

Karnataka

Haliyal / Khanapur:

Thanglal Zou & Nemzavah

Praise God: For Jinnappa, Tanggiawa, Swarna, Hanumantappa and Nagesh who accepted Christ Jesus in a public confession of their faith. Samanta a 3-year-old accidentally

inhaled sunflower seeds and suffered breathlessness and underwent hospitalisation. The Lord healed her through the medical process. For Evangeline who underwent a safe delivery. For Sowbagya who got a job as an anganwadi worker, even though she persisted in her commitment not to pay a bribe for a job. As a token of gratitude she gave her first month salary for the work of the Lord. Prasanth a new contact in our Church to fight the legal case successfully. For the new worship center in Madnalli where 10 people attend worship.

Pray: For 5-year-old Ruth who has a weakened muscle system rendering her unable to stand or walk, to receive a healing and for her family to come into the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For Shoba to receive her salary for the past 4 months of her work. For the construction of the Church at Nandgad after the No objection certificate from the local authority was issued. For Lakshmi, Prema, Manjula and Reema to be blessed with children. For those who are willing to have a public confession of their faith to overcome all their fears. For the worship centre in Madnalli to grow in numbers and them to be led to a saving faith in Christ Jesus.



Malur:

**Kishanta Limma &
Pramila Singh**

Praise God: The 23rd Church Anniversary of the Alambadi Church was celebrated with thankfulness to the Lord and many participated. One soul was added to the fold of believers. The Jeep Team Ministry happened without any hindrances and the Gospel was proclaimed. For the good acceptance of the New Testaments and Bibles by the people whom we meet. Priya was able to find a good life partner.

Pray: For those who hear the Gospel for the first time to be led to a saving faith in Christ Jesus. For those who seek the truth to publicly confess their faith without any opposition by their family members. For the land issue concerning the Alambadi Church to be resolved. For the missionary's brother Nagesh to be able to find a suitable life partner. For our believers to be set free from the debt in which they are trapped.

Shiggaon:

**Narendra Kumar &
Kajal KM**

Praise God: 330 heard the Gospel proclaimed and 2 persons accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. 48 New Testaments and 8 Bibles were given to those who were interested. For Akash our believer from Shigagoan field is currently undergoing missionary training upon his selection. For the missionary's marriage which was solemnized in a Christian way in the mission field without any hassles by the grace of God.

Pray: For a murder that took place in the Shigagoan field which has caused fear in the hearts of the people living here. Suresh suffering from paralysis and Arpita suffering from a lump in her body to receive healing. For Yesuwanth a new believer suffering from epilepsy to receive a divine healing as his relatives are mocking his faith in Christ as the reason for his epilepsy. For the children under the NSM project who are benefitted by all the facilities provided to them and yet refuse to accept Christ as their personal Saviour. For procuring a suitable land from the authorities to be used for burials.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Christopher P.G.
Mr. Balaji Yesudhasan G.
Mr. Ranjan Khasala

Andhra Pradesh

Palamaner:

Kuppuswamy P & Shyla K

Praise God: Many took part in the fasting prayer conducted in Kolamasanapalli and prayed for the nation. 3 persons have renounced their old life. For God enabled Venkatalakshamma to recover and talk after a surgery performed on her for a throat cancer. Many are attending the zoom prayer conducted at 5am each morning.

Pray: For Kanchana, Malavika, Sarasvathi, Latha and Siruvani who have written the government exam to get positive results. For Ruth Narayanamma who is admitted in the hospital to treat cancer to be healed. For God to help Deepamma

a widow who is suffering from bodily ailment, family and financial problem. For God to comfort our new believer Subramani who has lost his wife. For the Thalapalli Church compound wall renovation work to get started soon.

Tamil Nadu

Mecheri:

Dharmaraj & Maria Selvi

Praise God: For Duraisamy who helps in the outreach ministry enthusiastically. Gospel was shared in 2 villages. God's grace was in the ministry done during the last month and protected the missionaries.

Pray: God to heal Venkatesh of Nallagoundanur who had a surgery on the head some days back and it has not healed yet. For Maheshwari who lost her husband is living with 2 little children to get a good job. Shreeranjani to be healed from depression. For Ganeshan who had a fall and is unable to walk to be healed. For Tamarai Selvan to get a right life partner. For Selvaraj, Selvanayagam, Thambidurai and Nallathambi to be delivered from alcoholism.

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MISSIONARY ALBUM



Mr. A Ramakrishna Eliya and Mrs. Anjali Bantumilli

Mr. A. Ramakrishna Eliya was born on 05-04-1982 in Eluru, Andhra Pradesh, to Mr. Venkateshwar Rao and Mrs. Rangamma. After his

father's death and his mother's remarriage, he was raised by his grandparents. In 1995, he began attending prayer meetings with his ailing grandmother, led by Pastor I. Jayaraju. Despite coming from a non-Christian background, he accepted Christ, received salvation, and was baptized on 24-01-1996, taking the name 'Eliya'. Pastor Jayaraju nurtured him spiritually. By God's grace, he completed his Master's and B.Ed., initially aspiring to be a teacher, but later felt called to preach the Gospel.

Mr. Ramakrishna grew up listening to the stories of Martyrs. It filled him with wonder as to how they could bear the pain of death for the sake of Christ. In 2010, he attended an IEM State Mission conference which was conducted in Eluru. He heard God's call through the verses Isaiah 41:9 & 10, "I have chosen you", and committed his life to the Lord. Late. Mrs. Samadanamma and Late. Mr. K Israel from FMPB led him to join FMPB. Mr. Ramakrishna joined FMPB on 17th June, 2010. He worked in the audit office until August, 2010. He then did his NIM training between 2010 and 2011. His first placement was in the Hansdiha field, Jharkhand, among the Santal People. He was then united in marriage to Miss. Anjali Bantumilli on 02-08-2012.

Mrs. Anjali Bantumilli was born on 30-05-1985 into a Roman Catholic family in Gudipadu Village, West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh, to Mr. Rangarao and Mrs. Kamala. She has a sister and a brother and holds an MCA degree. Though a nominal Christian, her life changed while doing project work in Hyderabad, where she attended a Protestant church. John 3:16 stirred her heart, leading her to commit her life to God. Inspired by FMPB magazines she found at a friend's house, she felt called to serve among tribal communities through missionary work.

Mrs. Anjali joined FMPB in 2012 and, after marriage, underwent a year of NIM training, while Mr. Ramakrishna served as NIM staff for a year. In 2013, they were placed in the Samsi field, West Bengal, among the Santal people for six months. From January 2014 to 2020, they served as field pioneers in Itahar. Since April 2020, they have been ministering in the Pakuahat field. Mr. Ramakrishna was ordained by the N.E.L.C. Dumka Diocese on 11-12-2024.

God has blessed Mr. Ramakrishna and Mrs. Anjali with two children. Their son, A. Jeevan Prince (born 10-08-2013), is in Class 6, and their daughter, A. Jeevana Aradya (born 22-01-2016), is in Class 4. Both study at Santhosha Vidyalaya. Let us uphold this missionary family and their faithful ministry in our prayers.

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Mr. Muthukumar M & Mrs. Nethravathy Family

Mr. Muthukumar was born on 18/05/1985 to Late Mr. Masanam and Mrs. Isakkiammal in Alaganeri village, Radhapuram Taluka,

Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu. His childhood was deeply affected by his father's alcoholism, which robbed him of peace. However, through the influence of fellow students, he experienced the joy of salvation. He was baptized in 2003 in the local church and actively engaged in children's ministry and evangelism. His burden for lost souls deepened through youth meetings in the church. Upon reading the missionary vision book by Bro. R. Stanley, he became aware of the many districts, talukas, and villages in North India without a single church. With this vision, he joined the Friends Missionary Prayer Band (FMPB) on 19th September 2006 and began his missionary journey in the Nowshera field of Jammu and Kashmir.

Mrs. Nethravathy was born on 10/06/1987 in Kalingavaram village, Soolagiri Taluka, Krishnagiri District, as the eldest of two daughters to Late Mr. Narasimhan and Mrs. Pankaja. She lost her father at the age of two, believed to be due to a family curse. In search of deliverance, her family visited many temples, but found no peace. It was through the ministry of FMPB missionary Rev. Edwin that she came to know Jesus Christ, the true Savior, and received baptism in 1995. Along with other believing families, a church was built in her village under FMPB, where they worshipped the Lord. She completed her schooling at the FMPB hostel in Idayangudi. While studying she received a burden for North Indian missions through the Gospel Ratham program and joined FMPB in 2007. She began her ministry at the children's hostel in Ettapalli, Maharashtra.

According to God's plan, Muthukumar and Nethravathy were united in marriage on 24/05/2010. Since then, they have been faithfully serving the Lord together in fields like the Pokhrayan field, Uttar Pradesh (2011 -2013); in the Sundarbans region of West Bengal (2013- 2015); and 2015 onward, in the state of Chhattisgarh in mission fields such as Ambikapur, Bhaiyathan, and Sitapur among the Gond, Oraon, and Korwa people groups.

The Lord has blessed them with two children. Their daughter, Esther Priscilla (17/03/2011), is currently studying in Class X. Their son, Agabus Meshach (06/08/2013), is studying in Class VIII at Santhosha Vidyalaya.

Please uphold this family in your prayers-for a fruitful ministry and for the education of their children.



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