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*"But just as he who called you
is holy, so be holy in all you do;"*
1 Peter 1:15

CALLED TO BE HOLY



FRONTLINE...



A call to Holiness

Many today wonder whether it is possible to live a holy life in this present age. Among today's youth especially, Satan has sown the lie that holiness is unattainable. Yet because our God is holy, He calls us to be holy. One of the unique and glorious attributes of the God we worship is His holiness. The apostle Peter reminds us of God's command: "Be holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:16). Likewise, Scripture declares that God has called us

not to impurity, but to holiness (1 Thessalonians 4:7). This call to holiness is universal-and it is not merely an invitation, but a command. The God who commands holiness also provides the grace needed to fulfill it, for it is His will to sanctify us. Therefore, we are called to surrender ourselves and our bodies to Him (Romans 6:19).

True holiness is not limited to outward appearance; it must be reflected in our thoughts, words, and actions. Living a holy life involves daily battles, but the Holy Spirit faithfully helps us overcome them, enabling us to live blameless lives as we await the Lord (Colossians 1:22).

Thoughts: Many struggles arise in the mind rather than in the body-impure thoughts, pride, envy, and harmful intentions toward others. What we see and hear can shape and corrupt our thinking. Memorizing God's Word equips us to overcome these struggles (Psalm 119:15), and guarding our eyes and ears is essential. Just as removing a spider prevents repeated webs, we must identify and destroy the root causes of sin with God's help (2 Corinthians 10:5). Let us pray daily that our minds may be renewed and reflect the mind of Christ (Philippians 4:8).

Word: Our thoughts find expression through our words and actions. Scripture speaks extensively about the power and responsibility of our speech (Proverbs 12:18, 12:22, 19:9, 16:28, 25:23, 15:1, 26:22-23; Ephesians 5:3-4, 4:31; Romans 1:29-30; 2 Timothy 3:3-5; Matthew 12:36). Since death and life are in the power of the tongue (Proverbs 18:21), holiness in our words is essential.

Action: God desires holiness in our actions as well-loving and respecting others without partiality, helping those in need, and acting justly. We are called to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness (Psalm 96:9). Chosen in Christ to be holy and blameless (Ephesians 1:4), we are disciplined and sanctified so that we may become vessels of honor, fit for the Master's use (Hebrews 12:10; 2 Timothy 2:21). As we serve Him daily, the Lord Himself enables us to live holy lives that glorify His name.

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

"Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God"

2 Corinthians 7:1

A holy life is in itself a wonderful power, and will make up for many deficiencies; it is in fact the best sermon a man can ever deliver.

- Charles H. Spurgeon

"He has saved us and called us to a holy life-not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time" 2 Timothy 1:9

A holy life is not an ascetic, or gloomy or solitary life, but a life regulated by divine truth and faithful in Christian duty. It is living above the world while we are still in it.

- Tryon Edwards

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Our Mission

The Friends Missionary Prayer Band is a Gospel-centered movement committed to carrying the Good News of Jesus Christ to every corner of the nation. Empowered by the steadfast prayers, active involvement, and sacrificial support of the Indian Church-through its congregations, institutions, families, and individuals- this movement continues to serve faithfully across the country.

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From the General Secretary...

Dear Prayer Partners,

As we step into the second month of the New Year, the early enthusiasm of fresh resolutions begins to yield to the steady demands of ordinary days. This moment calls us beyond mere evaluation of plans and priorities into a deeper posture of listening, listening attentively for the voice of God. For the people of God, a New Year is not simply about turning a calendar page; it is about renewed obedience to the enduring call of Christ. Our Christian calling anchors us in who we are, clarifies why we exist, and reminds us that we have been placed in this particular season of history by divine design, not by chance.

To be called by Christ in India is both a sacred privilege and a weighty responsibility. In this ancient land, rich with spiritual longing, cultural complexity, and historical depth, our calling is intentional and purposeful. Jesus' words resound with clarity and authority: *"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit, fruit that will last"* (John 15:16). Through the centuries, God has summoned ordinary men and women in India to live lives of extraordinary faith, leaving a gospel-shaped legacy that continues to influence the Church and its mission today.

Christian calling begins with belonging, a belonging to Christ and to His body. In a



society deeply marked by caste, community, and hierarchy, the gospel offers a radically new identity, rooted not in social position but in grace. The ancient St. Thomas Christian community bears witness to the truth that the gospel took root in Indian soil without losing its indigenous character, transforming lives while honouring cultural context.

In India, Christian calling has often been expressed not through public prominence, but through faithful presence. The gospel has quietly advanced through teachers, farmers, nurses, evangelists, artisans, and professionals who embodied Christ long before they proclaimed Him. Pandita Ramabai stands as a prophetic witness to such a calling, responding to God's voice by serving widows and oppressed women through education, advocacy, and sacrificial love. Her life reminds us that Christian calling must engage both the human heart and the structures of society with courage and compassion. This quiet, steadfast witness continues to shape the Church's mission across villages, cities, and institutions even today.

Scripture also sets before us Barnabas as a compelling model of Christian calling. Introduced in Acts 4:36-37, Barnabas sold his land and laid the proceeds at the apostles' feet, teaching us that calling begins with generous surrender. In an Indian context where land, inheritance, and security carry profound meaning, his act confronts us with a searching question: have we placed God's mission above personal gain?

When Saul was feared and rejected, Barnabas stood with him and introduced him to the apostles (Acts 9:26-27). Christian calling, therefore, includes standing alongside the misunderstood, the hesitant, and the newly called especially first-generation believers and those from marginalized backgrounds. Later, Barnabas was sent to Antioch not to control or command, but to encourage (Acts 11:22-24). His ministry teaches us that encouragement itself is deeply missional. In a season when the Indian Church faces pressure, fatigue, and uncertainty, the call to strengthen one another in faith has never been more urgent.

Most significantly, Barnabas invested in the next generation. He sought out Saul and partnered with him in ministry (Acts 11:25-26), and when others lost hope in John Mark, Barnabas chose restoration over rejection (Acts 15:36-39). His life proclaims that Christian calling is not about guarding positions or preserving influence, but about releasing others into the purposes of God.

Throughout history, Christian calling in India has been inseparable from compassionate service. In response to God's call, believers

have established schools, hospitals, homes, orphanages, and relief ministries a visible sign of Christ's love among the vulnerable. To follow Christ in India often involves misunderstanding, exclusion, or even persecution. Yet suffering has never silenced the call of God. The story of the Indian Church affirms that the cross is not the end of the journey, but the pathway to resurrection life. Scripture exhorts us, *"If you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed"* (1 Peter 4:16). Faithful endurance remains one of the Church's most powerful witnesses.

India, therefore, is not only a mission field; it is a mission force. From this land, God is raising missionaries, professionals, and prayer partners to serve among unreached peoples within India and far beyond its borders. Shaped by suffering, simplicity, and perseverance, the Indian Church carries a distinctive gift to the global body of Christ. The mandate of Acts 1:8 continues to echo from our towns, villages, and cities to the ends of the earth.

In this light, the revival of the **Gospel Ratham ministry** is far more than the renewal of a program; it is the rekindling of a missional heartbeat within the Church. Just as Philip encountered the Ethiopian on an ordinary road and Paul proclaimed Christ in marketplaces and public arenas, the gospel is meant to move beyond church walls into the everyday spaces where people live, work, and journey. In this spirit, Navaneethar Annan and his team are prayerfully planning two Mission Expos, one in Chennai and another in Tirunelveli, with the vision of awakening burden, imparting clarity, and

mobilizing God's people for His mission. In a time when many remain unreached and hesitant to enter church buildings, the Gospel Ratham ministry offers a culturally rooted, relational witness through music, testimony, Scripture, and compassionate presence by proclaiming Christ with humility and conviction. We earnestly urge God's people to uphold these initiatives in sustained and fervent prayer, trusting the Lord for deep impact and lasting fruit.

As we look ahead, our Christian calling also summons us to prayerful discernment for the days to come. We humbly request the Church to uphold in prayer the forthcoming **Management Committee and Executive Committee meetings**, as well as the **National Planning Conference 2026**. These are not merely administrative gatherings; they are sacred spaces where we seek the mind of Christ for wise leadership, faithful stewardship, and renewed obedience to God's mission.

We also thank God for His steadfast faithfulness in the Utkal region, which joyfully marks its **Silver Jubilee of ministry**. Seeds sown in faith have borne fruit through perseverance, sacrifice, and prayer. As we commemorate this milestone, we look back with gratitude and forward with expectancy, asking the Lord to deepen and multiply the work He has begun.

In this spirit of remembrance and anticipation, a **Mission Consultation** will be convened to prayerfully reflect, discern, and chart the future direction of the ministry. May this consultation be led by the Holy Spirit, anchored in Scripture, attentive to

present realities, and bold in envisioning new pathways for gospel witness. We invite the wider Christian community to stand with us in earnest prayer, confident that the Lord who has led us thus far will continue to guide us for the glory of His name and the blessing of the nations.

Finally, we call upon all our prayer partners to remember before the Lord our missionaries who serve faithfully in difficult and often hostile contexts. Many labor under the shadow of persecution, misunderstanding, and opposition, carrying the weight of the cross in quiet obedience. We earnestly seek your prayers for God's divine protection over their lives and families, protection from violence, false accusations, accidents, and every form of harm. We also ask you to pray for physical health, emotional strength, and spiritual resilience, that the Lord would shield them from sickness, renew their strength daily, and fill them with unshakeable peace and courage. May the God who calls and sends also guard and sustain His servants, granting them boldness to witness, grace to endure, and joy to persevere until Christ is glorified through their lives.

Let us, therefore, pray without ceasing, discern with humility, and obey with courage for the call of God still resounds, and the harvest before us is great.

Yours in His service,



Rev. Vijay Prasanna Isaac

The Call to Holiness



The Holiness of Our God

Sin separated the first man from a holy God. Yet the God whom we worship remains holy forever. Scripture declares, “There is none holy like the Lord” (1 Samuel 2:2), and again, “Who is like You, glorious in holiness?” (Exodus 15:11). In Isaiah’s vision, the seraphim cry out continually, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.”

In Genesis 17:1, when Abraham was ninety-nine years old, God commanded him, “Walk before Me and be blameless.” From the beginning, the Lord has set apart His people for holiness. As Paul writes, “He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him” (Ephesians 1:4). God Himself declares, “You shall be holy to Me, for I the Lord am holy, and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be Mine” (Leviticus 20:26).

The Word of God is called the **Holy Bible**, and the Spirit who leads us is the **Holy Spirit**. Those who truly served the Lord were remembered as “holy men of God” (2 Kings 4:9). This is the highest testimony a servant of God can receive.

1 The Call to Sanctify Ourselves and Be Holy (Leviticus 20:7)

Even before the Law was given, men of God lived holy lives. Job is believed to have lived even before Abraham. God Himself testifies about him: “That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and shunned evil” (Job 1:1). Job, in chapter 31, bears witness to his own walk before God.

Joseph, who came after Job, declared in Genesis 39:9, “How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?” He chose holiness even at the cost of imprisonment.

These men lived holy lives centered on God in a sinful world-without the written Law. Their lives show us that holiness is possible through fellowship with God.

Likewise, the believers of the early church lived holy lives, even when many of them could not read the Scriptures. Their lives were shaped by obedience, prayer, and the fear of God.

2 A Call to Live Holy Lives Like Him (1 Peter 1:16; Leviticus 20:26)

Our standard of holiness is not other people-

it is Christ Jesus Himself. “Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps” (1 Peter 2:21).

The Pharisees compared themselves with others and justified themselves as righteous (Luke 18:10-12). But Paul, when he stood before God, declared, “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief” (1 Timothy 1:15).

John writes, “If we confess our sins...” -including himself among those in need of grace. Ezra, Nehemiah, and Daniel, in the ninth chapters of their books, confessed sin not as spectators but as participants, identifying themselves with the people who had transgressed God’s commands.

When we compare ourselves with others, we may appear holy. But when we compare ourselves with God, we see our true condition-and are driven to humility and repentance.

3 He Is the God Who Sanctifies Us (Leviticus 20:8)

For us who live in the New Testament era, God has given us the Holy Spirit-this is a great privilege. At the same time, we are living in the last days. Jesus said, “Because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold” (Matthew 24:12). Paul warned that “perilous times will come” (2 Timothy 3:1-5).

Yet God has not left us helpless. By the power of the Holy Spirit, He sanctifies us. “When He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth” (John 16:13). Jesus prayed, “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth” (John 17:17).

We are commanded to keep His statutes and walk in them (Leviticus 20:8). “The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes” (Psalm 19:8). A holy life is possible only through obedience to the Word of God.

4 Called to Live with Holy Adornment (Psalm 96:9)

After bathing and cleansing ourselves, we comb our hair and wear clean, well-prepared clothes. Men dress neatly; women dress modestly. When attire is appropriate, we appear presentable.

In the same way, humility, love, righteousness, compassion, and truth are the adornments of holiness. Isaiah speaks of Christ, saying, “Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, and faithfulness the belt of His waist” (Isaiah 11:5). Revelation 22:11 exhorts us: “He who is holy, let him be holy still.”

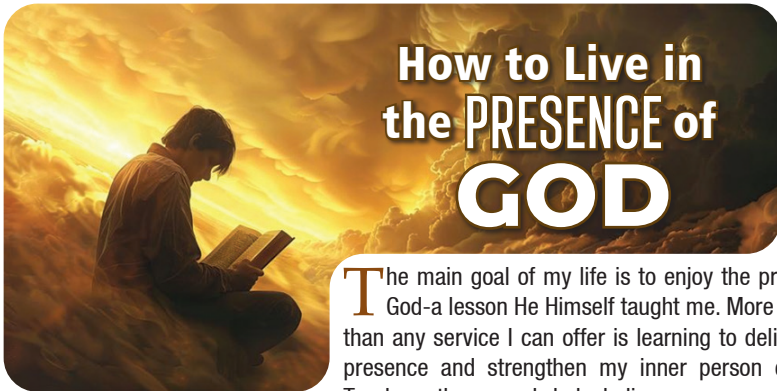
Why Are We Sanctified?

We are sanctified so that God may use us in this sinful world. He desires us to be vessels fit for His purpose-holy and pleasing to Him.

A vessel that is used must be cleaned repeatedly. A vessel that is not used may remain untouched in a cupboard for display. As children of God, we are used daily in His service; therefore, daily sanctification is essential.

Those who truly seek the Lord go outside the camp to the tent of meeting (Exodus 33:7). May we, each day, dedicate ourselves afresh to holiness, so that the Holy God may work through our lives for His glory.

Rev. S. Devadoss,
Missionary (Rtd), FMPB



How to Live in the PRESENCE of GOD

The main goal of my life is to enjoy the presence of God—a lesson He Himself taught me. More important than any service I can offer is learning to delight in His presence and strengthen my inner person each day. To share the gospel, help believers grow, comfort the

hurting, and live holy in a sinful world, I must first live continually before God.

For years, I rose early to pray, not yet understanding the power of meditation. But when God led me to prioritize meditating on His Word, I found it easy to sense His presence. My heart was ignited before Him, and in that openness, I could draw near and enjoy Him deeply.

Each morning, I began to meditate on the New Testament—reading, studying, and receiving the nourishment my soul needed, not to teach others but to feed my own inner life. During meditation, confession, praise, and prayer flowed naturally, yet I kept my focus on receiving spiritual nourishment.

Before this, I often struggled to feel God's presence in prayer and found it difficult to stay focused. Now, the moment I begin reading and meditating on Scripture, I sense Him near and can speak with Him about whatever He brings to mind.

Meditating on God's Word is the golden key that opens the delightful place of His presence. God invites you to enter this sublime and transformative experience.

- **George Müller** (Originally published in 1992 Araikooval; republished here)

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Kindly remember to keep in your prayers the missionaries children who will be appearing for their 10th and 12th board examinations in the 2024-25 academic year.

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

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3.	RIMON ABISHEK BHUINYA	- Rev. LAULIN BHUINYA
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CANCER Awareness, Prevention, and Hope

Cancer is a group of diseases characterized by the uncontrolled growth of abnormal cells, with the potential to invade or spread to other parts of the body. There are more than 100 types of cancer that affect humans. Among them, the most common are breast cancer, lung cancer, colorectal (colon and rectum) cancer, and prostate cancer. Globally, cancer continues to be a major public health challenge. Nearly 33% of cancer-related deaths are linked to lifestyle factors such as tobacco and alcohol consumption, obesity, inadequate intake of fruits and vegetables, and lack of physical activity. Other contributing factors include certain

infections, exposure to ionizing radiation, and environmental pollutants. Infection with specific viruses, bacteria, and parasites is responsible for approximately 16–18% of cancers worldwide, while about 5–10% of cancers are attributed to inherited genetic defects. Cancer is one of the leading causes of death worldwide. In 2020 alone, it accounted for nearly 10 million deaths-almost one in every six deaths globally. According to the Global Cancer Observatory (GLOBOCAN), there were an estimated 19.3 million new cancer cases worldwide in 2020. India ranked third in cancer incidence, after China and the United States of America. Alarming, GLOBOCAN projects that cancer cases in India will rise to 2.08 million by 2040, marking an increase of 57.5%.

World Cancer Day World Cancer Day is observed every year on 4 February to raise awareness about cancer and to encourage its prevention, early detection, and effective treatment. It was established on 4 February 2000 at the World Cancer Summit Against Cancer for the New Millennium, held in Paris. The primary aim of World Cancer Day is to significantly reduce illness and death caused by cancer. It also serves as a global platform to unite the international community in addressing the injustice of preventable suffering from cancer. The day is officially observed by the United Nations. World Cancer Day plays a crucial role in challenging misinformation, raising awareness, and reducing the stigma surrounding cancer.

Across the globe, hundreds of events and initiatives are organized each year to express solidarity with those affected by cancer and to promote collective action. World Cancer Day Themes World Cancer Day follows a three-year thematic cycle, with each theme guiding awareness campaigns, publications, and outreach programs worldwide. Some of the notable past themes include “We Can. I Can.”, “I Am and I Will”, “Close the Care Gap”, and “Not Beyond Us.” The theme for the years **2025–2027 is “United by Unique.”** This theme emphasizes placing people at the center of care and their personal stories at the heart of the conversation, recognizing that every cancer journey is unique while reinforcing the strength of unity in care and compassion.

A Call to Pray from the FMPB Family

As a family of FMPB, we have mourned the loss of several beloved members to this devastating disease, and even today, some among us continue to battle cancer with courage and faith. With burdened hearts and steadfast hope, we pray that no more from our FMPB family would be added to this list.

Let us unite in prayer

- For missionaries (Mrs. Ahoni Achumi and Mrs. Manoramma Sumantha, (Thyroid cancer) Rev. Vinayaraj (brain), Mrs. Ziporrah Jeevaratna Beero, Mrs. Malika Paulraj and Mrs. Mary Sebastin

(Breast), Mrs. Ella Zeme (cervical), Mrs. Lissy Vavachan, Mrs. Vasantha Sugumaran), missionary child Liza Miracle (daughter of Mr. Densingh), and others in our prayer groups or mission fields who are affected by cancer—that God may grant them complete healing.

- For caregivers and family members—that God may grant them grace, strength, patience, and compassion as they care for the sick.
- For those confined to hospital beds, courageously battling cancer—that the Lord may restore them to health.
- That affordable and effective preventive and curative medicines may be discovered soon, leading to the eradication of this disease. That God may fill patients with patience, peace, and hope for tomorrow.
- That patients may not be exploited in hospitals and healthcare systems.
- That the younger generation may be mindful of their health and take preventive measures to avoid such diseases.
- That the financial and emotional needs of cancer patients and their families may be met abundantly.

May World Cancer Day remind us not only of the gravity of this disease, but also of our shared responsibility to care, pray, support, and stand together—united by faith, compassion, and hope.



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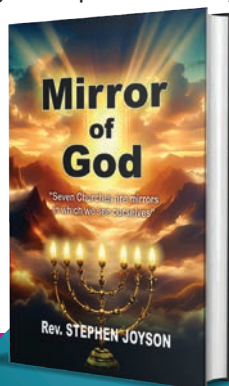
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Yet this transformation symbolized a deeper cultural clash. On one side of the clearing were the lodges of the Cayuse tribe (Native American tribe), from which echoed the muffled cries of mourning. On the other side, five covered wagons marked the wave of Westward expansion.

In between stood Marcus and Narcissa Whitman. They had left rural New York to bring the Gospel to the Northwest. When they first arrived, some of the Cayuse welcomed them, giving up witchcraft, violence, and the burial of unwanted children alive. They learned farming, raised cattle, and cared for their families.

Dr. Mark was born on 9 April 1822 in Federal Hollow, New York. He was a medical missionary who worked with his family among the Cayuse Indians near modern-day Walla Walla, Washington. His wife, Narcissa, had committed herself to missionary work

before they were married. The couple, who had married in 1836, left rural New York and were appointed missionaries by the ABCFM, traveling by sleigh, canal boat, horse-drawn carriage, and on foot over the Rocky Mountains, and established a mission near Wala Walla on May 25.

Medical ministry: Not all the Cayuse were grateful. Fear and suspicion toward the Whitmans grew-especially as a deadly measles epidemic swept through the Cayuse. Many died because the natives were less immune to disease than whites. But the people suspected that Whitman was poisoning them (the Cayuse people knew that Whitman had poisoned the wolves he was hunting). Despite Dr. Whitman’s best efforts, many died. According to Cayuse custom, if a medicine man (tewat) failed to heal, he was to be killed. So, the natives wanted revenge on Dr. Whitman. Resentment also grew with the steady arrival of white settlers from the East. Whites were accused of taking over their lands and horses. Despite knowing that their lives were in danger, the Whitmans did not back down from their commitment.

However, they established a hospital, school, and orphanage.

The Whitmans had already given up everything—wealth, home, family, friends, health—for their mission work. Narcissa was in poor health, and their only child, Alice Clarissa, had drowned in the Walla Walla River at age two. Despite all this, they were willing to give their very lives for the Cayuse Indians they had come to love.

The Massacre: On November 29, 1847, He sent Narcissa to bed and took her place caring for sick children—both white and Native. Neither knew these would be their final hours. A group of hostile Cayuse along with their chief arrived at the mission house requesting medicine. Dr. Marcus Whitman, ever compassionate, reached for his bag to help, but was struck from behind with a tomahawk (a kind of axe) and killed. Gunfire erupted, and chaos ensued.

Narcissa Whitman, hearing the gunshot, did not think of herself but protected the Sager orphan girls, bolting the door and gathering them close. Despite her efforts, a bullet struck her shoulder through the window.

Outside, Eastern immigrants were killed. Andrew Rogers, a ministerial student, rushed to defend the compound and was mortally wounded. Yet, he managed to get Narcissa and the girls into a loft, holding attackers at bay for over an hour with a broken gun barrel.

Eventually, wounded Narcissa was deceived with promises of safety. On her way out, she passed her dying husband, who assured her of his love and faith in God. As she exited, she was shot multiple times and killed.

Narcissa had given her all—nursing, teaching, and sharing her faith with the Cayuse. She remained faithful unto death.

The massacre continued, killing all able-bodied men. Women and children were abused and held for ransom nearly a month before being rescued in a dramatic series of events.

After several years, justice was served for the Whitman massacre. Some murderers were tracked into the Blue Mountains by a Christian Nez Perce chief and killed in battle. Five, including those who killed Marcus and Narcissa Whitman, were convicted and hanged by a jury that included Native Americans.

The Fruit of the sacrifice: Was their martyrdom in vain? No. Though Waiilatpu had been obscure, the tragedy made headlines in Eastern newspapers, through which the Whitmans' family first learned of their deaths. Their story sparked a wave of burden for souls across the U.S. Inspired by their courage, many young people committed themselves to Christ's service.

Henry Spalding, a close friend of the Whitmans, returned to mission work and witnessed a spiritual harvest among the Cayuse and Nez Perce. A chief named Timothy became a faithful Christian. The church Spalding founded in Idaho still stands as a tribute to the Whitmans' legacy.

In the U.S. Capitol, a statue of Marcus Whitman stands with a Bible in one hand and medical saddlebags in the other—symbols of his life's mission. Though his care was rejected by some, his merciful sacrifice was not in vain.

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MATYA

CHURCH HISTORY

Telo Field,
Santhal Sahibganj Region



Written By: Rev. L. Masilamani

General Information

Matia is a medium size village located in Borio Block of Sahibganj district, Jharkhand. As per constitution of India and Panchyati Raaj Act, Matia village is administrated by Sarpanch (Head of Village) who is elected representative of village. Bada Raksois the village panchayat of Matia village. Matia village has lower literacy rate compared to Jharkhand. In Matia village, most of the village population is from Schedule Tribe (ST). Schedule Tribe (ST) constitutes 46.09 % of total population in Matia village. There is no population of Schedule Caste (SC) in Matia village of Sahibganj. It is in the Telo mission field. It comes under Bishunpur pastorate.

The Beginning

From October 15th 1993 to December 31st Mr. Sudhakaran family and Franklin family were staying in Borio and Mr. Elias was teaching them Santali language to read and to know the Santali grammar. Then to speak in Santali language they both were sent to Baditola village. There with the help of Bro. Jebaraj they learned to speak in Santali language in January and February 1994. They were allotted mission fields by the end of March

1994. Bro. Franklin was given Kathuva field and Bro. Sudhakaran was given Telo field.

Telo field was opened on 1-4-1994. Sudhakaran family was the first missionaries of this field. On 9th April native evangelist Johan Hansda joined them with his family. They stayed in a rented house in Borio village. Later they and the evangelist family after one month went to Kherwa village and lived in rented houses. During the time of Sudhakaran as missionary of this field, in 1994, gospel was shared to Matia village.

FMPB ministry



Elizabeth Murmu

Elizabeth Murmu, wife of the first believer Samuel Soren (formerly Somai Soren), was the first believer in the village. Both accepted Christ and were baptized on 21-08-1996 by Missionary Sudhakaran after six years of childlessness, and God blessed them with a son. Around thirty people, including seven families, were baptized with them. Later, Kuru Soren's healing from a scorpion bite and

Elizabeth's own healing from a leg wound through prayer led many more villagers to accept Christ.

Worship Services

For four years the worship was conducted in the shed of the Daniel Soren's house. It is in Manji Tola. 35 people gathered in the worship place. Saul Murmu the father of Elizabeth Murmu was conducting the worship service. He was the believer of CNI church. As her husband was from another religion, he and his family members took baptism. Later the worship services were shifted to Jaher tola as more believers were from there.

Church Construction

The Land for Church construction was given by Barnabas Murmu.



Barnabas Murmu

His testimony: I am Barnabas Murmu from this village. I donated three to four katta of land for the church because I saw believers with no place to meet. Earlier I was a drunkard and village leader who led people to gurus and opposed Christians-even planning pujas and to kill the first believer (Samuel Soren's father-in-law). My father fell seriously ill despite sacrifices and a relative died. A Christian song- "there will be sufferings in life but there will be peace"-touched me and my family; we all became Christians. Now we cultivate our land with enough grain, and I was elected village leader and serve as the church's first elder.

Church construction began in 2006 without opposition, though transport of materials was difficult due to the lack of roads. Built

with a concrete roof, the pucca church was completed with believers' help, who worked for Rs. 30 a day when others earned Rs. 60. Missionary Jeevan Ranjan oversaw the work, and Rev. Devadoss dedicated the church on 20-04-2007 for the glory of God.

Dedication

In October 2009, Matia church sponsor Mr. Stephen Raj from Kerala visited Matia church. Believers had arranged the program very grandly. More than 400 people gathered for the meeting. The visitors were three people and they were very happy to see the program and the reception given to them. People from five tolas of Matia and five families from Kuval attend this church, with 20-50 regular attendees. Worship is led by elders Barnabas Murmu and Immanuel Kisku. Evangelists visit monthly, missionaries 3-4 times a year, and two families were baptized last year. Offerings include thanksgiving, testimony, first fruits, tithes, and handful rice.

Testimonies of Healings

- My name is Elizabeth Murmu (formerly Sanjali Murmu). I suffered from a severe leg injury and sought help from a local Oja Guru (witch doctor), who said an evil spirit was punishing us for living together without marriage and demanded costly animal sacrifices for healing. Unable to afford them, we were helpless. Then we heard the gospel of Jesus Christ, believed in Him, and accepted Him as our Savior. When the missionaries prayed for me, I was completely healed.
- On 13-12-1997 Marthina from Matia village visited missionary's house. She told missionaries about a sore on her chest giving much pain. She asked them whether to go to doctors for taking treatment. Missionary advised that prayers to be done

by the believers in her village. Missionaries prayed for her in their home and sent her to her village. On next Saturday, she informed missionaries that she was prayed by the congregation believers and she received complete healing from God.

- Sibu Soren and his wife Maku Hansdak followed Sapha Dharam, worshipping the sun and other deities, avoiding meat, salt, and believed that the Ganges could wash away sins. They often suffered from spirit attacks and remained without food. Their son, returning from work in UP, urged them to accept Christ after seeing no healing through their faith. Though initially angry, they finally agreed. Evangelists Johan Hansda and Paulus Murmu prayed for them twice-first they resisted, but later they were calm, ate food, and were healed and delivered from evil attacks. On 29-6-1998, they confessed their faith.
- Barnabas Murmu's blind bullock received sight when he accepted the Lord and prayed with faith.

Missionaries who worked in this field

The pioneer missionary of this field was Sudhakaran, who served from 1995 to 1999. He was followed by Jeevan Ranjan, who served from 1999 to 2007. After him, C.H. John ministered from 2007 to 2011, and since 2011, Kennedy Singh has been faithfully serving in this mission field.

The Small Groups ministry

The Small Groups ministry, started in 2004 and led by Martina Soren in Jet Tola, met every Tuesday and Friday for two hours to pray for missionaries, evangelists, the sick, and their families. They also visited homes to share the Gospel and pray, resulting in many

healings and new believers added to Christ's fold.

Irrigation project

In May 2010, an irrigation project guided by Dr. Edward Raja was completed in Matia village. Following this, the government launched a lift irrigation project in Matia and nearby villages. Dr. Raja encouraged believers to participate, and with united effort, the project succeeded. Government officials visited, praised the achievement, and appreciated the missionaries' role, noting that such cooperation could benefit other Santhal and Malto villages.

Blessings

God has raised 56 worship groups and 20 worshipping groups, with three temples under construction. Five local evangelists' families and 84 church elder families are serving faithfully. Around 163 children are studying in two-day care centres.

Prayer Points

1. That the Gospel may reach every village under the current ministry.
2. For basic amenities-clean water, electricity, healthcare, and education -to reach more needy villages.
3. For protection from diseases such as malaria, typhoid, tuberculosis, and kala-azar.
4. As many men migrate for work, pray for local job opportunities and strengthened families.
5. For a spiritual revival among the youth and for them to rise as church leaders.
6. For an end to young deaths caused by malnutrition.
7. For complete deliverance from alcohol addiction among the people.



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Happy Birthday

Mr. Benjamin Jyoti
Mr. Aronsingh Narzary, Mr. Shankar M.
Mrs. Kanti Devi Shivshankar

Jammu

Dhar: Lunjalal Songthat & Mary Nengneikim

Praise God: For the interest shown by Lakshmi and her family in the Gospel. For the good counsel received by Pramsiva, through which he has been enabled to attend the Church worship services and prayer fellowships regularly. For God's abundant grace by which all the Christmas programmes were conducted smoothly and without any hindrance.

Pray: For Bimal Prakash to be touched by the love of God. For the apprehension felt by new believers due to the presence of a place of worship of another faith in front of the Church to be replaced by a spirit of courage placed in their hearts by the Lord. For voluntary workers to be raised up to minister in this region. For divine consolation to be granted to the new believer Saroji, who has recently lost her husband and for

justice to be rendered to her in light of the issues surrounding her land.

Ramnagar:

John Ezung & Libeni Jami

Praise God: For the Gospel being proclaimed in three new villages, for healing prayer meetings conducted in two places and for children's Bible clubs held in three locations. For the Christmas programme in Taplal village was conducted smoothly and without any hindrance. For God's Grace upon believer Ashok's family, as his son was able to successfully secure a visa to a foreign country.

Pray: For the repentance and transformation of Raj Kumar's wife, who burnt the Bible and has caused many difficulties within her family, that the Lord may soften her heart and restore peace. Sanjay Kumar of the Sameer people group in Taplal village, who is responding eagerly to the Gospel, that he may be led into a true and saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. A suitable place to be provided to conduct worship in the Ramnagar field. God's continued protection over our missionary families living under the watchful eyes of those who oppose the Gospel. All the people of Ram Nagar taluka to be touched by the love of our Lord Jesus Christ and for all opposition against the Gospel to cease according to His will.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Vasantharani George
Mrs. Roshila Mochahary
Mrs. Joyce Shobana Pon Augustin
Mr. Markus Malto R., Mrs. Manini Bebarata Astaban
Mr. Joseph Kirubagararan S.

Himachal Pradesh

Karsog:

Pawan Kumar & Prabhashini Devi

Praise God: For Sunil, who has generously given his land to construct a prayer hall. For Sapna, who received healing from her blood issues. For Santharam, who was healed from kidney stones without the need for a surgical procedure. For the prevailing oneness among the believers, by the Grace of God.

Pray: For Swapna's son Ashish to be healed from ear pain and swelling in the throat. For a safe confinement for Preethi. Sunitha's son Daks to be healed from stomach pain. Keshi to be delivered from her nightmares. A prayer hall to be constructed soon in Basanthpur without any hindrance. The Lord to use the family of Local evangelist Sandeep in a mighty way. Our missionary's brother Sitendra Kumar, who is undergoing treatment

in a hospital, to recover quickly and completely.

Punjab

Bathinda:

Sanjib Anand & Prastutabati Pani

Praise God: For the Christmas programme being conducted in seven places. For Bandhasingh, who suffered a hip injury in an accident, recovering well through prayers. For Raman Kaur, who received deliverance from satanic bondage. For Ikbai Singh, suffering from heart ailment and asthma, receiving healing.

Pray: For committed Local evangelists to be raised up for this mission field. Bandha Singh, who suffered multiple fractures in his hands, knee and spinal cord in an accident, to recover fully by God's Grace. The youths-Joravar, Gobi, Sajjan, Pagi and Gagandeep-to take part actively in the Church services. For the deliverance of Jasveer Singh, Jeevan Singh and Barhath Singh from satanic bondages. Sandeep, Kuldeep, Indhiresh and Radhe Shyam to be delivered from their addiction to alcohol. Open doors for the Gospel to prevail in Purs Sil, Dhiyalpura Baiga, Thuleval, Kolukey, Gumti Kalan, Rajkar, Athampura, Selbara, Gangar and Sandhu Gurth villages.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Murugammal Esther Albert Prabhakaran

Sangrur:

**Gimbhal Dilip Bhai &
Birari Ritaben**

Praise God: For Arya, a 2-year-old boy who tumbled from the terrace staircase and lost consciousness, being revived through the prayers of the Church Elders. For the Christmas programme which was conducted successfully in three places. For the Lord blessed the families of Gagan and Sengi with a child. For the protection of our believers and missionaries amidst the severe cold weather.

Pray: For those who heard the Gospel through the Christmas programmes to be led into a saving faith in Christ Jesus. The repentance of Girishan Singh, who prevents his family from attending the Church. Rajini Kaur, Barneeth, Gurvendhir Singh, Rahul and Paranjeeth Kaur to be courageous in publicly confessing their faith in Jesus Christ. Baktharam, who is suffering from asthma, to receive complete healing.

Uttarkhand

Maldhanchour:

Shishu Pal & Anita

Praise God: The Gospel was proclaimed in one new village. For the blessing of a baby boy to Jeevan's family. For Kalidas, Dharambai and Banvari Lal, who secured jobs in a company. Kali Saran, suffering from paralysis, received healing.

Pray: For the Church Elders training programme to bear much fruit. The expansion of the ministry in Ram Nagar field. Astha, Saradha and Pratap Singh to receive deliverance from the possession of evil spirit. Safe confinement for Neha Kajal and Preeth Kaur. For the salvation of Ajay, Geetha, Saradha and Suraj Rajan.



**Salvation belongs
to the Lord**

Lakshmi Devi, from the Pannakheda village in the Uttarakhand Bazpur mission field, accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and confessed her faith. Angered by this, her mother chased her out of the house. From that day onwards, her mother fell ill, and despite various treatments, she did not recover and her condition worsened. Finally, when our missionary family was called to pray for her, God granted her complete healing. Now, all her family members have accepted Jesus Christ and are participating in church worship services. Hallelujah





Happy Birthday

Mr Jebakumar Periyasamy

Bazpur:

**Christian Prakash &
Kokani Sumitraben**

Praise God: When Mayadevi and Ramboli were cutting grass, they developed an eye infection with pus formation and received healing through prayers. For the Lord's miraculous healing of twin babies Rithi and Nathik from a serious case of pneumonia. For Reshma, who received healing from a brain ailment she had been suffering from for a long time. For Sunder Lal, who recovered from a dog bite.

Pray: For the believer Manu and Shivani to be able to find suitable life partners. The repentance of religious fanatics who prevent the believers from attending the worship service in the Bannakda Church. Banso Kaur, who remained childless and adopted her relative's daughter Jagdeep Kaur as her own child; when she grew up and discovered the truth, she was unable to accept

it and went astray, causing grief to her adopted parents. Pray that the Lord would heal her heart.

Haryana

Fatehabad:

David S & Jeba Grace

Praise God: Six persons received Christ as their personal Saviour and joined the fold of believers. The Christmas programmes were conducted peacefully in five areas. Karanjeet received healing from a cough and throat infection. When migrant worker and our new contact Saraswathi from Bihar conceived and went for a scan, she was initially refused because she could not produce her Aadhar card. Due to the believers' intervention and prayer, the hospital agreed to take the scan, much to her relief.

Pray: For the complete healing of Sanshar, who is afflicted with paralysis. Suitable land to be procured for the construction of Churches at Hisravan Kalan, Batiya Colony, Kasambi and Jamsol villages. The family issues faced by Saroj, Babitha and Rajendran to be resolved and for them to experience peace. Jitu and Dheena to find suitable life partners. The Lord to bring many souls in Patlidabar, Dhariyapur and Dingmandi. A safe confinement for our missionary Jeba Grace.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Arputham Selvi Vijay
Mr. Deivanayagam Samuel
Mrs. Anugami Ekka Jahar Sai

Pehowa: Bhorsat Babubhai & Jadav Saraswati Bahen

Praise God: Seven-year-old Eliza, who was unable to walk, received healing through prayers. For Shakil and Abishek, who found good jobs. The Christmas programme was conducted in six places unhindered. Many attended the programme and heard the good news of Jesus Christ.

Pray: For Soni, Laso and Lakshmi to receive deliverance from the attack of evil spirit. Peace to prevail in the Kajol family. Church Elder Paramjeeth, who suffered a spinal injury due to a gate falling on him, to recover completely. The Lord to grant open doors for ministry in the villages of the Panjabi, Katri and Baniya people groups. The people of Dhaniya, Suldhaniya and Karka villages to be touched by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jeevan Nagar: Aliyakim Jena & Deepika Rekha Pani

Praise God: With the help of the

police department, the Christmas programme in the Mandidabali region was conducted successfully. For the open doors prevailing among the Gumhar, Palmigi, Nayak, Majbisik, Pajigar, Samar and Odd Rajput people groups for the Gospel. For Jasha Singh of the Samar people group, who is recovering from oral cancer through prayers.

Pray: For the problems in Rabinder's family, who are newly coming to the Church, to be resolved and for the Lord to grant unity in the family. Kandha, who is under demonic bondage, to receive deliverance. The believers' spiritual training to bear much fruit. Our missionary Deepika Jena, who is under treatment for TB, to receive complete healing.



With God, all things are possible

A five-day conference was organized by another faith group at the Gujarat Mosda mission field, and the work of erecting the pandal (tent) was progressing rapidly. At that time, our church elder, who was passing by, heard about this and prayed earnestly that God would prevent this meeting from taking place. The day before the meeting was scheduled, a storm with heavy rain occurred, completely damaging the pillars and the massive tents that had been erected for the meeting. As a result, they were unable to hold the meeting and cancelled it. Glory be to God!





Happy Birthday

Mrs. Patricia Tamil Selvi Kumar
Mr. Hamom Naba Singh

Rajasthan

Kherwada:

Kenoz Stanley & Inbaraj

Praise God: For the healing graciously granted to Prem, a young boy who had been struggling to walk due to blood clots in both his legs, as restoration was received through prayer. For Kailesh Bai, who had suffered from sleepless nights caused by troubling nightmares, to whom healing and peace were granted through prayers. For the complete healing received by Sushila from epilepsy, Nish Ben from heart-related ailments and Kailesh Bai from AIDS. For Kalu Bai, who had often fallen sick due to demonic attacks, received healing through prayer and for the miracle in which his dry borewell pump was restored and began yielding water once again.

Pray: For divine healing to be extended to Parvathi Ben, who is on her deathbed and to Munna Ben, who is unable to walk. For Vali Ben, afflicted with a boil in the

neck area and for Leela Ben, who lost her voice following a demonic attack, to experience deliverance and restoration. For the believers in the Navakeda region, who remain fearful of attending Church due to ongoing persecution, to be strengthened with boldness and courage by the Spirit. For Reena Ben, Nirma Ben and Haji Ben to receive an inheritance granted by the Lord. For Lakshman Bai and Anil Bai to be set free from the burden of debt. For repentance to be worked in the hearts of those within the Palicha worship service who are responsible for causing difficulties.



The Victorious King

Our missionary John Ezung's family, who ministers in the Ramnagar area of Jammu and Kashmir, faced various health problems in December. They had planned to hold a Christmas program in the Tappinal village for those who did not know Christ, and they went to each village inviting people. On December 22nd, the missionary suddenly suffered from facial paralysis and became very weak. Realizing that this was a ploy of the devil to prevent the Christmas program, our missionary prayed fervently and conducted the Christmas program as planned. While they expected 30 people, about 100 people attended and eagerly listened to the good news of Christ's birth. Glory be to God! Currently, our missionary is receiving medical treatment. Let us pray for his complete recovery.





Happy Birthday

Mr. Duraisamy K. Francis, Mr. Prasanth Meesala
Mrs. Padmavathi Narayana Naik
Mrs. Thanapushpam Arulraj
Mrs. Helan Mariyam Aravinth

Delhi

Patparganj:

John Davidson & Esther

Praise God: For the New Year service conducted in the Kalyanpuri region, which was attended by the local councillor and 70 others who, for the first time, heard the message of Jesus Christ. For the HIV-affected parents and children of the Rohini region, who were able to attend the Good News meet by the grace of God. For all the blessings and goodness received in the past year, as believers gathered together for a full day of fasting and thanksgiving. For the Lord's protection upon our missionaries and believers during this cold season.

Pray: For a children's Bible club to be established in the Kalyanpuri region. For the believers in the Sajvannagar region, who face persecution, to remain steadfast and not be discouraged in their faith. For Suman, who suffers from a tumour in her uterus, to receive healing. For Sunny Wilson and Madhialagan to experience the gift of salvation. For the upcoming children's camp, youth camp and women's special meet to be successfully conducted under the Lord's guidance.

Uttar Pradesh

Pokhrayan:

Santha Kumar & Jincy

Praise God: For the Christmas programmes conducted in the Churches at Pokhrayan, Devipur, Bargava, Mansa, Parore, Kiriyanpur and Bibri, which were attended by many believers and hundreds of local people. For the presence of numerous guests, including members of the police department, village heads, advocates and other leaders, who were invited and attended the programmes. For the Pokhrayan local administration, which laid out a road to the Pokhrayan Church to facilitate the Christmas celebration events. For the smooth conduct of all Christmas programmes and services across the Churches, which were carried out without any hindrance by the grace of God.

Pray: For Samuel of Devipur village, who is lost and untraceable, to be safely returned to his village. For surveillance cameras to be installed in all the Churches across our mission field. For the field jeep, which is currently under repair, to undergo maintenance successfully and to be operated effectively for ministry purposes. For the spiritual and academic growth of the children enrolled in our CDC at Pokhrayan and Kiriyanpur fields. For the Church Elders' training programme, Local evangelists' training and the Youth and Women's meets to bear abundant spiritual fruits. For a training centre affiliated with the local Church to be constructed and for funds to be raised along with necessary permissions to be obtained from the local authorities.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Sibi Selvin Sam
Mrs. Gavith Sunitaben Rashyabhai
Mrs. Rekha Champaia

Sikandra:

Vasava Pachiya Bhai & Vasava Savitaben

Praise God: Mamta, a regular participant in our worship service and a new contact, received healing from mental ailment. The Christmas programme was conducted without any hindrance in two places. Pramdev, a six-year-old boy, underwent a successful surgery. The believers take care to live a witnessing life for the Lord in their villages.

Pray: For the religious conversion law to have no adverse effect on the lives of our believers. The salvation of Sathvathi, Kutti, Oonam and Pooja. The Church Elders and the believers to take part in mission activities with zeal. Ragevendra, Himansho, Deeksha, Shivani and Sneha to be able to find suitable godly spouses for their lives. Many to be touched by the love of our Lord Jesus Christ through personal evangelism.

Madhya Pradesh

Khalwa / Khandwa:

Isaac R & Seetha

Praise God: For the many people who had the opportunity to hear the Gospel through the various Christmas programmes organized in 17 villages. For Dileep, who had suffered from TB for over three years, received miraculous healing after accepting Christ as his personal Savior. For the six persons who were saved in Christ Jesus, despite facing persecution for their faith. For Parmila, who received healing from kidney stones and swelling in the uterus through the prayers offered.

Pray: For the repentance of those who oppose the Gospel and are hindering the ministry and the mission workers over the past three months. For Misrimaji, who is suffering from various ailments, to be granted healing. For Suganthi, who has been waiting prayerfully for three years for the gift of a child, to be blessed by the Lord. For the deliverance of Ramchand, Gulab, Mangal and Soma from addiction to alcohol. For the Lord's mercy to be extended to the family of our believer Amarsingh, who have suffered from a poor harvest and no growth in their livestock, that a breakthrough may be granted.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Jecinth Joanna Ramamuni Prasad
Mrs. Deena Kumari Bebarta Ashaprapta
Mrs. Durga Devi @ Ruth Mary Sankar A.

Guna: Satheesh T & Sharmila A

Praise God: For Thukram Barela, who had been unable to walk, to receive divine healing when mission workers gathered and prayed for her. For Krishna Barela, who's vision was restored through prayer. For the Gospel was proclaimed in Lukarpura, a new village. For Amachiya Barela and Mokkam Singh, who have joined our ministry as voluntary workers, to be faithfully used by the Lord. For Kepi Barela, who attended a believers' spiritual retreat, to be convicted of her sins, repent and accept Christ as her personal Savior. For Nitesh Barela, who received healing from his migraine-related headaches.

Pray: For new believers to grow deeply rooted in their faith. For the repentance and salvation of the magicians in the village who have threatened the believers. For Jok Barela, who remains under the bondage of alcohol and neglects his family, to turn to the Lord. For Sappath Bai, who is unable to walk

due to paralysis, to receive healing. For those who oppose the Gospel and the believers in Katti village to be convicted and to experience the love of our Lord. For the schemes of people who oppose the Gospel which aims to destroy the Churches in this field, to become powerless. For Soni Bai and Santhini Bai to be blessed with children. For the efforts to establish a new worship service in Salaya village to be blessed and bear fruit.

Dhar: Santu Marandi & Rakhi Mardi

Praise God: Due to the sincere evangelistic efforts of our new believer Ramdhi Bai, 23 new comers are attending the worship service. The Jesus film was screened in Amaljeema and Nayapura was effective. The night prayer meetings were conducted unhindered in five places. All the believers, along with their families, participated in the New Year service.

Pray: Our believers to courageously proclaim the Gospel. The families of Kailash and Jamniya to receive Christ as their personal Saviour. The healing of Kazhi, who spends Rs. 18,000 every month for her liver cancer, to receive complete healing. Bakirath and Premanand to receive deliverance from their addiction to alcohol. Many who watched the Jesus film, night prayer meetings, seekers' camp and outreach ministry to be touched by the love of Jesus Christ.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Solomon A.

Assom

Gogamukh / Dhakhuwakana:

**Densing R &
Jasmine Kavitha**

Praise God: For the blessings bestowed upon the new believer Niroja, who received healing from appendicitis and secured a good job after attending the fasting prayer and praying fervently. For Kiyanjothi, who was healed from a kidney ailment and swelling in her legs in response to prayers. For the daughter of our believers, Bordamalli, who secured a seat in a law college in Chennai with a full scholarship. For the Lord's protection over our mission workers and believers during the Christmas season, even as some who oppose the Gospel attempted to hinder our ministry and events.

Pray: For deliverance to be granted to Rahul Pegu and Baby Milli from severe stomach pain and fear. For healing to be received by Langeshvani and Jaya Daith from epilepsy and stomach ailments. For the gift of an inheritance to be

granted to Naikkali Sukrang. For the safe confinement of Nirmala Dole and Anitha Pegu. For Muktha Dola to receive complete deliverance from the possession of evil spirit. For open doors to be provided by the Lord for the Gospel in the villages of Jamjing, New Tekka, Tekabam, Simonsabari, Paikundhur and Luckiputhar. For the opposition prevailing in the Gokhpur field to cease and for peace and spiritual growth to flourish in the region.

Majuli:

**Eliya Chandran &
Emi Ananthi**

Praise God: Pushpa Mili accepted Christ as her personal Saviour. More than 70 people participated in the Christmas programme conducted in two villages and heard the Gospel. The believers took part in the Carols, as well as the Christmas and New Year services, amidst severe cold. For the protection of the Lord upon our believers and mission workers.

Pray: For the Lord's mercy upon Onitha Mili, who has been earnestly seeking the blessing of a child for five years. The family of Sanji Guli to be courageous in declaring their Christian faith publicly in their community. The salvation of Ongal Mili's wife. The children of our believers, who are writing their 10th and 12th board exams, to prepare well and succeed.



*Fasting
Prayer Day*

Happy Birthday

Mr. Binaya Kumar Guru
Miss. Ibalale Pame

Silapathar:

**Gond Devu Vishram &
Randhe Naynabe Devjibhai**

Praise God: For His help in distributing spiritual tracts in the villages of Archibathar and Lanaborguri. Twenty persons eagerly participated in the seekers' camp conducted in Sithalmari village. For the Church construction to be completed in Sithalmari village without any hindrance.

Pray: For the believers to grow rooted in their faith and live as witnesses for Christ. Our new contacts-Monu Pegu, Pideshvar, Krishna Gando, Rajendar Gutum and Baba Dole-to wholeheartedly accept Christ as their personal Saviour. Our missionary's mother to recover fully from jaundice.

Bihar

**Muraliganj: Jeevanandhan &
Josephine Sheeba**

Praise God: Our new believer Bipin is sharing the Gospel with many people and praying for them. Praveen Sada is showing interest to

serve as a voluntary worker. For the deliverance received by Bisco and Ravindra from the possession of evil spirit. Leela Devi, who feared the loss of vision due to a tumour as said by the doctors, received protection for her eye through prayers. The Gospel was proclaimed in all the villages without any hindrances by the Grace of God.

Pray: For justice to be rendered to Ashok Kumar, who has been denied his salary for the past three months. Arun, Lalith, Indhirajith, Jitender and Sohan and their families, who have backslidden in their faith, to turn back to the Lord. Madhilesh Kumar to be able to secure a good job. Kajal Kumari's husband to receive deliverance from his addiction to alcohol. May the Lord bless their family with the gift of an inheritance.



**The protecting God neither
slumbers nor sleeps**

Our new believer, Mrs. Suresh Bain, from the Chikkal village in the Gujarat Count mission field, was traveling in an auto-rickshaw when the driver and four others attempted to sexually assault her. But Suresh Bain bravely shouted, saying, "The living God is with me; my Lord will save me!" Immediately, fear gripped their hearts, and they all ran away. Mrs. Suresh shared her testimony, glorifying God, saying that the Lord Jesus Himself saved her. Hallelujah





Happy Birthday

Mr. Ronjay Narzary

Jharkhand **Pathargama:**

Krishan Kumar & Shanti Lal

Praise God: For His marvellous protection over our believer Kiran Devi and her children from a poisonous snake that lay beneath their cot. For the many believers who took part in the three-day fasting prayer conducted in Katpathriya village and were strengthened in the Lord. For the opportunity given to more than a hundred villagers who attended the Christmas programme and heard the good news of the birth of Jesus Christ. For about 21 new persons who have started attending the Church worship service.

Pray: For healing to be granted to Ashok Ravidas from a persistent cough. For the recovery of six-year-old Manish from a kidney ailment, Deblu Macdosh from chest pain, Meena Devi from kidney stones and Parvathi Devi, Revathi Devi and Kumunthira Devi from knee pain. For Pavandas, who is suffering

from swelling in the stomach, to receive healing. For the new contact Pradeep's family to be blessed with the gift of a child. For those who hinder the Gospel work in the villages of Sikkara and Singadi to repent and experience the love of our Lord.

Tinpahad:

Nehemiah & Anamika Pegu

Praise God: For the healing of our missionary's son Isamboube from epilepsy. For the Lord's protection over our believer Ditheriya Gujar from an auto accident and our missionary from a two-wheeler accident. For the withdrawal of the false land case filed against our believer Anil Munda and his relatives, which was resolved through prayer. For the immense opportunity granted to share the Gospel with many people through the Christmas programmes.

Pray: For Ramdev Munda, who is under deep discouragement due to the loss of his motorcycle, to be comforted by the Lord and to somehow recover the stolen vehicle. For the family issues of Haribal Kalko to be resolved and for peace to reign in his household. For the healing of Riya Minj from abdominal pain and Nikulsha from back pain. For the missional efforts undertaken by our mission workers in the new year to bear abundant fruit.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Stella Prabhudass
Mr. Sanjeeb Kumar Andrap
Mrs. Kampung Taba Chuchao, Mrs. Violet Hansda
Mrs. Gurpreet Kaur Kuldeep Singh

Malto Youth Ministry: Godwin Kirubakaran & Prabha Kamali

Praise God: In the youth meet organised in this region, 113 youth received the assurance of salvation. Twenty-four persons have committed their lives to full-time ministry. More than 500 young people took part in the Scripture competitions that were conducted. Our missionary Godwin, who suffered a serious injury involving multiple fractures in his hand last June 2025, has recovered well and is now using the same hand to play musical instruments, design and work on the computer by the sheer Grace of God.

Pray: For the efforts of the mission team to reach out specifically to the youth through short films, spiritual tracts and media to be fruitful in leading them to Christ. The ongoing

works in short film videography, preparation of materials for first communion, Bible study aids for youth prayer cells and reprinting of songbooks to be completed soon.

Gangupada Miracle Girls Hostel:

Evelyn Packia; Savithiri D

Praise God: Our student Mariyam Ranji received a seat to study a Bachelor of Arts degree in the government college. For His enablement to go to the villages where our home children reside and conduct Christmas services. A new building for the stay of our home children has been commissioned. The Word of God is transforming the lives of our children.

Pray: For the healing of our home children suffering from TB and epilepsy. The 39 students who are preparing for their 10th and 12th board exams to write their exams well. Godly wisdom for the nine children of our home who are undergoing their nursing courses. A new vehicle for our home, as the present one is old and frequently under repair. A backup power generator to be procured for our home.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Lal Nun Mawi Hmar Kipgen

Kaerabani Children Home:

**Manoj Kumar Pani &
Santhani Bardhan**

Praise God: Three children of our home have been bestowed the honour of Best Student Award in the District. For God's protection upon our children during this cold season. A counselling session has been organized for the youth who face challenges. For the healing received by Joana Hansdha from a skin infection, Josel Mokli and Anadhi Baski and Thulsi Soren's wife from measles through prayer.

Pray: For a good cook to be appointed for the home. The children who suffer from rashes to receive healing. Sulender Hembrom, who is suffering from testicle swelling. Prem Baski's mother-in-law, suffering from jaundice and Missionary Manoj's father, suffering from paralysis, to receive healing. The staff of

our children's home to serve with commitment. The counselling sessions, children's camp, Bible study groups and prayer cells to function continually. All the children to eagerly participate in these groups.

Pakuria:

**Senthil Kumar &
Muthu Selvi**

Praise God: Seventeen persons have publicly confessed their faith in Christ Jesus as their personal Saviour. Kanusoren, bedridden for many days with TB, has received healing through prayers. The believers of eight Churches gathered together for the New Year service and glorified God through worship and surrender.

Pray: For the believers of Santhosh, Kendhpariya, Dombol and Rampur Churches to grow spiritually. The healing of Jeevan from paralysis, Soni from a mental ailment, Binai Soren from a burn injury and Sushila from bleeding. The Lord to raise up committed voluntary workers for the mission field. Our Local evangelist David Hembrom, who has been recently posted in this mission field, to be able to find a suitable house.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Daniel Thomas
Mrs. Mercy Deborah Senthil
Mr. Vasave Elesh Prabhu, Mr. Ayyanar M.
Mrs. Soni Malto Bablu

Raneswar:

Balaji G & Jancy G

Praise God: 5 persons have embraced the Christian enlightened life in Sorgatta village. For Pooja, Jobu and Puliya Soren who show interest in the Gospel. For the unhindered screening of Jesus film and the night meetings which took place. The children eagerly memorize scriptures.

Pray: For those who show interest in the Gospel in Belpuni village to receive Christ as their personal Saviour. For the hindrances to the Gospel in Dorbar, Makesgola, Kurubardi, Guru Gundu and Lapur villages to be removed. For many to participate in the newly started worship service in Dimjori village. For the many small cell groups to continue functioning without any hindrances. For the healing Samraj from mental ailment.

West Bengal

Pakuahat: Dihe S & Charani

Praise God: For the many people

who took part in the night meetings conducted in ten new villages and heard the Gospel with enthusiasm. For the opportunity to screen the Jesus film in two villages. For the three families who are showing interest in the Gospel. For the two persons who have accepted Christ Jesus as their personal Savior and joined the fold of believers.

Pray: For the families of Suresh Murmu, Thalu Soren, Josen Kisku, Omol Hembrom and Govindh Mardi to be given courage to make a public confession of their faith in Christ Jesus. For a new Church to be constructed soon in Seldhani village and for a suitable place to be procured. For the Lord to bless the efforts undertaken to build a Church in Nimdanga village. For the healing of Sobilal Tudu from a mental ailment.



The lame walk

Kandana Tudu, from the Kadambari village in the Tapan mission field, West Bengal, was paralyzed for two years and confined to bed. Despite spending a lot of money on treatment, he did not recover, and his wife left him. In this situation, our church elder Sonali Tudu preached the gospel to him and prayed for him. Through continuous prayer, God granted him healing, and now he has started walking. Through this miracle, his family members have accepted God and confessed their faith. Glory be to God. Amen





Happy Birthday

Mrs. Pon Latha Jebakumar
Mr. Sathees Kumar C.

Tapan:

Haramohan Prabhudas & Kumari Susama

Praise God: Rakki Murmu and Lalitha, suffering from nervous ailments and Punmuni, from brain ailment, received healing. Sojoy received deliverance from the bondage of evil spirit. Sonamui Soren, who suffered severe complications due to blood loss, delivered a baby safely through the prayers of the Church.

Pray: For the youth of the Church to eagerly participate in the village ministries. Suitable land for the construction of Churches to be procured in Nehamba, Baspada, Dousi, Ponahar and Tikkul regions. Lakkun Tudu to be delivered from the bondage of evil spirit. The healing of Thani Mardi from low blood pressure and for our missionary Susamma to recover fully from the side effects faced due to medicines taken during surgery.

Itahar:

Solomon A & Suganthi

Praise God: The Jesus Film was screened in six villages and many

heard the Gospel through this show. Sundhamuni Hansdhak, Raphael and Thala Murmu, who had migrated for work, have returned home safely. The believers participated joyfully in the harvest festival. The Gospel was proclaimed in 19 new villages by the Grace of God.

Pray: For open doors to share the Gospel in the villages of Jhojho Kuttu and Kesradigi. The repentance of the people in Bijidanga, Dalefir and Hasthibari villages, who brew illicit liquor, to relinquish this evil practice and give ear to the Gospel. The deliverance of Janam Kuttu and Samba Hansdha from satanic bondage and Pokri Kuttu and Puthu Tudu, who must be restrained using chains, to be set free.



We are healed by His wounds

Jatiya Bhai's father, from Morjidi village in the Gujarat Mosda mission field, was a very famous and powerful sorcerer. After his death, more than 20 members of his family, from the eldest to the youngest, fell ill. While they were bewildered and didn't know what to do, Jatiya Bhai saw our church in his dream. So they came to the church, and prayers were offered for them. By God's touch, they all recovered one by one. As a result, all the family members accepted Jesus Christ and confessed their faith. Through this miracle, God graciously enabled the starting of a worship group there. Hallelujah!





Happy Birthday

Mrs. Ruhama Guru
Mrs. Vangalapudi Chandini Kenoz

Chattishgarh Tapkara & Ludeg Home: Arun Kumar G & Sarathi A

Praise God: The Harvest Festival was commemorated in 10 villages in a joyful way. For God's protection of our believers from accidents and opposition. Two persons from Kerji village have accepted Jesus as their personal Saviour. For the Lord's provisions to meet the costs of repair and maintenance of the Kerji Church.

Pray: For those under the bondage of alcoholism and drugs to receive deliverance from the Lord. Sasi and Pithima, under the possession of evil spirit, to receive deliverance. Their family issues to be resolved and for them to experience peace and healing. Amid increasing instances of religious persecution in Chhattisgarh, including attacks on missionaries, coercion to return to their native

faith and destruction of Churches, the believers to not backslide in their faith. For the believers to be encouraged to remain steadfast in their faith.

Sitapur:

Muthu Kumar & Nethravathy

Praise God: For the open doors in eight villages to share the Gospel. Many new comers have joined the Church in Askara, Barbahala and Hardisandh. Eight persons made a public confession of their faith in Jesus. The women's meet was conducted successfully in Narbahala, Thaduga and Kaljiv villages. For the Lord's protection during the Christmas season.

Pray: For the families of Lakshman Minju and Dev Prasad to attend the worship services without compromise. Heerala Ekka, suffering from cancer, to receive healing. The healing of Giridhar from a fracture in his leg due to an accident and three-year-old David from measles. Anil and Anil's family to be blessed with children. A God-ordained revival amongst the people groups of Korva, Majhari, Nakhansi and Oravan, that they may receive and believe in the Gospel.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Tejaswita Beborta
Mr. Sukinlal C.

Odisha

Rairangpur:

**Arvinth Kumar &
Helen Mariyam**

Praise God: For all the Christmas programmes conducted in Dongapabi, Kuchaibal, Basanthpur and Birsasouk, which were carried out successfully and without hindrance by the grace of God. For the believers of the Ho people group, who are growing in their faith and sharing the Gospel with their relatives with great zeal. For Macho Nayak, who had suffered from chest pain for many years, to receive complete healing. For Palo Hembrom, who was under the torment of an evil spirit, to receive deliverance through prayers. For one family from Basanthpur village to accept Christ as their personal Savior.

Pray: For Soibuni to be strengthened by the Lord in view of his high diabetes. For the safe confinement of Raimuni, the wife of our Local

evangelist Jeyaram Poorti. For the Lord's protection over our believers and mission workers from any vehicle accidents due to the intense fog conditions prevailing. For the complete healing of Kottang Sardar from kidney ailments, Deso Spoorti from paralysis, Dukku Tudu from epilepsy, Bandu Spoorti from measles and Nandhiya Nayak from liver ailments.

Jashipur:

**Pratyush Nayak &
Marithai Leona**

Praise God: When the Church elder prompted Paidhara Saki to come to the Church and pray for a tumour that was scheduled for surgery, Paidhara yielded to the request and prayed and the Lord miraculously healed the tumour. When Lamba Ho's husband prayed fervently for her, she, who was suffering from severe stomach pain, received healing.

Pray: For the healing of Aliya Sukarai and Munigaibe from stomach pain for four months, Samu Poorthi from chest pain for two months and Nunisarka from a leg ailment. The deliverance of Guna Soi from the possession of evil spirit. Safe confinement for Lambara and Kasiram. The Lord to mightily use the local evangelist and voluntary workers in His Kingdom.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Anbumalar Balamurugan

Gujarat

Ahwa / Pipalwada:

**Vigneshwaran N &
Angeline M**

Praise God: When we went to get permission to conduct the Christmas programme scheduled at the Milan Church in Pipalwada a group who oppose the Gospel shouted against the permission; but when the believers prayed the permission was granted for the programme, which finally happened without any disturbances. For the protection of Dileep Bhai from a vehicle accident. The Lord protected our missionary and Local evangelist's family when they encountered a leopard on their way back home after ministry.

Pray: For the repentance of those in Kalamba village who are against the believers of the Christian faith. The healing of Sandhubai from paralysis and Vijay from chest pain. The Lord's protection upon the villagers who live

in fear because a young shepherd boy was killed by a leopard.

Kawant:

Akhilesh Kumar & Kirandevi

Praise God: Exhausted from having to fetch water from a source two kilometers away, our believer fervently prayed, bored a tube well and miraculously found a water source by God's Grace, while other tube wells in the neighborhood remained dry. The local village heads and politicians wanted to close down the Church, but the Spirit of the Lord protected it from being shut down.

Pray: theThe repentance of those who oppose the Gospel in Mathvat village and constantly persecute the Christian faith. For the Lord to provide courage and wisdom for our Church Elders and Local evangelists, who are frequently called for interrogation at the police station at the instigation of some religious fanatics opposed to the Church in Mathvat village. The believers of Mahadabari village to grow rooted in their faith. The ongoing Church construction in this field to be completed and the dedication to be conducted in April as planned. Our believer Shylabai, who is unable to walk due to an accident, to recover well.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Kuna Chandra Paik
Mr. Johnson V.
Mrs. Basanthi Marandi Habel
Ms. Arpita Munda

Dadra Nagar Haveli

Silvasa: Davidson Rajasingh & Kanmani Parimalam

Praise God: For the protection of Ladakben, Sheela Ben, Imini Ben, Ibani Ben and Jagiram Bai from an encounter with a poisonous snake bite. Lakumi's mother, who received healing through prayer, has now placed her faith in Jesus Christ as her Saviour. Parsul Bai received deliverance from satanic bondage. Paru Ben was healed of a tumour in her throat.

Pray: For the deliverance of Harsadha Ben from the possession of evil spirit. Anitha Ben from a severe bout of cough. The healing of Puni Ben, Radhe Ben and Gulfi Ben from paralysis. Makesh Bai, who suffered a fracture in his hands while working with a mechanical instrument, to be completely healed. Dheeru Bai, who is unwilling to

attend Church, to have a change of heart and experience the love of our Lord Jesus.

Maharashtra Dindori / Surgana / Bhare: Mayilsamy & Yesumani

Praise God: For Naveen Babu, who, after spending all his money on magic and medicines in a futile attempt to be delivered from demonic bondage, attended a prayer meeting, prayed in faith and was delivered by the Lord, who also blessed his family financially. For Mohan Bitti, who had attempted to harm his wife due to mental imbalance, received healing through the fervent prayers of the Church.

Pray: For our new believer Sathu Bai, who is affected by poverty and demonic bondage, to receive complete deliverance from the Lord. For the worship service in Dindori village, which was stopped by those who opposed it, for the Lord to intervene, move hearts and enable the service to continue unhindered. For open doors for the Gospel to prevail in Suthkot village. For the Lord to raise up many believers in Bovada village within the Pare mission field. For the believers in Surle village, who have backslidden due to opposition, to repent, be courageous and return fully to the Lord.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Thilak S.

Talasari:

**Geddamm Srinivas Rao &
Medenki Rajyalaxmi**

Praise God: For the joyful commemoration of the Harvest Festival in the Churches of Sari, Saivan and Silar. For the opportunity to share the Gospel in 28 villages through Christmas carols. For the blessing granted to Radhe Santhosh to conceive after ten years of marriage. For the peaceful conduct of the Christmas service, supported by the protection provided by the police force.

Pray: For the Lord to raise up committed individuals to serve as full-time missionaries for the extension of His Kingdom. For the Regional Mela planned in April to be conducted successfully. For the strengthening of churches that have backslidden in their faith. For the believers to be eager to join and grow in knowledge through the Bible College that has been started.

Ner: Moorthi T & Bharathi R

Praise God: For the smooth conduct of the Christmas programmes in Vasamar, Vadi and Kirmani, carried out with the help of the Lord. For the opportunity to minister through the Jesus Film in three villages and to hold night meetings in five villages. For the many who participated in the youth meetings and the full-night fasting prayers and were blessed through the Lord's presence.

Pray: For the healing of Sangi Bai, who has been suffering from stomach pain for about a year. For the believers to grow deeper in their spiritual life and in the Word of God. For the small prayer cells to function effectively in all areas, helping many to walk closely with the Lord.



The Lord who never forsakes

Baidhara Sakhia, from the Budhigamari village in Jashipur, Odisha, was suffering from a tumor. Despite performing various rituals and receiving treatment at several hospitals, she did not recover. Doctors recommended that she go to Kolkata in the neighboring state of West Bengal for surgery. In this situation, our believer from Radha Nagar met her and told her to go to church elder Ramesh Patta for prayer. When the church elder prayed for her, God granted her complete healing without surgery. Now she participates in worship services and glorifies God. Hallelujah





Ghot:

Victor Paulraj & Sheela

Praise God: For Sujit Chowdary, who secured a good job through prayers. For the village leaders who participated in the Christmas programme conducted in Bettala village. For the believer who fully financed the Christmas programme held in Sitokaner village. For the 14 persons from Sitokaner and Kavretty villages who have confessed their faith in Christ Jesus. For the hundreds of tracts distributed through the Christmas programmes conducted in many villages.

Pray: For the healing of Himlabai, a new believer struggling with diabetes. For the new believers who have accepted Christ to grow in spiritual maturity and deepen their faith. For the Lord to grant the gift of an inheritance to the family of the new believer Nagaraj Gukgutkar. For the repentance of the villagers of Jadegan village, who are pressuring believer Naroti to forsake

his Christian faith, to experience the love of Christ and turn from opposition. For the complete healing of Madhuri and Kamal Hajare, who are suffering from leukemia.

Mogi:

**Ruben Tudu &
Rukmani Hembrom**

Praise God: For the unhindered conduct of Christmas programmes in seven places and the New Year worship services in three places by the Grace of God. When our mission workers prayed for our new contact Dimpriya Babavu, who was suffering from a serious ailment, she received divine healing. One family who attended the Christmas programme in Siktibari village has started believing in Christ Jesus.

Pray: For our new contact Seetha, who is under demonic bondage, to receive deliverance. The healing of our Local evangelist Pulsingh and Santhi Bai from leg injuries due to an accident. Safe confinement for Sugan. The Lord's justice to be rendered upon the village headman Guman, who has been imprisoned under the religious conversion law for favouring the Christian faith. Pray that those who filed the case against him would recall it.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Isaac Raja D.
Mr. Senthil Kumar Timothy
Mrs. Anitha Prabha Anandakumar
Mrs. Eemandi Anuradha Bangaru

Peint Region: M Vinu & Subila

Praise God: By His immense Grace, the Christmas programme was conducted without any hindrance and a massive 37,000 people participated. The Lord gave the right place to build the Church at Jamanpada village. Owing to the fervent prayers of the parents and the Local evangelist, little girl Aparna, who suddenly fainted and remained unconscious for two hours while playing, revived. Jyothi Gute, a student of our Peint Home, has committed himself to full-time ministry. He also received the first prize in the Scripture competition for memorising 1,672 verses. For the dedication of the newly built Church in Kothwal village for the glory of God.

Pray: For the healing of Manjula Ben from kidney stones. Sonjibai, who is unable to walk after surgery, to receive complete healing.

Manisha Ben to be blessed with an inheritance. The deliverance of our new believer Sathubai from satanic attacks and poverty. The worship group at Meluske village, which was stopped due to opposition, to be restarted by God's Grace. Those believers who have backslidden due to intense persecution in Sule village to turn back to the Lord in faith and courage.

Chalisgaon: Yesu Praksh & Sunanda Belli

Praise God: When the doctors gave up hope for sustaining life and discharged our believer's husband, Shivraj, from the hospital due to the failure of both kidneys, the Church joined together in fervent prayer and the Lord miraculously healed him. Sayabai Samrav received healing from boils all over his body and a tumour in her breast through prayers. Our believer Lakan Gaikwat received healing through surgical treatment for his spinal cord ailment.

Pray: For the healing of Sunitha Palero from a tumour in her abdomen, Sangeetha from jaundice and low blood count, Devram Sambale from paralysis and Valmik Vakkale and Thulsibai from a kidney ailment. The Lord to bless Sathya, Sachin, Neha, Puriya, Deepali and Swapnil with the gift of a baby.



Igatpuri:

Nagarajan M & Thilagavathi

Praise God: After many years of waiting in prayer, the Lord blessed the couple Nilesh and Manisha with an inheritance. Urmila and Lalitha, suffering from excessive bleeding, received healing. Ramesh, suffering from an itch all over his body, was healed. Raji, a new contact suffering from pain in the limbs, was healed. For the healing of Chitra, daughter of Gangubai, suffering from breathing issues and Sandha Bai, bedridden due to an ailment.

Pray: For Sachin, Vishnu and Manisha to be able to find suitable life partners. The repentance of the Thallegav village headman who prevents his villagers from accepting Christ as their personal Saviour. Divine consolation for the family of Gokul and Jeya over the loss of their first-born child. The spiritual growth of Krishna, Sanjay, Nivruthi, Ankul, Kalu Vishnu, Naneshwar, Vanitha and Bheema. The healing

of Priyanka from white scars. The complete healing and recovery of our missionaries Nagarajan and Felix Gamaliel.

Karnataka

Malur: Samuel Beborta & Zipporah Beborta

Praise God: For enabling the missionary to return safely to his mission field after his marriage festivities. For Jothish, who was burdened with mounting debts, to be delivered through the miraculous intervention of the Lord when he came to prayer with an earnest need. For Basamma, a believer who was able to construct her own house. For Venkatesh, who suffered from a liver ailment, to receive healing through prayers without the need for surgical intervention.

Pray: For Jothish to receive the gift of salvation. For the Lord to bless the family of Murthi with the gift of a child, after seven years of waiting. For the believers of the Churches at Malur and Alambadi to grow in their faith. For the youth to secure good jobs with the help and guidance of the Lord. For the Lord to use the newly married missionary family mightily for the expansion of His Kingdom.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Angel Jeba Henry
Mrs. Subhra Bag Mintu Kutum
Mrs. Sarathi Arun Kumar, Mrs. Sumathi Ganesh
Mrs. Neetu Dinesh Kumar
Mr. Stephan Hansda

Srinivasapura: Sunil Data Kara & Meenakhi Beero

Praise God: 40 persons attended the Christmas programme newly conducted in Naganayakanahalli village and heard the Good News of Jesus Christ. More than 2,500 people attended the various Christmas programmes, all conducted without any disturbances. Sobha accepted Christ as their personal Saviour and publicly confessed their faith. Believer and trader Anjappa, though cheated by his co-trader who supplied substandard goods, managed to sell them at a good price. Sivanna, suffering from depression, received deliverance through prayers.

Pray: For those who heard the Gospel at the Christmas programme in Naganayakanahalli village to believe and accept Christ as their personal Saviour. Magician Gourapa, delivered from satanic bondage, to wholeheartedly follow Christ as his personal Saviour. Ronaldi and Manu,

who do not have a house, to receive government housing support and for Ronaldi to secure his father's job. Venketama to remain courageous in her faith despite opposition from family members and for her family to experience the love of our Lord.

Haliyal / Khanapur:

Thanglal Zou & Nemzavah

Praise God: The Christmas programme was conducted without any hassles in 4 villages. Usha and Santha had safe deliveries despite complications during labour. Nanda, Sheetal, Sureka Patil and Anand Karekar received deliverance from the possession of evil spirit when they came to the Church and prayed. The Lord blessed Parmanna's new borewell with an abundant water source. Rudhrappa was able to join the Indian Armed Forces by the Grace of God.

Pray: For the safe confinement of Renuka, Shoba and Reni. The deliverance of Bimappa, Rudhresh, Paresram and Chandan Parkesh from bondage to alcoholism. The healing of Lakshman, Uthappa, Nagesh and Elappa from paralysis and Rudhrappa from cancer. Suitable land to be procured at Nadhugat for the construction of the Church. Vishnu, Pooja, Arthi and Pramod to secure good job opportunities. The Lord to grant godly Christian spouses to Arpana, Jenifer, Nikki, Parajwal, Prathiba and Sennamma.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Suresh Joseph

Andhra Pradesh

**Dhamalacheruvu: John David
Raj (Rtd) & Gnanasekari**

Praise God: For the life of believer Mariamma's son-in-law, who, after being gravely injured in an accident and losing consciousness, was restored by the mighty hand of God through prayers. For the Lord's protection, which enabled him to return home safely when he suddenly experienced chest pain while riding his two-wheeler. For the gracious provision of good jobs to Ranga Prasad and Lydia. For the tender care of the Lord in safely restoring Rani Kiruba's brother's daughter, who had been missing for 45 days, in answer to fervent prayers.

Pray: For the healing touch of the Lord upon Job Prasad, who suffers from spinal cord pain, Debora Israel from uterine cancer and Victor Veeraswami from swelling in the leg. For Aaron, who has lost vision in both eyes, to be delivered from fear and to find hope, strength and courage in the Lord. For the salvation of Janaki Raman, husband of Esther

and Prabakaran, husband of Lakshmi Devi, to be brought into the joy of Christ. For the comforting presence of the Lord to console Daniel, who mourns the loss of both his mother and brother in the same week. For the miraculous healing of twelve-year-old David, son of Ruth Kalpana, who is unable to walk due to a tumour in his back.

Palamaner:

Paul Kupusamy & Shyla

Praise God: Three persons embraced the enlightened faith in Christ Jesus. Many new people attended the Christmas programme and the New Year worship conducted in seven Churches. After many days of prayer and effort, the renovation work of the Thalapalli Church has been completed. Alexander and Vasanthamma, who had been hospitalized for many days, have recovered well and returned home by the Grace of God.

Pray: For the upcoming youth meet, Church Elders training programme and Soul Winners training to be conducted effectively. The deliverance of Saravanan's family, who are under demonic bondage and witchcraft. The family of Sarasvathi to find salvation in Christ Jesus. The healing of Ruthamma from cancer, Rita from asthma, Parvathamma from knee pain, Subramaniam from diabetes and safe confinement for Manjula, Hemalatha and Sandhana.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Niang Khan Man Vum Biak Lal
Mrs. Anita Shishu Pal
Mrs. Ngaijalhing Kipgen Siehkhohthang

Madakasira:

Paul Ravi & Hemalata

Praise God: The Jesus film was screened in three places. For the healing of Raman Janappa from knee pain. For the deliverance of Ganga Rathnamma from the possession of evil spirit. Narayana Swamy, facing land issues, was able to resolve them by God's grace. Govindappa, who shows much interest in the Gospel, to be delivered from alcoholism.

Pray: For Varalakshmi, struggling with breathing issues, to receive healing. Nagamani of Melapur, who suddenly lost vision in both eyes, to regain her vision by divine intervention. Nagamani of Sarkar Colony, under the bondage of evil spirit, to receive deliverance. Makesha, the husband of our believer, to be set free from the vile habits of alcoholism and immoral relationships.

Kalakada: Subashbhai & Tumbada Rasilaben

Praise God: Even though the doctors did not give hope for a safe confinement, through prayers the Lord blessed Harshini with a

safe delivery. Venkat Praveen, who encountered an accident thrice on his way to the Christmas programme, was safeguarded by the Lord. For the healing received by Rajesh, Shreenu, Padma, Sasikala, Kala, Lakshmiamma and Mohan from various ailments.

Pray: For the compound wall construction of the Vedapalli Church to be completed. Naomi to be set free from her bondage to evil spirit. For the healing of Ram Chandra from chest pain, Krishnaveni from a uterine tumour and thyroid issues. For the upcoming seekers camp to be fruitful.

Nallamada: Dinesh Maraiya & Mary Murmu

Praise God: Jeyamma, who struggled to dispose her land for 5 years, fervently prayed and the Lord helped her sell the land for a good price. Narasimdu, suffering from high blood pressure and in a dangerous condition, received healing through prayers. Anji, who was advised surgery for her intense leg pain, through prayers received complete healing without the need for surgery.

Pray: For the repentance of Sandya's parents who prevent her from attending Church. For a suitable land to be procured for the construction of a Church in Nallamada village. For the deliverance of Mariyam from a satanic bondage and for Ramanji and Tabitha's family issues to be resolved so that they may experience peace. For the safe confinement of Sunderalekha. For the repentance of Elisabeth's husband, who has been a stumbling block for her spiritual growth.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Vinu P.

Mrs. Irene Letthenmuong Haokip

Ms. Abisha Angel

Tamilnadu

**Vetavalam: Bright Jeyakumar
& Beulah Anna Shanthini**

Praise God: For the New Year worship services conducted in Kalsorathur, Periya Olapadi and Shoolagiri villages for the glory of God. For widowed believer Kavitha, who struggled for a living, being blessed with a good job in a school in Bangalore, elevating her family from poverty.

Pray: For Dhandapandi Gudi, who shows much interest in the Gospel, to receive deliverance from alcoholism. For many women to take part in the women's meet and be blessed spiritually. For the requirement of an LCD projector and sound and light arrangements to be met for the ministry. For the land measurement works, compound construction works and renovation works undergoing in all the Churches to be completed soon.

Varli Bible Translation:

G. Abraham & Hemalatha

Praise God: For the proof-checking of the book of Psalms, which was

completed. The conference for Bible translators' workshop was a blessing. The Lord helped the missionary to participate in the Gujarat mission field Christmas and New Year services. For the Lord enabled to post Varli language short stories, scriptures, songs, sermons and Bible portions in the WhatsApp group for the Varli people group.

Pray: For the book of Proverbs to be proof-checked in Varli, Dohari and Nihari dialects. For the New Testament, along with Psalms and Proverbs, to be printed in the Varli language without any hassles. For Godly wisdom to be bestowed upon the language translation helpers. For the adult literacy programme curriculum to be proof-checked and printed in the Varli language. For the continued ministry of translating scriptures in Varli language and posting in the Varli language WhatsApp groups.

Mecheri:

Dharmaraj R R & Maria Selvi

Praise God: For the Christmas service conducted in Morpalayam and Kalipatti Churches in an effective way. For Kanaian and Jeyalakshmi who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ. For Duraisamy and his wife and children who remain steadfast amidst much opposition and remain confident in the Lord.

Pray: For the divine peace to dwell in the family of Nagarajan and Kasthuri. For the families of Rajiv Gandhi, Sinraj and Lakshmi to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. For Duraisamy's family to accept the Lord Jesus Christ.



**Mr. R. Selvakumar
Joseph Wilson & Mrs.
Jaya Helen Rose**

Mr. Joseph Wilson was born on 10 March 1968 in Thengai Pattanam, Kanyakumari District, as the second son of Mr. Raja Mani and Mrs. Maria Arputham, in a Christian family. At the age of twelve, when he was critically ill and near death, Arputham Ram Jesus Christ appeared to him and miraculously delivered him from death. During his youth, he accepted Christ as his personal Savior and dedicated his life to God.

When his father, who was working in the Forest Department, was transferred to Anchetty in Dharmapuri District, Mr. Joseph Wilson came into contact with Rev. John Dharma Mani and Rev. Varadharajan,

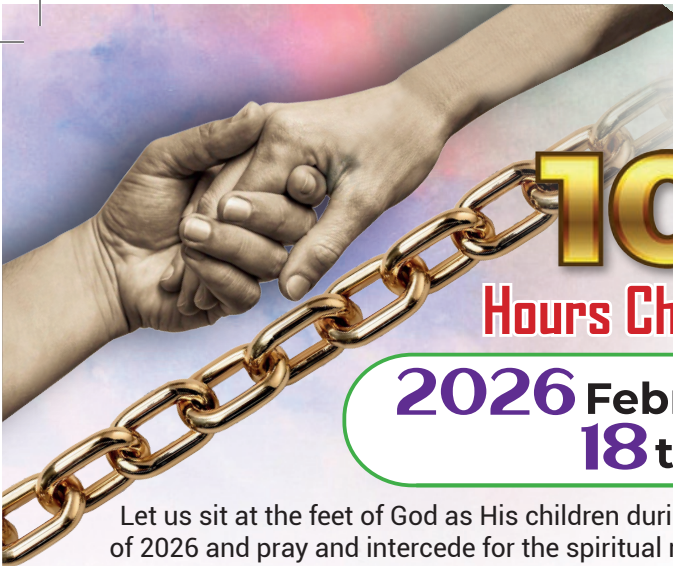
missionaries of the FMPP. Later, in 1983, while his father was posted at Soolagiri, his family actively participated in the worship group initiated and led by the FMPP missionaries at that mission field. During school holidays, he assisted the missionaries in village ministry and in distributing tracts.

In 1986, he committed himself to full-time ministry and began serving as an evangelist with the missionaries. In 1990, he was appointed as the in-charge of a mission field. In 1993, he officially joined the FMPP as a missionary and completed one year of missionary training at Bethel Bible College. From 1994 to 1996, he served as a missionary in states such as Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh.

Sister Jaya Helen Rose was born on 11 January 1974 in Pacode Village, Kanyakumari District, as the youngest daughter of God's servant, the late Mr. George William, and Mrs. Rattinam. From a young age, she had a deep desire to serve God, inspired by the lives of her parents. At the age of twelve, after reading many missionary stories, she developed a strong calling to become a missionary.

On 19 February 2001, Mr. Joseph Wilson and Sister Jaya Helen Rose were married. From 2002 to February 2008, they served together as a missionary in areas such as Krishnagiri, Madhepalli, Kundarapalli, and Guruparappalli. From 2008 to 2012, they served in the Head Quarters. From 2012 to 2020, they were involved in mobilization ministry in the Erode and Kolar regions, followed by village ministry in Poondi. Since December 2020, they have been serving at the Salem Ilampillai mission field.

God has blessed this couple with a son, Jet J. William, born on 02 September 2002, who is currently in his final year of medical studies. Let us continue to remember this missionary family in our prayers.



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Hours Chain of Prayer

2026 February
18 to April 2

Let us sit at the feet of God as His children during this Lenten season of 2026 and pray and intercede for the spiritual revival of the Churches, for Ministries, Missionaries and for the Blessing of the Nation!

Prayer Methods

**24-hour chain of prayer
(24 people praying for one hour each day)**

Prayer groups, in Churches, Mobilization areas and in Mission fields

12-hour fasting prayers

In all Mobilization districts / Mission Fields

**One-day / two-day / three-day
special fasting prayers**

Regional Mobilization districts and in Mission Field at the Regional level

3/6-hour special intercessory prayers

Prayer Groups / Churches / In the homes of our Leaders and supporters

**Let us participate in this prayer series as individuals, families,
Prayer Groups, Churches! Let's see the glory of our God in our Nation!**

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