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Your Will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

- Jesus (Matthew 6:10)

Praying and wishing that you and your family have a happy, healthy and blessed New Year - 2021!

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Will Heaven Be On Earth?

Many have made the mistake of thinking everything that happens must be God's Will. Jesus taught us to pray that God's Will be done on earth [Matthew 6:10]. The Will of God is not automatically done or carried out, otherwise there is no need for Jesus to instruct us to pray for God's Will to be done on earth. If God's Will is not automatically being done, it means the will of the enemy (the devil) will be done unless God's people do what we are supposed to do.

This is a revolutionary prayer. This prayer is a battle-cry to fulfill God's purposes on earth. It is the prayer of assent which means allying ourselves with the great warrior Christ, to do the battle with His enemies.

First of all, we cannot pray this unless we have the willingness to submit our wills to His Will. Jesus set an example of this submission. Prior to His crucifixion, He prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as You Will" (Matthew 26:39). Jesus was committed to see God's Will accomplished, and the prayer "Your Will be done" was a theme of His life. So, living in accordance with 'God's Will' must be our top priority.

Secondly, we cannot pray this prayer without committing ourselves to putting into action to see God's Will be done on earth. It



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means total dependence on and obedience to the Spirit of God, who alone, working through His people, can see His Will done on earth as it is in Heaven. Then, we will become a vessel in the hands of God for the renewal God is going to bring in the world. It should

be our earnest, heart-breaking plea to God to align Heaven and earth. Our prayer and endeavours should be, 'Lord, keep us from being indifferent bystander to evil. We want to join Your mission of healing, hope and renewal.'

Yes, Jesus is the bridge between Heaven and earth. He is the answer to the prayer - "on earth as it is in Heaven." He was the only one to fully fulfil God's Will. In our own lives for Jesus bridges the gap between Heaven and earth. By His death, we now have access to God and by His resurrection, we now have life, here on earth and through eternity. So we are obliged to lead others to inherit the heavenly life on the earth itself by surrendering our lives absolutely to fulfil His Will. We can fulfil God's Will fully only by spreading the Gospel as His witnesses to the ends of the earth.

Truly, this petition in the Lord's Prayer is a prayer of great hope, because we can trust that God's Kingdom will come when we commit our will to His Will; it is already on the way; it has already begun in us indeed!

- JJ. Harris (*Communication Dept.*)

"God's will is simply for heaven's reality to become earth's reality."

- Bill Johnson

"Good is not always God's will, but God's will is always good."

- Watchman Nee

"We must focus on prayer as the main thrust to accomplish God's will and purpose on earth. The forces against us have never been greater, and this is the only way we can release God's power to become victorious." - John C. Maxwell

"If life is to have meaning, and if God's will is to be done, all of us have to accept who we are and what we are, and give it back to God, and thank Him for the way He made us. What I am is God's gift to me; what I do with it is my gift to Him." - Warren W. Wiersbe

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's Will is-His good, pleasing and perfect will. (Rom.12:2)

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FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY...

Dear Elders, Brothers, Sisters and Children

Greetings in our Lord's name!

As we look forward to the New Year we are perhaps overcome with fear, anxiety and a sense of uncertainty in the backdrop of the pandemic caused by a virus. It has not spared the rich and the poor, the ruler and the ruled, the master and the servant. Nations are vying with one another to come up with vaccines to bring this under control. This gives us a ray of hope even though their efficacy in controlling the pandemic is yet to be seen. In the midst of such uncertainties we can look up to God whose sovereignty, power, faithfulness and love are never changing irrespective of circumstances that confront us.

Against this background I was reminded of the song, 'Lead kindly light.' The song writer pleads with God to lead him one step at a time in the midst of the encircling gloom. He confesses the fact that in the past he chose his own path out of pride. With repentance he commits himself to God's guidance. God has bestowed on us the freedom to choose. Even when we feel that

submitting to God's will deprives us of the exercise of our free will we should not forget the fact that what we consider our free will is not really our free will but a choice that is determined by any of the following influences on us, namely the world's ways or Satan's ways or our fleshly instincts or the desires of our minds as explained in Ephesians 2: 2 & 3. When we succumb to these we are spiritually dead and fail to see how we are harming ourselves.

Our Hostel Children

Our children in our hostels numbering approximately about 13000 have been unable to enjoy the benefits of going to school this academic year as schools haven't opened and restrictions are in force because of the pandemic. Wherever possible they were invited to their hostels for just a day to celebrate Christmas without ignoring social distancing and other norms like wearing masks. Each of them was given a pair of new clothes as Christmas gift and they participated in the celebrations planned by the hostel in charge and the wardens. Pray that these children do not lose interest in their studies because of the long interruption caused by the pandemic.

Our leaders' and mobilisation missionaries' Commitment

Despite the limitations in going carolling last year, at several places our leaders and mobilisation missionaries visited houses in small numbers to greet them and to receive their Christmas offerings for the missionaries, evangelists and hostel children. My sincere thanks to each of them and the prayer group members who welcomed them to their homes and gave generously in the midst of their financial challenges.

Wishing all of you a blessed New Year!

Yours in Christ

S. Sutharsan Thomas Jeyaraj

God's sovereign will!

(Canon E. Harrison Chinnakumar,
Chaplain,
Holy Trinity Church, Dubai)

I wish you all a Happy New Year! I pray that you have a blessed year 2021 and God takes control of all areas of your life.

The year 2020 has taught us many lessons. It was a year filled with many difficulties but through God's grace we conquered them and have entered into a new year. Should we look at the year 2021 as a year of hope? Shouldn't we look at every day as a day of hope? Yes, as long as we are submitted to God's sovereign will, every day is a day filled with purpose and joy.

'Sum up your life in six words' was the question given to a group of people. I picked up the following answers from the participants: *'I have lost but never quit', 'I never gave up all hope', 'It's not over yet, stay tuned', 'Forgiving others was easier than forgiving myself', 'I learned to give up control'*. Though these statements were taken from the general public, they shed light on the faith we have. I liked the last statement. He learned a good lesson of not controlling his life. But, who is controlling his life then?

Martin Luther calls this prayer "Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven" is 'a fearful prayer.' It is a frightening prayer



because we are asking God's will to prevail in our lives. To pray this is scary, but it delivers us from our self-will and enables us to submit to God's Will. This is fundamental to all our prayers. The idea is simple. God can fulfil His Will in your life if you surrender yourself to His Will. By saying this prayer, you are permitting God to intervene and take control of your life.

God's sovereign will is good:

God is good and all his actions are good. He alone is embodiment of goodness and nothing could be called 'good' beyond Him. "God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all" (1 John 1.5). Though we are not good, God still wants to establish good among us. Joseph's brothers were very cruel to him. They wanted to kill him but ultimately sold him to the Egyptians. The brothers planned evil, but God turned it into good. Joseph himself testifies it as, "Even though you intended to do harm

to me, God intended it for good.” (Gen. 5.20). What an enemy meant for evil, God can turn it into good. God is good; he does only good.

God can turn our mistakes and failures into blessings. David’s sin against Bathsheba is a good example. When David repented, God turned his evil action and the wisest king ever to rule this earth was born in that relationship.

But God’s sovereign will is not a dictatorship. Is he a dictator trying to be authoritative in all that he does? No, he definitely is not! We have the famous saying, ‘Man proposes, God disposes.’ This means that God is ultimate. But our God desires ‘partnerships’ with His people. He discusses His plan with His people and allows them to negotiate with Him. We have several examples in the Bible; Abraham, Moses, David and the list goes on. They teach us that God listens to you. But the stunning one to me is from the Ministry of Jesus. He acknowledges the faith of common people. At the end of every healing that Jesus performed, he said, ‘your faith has made you well.’ It is a partnership in action. An year ago, I lost my wife of 23 years. Retrospectively when I look at her passing away, I can clearly see how God prepared me and my children to accept this reality when it occurred. In most cases He informs you before He acts.

God’s sovereign will and man’s free will:

God created humans with free will. He gave them many options under his sovereign will to exercise their free

will. Many different varieties of fruits were available in the Garden of Eden. In my pastoral ministry, I say to parents, that they can give several choices of food, education, gadgets etc... to their children, but when it comes to God/Church, a choice cannot be given. God is compulsory. Yes, we are designed in such a way that we cannot live without God. All your freedom can be exercised under the sovereign will of God.

He also placed the Tree of Knowledge of good and evil in the same garden and forbade them from using it. If we believe in free will, then the question of why God placed this tree becomes invalid. The option is also given, so that the humans can show their loyalty to God. We are not hardwired with compliance. No, we are free people. It has to come willingly (free will) but we have failed. In a beautiful environment of the Garden of Eden, God placed a tree and forbade it and we disobeyed. Now in the midst of darkness around us, he placed the Cross and invites us to follow Jesus. The choice is ours. Salvation cannot be thrust upon us because we are free. The invitation is available now but it is not going to be forever. God respects the free-will given to humans and therefore he knocks at the door (Rev. 3.20).

God’s sovereign will and Evangelism:

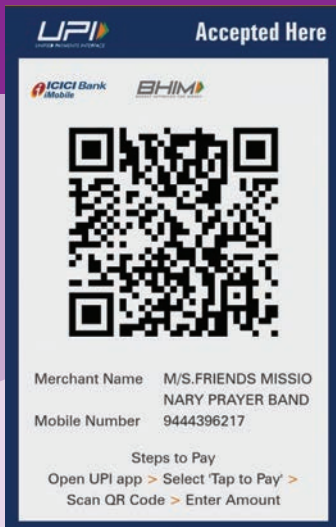
If God’s will is that everyone should be saved, how should we do evangelism? If God has already chosen his people, what is left to be done? These are age old questions. Though it is the work of God for granting salvation, he does it through

means. Humans are very much involved in this work. Therefore, as Paul rightly said, "I planted, Apollo watered, but God gave the growth." (I Cor. 3.6). The parable of the sower does give an explanation to this process. The steps are: sowing, watering, germinating and yielding of fruit. Paul addresses this by raising questions in his letter to Romans 10.14-15. The questions give answers as well: calling leads to believing; sending leads to preaching; preaching leads to hearing and hearing leads to believing. This is a process. Under his sovereign will, we partner with him in making disciples.

God's sovereign will ultimately prevails:

Someone said, 'God is a Grandmaster (Chess-master).' Whatever moves people take is either good move, bad move or stupid move, God can handle any such

moves and ultimately triumph. One thing that makes me happy is the knowledge of being part of God's narrative. The speciality of the storybook of "1001 Arabian Nights" is the various small stories within a big story. God has a long story or narrative in which He graciously includes you and me. He does not make us ordinary characters in His story, but gives every one of us a special unique narrative within His great story. This understanding makes me feel great about our God. We are not great at all, none of us is good and none does good, but He graciously includes us in his larger picture, with special unique roles. That is His Sovereign will, that He loses none but beautifies everyone with special traits, not only in this world but also in His Kingdom. What a great God we have! So, submit to him and say this fundamental prayer everyday *'Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.'* God bless!



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MAY YOUR WILL BE DONE ON EARTH FOR EVER!

A year has hurriedly moved away. We will ever remember the year 2020 because of the pandemic Covid 19. Each and everyone on the globe have pronounced the word, Corona. No nation had been safe. Lakhs of people have succumbed to this deadly viral disease. Despite the horrible nature of the viral infection, God has been gracious in leading us into this New Year. I praise the Lord God for His grace.

Based on the theme verse of our FMPB calendar, we used to publish a message in our magazine for the month of January. This year too, our theme verse is from Matthew 6:10 which says, "Your Kingdom come,

Your Will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. In Good News Bible, it is written as follows, "May Your Kingdom come; may Your Will be done on earth as it is in heaven." How meaningful this prayer is! How great is the depth of this verse! Let us try to understand this verse.

In this most familiar prayer to all of us including small children, the first person singular of 'I' 'me' and 'my' is not used. Rather the first person plural of 'we' 'our'

and 'us' is used in the Lord's Prayer. Hence these words indicate that the Lord's Prayer should be uttered in families and groups. What a wonderful prayer it is! The first part of the Lord's Prayer begins as "Our Father in Heaven." This part of prayer imparts the teaching that only those who have accepted God as their Father can enjoy the love of Father. God alone can understand the meaning of this part of the prayer when we pray. Hence with all humility and seriousness, we should say the Lord's Prayer without any haste. Claiming God as Father is not our birth right, but it is our right through faith. Whosoever wants to call God as Father must examine oneself whether he/she is eligible to call Him so. We need to understand that the first part of Lord's Prayer gives glory to the Omnipotent Father [Mat.6] -

*"Hallowed be Your Name,
Your Kingdom come,
Your Will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven."*

The remaining parts of the prayer throw insight to our needs -

*"Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one."*

What do the various parts of the Lord's Prayer tell us? God's glory and His reign are highlighted in the first part of the prayer. Our needs are secondary. This pattern should not be changed.

"We have to align our will with God's Will and 'God's Will' should be accepted as our will," thus says Rev. Dr. Theodore Williams. Our meditation on "may Your Will be done on earth as it is in heaven" refers to how God's Will is executed in Heaven without any terms and conditions, and without any doubt or questions. God's Will is joyfully fulfilled in Heaven. In the same way, we being His children through faith should fulfil His Will on earth.

Robert Laws says, "Prayer is a mighty instrument, not for getting man's will done in heaven, but for getting God's Will done on earth." If we want to establish God's Will on earth, we should not bring any disrespect to His Will on earth. We have no right to prevent the establishment of God's Kingdom on earth.

I want to point out how 'God's Will' can be fulfilled in an individual's prayer life and public life.

1. Lord's Will in Personal life
2. Lord's Will in Prayer life
3. Lord's Will in Public life.

1. Lord's Will in Personal Life

In the earlier times, there were two types of slaves. One such group was bonded slaves. They could neither claim rights nor exhibit their whims and fancies. The

other group was hired slaves. Bonded slaves were purchased by their owners. Hence the bonded slaves did not have any right over their time, wealth, talent, family and property. All theirs belonged to their owners. This is what Paul mentions in 1 Corinthians 6:19, 20 - "You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your bodies." Our mind controls our body; our Will controls our mind. Hence only when we surrender our will to God, God's power works in us. The following points help us to understand the relationship between will and mind.

1. Submission to His Perfect Will
2. Submission to His Permissive Will
3. Submission to His Perverved Will

Maturity in Christian life can be achieved only by submitting ourselves to His Perfect Will.

As Saul was nearing the city of Damascus, he had an encounter with the Lord. After repentance, the first question raised by Saul was, "Lord, what do You want me to do?" [Acts 9:6]. Thus he surrendered himself to the Perfect Will of God.

Balaam is a good example for permissive will [Numbers 22-24 chapters]. Balaam could not submit himself to God's perfect will. Hence God allowed him to suffer the consequences. We all know the end of Balaam. Israelites did not want themselves to be governed and guided by the prophets instead they wanted a king to rule over them as in other nations. They did not listen to Samuel's instructions.

They chose permissive will rather than perfect Will of God. The results were crystal clear. We must always abide by God's Perfect Will and never try to even think of Permissive Will.

The most pitiable part is perverted will. These people lost their lives and evaded themselves from God's protection. Judas, Ananias, Sapphira and Demas had great beginnings but had sad endings. They all are examples of warning to us.

David did God's Will in his time and died [Acts 13:36]. Let us submit ourselves to God's Perfect Will.

2. Lord's Will in Prayer Life

Is there God's will in our prayer life? We have courage in God's presence because we are sure that He hears us if we ask Him for anything that is according to His Will [1John 5:14].

The leper knelt down to Jesus and said to him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean." [Mk.1:40]. God did not scold him. God touched the leper and healed him. According to Bro. Stanley of BYM, the leper's prayer was not that of unbelief. Satan introduces new plans, new apps in order to weaken us from our prayer life. Do you become restless over the noise made by the incoming sms or other aspects from your mobile phone that deviate you from your prayer life? Many persons have become victims to this mental illness. Many have succumbed to such illness. Elders too are not exempted.

According to the data provided by the Government:

- ✓ 71% of the youth at the age group of 18 to 34 use Face Book.
- ✓ More than 40 crores of Indians use Whatsapp and India tops the world in this.
- ✓ More than 27 crores use Youtube channel and record dirty and obscene materials in it and India occupies 5th position in the world in it.

Many persons have drowned in Twitter, Instagram and many social net works and waste their precious time. Most of the people's first and last look of the day is on the mobile phone.

We have planned to implement the topic of H2H [House to House]. Unexpectedly Covid'19 struck India in March and we became immobile. Many people used conference call, Zoom Call facilities to increase the prayer time. This is essential. But I want to raise the question. How our personal prayers brought glory to God? Was God's Will fulfilled in your prayer life?

In the book of Revelation, of the seven Churches, only two did get the recognition of God. The Churches did not love Him as they had loved Him at the beginning.

Let us cry as the Psalmist cries in Psalm 85:4, "Bring us back; make us strong again."

Let us repair and rectify our personal prayer life and family prayer life. Satan trembles on seeing persons kneeling in

prayer and not persons preaching. Man is never so tall as when he kneels before God. Never so great as when he humbles himself before God. The man who kneels before God can stand up to do anything.

3. Lord's Will in Public Life

In the four Gospels, we can read 14 times about Jesus "seeing the multitudes." In Matthew 9:36, it is written, "As He saw the crowds, His heart was filled with pity for them." Do we have such attitude on seeing multitudes of people.

E.M. Bounds once wrote, "The Church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better men." The shepherd's heart was on the lost one sheep rather than being happy on having the remaining 99 sheep. Jesus says, "Father in heaven does not want any of these little ones to be lost." [Matthew 18:14]

I had the privilege of meeting George Verwer, the founder of Operation Mobilization. With tears rolling down on his cheeks he shared in an evangelical meeting. On his jenkins was drawn the world map. Whenever he was alone he could be seen praying for the needs of the nations, by placing his finger on the map of that nation. His message was centred on Ecclesiastics 11:1-6 – "Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days In the morning sow your seed." He emphasized that one should share his happiness to seven or eight persons a day.

Dear believers in Christ, most of us do not show keen interest in guiding people towards God's love. 98% of our Church resources are used for conducting meeting for the Christians. Only 2% alone is involved on mission work being carried out in unreached places.

✓ In the world population, one out of six lives in India. Of the unreached 639 primitive people groups 485 people groups live in India. Of the 29 states in India, in 13 states 1% of the population are Christians.

Once in 35 years, Indian population doubles, a statistics data says.

When we read these data, we are reminded of Zachariah 4:7 "Who are you, O Great Mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone with shouts of "Grace, Grace to it!" Lord's Will in public life should be filled up by each and everyone. There are other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice." [John 10:16]. We ought to be His disciples in bringing the sheep outside the sheepfold towards the Lord.

God, our Saviour wants "all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." [1Tim.2:4]. Father, "May Your Kingdom come; May Your Will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Lord, Use us to establish Your Kingdom on earth - Amen.

- Rev. Emmanuel Ranjitsingh
Secretary - Mobilization - TN & Pondy



Way Forward...



Look back and thank God

None of us would have ever thought, while wishing a Happy New Year at the beginning of 2020, that the 2020 would absolutely turn out to be a quintessence of irony as the entire world wilted under the pressure of Covid -19, the invisible enemy. It waged a war against mankind across the world and made 2020 an unhappy year. The explanations given in terms of religious, philosophical, political, sociological, historical and medical contexts by the experts for the miseries we have all gone through during the pandemic and the rhetoric of all the nationalist leaders who thumped their chest and cried to make their own nations great again proved futile when the nations of the world trembled, the hope of the people crumbled and its leaders humbled, writhing their hands helplessly watching the pandemic curve going up with no sign of it bending for several months. Their measures of closing down the borders and locking down the people of the nations for almost a year proved futile. The social media was abuzz with fake news and wild speculations circulated which triggered panic reactions and untold miseries for the globetrotters, business corporate, world governments and its economy. In India our minds are etched with the

indelible images of the exodus of the migrant labourers who walked thousands of miles across the nation followed by lakhs of people dying due to relentless pandemic.

We wished 2020 to be forgotten as a bad dream. Some of us have lost our loved ones. A few of us escaped unscathed from the clutches of the deadly virus only because of the Grace of God. We do salute the frontline warriors who risked their lives to save the people and served to alleviate their miseries. We cried out "How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and every day has sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me? (Ps.13:2). The world was fighting an invisible enemy. We cried, "My soul is in anguish, how long, how long?" (Ps.6:3).

For those who trusted the Lord our God and guided by His Word of Truth, it was a year earmarked to repent of our sins and cling to the rock of our Salvation Jesus Christ and search the scriptures in order to return to our moorings, to set things right with God and right with men.

How is New Year 2021 going to be? Should we pep ourselves up with wishful thinking once again and listen to the clichés or feel good predictions, of various astrologers, interpreters of Nostradamus, the belting out of speculations under the guise of prophecies both pseudo - Christian and of various other religions? No never.

Get back to our moorings:

We do not know what the future holds for us but we do know the one who holds our future in His hands. Hence let us look to the Lord with absolute confidence and faith in Him. Cling to His entire word, 'The Bible,' not just to a few phrases of promises from the word of God, picked out of the context which is making an appeal to our emotions and sense fulfillment which is not right in the sight of God. In the New Year let us search the scripture together with the members of our families. By the divine ordination of God last year, the leaders of FMPB suggested the fraternity of FMPB to focus on the theme House to House-(H2H). They neither claim themselves to be prophets nor the sons of the prophets. By mere prayerful inspiration the suggested theme with emphasize on 'every house hold' was accepted to focus our lives and ministries in the mission fields, mobilization operational areas in order to strengthen our family ties and impart a sense of urgency to teach the word of God in its entirety to make people mature in

Christ and to intensely engage ourselves in intercessory prayers. Covid 19 lock down made it possible to some extent. Praise God, several spiritual minded men and women of God in India and across the globe exercised these spiritual disciplines through zoom meetings and various other digital platforms. Blessed are those who quickly adapted themselves to these challenges.

Don't quit but hold on:

In the year 2021 let us continue practicing the same without becoming slack over the times when situation becomes normal again while retaining the lessons we learned during the "new normal" period. We have an unchanging God. The covenant he made with us is unchanging. His call and gifts are unchanging, "for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable". (Rom.11: 29). We were grounded to a halt only to overhaul our inner life and set our faulty connections established right with God. So let us keep moving in the year 2021.

The world in which we live may change but the principles of God's way of governing His people never changes. Hence we do not fret or fume but look forward in Faith to move on as long as we live on this earth. Just like Paul let us boldly declare "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain". (Phil.1:21). Come what may we will never quit.

- Rev. N. Prabakar, FMPB



Spiritual Conferences for Women in the fields

[An appeal to meet the needs]

We are grateful to you for your unceasing prayers and support for the ministry of reaching the unreached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

By the immense grace of God, a large number of women accepted Jesus Christ from the downtrodden, oppressed, and underprivileged society where our missionaries work hard for their uplift. We have seen remarkable social and cultural developments among women through our adult literacy programs. Due to their social awareness and educational developments, they educated their children and as a result, now the children are working in factories, hospitals etc and their standard of living has improved a lot in many ways. Also many of their children have become our missionaries. These women also involve in the ministry such as conducting prayer cells, participating in the outreach programs etc.

In view of this, our missionaries give priority to conduct spiritual programs for the women believers, so that they may become backbones of their growing Churches and society. Every year, they conduct women conferences twice or thrice for three days in the Regions or Zones. In these conferences, they teach the subjects such as – The importance of role of women in the society and how to nurture the children spiritually? As a result of these conferences, our women believers have grown in their spiritual life and strengthened to stand firm in their prayer life amidst sufferings and challenges. They bring many women to these conferences who also experience the love of God by the testimonies and witnessing life they share in these conferences. And thus influence and bring many other women to the fold of Jesus Christ.

For the financial year 2020 to 2021 we have estimated that we may require Rs.35,57,843/- to conduct women conferences in all the Zones. For a three days women conference, we spend around Rs.200/- to 250/- head and for the field wise conference we spend around Rs.00/- to 150/- head. We warmly welcome you to extend your hands in meeting this great need as individuals, families or groups.

Moreover, we request you to pray -

- ▶▶ For the spiritual growth of the women believers in the field. ▶▶ For their social uplift.
- ▶▶ For their witnessing life and thereby drawing many to Christ. ▶▶ For the removal of all the oppressing and suppressing evil social structures and practices against women.

To get more details about these women conferences of the fields, we encourage you to contact either our Mobilization Secretaries or Hon-Mobilization Secretaries or Prayer Group Leaders of your area.

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KHANDESHI BHILI NEW TESTAMENT: A NEW MILESTONE IN TRANSLATION MINISTRY



Honouring the Translators



Khandeshi Bhili believers with dignitaries



Translation Team

As you are aware of, FMPB has undertaken Bible Translation projects in 13 languages. We have already translated and released the whole Bible in Malto (Sauriya Pahadiya) language three years back. Malto (Kumarbag), Chodri, Vasavi Ambudi, Vasavi Dehwali, Vasavi Khandeshi, Varli Dogri, Varli Dawri, Varli Nihiri, Dungra Bhili, Haryanvi, Pawri, Khandeshi Bhili and Kurux are the languages covered under these translation projects. The New Testament is translated in Chodri, Kurux, Varli, Vasavi and Dungra Bhili languages. Six more languages are to be taken up for translation as and when the socio linguistic survey and needed assessments are done.

By the immense grace of God, the New Testament in Khandeshi Bhili language was released on 26th November 2020 in our Church at Malangaon of Sakri mission field, Kandesh Region, Maharashtra. On this historical occasion, Smt. Manjula Gavit, MLA, Mr. Joseph Malbari, Vice-President (International Human Rights), Rev. Devendra Shinde, Deputy Superintendent of Police (DySP- Nasik), Tahsildar (Sakri) and all our senior missionaries of Khandesh Region and believers around 2000 gathered, adhering to the Covid'19 guidelines and social distance norms. God enabled our missionaries to cross this milestone, as a result of their ministry for 18 years and the translation ministry for 7 years. We praise God and acknowledge our missionary couple Rev. Ajay Kumar Lima and Pratyasini Lima who have involved in this Bible translation with much dedication and hard work in addition to taking care of a few Churches and mission field activities among the Khandeshi Bhilis. We appreciate all the missionaries and believers who have been there with this missionary couple in this joint venture. Let us uphold this ministry through our prayers that the whole Bible will also be translated and published in Khandeshi Bhili language soon.

A New Year Prayer 2021



Gracious Heavenly Father,
I praise You for keeping me safe under Your wings all through
the last year and all the previous years.

Thank you, Lord, for all the spiritual, physical and material blessings
I have received from Your loving hand.

I confess that I'm not worthy of any of them. It's all because of
Your grace.

Thank You, O God, for Your gifts of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Holy
Bible, and the fellowship of Your people. Not I but You loved me first.

I worship You as the Alpha and Omega of my life.

Thank You, Lord, for enabling me enter another year.

So many have passed away last year even though they were holier
and more godly than me. This tells me, O Lord, of Your great expectation
of increasing fruitfulness in my life. Help me not to disappoint You.

Enable me, O Lord, to be faithful in stewardship of time, talents and treasure You have
entrusted me with. Let me always keep in mind
that I'm not the owner but simply the user of these blessings.

I confess my prayerlessness, Bible neglect,
laziness in soulwinning and evangelism, and stinginess in charity.

Open my eyes, Lord, to see like You. Open my ears to hear Your whisper. Open my mouth
to speak for You. Open my hands to be liberal like You. I reconsecrate myself on Your altar.

As I see lawlessness and lovelessness abounding in these last days,
help me, O Lord, to relate to my family members, friends, fellow believers
and fellow workers lovingly, and respect their rights. Let me live in peace
and make peace. Let me serve others with selfless love, doing good for evil.

Dear Father, let me become better everyday and brighter everyday this year. Let me become
more and more like Jesus Your Son thro' the indwelling Holy Spirit.

I long to go from victory to victory, holiness to holiness, and glory to glory.
Grant me my desire.

Thank you, Father, You are just about to send Your Son again into this world. We look forward
to His appearing. Help us to diligently prepare ourselves and others for this glorious event.
We are excited that Jesus will present us faultless and blameless before You, and we will be
with You forever and ever in the New Heaven and the New Earth.

To You be all glory, honour and praise thro' Jesus our Lord! Amen!"

- Bro. R. Stanley, BYM Founder



Borewells for the needy people of India!

We praise God for our Overseas Indian supporters, who sacrificially donated towards meeting the expenses of digging the bore wells in the needy remote places of our country, India. By the abundant grace of God, 31 bore wells were dug with an average cost of Rs. 70,000/- each in 5 states of India. [6 borewells in Jharkhand, 5 in Madhya Pradesh, 2 in Uttar Pradesh, 3 in Andhra Pradesh and 15 in Odisha].

We are truly thankful for the efforts of Mr. Samuel Jones Dadala, for facilitating the successful execution of this project to the glory of God and for the blessing of the deprived people, who are in dire need of safe drinking water.

We pray that God's abundant grace may rest up on the sponsors and bless them richly in all their endeavours.

- FMPB, Overseas Desk



Missionary Dedication

Our missionary Miss Lianbiaknem was dedicated on 20th November 2020 by Rev. Lunkhohlen, the Moderator of Eastern Manipur Presbytery [EMP]. She is the 5th missionary of EMP and we are grateful to the sponsors and leaders of EMP.

- Upa K Songkhotuan
Hon. Mob. Secretary- Manipur.

TRAIL BLAZERS



Melville B. Cox

NEVER GIVE UP

The School of West Africa" is a Methodist high school in Monrovia, Liberia. The school was opened in 1839 having the credentials as one among the oldest schools in Africa. It has produced many of Liberia's leaders which includes among its alumni Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, the first woman elected as president in an African state, and Liberian Vice President Joseph Boakai. The College of West Africa's main building is named in memory of Melville B. Cox, a Methodist missionary from America, who was the founder of the school.

In 1800, a revival meeting was held by Epaphras Kibby, in Maine. Melville and his twin brother Gershom accepted the Lord,

and were baptized. He entered the New England Methodist Conference in 1822 as an itinerant preacher. After contracting tuberculosis in 1825, he was unable to preach and moved to Baltimore, where he worked in a bookstore and edited a weekly newspaper. He married Ellen Cromwell, but within two years both she, their young daughter and several close family members died of cholera pandemic within a short span, devastating him, but releasing him from ties that might have held him back to go as a missionary.

By 1831 Cox became interested in missions. His heart burned with desire to carry the gospel to people who had never heard it before. The Methodist Episcopal Church formed a Missionary Society in 1819, but no suitable missionary was found to send abroad. During those days many freed slaves from all states of America returned to Africa and settled in Liberia. The church collected funds to send someone to Africa with a view towards the salvation of these people. The mission committee could find no one willing to take the risk. Melville offered himself to Bishop Elijah Hedding to go to Liberia, which was situated on Africa's west coast and to minister to these freed American slaves.

"If you go to Africa, you'll die there," warned a friend who knew of his frail health. "If I die in Africa, you must come and write my epitaph," retorted Melville Cox. He felt that it would be no loss to die far from home as long as Christ was with him and that he was running on His errands. However even in case of his death, he earnestly hoped that it would spur forward the cause of Christ and the mission work in Africa. He even wanted his epitaph to reflect that spirit.

"What shall I write?" asked the friend. Melville's reply became a blazing torch to kindle Methodist enthusiasm for missions. "Let a thousand die before Africa be given up!" he thunderously exclaimed. Such self sacrificing and self forgetting love for Christ could not help but inspire many in the early mission movements. Many in the American Methodist church who were inspired by his faith later followed his foot steps to Africa.

He sailed for Liberia aboard the Jupiter on, November 6, 1832. He was the first missionary sent to a foreign field by American Methodists. While sailing, he made plans, but recognized that their accomplishment was not up to him. "In making up my mind and in searching for a passage to go out, I have followed the best light I could obtain. I now leave it all with God..." He recognised he was only Moses and he prayed and wished that soon Joshua would be sent by God. The following March, he thanked God that he had finally arrived in Liberia.

Upon arrival, Cox immediately visited the area's few black Christians who returned from America. He gathered them into an assembly and started a church. He also kept a journal and began writing Sketches of West Africa. He opened a school and taught seventy students. He held camp meetings, started regular worship and Sunday school, and developed mission strategies all within a few weeks of his arrival. But, as had been predicted, his health deteriorated due to malaria. He could have returned home on the ship Hilarity after the first attack of the deadly tropical disease, but he chose to remain and to suffer the pains he had gone through.

His last journal entry, written on June 26, 1833, noted "to God I commit all." Despite his weakened state, he survived almost another month, not dying until July 21, 1833, four and a half months after his arrival. During one of his fevers, he sang a spiritual, "I am happy! I am happy!... My days are immortal..." This triumphant spirit later made his story a powerful tool for recruiting additional missionaries.

Although his career was painfully brief both to him and to the people of Africa, his work was not in vain. Several others went to Africa over the years. After his heroic death, the mission agency of the general church established three mission stations in Liberia and did significant work in founding what are now called as United Methodist Churches throughout that country. Around 80 schools for all ages were also established over the years in areas in which there were previously no school to educate children.

Only those who know the worth of the work of the pioneers can alone estimate the value of the seed of grain that falls into the ground. He has lifted up the powerful message of the gospel of Jesus Christ in the midst of despair and its joyful strains still continue to this day. He envisioned a mission house, a school, a seminary for young Christian converts, and churches. All of these became reality after his passing. Today his historic grave in Africa still reads: "Though a thousand falls, let not Africa be given up" and true to his calling the United Methodist Church is still making a difference.

- Bro. David Benny



JANUARY

Friday

Happy Birthday

MRS. PREMA HARIRAM
MR. KONKA GIRI BABU, MR. GIN SAWM
MR. MEENUGA ADEPPA@MATTHEW
MRS. SARITA PAUL, MRS. BYULA S
MR. HABEL HEMBROM

Jammu

Jammu Region:
**Elesh Prabhu Vasave &
Sunita Vasave**

Praise: Twenty-four persons were added to the fold of Jesus Christ from R.S Pura field, Nowshera, Samba, Udampur and Jammu. More than 45 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God delivered Veena Devi and Neha of Saninagar and Neeha from the possession of evil spirit. God healed Sunil Kumar from kidney stone problem and Sharita Devi from paralysis. God blessed the wedding of our believers Bittu Kumar - Sukumar Devi and Bittu Kumar - Arti.

Pray: Church to be built at Sumb village and our believer Tarshem is ready to give a land for Church construction. For the deliverance of Janvi of Kadarapur village from the possession of evil spirit. Kanchana of Badyal and Vicky family of Chatah; Anil and Neha

family of Kotli, Sakshi of Chak Harnia and Sapna of Dollian to be blessed with children. For the healing of Shubam of Kullian village from paralysis; Senba of Mehlowal from kidney stone and Asha of Chakharnia from cancer.

Himachal Pradesh

**Rampur: Doujapao Guite
& Florence Lamming**

Praise: Three persons came to the knowledge of Jesus Christ and 4 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Wedding was conducted for a believer from Takeleh congregation without any problem. Recently three persons came into contact with us newly in our ministry. Sathram and Prakash families are ready to donate a piece of land to build a Church in Path area. Our believer Sathya got some means for livelihood even though her husband left her with two grown up children. God delivered Reena, Anjali, Prabha and Seema from the possession of evil spirits.

Pray: For the repentance of believers who blame Covid'19 for not attending the Church service. Backslidden believers to be restored in faith. For the healing of Baldassi, the wife of our evangelist Kumbhdass from the fracture of two ankles. For the guidance of God to bring many new souls unto His Kingdom.



JANUARY

Saturday

Happy Birthday

MRS. GNANAM PHILIP
MRS. MEKALA PRABAHAR
MR. NATHAN KUMAR BEBARTA
MRS. MAHALE YEMANBEN POSLIABHAI
MR. MUNNA MOHENDIAR
MR. RAUT SUBHASHBHAI LAHNUBHAI
MR. MAHENDRA PAL SINGH
MR. UPDESH KUMAR
MR. GINGOUMANG KILONG

Punjab

Budhlada:

Sanjib Anand & Prastuta

Praise: Eight persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 2 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God healed Raji Kour from deep wounds in hip bone and Dev Singh from heart attack. Backslidden believers of Kanda colony and Rekha and Jaga Singh were restored in faith and our believer Rohiram gave donation to white-wash the Church. Family problems of Anju, Santhosh and Karamjeet were amicably settled.

Pray: Our new believers Kala Singh, Bhima Singh, Hanuman, Katy Singh, Sehajpal Singh, Dharshan Singh, Harbhan Singh to get rid of the habit of drinking alcohol. For the salvation of Mihander of Sirsiwal and Harbhan

Kour. For the healing of Ayush and Chinder Kour from bone fracture. Our believer Manish Kour, Zenat Kour and Runina to be blessed with children. For the deliverance of Karam Jeet Kour of Gurne village from the possession of evil spirit.

Haryana

Barwala:

Babubhai & Saraswatiben

Praise: Five villages namely Bagavad, Bheri, Pali, Pakhi and Rajpura were newly reached with the Gospel. God saved our believers Devilal and Kavita from road accident. God healed Mamta of Uklana from the possession of evil spirit. Our believer Hare from Araibipur got a job for his livelihood.

Pray: For the believers Pavan and Maya who face opposition from their family members for their faith in Christ Jesus. For the salvation of Bablu from Kothkala village whose family members accepted Jesus Christ. The door to be opened to preach the Gospel in Moth, Madha, Pethwar and Lohari villages. Many people to respond to the Gospel in the villages namely Shahu, Saniyana, Chamerkheda, Uklana and Lalod villages. Mass movement to take place among the people groups such as Bagad, Ravidasi, Balmki, Dhankand and Odd Rajput.



JANUARY

Sunday

Kalanvali:

Vijaya Kumar & Jebala

Praise: Two persons from Odhan sub-centre came to the faith in Jesus Christ and one village was newly reached with the Gospel. A worship hall at Ashok Nagar was dedicated for the glory of God. God healed Rebecca, wife of our evangelist. God protected all the migrated believers who went for cotton-plucking.

Pray: Church elders to be strengthened and take the full responsibility of managing the Church affairs. The consolation of the family members of Amrodevi who passed away recently. For the healing of Sukhdeep from mental disorder. For the wisdom to be bestowed on our missionaries to learn the local language. The construction work of the Church at Asir village to be started soon.

Uttarakhand

Bazpur: Christian Prakash & Christian Sumitra

Praise: God blessed our believer Prem with a baby. God protected Kumarpal from a major accident. Monika got deliverance from the

evil spirit through prayer and Sundhar got healed from kidney stone problem and Sunil from typhoid.

Pray: For the healing of Rajani from tuberculosis, Jagatsingh from paralysis, Asha from anaemia and Shiya from mental disorder. For the deliverance of Kusum and Anita from the possession of evil spirits.

Delhi

Patparganj:

P.G. Christopher & Mabel

Praise: Our believers Padmini, Anand and Paras were recovered from Covid-19. Chandmati is blessed with a baby after long years of waiting. Our believers Pradeep-Kavita wedding went on well in a Christian way. Atul was healed from Dengue fever.

Pray: Good health of Padmini who recovered from Covid-19. To get a suitable life partners for the believers' children. For the safe confinement of Sangita and Alamelu. Mukul to get deliverance from witchcraft and evil possession. For the broken families - Pinky-Devender, Subbu Lakshmi-Muthupandi, Reena-Manoj, Sishpal-Chanchal and Palanivel to be reunited. The financial needs to be met for our believer Anita Gopal who is building her house. For the healing of Rachana from fits.



JANUARY

Monday

Happy Birthday

MRS. IVY NICHOLSON
MRS. BAGIYAM CORNELIYU
MRS. RUKMA TEKAM SURESH
MR. PUMSONCHIN
MR. LAL KISHOR MURMU

Rajasthan

Kherwara:

Devubhai Patel & Jamuben

Praise: God blessed the ministry in many ways and many show interest in the Gospel. God healed Hanjuben from heart problem; Harish from mental problem and Premila from unconscious state.

Pray: For the protection of our believers of Dabaicha and Dalpatpura from the haunting of evil spirits. For the release of our believers Mahesh, Vipul and Raish who were arrested due to false allegations. The believers of Mada village to stand firm in the faith of the Lord even amidst opposition from their own villagers and village head. For the deliverance of Krishna and Valgi from the possession of evil spirits.

Khairthal:

Selvaraj & Selvammal

Praise: God blessed the night meetings conducted in 20 places without any hindrance. 40 new persons came into contact with us and they show interest in the Gospel. God delivered Anjali from the possession of evil spirit. God protected Sunny from a major bike accident. God healed Arthi and Samer from chronic fever and Rambhai from stomach pain.

Pray: The congregation of Teada area to grow in the Lord. For the spiritual growth of the believers who have newly joined the Church. For the repentance of the persons who became hindrances to our ministry in many ways.



God healed the paralytic:

In Gujarat, at Umargam mission field, our believer's son Babubhai Vagat, a 14 year old young boy from Zarl village had pain in his hand. His father took him to the doctor who diagnosed and identified a tumour inside the skull. On their way to home, the boy had paralytic attack and they brought him to the Church. Our believers prayed for him for four days. As a result, the young boy started walking and he was completely healed. Glory to God.





JANUARY

Tuesday

Happy Birthday

MR. SURESH MALTO
MRS. EVANJALIN P

Paota:

**Jaybeer Singh &
Devirani**

Praise: Two villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God protected our believer Sangeeta of Kotputli from falling. Our believer Rajender got a job for his livelihood. God healed Pinki from fits. God blessed the three days fasting prayer in which Pooja, Mamta, Asha, Santhosh and Joyti voluntarily came forward to help our ministry.

Pray: For the salvation of Vikram and Sarly Devi who expects healing from God and show interest in the Gospel. For the healing of Premlata from chronic stomach problem and Ram Singh from liver infection. For our believer Sangeeta to pay back the loan without any problem.

Rajasthan Region:

Amir Kant Digal & Nirola

Praise: God blessed the 54 night

meetings; follow up ministry in 57 villages; Bible study program in 82 places and the outreach program in 9 villages. Our missionary Selvam's health is improving a lot.

Pray: For the spiritual growth of the new believers amidst opposition. The problem of Sikar field to be settled amicably. New evangelists to be recruited for the development of our ministry. For the witnessing life of the new believers. The new believers to join the worship without any fear. In need of lands to build Churches at Anupgarh, Sangaria, Sriganganagar and Tapukeda areas. Regular Bible studies to be conducted for men, women and youths. Church elders to conduct services of their own congregations and Church committees to be formed in every congregation. For a break through among the Nut and Raiger communities for the Gospel. For Satya Prakash and his wife who have newly joined to serve the Lord among Raiger community of Paota field and to learn the language and culture of the people soon.



JANUARY

Wednesday
Fasting Prayer Day

Happy Birthday

MR. JENNIS J B
MISS. RANOO K M

Uttar Pradesh

**Jhinhak: Samarendra
Singh & Sushmita**

Praise: Three persons from Konchosi and Derapur sub-station came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 5 villages namely Udnawapur, Harpura, Bairagra, Matera and Raypur were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the follow up ministry in 20 villages; seekers camp at Derapur, Rasulabad and Nainapur villages. Believers meeting conducted in Sanyapur, Rampur, Dalepur, Jalalpur and Himatpur villages and through which 57 believers renewed their faith in the Lord. God healed Raju Singh and Sunil Kumar from typhoid.

Pray: For the salvation of the people from Nainapur and Raypur who show interest in the Gospel. For the spiritual growth of the believers of Jalalpur, Darpur and Bamheya areas. For the blessing of the upcoming outreach programs. For the restoration of the backslidden believers

of Mubarkpur area. For the opposition to be wiped out to build Church at Doboli village. Church elders to take up the responsibility of their own village congregation and the local believers to involve in the outreach program.

Kaimgang:

**Ebenezer G. Sam &
Jebarani**

Praise: One village was newly reached with the Gospel. God healed Sunil of Ajampur from typhoid and Niteesh of Aliganj from skin allergy. Believers' children who are studying in 9th Std have started going to school as they do not have access to online study facilities.

Pray: For the youngsters Rani, Radha, Nagesh, Atul, Swathi and Rajini from Lijoure area and Sandiya from Chilaka area to come out of all fears of society in order to follow Christ and lead a witnessing life for the Lord. For Rinkey and Lakshmi to get suitable life partners. Financial needs to be met for our believer Vandana whose wedding is arranged. For the spiritual growth of Urmila of Gadia Jaganath village who is willing to confess her faith in Christ along with her husband, as she was delivered from satanic bondages. Need of volunteers for the expansion of ministry in Kaimgang field.



JANUARY

Thursday

Happy Birthday

MR. RAMESHWAR DAYAL NIRMAL

Kanpur Region: **Srinivasan & Sheeba**

Praise: Fifty-nine persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ. God blessed the film programs conducted in 31 places of Pukhrayan field. Jeep Team ministry was conducted in Pukhrayan field without any hindrance. God healed Roshni from Malaria and liver infection.

Pray: For the effectiveness of ongoing Jeep Team Ministry at Pukhrayan area. For the blessing of field visit to Bharthana, Haseran and Rania to be fruitful. For the healing of our Rura Church Elder Kanhailal from sickness. Our Church Elder of Chilli area Balgovind and his wife Sharda to be blessed with children. For the people of Ghatampur to be get rid of their evil practices.

Sikandra & Bhagya Nagar:

Ponnu Samy & Chitra

Praise: Two persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and two villages in Bhande Mau area were newly reached with the Gospel. God delivered the son of Rannu from consuming alcohol. God blessed the night meetings; Ladies meetings, Church elders training program at Sikandra and believers' meeting at Baisundra. God enabled our missionaries to conduct worship service, follow-up ministry, Cottage prayer and house visits among 65 villages regularly.

Pray: For the healing of Bintu who is suffering from mental disorder for the last seven years; Poolan Devi from fits, Manoj Kumar from skin disease, Geeta from typhoid, Deepa from treatment due to head operation and Monu from dengue fever. For the Church believers to get the suitable jobs. For our young believers Anjali, Deepika, Bharsa and Satyander to get suitable life partners. For the salvation of Rajput community people.



JANUARY
Friday

Madhya Pradesh

Niwali:

Channamallappa & Roopa

Praise: Six persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ at Naliambha area and 5 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the outreach ministry in Kannadgaon, Kunjary, Sakad, Chatli and Vankad areas. God enabled the missionaries to start women ministry in Niwali field. God healed Nurabai from jaundice. Worship started newly in Sulgaon, Rathdimahal and Chikali villages. 20 persons newly attend our worship.

Pray: Land documents to be prepared to build a Church in Gholypuni area. For the salvation of the contacts in the worship centre at Niwali field. For the healing of Shilabai from eye problem. For the salvation of Dadu and Suresh families who show interest in the Gospel.

Pansemal:

Bhangsingh & Yemen

Praise: Eleven persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ.

God blessed the Anand Mela conducted in Pansemal for the first time. A Church was dedicated at Panali village for the glory of God. God healed Ramdas from Polhani village on his deathbed.

Pray: For the healing of our evangelist Samji's wife, and Ritha from blood vomiting and Dinesh from hernia. For the repentance of opponents of the Gospel in two villages Shivtekdi and Ghatya.



False allegations don't last long:

In Jharkhand, Barnabas Soren and his two brothers of Patwara congregation had faced false allegations from their own villagers. There are only two hand pumps in their village. Both failed to function one after the other. The people of other faiths of this village put the blame on the Christian brothers for the problem. They spread this news in the village and our believers were worried about it. They started to pray for it. And God gave them an idea to call the village head who could make some arrangements to repair the pump. They called the village head who sent mechanics to repair the pumps. Now they are able to use it. The people who spoke against them were put to shame. Praise the Lord.





JANUARY

Saturday

Happy Birthday

MRS. BINITA MACHHO HEBAL

Khandwa Region:

Isaac & Seetha

Praise: Forty-five persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 29 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Our believer Sakun Shirlal was healed from Covid'19. God healed Dharan of Jamali village from dumbness and Radhika from paralysis. God blessed our believer Sunita Mabo with a child after 12 years of married life. God protected the Maize field of our believer Bhavsingh from wild boar and Pushpa of Betul from the falling of a collapsing wall on her.

Pray: God to bless the plan of starting prayer meetings in Katukia, Sutariapura and Ruthakal villages. Our believer Rekha's husband of Dharni field to be released from prison with a repentant heart. Encroaching the forest area in Malkundi village is to be stopped. For the deliverance of Sukder of Kakada, Ashish of Dhar, Bharat of Mafipure and Mamta of

Kunda from the possession of evil spirits. For the healing of Nasubhai of Sasrapura from chest pain, Radhika from mental disorder, Sayira Banu from fits and Ardhas, a 12 year old boy of Bisner village from blindness.

Jharkhand

Ramgarh:

Timothy & Muthu Selvi

Praise: Seven persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 17 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Many attend the worship services enthusiastically after the lockdown. God blessed our believers with plentiful harvest. God healed the wife of our local evangelist Emmanuel. Our local evangelist Michel got a new born baby. Many of our believers were healed by God from various diseases by prayer.

Pray: For the healing of Pahamuni, Rubin Marandi and Sunil Tudu from depression and the wife of our Church elder of Kansiria from jaundice. For the repentance of the believers and Church elders of Pathria Church who involve in illicit brewary. For the witnessing life of Pokwa and Paliam Church elders. For the Church elder of Sinthria area to conduct the worship regularly in accordance to the Biblical principles.



JANUARY
Sunday

Happy Birthday

MR. JOSHUA CHINNADURAI S
MR. SANJIB ANAND, MR. PAULUS BARJO
MR. SELVAM THAVAMANI
MRS. HAOJAM HIJAM, MR. LALDUHSAKA
MR. SANTHAKUMAR

Amalagachi:

**Albert Prabhakaran &
Esther**

Praise: God blessed all the 35 evening meetings, follow up ministry in 36 villages, one day fasting prayer in 32 places, Church elders' meeting, Bible study programs for the local evangelists and training program for the new believers. Our Church elder Daniel Malto donated his 3 acres of land to establish a day care centre for the children who live in 17 villages of Singarsi hill area. The students of Padutha School are safe in their respective villages and the teachers frequently meet and encourage them in many ways.

Pray: For the consolation of the family members of Yakup Malto, the Church elder of Mario congregation who passed away

recently. Construction work of the class room and quarters of Padutha School to be completed soon. Translating the songs and dictionary in Kumar Pahadia language to be completed soon. For the spiritual growth of the believers and Church elders who migrate for their livelihood.



**Death does not separate us
from the love of God:**

In Jharkhand, at Kathikund mission field, a boy called Manoj from Mundlidum was sick for more than a year. His mother Kalaboti Devi took him to magicians and doctors. Even then the boy did not get healing. Finally the mother approached our evangelists to pray for her boy. Our evangelists Bablu Dehri and Babulal Dehri went and prayed for the boy regularly. His sickness increased and so they took the boy to a hospital for the treatment. Our missionaries continued their prayers for him with fasting, but the boy Manoj Dehri died. The missionaries were very much disappointed about it. But to the Glory of God, his mother Kalaboti Devi openly confessed her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Burial service was done in a Christian way and later the whole family affirmed their faith in the Lord. We praise God for this.





JANUARY

Monday

Happy Birthday

MRS. JEYA HELEN ROSE SELVAKUMAR

Lalmatia:

Amarenthiran & Swetha

Praise: Seven persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ. Evening meetings were conducted in four places without any hindrance. The conference call prayer being conducted at 5am everyday with our believers is a great blessing to all. God healed Marangmai Murmu of Mohabathan village from chronic back pain. People from Tulsipur and Bada Sinni villages are inviting our missionaries to conduct prayer and worship in their villages for the first time. God protected Detmai Marandi from snake bite.

Pray: For the blessing of the evening meetings Sinni, Parader, Tilaiabad, Tulsipur, Balcomy in Fulbadia area and Simda, Sabai Joda, Chitarkutty, Sampur and Bagjodi villages of Lalmatia. 5 new congregations to be started. For the repentance of opponents of the Gospel in Panchgachi village. For a breakthrough in Bajnathpur and Kairbani villages. Congregations to be formed in

Mohabathan and Harkhatta areas. Believers to be renewed in their spiritual life; backsliders to be restored in faith in Devipur area. For getting a mini-projector to carry out film programs in hilly areas. To identify suitable Church elder for Devipur congregation. Believers to have good understanding among themselves. For the salvation of our new contacts who are living in Tilaibath, Sinni, Tulsipur, Bodgama, Chitarkutty, Sabaijoda, Sampur, Parader, Mahasol, Jurgudda, Jabdi, Masnaha Khaspathar and Kharkhadi villages.



**Forest dweller opened
his heart to God:**

In Gujarat at Dharampur mission field, Jailalbhai from Thamni village was possessed with evil spirit and due to that his family was disturbed in many ways. They tried all the means to chase out the evil spirit from him but all was in vain. Someone advised him to build a house in the forest so that the evil spirit would flee away to the jungle. He did so and as a result he lost his father and mother one by one. He was also terrified by the fear of death. Some of our believers led him to our worship service and as a result of our prayers, he got deliverance from the evil spirit and opened his heart to God. Praise be to God.





JANUARY

Tuesday

Happy Birthday

MR. LAULIN BHUINYA

Mohulpahadi:
Baagi Sateesh &
Mutha Ratna Kumari

Praise: Eighteen persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and follow up ministry was done in 26 villages. Many are getting ready to confess their faith and join the Church from Roshnala and Banadumber villages. God healed Siby Dehri of Chappudia village from snake bite. God healed Rupai Dehri, Pulmuni Rani and Parvathi Rani from chronicle sickness. Family problems of Harinder Girih and Sambu Dehri were resolved.

Pray: For the healing of Pusana Ahadi from chest pain and Budhan Dehri from hand pain. All the villages of Dalahi and Taldi areas to be reached with the Gospel. For the repentance of Dhuma Dehri of Baniyapasar

village and Rajender Girih who are disturbing our believers. For the spiritual growth of the believers of Mohulbona area.

Santhal Discipleship
Ministry:

Sudhaharan &
Florence

Praise: Dinesh and Mary who are our believers and at present our missionaries got married. Our believers got good harvest from their cultivation. There are open doors for the Gospel in many places. God helped us to attend local evangelists' family get-together to encourage them. Wedding is arranged for our missionaries Bapuji Murmu and Violet Hansdak.

Pray: For the blessing of the plan of forming 386 Bible Study groups within 3 months of time in 22 fields. The Bible Study materials to be printed and published soon. Our missionary Ruben Tudu to get a suitable life partner. The rest of the unreached Santal People group to be reached with the Gospel.



JANUARY

Wednesday
Fasting Prayer Day

Telo: Paulraj & Jeba Jothi

Praise: Thirty-five persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ. God enabled our missionaries to conduct Believers meeting in 12 places, Small prayer group leaders meeting in Kudumba, Church elders family get-together in Balidi and Night meeting in four places. Our believer Joseph Hembrom from Tarapur village was protected from the hands of opponents of his own village. God healed David Murmu's daughter Talamai Murmu from brain malaria and Talamai Hansdak of Mangru village from mental disorder.

Pray: For the repentance of opponents of the Gospel in Gouri, Harinchara, Pathargata and Tarapur villages. For the spiritual growth of the new believers who are getting ready to join the Church in Pokriya and Kandor villages. Church construction work to be started in Kinduwa, Kordiha and Ranidih villages. For the remaining works of Bagmundi Church construction to be successfully completed soon. For the spiritual growth

and protection of all the 150 CDC children at Balidi and Matia who are with their parents right now.

West Bengal

Balurghat:

Haramohan & Susama

Praise: One person came to the faith in Jesus Christ. God blessed our believers with good harvest. God healed Rabin Tudu from paralysis and Rani Tudu from chronic head ache. New seekers namely Sopon Tudu from Basnai, Jisu Murmu from Chandmon, Bisannath Tudu, Komol Tudu, Aju Tudu from Dundahara, Anil Kisku, Talamai Murmu and Sunil Kisku from Dedgetola who show much interest in the Gospel.

Pray: For the spiritual growth of our migrated believers. For the healing of Joseph Hasdah of Belda who is not in touch with the family due to his mental disorder. For Rani Murmu of Belda to stand firm in the faith as she is facing opposition. For a breakthrough for the Gospel in the villages namely Sam Nagar, Sutipukhur, Udal, Gumilpur, Muminpur, Khatan, Darajpur, Munsipur, Basnai, Atkuhuri, Letodanga, Arakda, Rang, Dangi, Dedgetola, Cokram, Bilpada, Kasipur, Duraladabga, Dundahara, Macwa, Jharai and Mae Nagar.



JANUARY

Thursday

Happy Birthday

MR. ISSAC ABEL S

Itahar:

**Astaban Aditya Kumar
Limma & Manini Bebartha**

Praise: Nine persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 3 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God enabled the missionaries to conduct 5 evening meetings and youth meetings in Probhuhat village. Our believer Mongal Murmu of Kuchiamari village and Talamai Besra of Basahar village were blessed with children.

Pray: For the healing of Sunil Murmu who is not able to stand due to the weakness in the legs and Lurdhu Murmu of Kuchiamari village from paralysis. Our believer Suni Soren of Pakhrighutu village to get-rid of the habit of drinking alcohol completely. For the migrated Church elders Talku Soren of Kalipokhor village and Rajen Kisku of Basahar village to return safely.

Raniganj:

**Dhrubaraj Bebartha &
Pushpanjali**

Praise: Nineteen persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ. Believers' meeting conducted in 4 places were blessed by God. VBS program was conducted at Morapara and Lawadanga congregations was a great blessing to many. Harvest festival was conducted successfully in all the congregations. God healed Sila Murmu and Tala Hembrom from various sicknesses. Dhona Mardi, Rajina Mardi and Sriman Soren are open to the Gospel.

Pray: For the good health of our local evangelist family. Believers to actively involve in the outreach ministry. For the spiritual growth of the people who are ready to confess their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The door to be opened to preach the Gospel in Bujubitha area. For the salvation of Dily Marandi of Kalitola and Dhona Mardi of Roghutu village. For the backslidden believers to be restored in faith.



JANUARY

Friday

Happy Birthday

MRS. SHINY JOSEPH
MRS. SUGANTHI SOLOMON

Samsi:

Deep Ratna & Mithlesh

Praise: Three persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 4 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the one day prayer meetings for the believers and the evening meetings conducted in 10 places. God intervened in the life of Mangal Hansda of Jitalpur village who confessed his sins while praying with our missionaries. A worship centre was opened in Jitalpur village. The new seekers Ragunath Marandi, Chita Soren, Mangal Hansda, Ramesh Kisku, Dhinu Murmu, Phasur Murmu and Hopna Murmu who show interest in the Gospel.

Pray: For the healing of Mangal Hansda from mouth cancer. In need of lands to build a Church for Laksarpur and Wari congregations; for the opponents of the Gospel in Kalitola village. For a volunteer to be placed in Samsi area at the earliest. For

the salvation of Mangal Hansda of Jitalpur and Chita Murmu, Robin Murmu of Jharna Tola, Sansa Soren, Francis Murmu and Rubi Marandi, Sunita Hansda, Sankar Murmu, Bijay Soren, Jhakas Murmu, and Ragunath Marandi as they show interest in the Gospel.

Gangarampur:

Dihe James & Charani

Praise: God blessed the all night prayer at Pondori village and the believers are revived in prayer life. God healed Chetan Besra from nightmare due to the evil spirit disturbance and Purmila Hasdak from chronic headache. Believers conducted thanksgiving program for the year 2020, although they faced so many challenges.

Pray: For the salvation of the families of Dilip Kisku, Jotin Hasdak, Narayan Baske and Rajesh Hasdak as they show interest in hearing the Gospel eagerly; for the blessing of upcoming programs such as film program in 15 villages, VBS program in 3 villages and night meetings in 6 places; for the spiritual growth of our Church leaders Govendo Soren, Mongol Hasdak, Gomu Hembrom and Mongaol Mardi.



JANUARY
Saturday

Happy Birthday

MRS. VIJAYAMALAR GURUBATHAM
MRS. DEBORAH D. ROSELYN ARULRAJ

Tapan:
**Kingsly Livingston &
Delphin**

Praise: Three persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ. God blessed the VBS program, film programs in 5 places and follow up ministry in all the congregations. God healed Radhika Haski from chronic sickness. God opened the door for the Gospel in Tapan block in many ways.

Pray: Mass movements to take place in village by village where the Gospel is preached. In need of a land to build a Church at Baspada area. For the spiritual growth of the believers amidst their busy involvement in the cultivation work. Revival to take place in Ananthapur, Bhodol, Gadatola, Naranpur and Dhokalpur villages. Believers to actively involve in the outreach ministry. All our evangelists and

volunteers to be enriched by the power of the Holy Spirit in order to do the ministry effectively. An evangelist family to be placed in Tapan field where the door is open for the Gospel right now. For the witnessing life of Ranjan Khasla and Satish Kumar.

Assam
Gohpur:
Densingh & Kavitha

Praise: Six persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ. God healed our believer Suniya from the possession of evil spirit. God blessed all the programs, especially the youth meeting. Although a few of our believers were affected by Covid'19, they got healing without hospitalization. The construction work of the Churches in Junguni and Raunamuk were successfully completed.

Pray: For the spiritual growth of the migrated believers of Teliyabari village. For the restoration of the backslidden believers of Luinmuk Church. The believers who have married the unbelievers to stand firm in the faith of the Lord. For the healing of our evangelist who becomes sick quite often.



JANUARY

Sunday

Lokra:

**Lunkim Tongkam
Khongsai &
Lhingtinkim Haokip**

Praise: All the believers who are affected by Covid'19 got cured. God blessed the Youth Camp and many youngsters had committed to live in the Lord and for His glory. God protected Sanjiv Tachang and Rajan Taba from a major accident. Bible study programs are going on well twice a week in all the Churches. Youngsters come forward to participate in the Church activities. Church elders are encouraged to take care of their own congregations.

Pray: Young believers and youngsters to grow in the Lord. For the healing of the believers who come to the worship with faith in the Lord. For the new contacts Rangarajan, Bordeorai, Baabari, Salbari and Potasali to confess their faith in the Lord. For the Church leaders Laihewsar, Riteswar, Raju, Punami, Vikesh, Agun, Bewri, Urpah and Roihmoni to rely on the power of God to do the ministry effectively.

**Silapathar: Bhagirathi &
Lalmani Digal**

Praise: The believers of Kathalgudi and Pipalgudi villages are growing in the Lord inspite of opposition and the haunting of evil spirits. God protected Jagadish Medak and Tarabati Medak to stand firm in the faith of the Lord amidst opposition.

Pray: For the families of Mangal Singh Dole and Jeebonath Pame to join the Church inspite of discouraging voices from the villagers of Muktihar. For the healing of Vobokanta Panging family as they suffer from sickness quite often.

**Majuli: Rabindra Murmu &
Selina Marandi**

Praise: Believers' meeting was resumed after the lockdown. God blessed all the programs in the field. God healed Tinku Mili from severe stomach problem.

Pray: The door to be opened to preach the Gospel in Mishamorah and Lilabari villages and to start worship centres. For the restoration of the backslidden believers Debronjan Doley, Lekison Pegu, Bulumai Pegu, Raju, Rimpi, Sunil, Milonjoyti, Apel, Hemoda and Saniya. For the salvation of Oishi Mili. Church to be built in Pekamoni village.



JANUARY

Monday

Happy Birthday

MRS. VIJAYA JOYSON

Gogamukh:

Praween Das & Margreat

Praise: Three persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and three villages namely Tingiri, Joyrampur and Koyon were newly reached with the Gospel. Church construction work is in progress in Kosutoli area. Our new contacts Dosorat Dole, Renu Dole, Madhusmita Taku, Suresh Pegu, Bhim Pegu, Apai Pegu, Nigom Pegu and Bogabura Pegu show interest in the Gospel.

Pray: For the salvation of Dosorat Dole, Renu Dole, Madhusmita Taku, Suresh Pegu, Bhim Pegu, Apai Pegu, Nigom Pegu and Bogabura Pegu as they show interest in the Gospel. For the healing of Mayum Pegu from chicken pox, Armon Misong from paralysis, Manik Dole from kidney problem, Bina Pegu from tumour in the womb and Madhusmita Taku from epilepsy.

Joani:

Sunil P. Singh & Joy Bella

Praise: Thirty villages were

reached with the Gospel and village survey was done in 6 villages. Almost 900 people were reached with the Gospel. God blessed the two outreach meetings and 8 film programs. Sunday school was formed newly in Bali village.

Pray: For the salvation of the people who heard the Gospel in Namuni Bali, Boundary, Siga, Khiyaro Mail, Telijan, Moidapur, Mamor and Bali villages. For the salvation of Krishna Doley, Raja Regon, Jem Doley, Azad Guhai, Dino Pegu, Putul Doley and Laboine Kumbang family. Youngsters to get-rid of the addiction of drugs.



The rich too need Jesus:

In Chhattisgarh, at Bhaiyadhan mission field, God led our missionaries to share the love of God to a person who is considered as a rich man in his village called Padi. He warmly welcomed our missionaries and listened to the Word of God with utmost sincerity and asked them to pray for the salvation of his family members. Moreover, he bought the Bible from our missionaries and is regularly reading the Word of God and is growing in Him. Pray for him to confess his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.





JANUARY

Tuesday

Happy Birthday

MR. ISAAC DHANASINGH R

Chhattisgarh

Sitapur:

**Padvi Somaliabhai &
Mahala Shila**

Praise: Eleven persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 7 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the inaugural service of the Hardisand congregation. Harvest Festivals conducted in Madusasarai and Taraidan congregations were a great blessings to many. God blessed the Premesai family with a child. Soul Winners' training conducted in Madusasarai, Sardin, Jajga, Chattanpara, Keraju, Poksari and Lalitpur influenced the believers to reach their own kith and kin.

Pray: Church construction works at Nowapara and Poksari areas to be completed soon. Implementing the plan of membership fee in all the congregations to be successful. For the healing of Vijay Ekka from kidney stone problem and Dinesh from liver problem. Our believer Neera Kindo of Aganbadi to get a

suitable job. The couple Manbahal and Sukhmunia to be blessed with a baby.

Champa:

**Rameshwar Dayal Nirmal
& Madhu Kala**

Praise: Four persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 2 villages namely Jervey and Sasaha were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the film ministry in Ahilda, Mekari and Sone villages and follow up ministry in 15 villages. Pratap Bhargav has newly joined as a volunteer in our ministry. God delivered Agarbai from the possession of evil spirit.

Pray: For the salvation of Khamharia village people. For the spiritual growth of the new contacts namely Raghubir, Mohan, Akadasia, Mukesh, Ashok, Sanju Rakesh, Ratre, Pardeshi, Rahul, Banjare, Mahettar and Sonvani. The hindrances to be removed to get a land for the Church at Uraiha village. Our believers namely Vinay, Jayprakash, Pardeshi and Balram Patre to get suitable jobs. Receptive people Groups namely Satanami, Sahu, Painika, Yadav, Nisad, Rohitas, Suryavansi, Devangan, Kashyap, Patel, Sabaria, Dangchagha, Kumhar, Kahar, Dhobi, Nai, Devar, Sarthi, Korwa and Demar to come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ completely.



JANUARY

Wednesday
Fasting Prayer Day

Happy Birthday

MRS. SELINA MARANDI

Ghargoda:

Kingsly Issac Johnson & Meena

Praise: God blessed the 25 outreach bhajan meetings, 3 days fasting prayer, 3 youth Bible study programs and 7 evening meetings in many ways. Soul winning programs for the believers were conducted and many got the vision for mission. Our missionary Meena's ear operation was done successfully. God protected the cultivated lands of our believers when a herd of elephants came.

Pray: For the growth of our ministry in Ghargoda mission field. For the salvation of Ratia people group. For the believers to actively involve in the outreach ministry. Hindrances to be wiped out to believers to join the Church. For the healing of Rukmani, the daughter of our believers from mental disorder.

Katghora:

Ditungbou & Sanalung

Praise: Five villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the film program at Bankheta village; two days Children Camp conducted in Raha and Burnujharia Villages; child dedication program at Gorha village and all night prayer at Raha village. God healed Samuel, son of Basanti and Jairam of Beisemer area from hernia. Sunday worship has been started at Keramora village and night bhajan at Baisemer village.

Pray: For our new believers Tulsingh, Mahetar Singh and Somar Singh to stop the habit of drinking alcohol completely. For Mannu of Beisemer to grow in the faith of the Lord as he is newly attending the worship in Keramora congregation. For the salvation of Mansingh of Baisemer as he is hindrance for his wife to attend the worship and for Adhar's father who stops his wife to attend the worship. Peace to be prevailed in the family life of Birbal of Khardi village as his wife hasn't come to the fold of Christ. For the door to be opened to preach the Gospel in Bhari, Amadarh, Nangthal and Saliabhatha villages.



JANUARY

Thursday

Happy Birthday

MRS. PREMALATHA DANIEL THOMAS
MISS. SHANTI MURMU

Pratappur:

Dinesh Kumar & Neetu

Praise: Eight villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed our believers with good harvest. Believers are growing in the Lord and new seekers from Patnee, Casy, Chelgally, Baykona and Gagatru villages show much interest in the Gospel.

Pray: For the blessing of all the upcoming programs. For the spiritual growth of the migrated believers. For the healing of our believers who have physical weaknesses. For the salvation of Shankar and his family. 8 families from Gagatru area are open to the Gospel.

Gujarat

Umergam:

Arul Aseer & Suguna

Praise: Our believers Jothiben, Sandanben and Thakshanaben were blessed with children. Hiralbhai from Angalath village was healed from various sicknesses

through prayer. Our believers Kishorebhai and Kalleshbhai bought two wheelers for the use of their daily business. God enabled our believer Sureshbhai of Thalvadal village to build a house of his own. God blessed the Church elders meeting in many ways. God protected our missionary from a major accident.

Pray: For the spiritual growth of all our believers of the Church. Our believer Jegadishbhai to attend the Church service regularly. For the salvation of Itheshbhai who stops his wife from attending the worship.



**A village leader turned
to the Lord:**

In Jharkhand at Ramgarh mission field, Sunilkol, the son of a village leader was possessed by the evil spirit. He was tied to a pole due to his violent behaviour. All the efforts taken to heal him were in vain. Finally they brought him to the house of a Church elder. The believers gathered and prayed for the deliverance. God delivered him. But his father, being the village-head hesitated to accept Jesus Christ and even he started opposing our ministry in many ways. Due to the believers' continuous prayers, he too accepted Jesus Christ and now as a family they worship the Lord. Praise be to God.





JANUARY

Friday

Happy Birthday

MR. SUDAKAR NATHANIEL

Ahwa and Dangs Outreach:

Bidush Kumar & Pritibala

Praise: God blessed the elders' training in Amsarvan Church of Hanvotchond field and in Milan Church of Pipalwada field. Two families in Amthava village and one family in Vasuran village are open to the Gospel. God protected Vanitaben and Sunitaben of Kosbey village from a major bike accident. 11 persons in Bamnamal village confirmed their faith in the Lord. The women are participating enthusiastically in the women's fellowship in Dhangdi, Vasuran and Sule villages.

Pray: For the elders and catechists to attend the training programme regularly. For the economical uplift of our believers which will enable our congregations to become self-sufficient and help further towards the Indigenization. God

to bless our plan of conducting healing meeting on the last Friday of every month. God may inspire to the believers to give for the ministry. For our believers' family Sunitaben and Gansubhai of Taklipada and Ankitaben and Samuelbhai of Sule to be blessed with children. For the safe and normal delivery of Ravinaben of Vadiyavan village as she has twins in her womb.

Bajipura:

Markus Malto & Sara

Praise: Worship service is resumed at Gangpor and Dostan villages. Many were open to the Gospel and received the New Testament and tracts. God healed our Church elders Rajubhai and Nanubhai from the hands fracture.

Pray: For the consolation of the family members of Vinodbhai of Bajipura who passed away recently. For the contacts of Bajipura who are getting ready to confess their faith in the Lord. For the deliverance of Payalben and Amruthbhai from the possession of evil spirits. Our believers Akashbhai and Rajubhai to get suitable jobs.



JANUARY
Saturday

Happy Birthday

MR. MATHEW K, MR. KUMAR V
MR. TEKAM SURESH SHAMRAO

Mandavi:

**Ramesh Christian &
Rachel**

Praise: Three persons from Sanadhara came to the faith in Jesus Christ. God blessed the follow up work in Renta, Sarvan, Khadikhudi and Sadadi villages. For the healing of Sunita, Ranuben and Mahima from fever and throat pain, Ramkaben from leg pain and Ganajubhai of Sarvan village from paralysis. God delivered Reenaben of Khadikhudi village from the possession of evil spirits.

Pray: For the deliverance of Ramilaben of Sanadhara village and Rakeshbhai of Kolkhadi village from the possession of evil spirits. Night meetings to be started in Pipalvan and Renta villages. For the consolation of Alpaben whose husband passed away recently leaving two children. Youth meetings to be started at Sanadhara, Choramba and Raghipura areas. For the healing of Silas from paralysis, eye problem and skin disease.

Sahayatri Region:
**Samuel Subramani &
Sushila**

Praise: God blessed the Church elders and catechists programs in Ahuwa, Sajniwarda and Silvassa fields. Church at Vadiyanvan area was dedicated for the glory of God. God healed Vasiyabhai from paralysis, Saniyabhai from kidney stone problem. God blessed our believer Raviyabhai family with a child after 10 years of married life. Our believer Shaileshbhai was protected from leopard by God.

Pray: For the new believers to stand firm in faith. For the blessing of the forth coming programs like harvest festival, youth meetings, ladies meetings, outreach ministry etc. Our catechist and elders who got Bible training as well as those who are going to get the same training in the near future, to do the Lord's ministry effectively and fruitfully. For our believer's son Sudhirbhai who is expecting to get a medical seat. For the spiritual growth of our migrated believers. For the healing of Divaljibhai from paralyzsis and Manjuben from spinal cord problem.



JANUARY
Sunday

Happy Birthday
MRS. NIANG ZANGAI THAWNG KHAN KAP

Dadra & Nagar Haveli Daman:

Venkata Praveen & Byula

Praise: Weekly family prayer was resumed in Nayakwad after 9 months. God healed Leelaben and Meenaben from skin infection and Priyan from severe sickness. Our new believer Poojaben shows interest in the Gospel.

Pray: For the complete healing of a small girl Janvi, so that her whole family will come to the knowledge of God. For the salvation of Bijaybhai of Bhariyawad who is opposing his wife from attending the Church service. For the repentance of the opponents of the Gospel in Zari village. For the spiritual growth of Lathaben, Neeruben, Poojaben, Rekha, Maneesha, Ashokbhai and Seetal of Zari village as they show interest in the Gospel. To start children

class in Dungar Faliya and Paali Karambeli. All the believers to attend the worship regularly. The door to be opened to preach the Gospel in Bhattaiya village. For a breakthrough among the people of Patel and Halpati tribes.

Maharashtra Allapalli:

Ningthoujamalon Singh

Praise: Seven villages were newly reached with the Gospel. The 6th anniversary was celebrated for the Mallera Church. Special fasting prayer was conducted especially for the sick and God delivered our believers Saradh Gedam and his wife Rukhmabai from the possession of evil spirits in this meeting. Pushpa Mekalwar of Petthadawas got deliverance from the clutches of evil spirit. God healed Madukar's eye problem, Vachalabai from fever and Babibai's stomach problem.

Pray: For the salvation of our new contact Gosai Atram who experienced a miracle of God in his life. For the spiritual growth of Prustam who was healed from diabetes through prayer. For Vachalabai and Babibai who got healing from God to confess their faith in the Lord.



JANUARY

Monday

Happy Birthday

MR. STEPHEN JOYSON P

MRS. ASNATH DEVADASS

MRS. MARGARET MUTHAIAH SAMUEL

MRS. JEYA RUBY SOLOMON

MRS. KIRUBASANAM STELLA ANDREWS

Surgana:

Mayilsamy & Yesumani

Praise: Two villages namely Pendipada and Koshurda were reached with the Gospel. Backslidden believers from Sarnevan and Umbachapada villages were restored in faith and now they are attending Sunday service regularly. Church construction work at Umpachapada area is completed successfully. Opponents of the Gospel in Borchand village stopped disturbing our ministry in answer to our prayers. Four families are newly attending our worship service.

Pray: For the repentance of opponents of the Gospel in Ambatta village. For the salvation of the people of Umberpada, Mohpada, Gundwihir, Sarnevan

and Ranwihir villages as they themselves prepare alcohol and spoils the peace of the village. For the smooth going of the upcoming worship service while the believers confess their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.



**Kidnapped,
but rescued by God:**

In Uttar Pradesh, at Jalaun mission field, our believer Sanju from Akkodi village came to attend a planning meeting for the upcoming programs arranged by our missionaries. Sanju is blessed with two daughters and a son. During his absence in the home, his son was kidnapped by two persons in a car while he was going for tuitions. The boy was taken to Bhind. Sanju found that his son was missing and prayed along with the believers who had gathered for planning meeting. In one particular place, the kidnappers stopped the car and went to rest room. By the time, this small boy came out of the car and ran to a guest room where the people helped him to untie the rope that was tied in his hands and the plaster pasted on his mouth. They took him to his parents back safely. Glory to God.





JANUARY

Tuesday

Happy Birthday

MR. JOHN DINESH G M

Jimmalagatta (Sironcha):

Srinivas Lazarus & Sunitha

Praise: Three villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the follow up ministry in 15 villages and fasting prayer in 14 places. Sunday worship is newly started in Borremppalli village and prayer meeting in Marnelly village. God delivered Shakuntha from the possession of evil spirit and she got healing from all her sicknesses also.

Pray: For the salvation of Gavitha and Mounika families. Venkatti Kondagarla, Yeshwanth, Suresh Madavi and Dileep Athram families to commit their life for ministry as local evangelists. Prayer and Bible study groups leaders to be trained and equipped to lead the respective groups effectively. Church elders to be trained and equipped to lead worship groups and congregations. Sunday service is to be resumed in Borremppalli area. For the salvation

of Madanayya Kaware, Chandraia Kodape, Ramachandran families from Borempalli village, Mallavva and Shankar families from Umanur and Venukabanda villages. Congregations to be strengthened in Merpalli, Chirapalli, Erragadda, Perkabatti, Darshawada and Dachilipeta villages. The door to be opened to preach the Gospel among Madiya Gond people group who live in Ambdelly, Erragadda, Rompalli, Pattigaon and Karancha villages and Many Koyas people group who live in Merrygudem, Ambejara and Venukabanda villages.

Sindkheda Sub-Vadali:

Jagmohan Singh & Swati

Praise: Three villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the outreach program in Barul, Chaugoan and Khorda area. God healed Burabai from paralysis. God blessed Medabai and Suresh Dada with a child.

Pray: For the migrated believers of Nadana village to stand firm in the faith of the Lord. Our believer Medabai to pay back the loan without any difficulty. For the repentance of Mewad Dada and Udan Dada to get-rid of the habit of drinking alcohol. For the blessing of the upcoming programs.



JANUARY

Wednesday
Fasting Prayer Day

Happy Birthday

MRS. BITHIKA BIBHABA PANI

Dahanu:

Shankar & Anandhi

Praise: Ten persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 6 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God protected our believers Ranjana and Vansiben from Honeybee attack. Small groups were started in Aguvan village and Argithpada. A new congregation was started in Vangel village. Mangesh Mahu Vang committed himself for ministry as a Casual Volunteer. Night meetings were newly started in Argithpada and Mathilpada villages. Our seekers Nilesh, Ajeeth, Sunil, Parasubhai, Umesh and Jeyesh to grow in the Lord.

Pray: In need of lands to build Churches in Raithle and Jarli areas. For the healing of Narubhai, the elder of the Jarli congregation from leg injuries. Our young believer Mangesh to find a suitable life partner. For the

spiritual growth of our believers who are in Musalpada, Vagat and Arjeethpada as they are disturbed by the false teachings quite often. For the Salvation of Dev, Mangesh, Kusum couple, Ajay, Sirpath, Sudam, Manisha and Sannu. For the protection of 8 families of Mathilpada village due their Christian faith they were chased out of the village.

Karnataka

Khanapur:

Vinayaraj & Shantha

Praise: Two villages were newly reached with the Gospel. New families are attending our worship service at Khanapur and Nagada. God healed Laxmi from high fever. God delivered Uma from the possession of evil spirit.

Pray: Peace to be prevailed in the family of Shivakumar. For the healing of Archana who is suffering from mental illness, and due to that, her two small children are suffering. For the salvation of Manju, Sangeetha, Madevi, Ganapathi, Geetha, Shivakumar, Shivaraj and Manjunth. For the healing of one year old baby who is having no sensation in her leg and Parwathi from chronic stomach problem.



JANUARY

Thursday

Happy Birthday

MR. JANGKHOLUN TOUTHANG

MRS. STEFFI BIJU LAL

MR. BHARUDE PRATAP MANGYA

Malur: Kishantlima & Pramila Singh

Praise: One person came to the faith in Jesus Christ. God healed our believers Ramesh and Rajappa from paralysis and our evangelist Ghanshyam from kidney stone. A new believer Kantama attends our service regularly as she experienced the love of God through a miracle in her life. Our believer Bhagyama has got a job.

Pray: Backslidden believers to be restored back to faith. For the healing of Goutam from chest pain and Ramakka for having anaemia. For the blessing of all the upcoming programs.

Andhra Pradesh

Damalacheruvu: Prasanth Meesala & Rupa Kumari

Praise: New families from Akanambattu, Gadehpalli, Nadimpalli and Thotapalli villages show interest in the Gospel. God blessed the film program

in Nadimpalli, Madigapalli and Karunamayudu villages. Church elders program went on well in Goduguchintha Church. God healed Zechariah of Chithedharpalli village from various diseases. God delivered Laxmidevi of Cherlopalli village from the possession of evil spirit. Peace is prevailing in the family of Danamma of Valligatla unit. Our new seeker Mahalaxmi family from Nellimandapalli village shows interest in the Gospel.

Pray: All who heard the Gospel for the first time in the new villages to experience the love of God. For the salvation of the new seekers Kiran, Savithri and Chiathanaya families from Nadimpalli – Madigapalli villages, baby family from Akanampattu village, Gopi and his brothers family from Gadehpalli village and Murali family from Thotapalli village. For the blessing of the upcoming training programs, outreach ministry, youth meeting and women meeting. For the consolation of the family members of Elizabeth Chinnappamma from Komehpalli village and Kantamma of Jogivaripalli village who passed away recently. Manju from Polaka village to know the love of God. For the believers to get-rid of the fear of Covid'19 and to come to the Church service regularly.



JANUARY
Friday

Kottacheruvu: **Desai Dilipbhai & Randhe Laxmiben**

Praise: Seven persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 6 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the seekers' camp in Yerraballi. God protected Muthyalappa from a major accident. Our new contacts Gangadhari, Venkataramulu, Shankara and Anitha are growing in the Lord.

Pray: For the deliverance of Nagraatnamma of Yerraballi and Emmanuel from the possession of evil spirits. For the salvation of Nandini, Usharani and Kalpana. Land dispute to be solved in the family of Venkataramulu and Gangamma. For the healing of Aswarthamma of Shettipalli from leg infection and Nagarjun from blindness. Prabhakar and Anitha to be blessed with a child and to keep their faith in the Lord.

Kuppam:

Paul Kuppusamy & Shyla

Praise: Two persons came to the fold of Christ. Soul winners training conducted in G.C Palli and Kuppam Churches and seekers meeting conducted in K C Palli village. Our believer Geetha joined as a contract staff with the Govt. in Kuppam itself. CCTV is fixed in Kuppam Church from the support of a Church member who works in Oman.

Pray: For the believers who are ready to confess their faith in the Lord at G.C. Palli, Motluchenu, K.C. Palli, Kattukollai and Santhipuram without postponing their decision. For the salvation of Harish family, Muniyamma family and Priya as they show interest in the Gospel. The door to be opened to preach the Gospel in Agraharam, Podur and Bandapalli areas. Our believer Mani to get rid of the habit of drinking alcohol completely. For the safe confinement of Soundari and Pavithra. Anitha and Balaji to be blessed with a child.



JANUARY
Saturday

Chittoor Region:

Sathyappa & Syamala Bai

Praise: Five persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ. Van team ministry is resumed and outreach programs were conducted in 5 places successfully. Our believer Yuvaraj got water in his third bore-well although there was no water in the two bore-wells he had dug already. God heard our prayers and saved the goats of our believers at Pallavi House. God healed Sallapuramma of Bandagunta village from serious sickness. For the believers and Church elders involvement in the jeep team ministry and outreach ministry in Palamaner field.

Pray: For the healing of Rajeshwari of Ramakuppam from cancer. Our believer Palani to be blessed with a child. A new prayer fellowship to be started in Mathas house. God to strengthen our first believer of this field who lost his crops due to the heavy rain.

Roddam: Kenneth Kariappa & Geetha

Praise: Three persons came

to the faith in Jesus Christ and 12 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the Church elders' meeting and other ministries in 3 places. God healed Bhawani from stomach pain during her pregnancy. Our believer Asha had a safe confinement.

Pray: Worship services are to be resumed in some of the villages. For the spiritual growth of the elders of the Church and to lead their Church through their witnessing life. For the salvation of the husband of Bhavani. In need of a land to build a Church in Roddam.



God can use even a cat to protect His own:

In Jharkhand, at Vananchal mission field, our believer Budhan Deheri from Pokharia village was sleeping at night. While sleeping a very big cobra had entered inside the house. His cat saw the snake and tried to kill the snake and snake was trying to kill the cat. Finally the cat jumped on the mosquito net where Budhan Deheri was sleeping and tried to wake him up. He woke up and saw a big snake near his bed. He called his wife and killed the snake. Praise God for saving Budhan Deheri's life from snake bite.





JANUARY
Sunday

Happy Birthday

MRS. SRILATHA STEPHEN JEYASEELAN
MR. PRATAP RAHANG

Tamil Nadu

Anchetty:

David Nocholson & Ivy

Praise: One village was newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the follow up ministry in Kottiyoor, Urikam, Ramarkovil and Chekkandahalli villages. Five families newly attend our worship. As many believers experienced the miracle of God in their lives, they are growing in Him.

Pray: For the migrated believers to stand firm in the faith of the Lord. The door to be opened for the Gospel in Kottiyoor, Thandiam, Chekkandahalli, Anchetty and Beernapalli. For the healing of Tharabai from problem in the leg, Murugan from chronic fever, Prema from eye problem and Selvi from knee problem.

Kelamangalam:

Balasubramanian & Lucina

Praise: Seven persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ. God protected our believers

Chinnathambi and Dinesh from a major accident. Prayer meeting was resumed in Potha Chathram. House visiting is going on smoothly in all the congregations.

Pray: For the healing of Sarasa and Chinnathambi from injuries in the leg. For the deliverance of Thanuj and Manjula from the possession of evil spirits. For the repentance of the people who has encroached the land of Srinivasan. Many to come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ in Potha Chathram. Fencing to be done around the Church at Ovepalayam.



The mute sings for Joy:

In Rajasthan, at Kherwara mission field, Gomaliben from Bhomdawada village became dumb in the last month due to some sickness. Her family members gave her all kinds of treatment but in vain. Her health also started deteriorating and she was unable to eat and walk. Our believer Rameshbhai from Dabaicha village led her to our worship service for prayer. After some time of prayer along with all the believers, God touched her and she started praising God. Now her witnessing life has drawn many to keep their faith in the Lord.



Some of the churches that were constructed and dedicated in the mission fields



Gujarat, Bordha - 11.05.2017



Chattisgarh, Bhalupakhna - 02.08.2017



Karnataka, Dhundsi - 15.05.2017



Jharkhand, Dharnipand - 02.08.2017



Jharkhand, Kathijoriya - 18.06.2017



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