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**You have made them a little lower
than the angels and crowned
them with glory and honour.**

(Psalm 8:5)

**BLESSINGS
TO BARELA
PEOPLE
GROUP**

The seeking God!

Christianity is unique among all other religions in this world as it consists of not men seeking God, but God seeking men. God

of the Bible reached out to men and revealed Himself rather than waiting to be sought and found by men. For example, we read, "For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them." (Ezek. 34: 11) and "I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak." (v.16) Yes, it is a strange and unique factor to know that our God, although is so high, He stooped down to relate and to have fellowship with the human beings which was just a creation of Him, created out of mud.

The reason God took such an initiative to make relationships with human beings is noteworthy. We, the human beings, according to the Bible, are not only His image [Gen.1:27], but also His breath [Gen.2:7] and His precious one [Ps.139:14] who was bought by His blood [Acts 20:28] which was shed for the salvation of all mankind. God has even permitted those to find Him who were not His people and who did not seek Him. He has repeatedly made Himself known to them. "I permitted Myself to be sought by those who did not ask for Me. I permitted Myself to be found by those who did not seek Me. I said, 'Here I am, here I am,' to a nation which did not call on My name" (Isa.65:1, Rom.10:20). God's intent is for everyone to honour Him and has desired and sought all men



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to worship Him. Jesus not only sought man out, He also gave His very life so that people could be reconciled to the Father from whom

they had been alienated since God had expelled Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden [Lk.19:10].

The most important truth in Christianity is that God loves us enough to seek us out even before we start trying to find Him. The God who seeks, created us in the image of God means that we were created to be mirrors of God's glory. The only way we can reciprocate to our benevolent God and His merciful Son is by glorifying His glories and magnifying His magnificence to the highest. If God's desire for all mankind is to worship Him then this should make our purpose of evangelizing all mankind that much more clear. Now, in the Age of the Spirit, God is seeking to use His people as His mouthpiece and use their hands and legs for carrying this message to every nook and corner of India. Therefore, Christians ought to be His rightful ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal to men through them. It is about seeking the whole human race for the Lord. "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago" (Ephesians 2:10). **Don't we hear the lines of the song written by Bro. Patrick Joshua that "In this world, no one knows who a man is.....All who are seeking the unreached people group are the loved ones of God?"**

- JJ. Harris (Communication Dept.)

“We are not to look to what men in themselves deserve but to attend to the image of God which exists in all and to which we owe all honour and love.” - John Calvin

“When the Lord lays His hand upon a man, that man ceases at once to be ordinary. He immediately becomes extraordinary, and his life takes on cosmic significance.

The angels in heaven take notice of him and go forth to become his ministers.” - A.W. Tozer

“Embrace with tender affection the whole of humanity, especially the poorest, the weakest, the least important.”

- Pope Francis

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations. (Jer. 1:5)

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FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY...

Dear Partners in the fulfilment of the Great Commission,

Greetings to you all in the mighty and matchless Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Corona is devastating the whole country. The losses of dear ones and livelihoods are unbearably huge. People are searching for answers, why this suffering Lord? Why is it in my family? The same question was asked by Job, when he lost his family, wealth and health. He accused God in different places. [Read: Job 9.17 & 22]. Job 31:35 says "Oh, that I had someone to hear me! I sign now my defence- let the Almighty answer me; let my accuser put his indictment in writing."

When God answered to Job, He replied nothing directly to Job's question. God spoke about His sovereign power and His control over everything; His wisdom and knowledge and the majesty and splendour of His creation (Job 38: 2, 4).

After listening to God what Job responded is the truth about God which we too need to understand. Job knows God can do all things (Job 42:2), Job acknowledges that he spoke of things he did not



understand (Job 42:3) and then Job repented in dust and ashes (Job 42:6). In addition to that Job put his complete trust on a God who is trustworthy and will never do any mistake in the lives of His children. Job 19:25 - I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand on the earth. Job 13:15 - Though He slays me, yet will I hope in Him.

Loss of missionaries and prayer group leaders:

Last month until I write this, 4 more missionaries and some more prayer group leaders and supporters have been called into eternity to be with their Saviour. This is a loss to the families and FMPB in a big way. It is our heartfelt prayer, 'Lord, no more lives to this Corona.' FMPB salutes the Soldiers who have finished their race successfully and gone before us to receive the crown of righteousness and to live in a place where there is no tear and

no pain. Their contribution towards evangelizing this nation will be remembered for ever.

Rev.21:3 & 4 - And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

General Secretary Installation program:

It was a personal moment of joy to me as a missionary to Malto that our own believer Rt. Rev. Patras Malto who is the Bishop of Rajmahal Diocese of Jharkhand graced the occasion and brought greetings.

Corona 2nd wave:

Corona 2nd wave is sweeping across the nation and making people writhing in pain and weeping in loss. The governments and medical infrastructure of our country is overwhelmed by the size of the devastation. Vaccination is the only known solution now, but sufficient doses are not available for all to have the vaccine. I appeal to you to have the jab whenever there is an opportunity.

Asking God to bring healing to our nation:

In the light of suffering created by the 2nd wave of the corona, FMPB called for a 72 hour chain of prayer in all three departments. All of our full-time missionaries and many of our supporters joined to plead before the throne of grace to have mercy on our nation.

CAD formation, guidebook in Hindi, English and Tamil:

To assist the administrative structure helping the missionaries and evangelists in Corona time, a Covid Assistance Desk (CAD) is formed having the Secretary - PREM, Secretary - HQ and Secretary - HQ Administrators as its members. They prepared a Corona guideline pamphlet in three languages and the e-copies of the same have been circulated.

I request all of you to follow the corona protocol, have the vaccination and stay safe. My prayers are that the Lord of Harvest helps us to reach the nation with His gospel and keep all of you safe and healthy.

Your fellow sojourner in God's Mission



Rev. S. John Berlin

Gospel to The Unreached People!

**"I have
made you a light for
the Gentiles, that you
may bring salvation to
the ends of the earth."
(Acts. 13:47)**



Once a local Christian asked me a beautiful question. He asked me, "Why does FMPB not do evangelism and Church planting in the city of Nagpur?" I answered him, "When there are so many Churches in this city, why is it necessary for us to do evangelism here? Instead, it is better if we send our missionaries to the needy places." Many Churches do Church planting where there are already plenty of Churches. Gospel is to be preached to those who are in need.

**What does the Bible say
about presenting the Gospel
to the unreached?**

When Jesus came to this world, He

preached the Gospel to the needy. Luke mentions the purpose of Jesus coming in his Gospel as, "The Spirit of the Lord is on Me, because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour" [Lk.4:18-19]. In a way, we can interpret the word 'poor' as those who are spiritually poor and those who are longing to hear the Good News. The people who followed Jesus were very ordinary people. They had spiritual and physical need. The Great Commission urged the disciples to go around the world to preach the Good News.

**Early Church presented
the Good News to the Needy**

Before ascension to Heaven, Jesus asked His disciples to tarry before God so that they would receive the power from above. It was granted not to be only enjoyed among themselves, which meant that they were not to limit the preaching of Good News only among themselves, but rather they were asked to take it all over the world. When the early Church was scattered due to persecution that became a golden opportunity to reach the unreached nations with the Good News. When the Church faced with the issues related to social concern like taking care of widows, a committee was formed which constituted of seven people. Among them, Stephen was not simply confined with that job. Instead, he went out to preach the Word of God. Bible says that he was filled with grace and power and

did great wonders and signs among the people. That means he was preaching the Good News to non-Christians along with the special assignment given to him by the Church. In some cases just to save one soul the Spirit of God sent His servants to walk miles and miles. Philip reaching the Ethiopian Eunuch to explain the Word of God is also a very good example (Acts 8: 26-40). There was an urgency to take the Good News to the person who was in need.

When the Church gathered to worship the Lord, the Spirit of God moved the congregation to send Paul and Barnabas to preach the Good News (Acts 13:2). From then onwards they started their ministry of preaching the Good News to the unreached. We know about the three famous missionary journeys of Paul in which he took the Gospel to the lands where unreached gentiles were there. After the resurrection of Jesus Christ, all disciples went to the whole world taking the Good News to the needy. We are also aware that history has recorded the wonderful ministry of St. Thomas in India too. So, early Churches and the disciples followed the model of Jesus Christ in taking the Good News to the unreached people.

From the History of Missions

We have plenty of examples in the Church History and the History of Missions to understand how the early missionaries focused on preaching the Good News to the unreached people. St. Francis Xavier came to India in 1541 as a Jesuit missionary. He was considered as the Pioneer of Missions in Asia. His

work was mainly among the poor and lowly. He had a great passion to spread the Message of Christ. Hundreds and thousands of people were able to hear the message of Christ in South India through his ministry. Father of Modern Missions, William Carey did his wonderful ministry in the eastern part of India. As he had the desire to take the Gospel to the unreached people, he also translated the Word of God into several languages.

The great missionaries like Ringle Toubé, Rhenius and so many others concentrated on preaching the Good News to the needy. They aimed at spreading the Gospel to the unreached people of India. On account of this noble task, many of them never returned to their countries. Their tombs are in India. The first Indian Bishop Azariah Samuel was a champion of preaching the Gospel to the needy. The diocese namely Dornakal Diocese roughly had 2,00,000 people during his life time from different people groups like Malas, Madigas, tribals and low caste non-Brahmins. Church history clearly says that his ministry was focused mainly on rural untouchables who were in need of the good news. He said, **“It is by proclamation of the truth that the early Church turned the world upside down... Even today, it is this that redeems Indian society and emancipates it from the thralldom of centuries.”**

The early Marthoma Church was very much involved in evangelism and was able to bring many people to the Lord's fold. The Marthoma Church became

one of the strongest Churches in Kerala because of its active missionary work among the needy people. When the missionaries of the London Missionary Society came to South India. i.e. Travancore area, they did their ministry among the people who were oppressed by the people of the upper caste. They worked very hard to liberate the socially oppressed and downtrodden people. That is the reason we are able to see a good population of Christians in South India. The missionaries who came after LMS were also involved in the missionary activities among the needy people. For example, the Lutheran Church, The Salvation Army and other denominations did their Gospel ministry among the very needy people. In other words, their ministry was among the people who were in need of the Gospel.

After the foreign missionaries stopped coming to India, the Lord raised more indigenous Mission Agencies to take the Gospel to the unreached people groups. Friends Missionary Prayer Band is one such organization. Our missionaries reached the interior places with the Gospel. Their primary motive was to bring a total transformation in the lives of different people groups. We have number of case studies for the tireless ministry of our missionaries to reach the unreached people for giving new life and hope to them. The light of the Gospel changed the lives of Malto People. Eventually, it affected the lives of Santal people too. In fact, the Lord sent the missionaries there in right time. When our missionaries reached in Malto Area, i.e. in Rajmahal Hill area, people were

dying without Christ. As we know after the death of our beloved missionary Mr. Jeyaraj and his son David Livingstone, people started to come to the Lord. When the Gospel was preached to this unreached group, there was a very good response. Power encounter took place. This history continues even now. During the early days of ministry of our missionaries, many Malto asked the missionaries why they were late in taking the Good News to their villages. Because, many of their family members had already died without knowing the Lord Jesus. God sent the missionaries to this needy people group in the right time and because of that thousands of Malto came to the knowledge of Christ. Today, the Malto Church has grown to the level of having its own diocese with a Bishop from the same community.

What a tremendous power the Gospel has! It has the power to transform a whole community. Gospel has to be preached first to the unreached people group and not for those who have already heard several times.

When we study all evidences in the Bible and Church History, it is crystal clear that the Spirit of God wants us to take the gospel to the unreached. I want to finish with the statement made by Oswald J. Smith. He said, ***"No one has the right to hear the Gospel twice, while there remains someone who has not heard it once."*** May the Lord bless us and grant His grace to take the Gospel to the unreached Indians until the last breath of our lives.

- Rev. S. David Ponding

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BLESSINGS TO BARELA PEOPLE GROUP

(A bird eye view)



The Barela tribe is living in Guna, Shivpuri districts and also other parts of Madhya Pradesh with approximately a population of more than 15 Lakhs. The surname Barela is a name for a courageous or brave person having derived from the Latin word "barus." They are a sub-tribe of Bhil tribe, migrated mainly from the Khargone district of Madhya Pradesh. They speak Barela language among themselves.

Due to the varied socio-cultural and geographical environment and its parameters, the Barela tribal world of Madhya Pradesh has been largely cut-off from the mainstream of development since Independence. The Barelas are very simple, poor, needy and loving people, who live around forest and hilly areas. There is no proper road, drinking water, electricity and other basic facilities in the places. Their main source of income is through cultivation and shepherding only. Many of them are ruled over by the so called high caste people. The Barelas depend on agriculture and hard labours for livelihood. Their children also work. The Barelas are not vegetarians but they do not eat beef or pork. Unleavened bread is eaten by them. Ghinshri is their clan deity.

Cultural aspects:

There are two kinds of dresses they wore predominantly. One is Gaguru which is the traditional style and the other is Natti which is modern kind of dress. The Barela women wear half sleeves tops which have two pockets at the lower end of the front portion of the top. Head scarf with designed border is proportionately placed and confidently carried by women showing their age. The Barela women are also well known for wearing heavy jewellery (ornaments) made up of



silver, aluminium or German silver. Jhumkas (typical hanging earrings with floral design), a woven beaded necklace with silver/aluminium coins attached, a chain, and necklaces of colourful beads. The most beautiful ornament around her neck is half opened and highly artistic necklace which is mainly seen to be used by the Barela tribal women and not other. Nose pin is a typical Indian tradition and women in several part of India use it at large. A bindi/sindoor (Tikka) is applied mainly by married women.



A). Wedding:

Barela people mostly go for systematic arranged marriage. The men are married while still boys at the age between the ages of 14 - 16. The women are also married early between the ages of 12 - 15 soon after the onset of puberty. The partners are selected during Bhangoriya (One week before Holi). The selection is usually done by applying colours on the person they wish to marry. After selection the parents from both sides come together to arrange a wedding. The Bridegroom's side gives dowry to the Bride's side. Barela people group marriages take place for 3 days. Village people bring Rice, Grain, wheat, corn, millet etc and they help in bringing wood and cleaning rice and all. On the day of marriage the village priest makes holy their house and does all kinds of puja after which marriage ceremony starts.

B). Festivals:

Barela people celebrate so many festivals among which the primary one is Nawai and the other is Diwali. There is no idol worship in this community. The festival "Nawai" is a celebration of the first fruits of the harvest. This festival is celebrated by bringing in the harvest of cucumber, black-eyed peas, green gram and maize along with anything else that might have been harvested at the same time. Actually this celebration is to thank their god and goddesses.

The Festival "Diwali" is celebrated differently in this community. The celebration involves taking small portions of grains of Sorghum, maize, pearl millet, green gram and black-eyed peas together and placing them in a rice pounder to be ground into flour. It is then mixed with a little water to make small balls and then placed in a winnowing basket. The winnowing basket is then taken to the house of the oldest sibling or youngest. The sibling then places it in front of themselves and offers prayers. The balls are given to the bull and it is worshipped. The food prepared in the house is first given to the dog in their house.

They also celebrate the Indal Puja festival once in five years in the month of December for two days in order to thank God for his blessing and fulfilment of vows. During

this festival they invite all the village people and nearest village people also. In this festival they cut the goat as an offering. They also celebrate Goyana Puja Festival for binding evil spirits and harmful events in the village. And they celebrate Puau Puja festival in the month of February, as they believe that if they do this puja then they will have more fruits of cultivation in their farm. They also celebrate Khobo Puja festival in their cultivating fields itself before harvesting the crops. It is also called as Paban Dev Puja which is offered to worship the air.

C). Death Ceremony:

After the death of a person their body is cleaned with hot water. The body is dressed in cultural clothes, covered with a white cloth and placed on the bed. On the basis of surname the body is placed either outside the house or near the stove. After that they roam outside the house five times with the corpse. They tear the cloth of dead body. They put bow, Turban, Brass plate, while they bore the dead body. They play large dholak and the body used to be buried in the past but recently people have begun cremating them. For 12 days they have rituals if ladies die. They have 13 days of rituals if a male dies. After 2 days of death that family members call to (budwa) means shaman and they clean the house. A program called "Nukta" is conducted after cremation. It can be held anytime from one or two month up to one or two years from the death of the person. It is a strongly held belief that the soul does not return to God before this ritual.

Our ministry among Barelās:

FMPB started its ministry in this community in the year 2002 among Barela people group in Guna District and Shivpuri District of Bundelkhand Region, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan border of Nahargarh area under the Leadership of Rev. S. Azariah Raj Kumar. The first missionaries to Guna field were Rev. Paul Daya Singh and Rev. Suresh. Then the families of Rev. Pachhiya Bhai and Mr. Hosiel Naik came to work among them. Two families namely Mr. Kasiram and Mr. Karansingh work in the Dhulkot field. Mr. Isaac with his family began ministry in Pandhana field. At present the families of

Bro. Hebal Kumar and Mr. Rakesh Gavit and seven local evangelists are doing their ministry among them. By the grace of God we are doing ministry among Barelās in around 115 villages from Guna district, Shivpuri District Nahargarh area in which



approximately 2 Lakhs Barela people are living. The first believer of this community was from a village named Sarai from Dhulkot field.

One of the most effective ways of ministry is through healing and signs and wonders. Apart from that by hearing the Gospel shared in the evening meetings and outreach program, many come to the fold of Christ. Another effective strategy for Barelans accepting Jesus Christ is family relationship method. All the Barelans are sensitive and related to one another. They give more importance to their relationship with their own local people and wherever we go in Guna district and Shivpuri district and Nahargarh area we can see and have found their relatives who are open to the Gospel. This is also a very good effective way to reach more families and many people come to Jesus Christ just through one believing family.

God has so far given us two Churches, 16 congregations, 28 worship groups, and follow up ministry in 67 villages. Till now by the grace of God we are able to add 2010 people into God's kingdom. God has given an open door to share the Word of God among Barela people group amidst opposition.

Indigenous process in Barela people group ministry is going on well. By the grace of God, we have started the indigenous process since 2018 in the Guna field. Every year we conduct Christmas mela and Easter mela and we could see the greatness of God because people make it possible and celebrate the programs happily and all things are done by their own expenses and they ensured that the program is conducted peacefully and every need is met. They raise funds by themselves for the programs such as evangelism, training, Church dedication, Church needs and other. Most of the decisions for field ministry and field programs are taken by only our Church elders. Our believers are very active and any time they are ready to help us in the ministry.



Community Development:

In 2019, we have started children home exclusively for Barela children at Chhindwara with the help of IELC where 29 Children are studying. Another 20 children are studying in Jhansi and Bhind children homes.

Vision and Goals:

By 2025, our missionaries plan to bring another 2000 people to the fold of Christ and to build 5 Churches, to form 50 worshipping groups and to place another 20 local evangelists to reach another 200 villages there in order to touch 2 Lakhs people with the Gospel of Christ.

Prayer Points:

- ✦ All the believers to give up their traditional evil practices completely.
- ✦ Many unreached districts where Barela people are living also to be reached with the Gospel.
- ✦ Believers' day to day cultivation work and shepherding should not become a hindrance to attend the worship services regularly.
- ✦ Migrating believers to keep up their faith.
- ✦ Believers should not be disturbed by the false teachings of other Christians.
- ✦ Repentance of the opponents of the Gospel.
- ✦ Need more committed missionaries, evangelists and volunteers.
- ✦ Hostel to be built in Guna field itself for Barela children education and development.
- ✦ Indigenous process to be implemented fully.
- ✦ To develop the youth movement so that they will take the responsibility as volunteers to support in ministry.
- ✦ To develop more children ministry.
- ✦ To start a literacy program for uneducated people.

Please pray for a mass movement among Barelas to take place so that all the Barelas would be blessed by God and as a result they would become a blessing to many.

- Inputs: **Bros. Isaac Rajamani & Hebal Kumar,**
FMPB Pioneer missionaries - Barela People Group

MISSIONARY DEDICATION



Our missionary Mr. Habel Hembrom from Khargone field, Khandwa region, M.P was dedicated on 10th April 2021 by Rev. Godberg John at Bethel Mission Church, Robertsonpet, KGF. Sis. Jenifer Suresh and her prayer group members from Choramandal, KGF are supporting our missionary.

We are grateful to the Pastor and the sponsors for being with us in the ministry of reaching the unreached.

- Rev. Robert Rajalingam, FMPB Mobilization Secretary - KGF, KA



Blessings of the Installation Service of the new General Secretary of FMPB

God blessed the installation service of Rev. John Berlin S, the 8th and new General Secretary of our organization - Friends Missionary Prayer Band which was held at 6pm on 24th April 2021 at St. Andrew's Kirk, Egmore, Chennai. Many Church and Mission leaders and prayer group leaders [PG] were present in this gracious occasion, observing the Govt. social distancing norms amidst the threat of Covid'19.

Rev. Isaac Johnson, the Presbyterian of St. Andrew's Kirk offered the opening prayer. Rev. Prabhakara Sarathy, the Secretary of FMPB-HQ welcomed the leaders and the participants.

Then, the new General Secretary was introduced. Rev. Isaac Johnson and Rev. Premkumar Jackson, the Pastor of Tamil Emmanuel Methodist Church, Puthur conducted the installation service of the new General Secretary.

Rev. Premkumar delivered the Lord's message on the topic 'the cost of true discipleship' [Mk.8:34], citing Moses as a good model for leadership. Moses never used his leadership for his own ends. He emphasised this type of leadership to be followed.

The following eminent persons conveyed their greetings and exhortations -

Rev. Sutharson Thomas, the outgoing General Secretary of FMPB:

In FMPB, any position carries more responsibility than status. At this point of time, when Rev. John Berlin has taken up the responsibility I would like to facilitate him and assure him our whole hearted support.



Rt. Rev. Patros Malto, Bishop of Malto Diocese, Jharkhand:

If FMPB had not sent missionaries to Jharkhand, the society of Malto would have been destroyed. Through the prayers of prayer groups and the sacrifice of FMPB missionaries, our death, starvation, disease, drunkenness, evil practices and fear are wiped out from our place. We have got the Word of God also printed in our language through FMPB.

Rev. John Berlin worked in Tinpahar and helped to establish Churches and congregations in 86 villages and he along with his fellow missionaries sowed the seed in this hill area that now yields fruits abundantly. Tinpahar believers are now known for their spiritual growth. Our God has anointed Rev. John Berlin with the 'oil of gladness' [Ps.45:7] and He will certainly shower him with double blessings.

Mr. Anbu, the President of MUT:

A prepared servant for a prepared place is God's approach for the ministry. Jesus said, if any one wants to serve me [Jn.12: 26], let him follow me; wherever I am [24:7], my servant will also be there. Wherever John Berlin leads, God is there; because God is there before, John Berlin goes there. Today, the Father has honoured John Berlin to lead. God would do mightier things through him that has never happened before.

Rev. George Edward, the translator of Bible in Malto language:

It is a historical occasion that has happened never before in any Church and Mission across the world. A person who became a believer through the ministry of FMPB and then became Bishop, came all the way to convey his greetings and participate in the installation service of the General Secretary who himself had served among them as a missionary. Rev. John Berlin is a gift to the organization. He has multiple talents. I am sure, he can excel in the task entrusted to him. God is the one who brought him up to this stage will continuously use him mightily.

Rev. M. Raju, NPN:

The Bible speaks about the transition of leadership that the successor has to remember the good life of the predecessors. This day is a good day to remember our pioneers and leaders of FMPB, and learn from their good lives and practice their legacy for the blessing of FMPB and the nation. In any leadership, if character is lost, everything is lost. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" [Rom.15:13].

Mr. Sam Manohar, the native of John Berlin, Seynamvilai, K.K. Dt:

Although the responsibility of the General Secretary involves a heavy burden, we assure him that we uphold him through our prayers and support to carry the burden of leadership.

Rev. Dr. Rajasingh Elias, General Secretary, IEM: (Letter through Mrs. Helen Sunder)

I remember Rev. John Berlin sharing in our outreach training institute about the book titled 'Servants of the Cross,' written by Rev. Dr. Theodore Williams, that helped him to step out into missionary service. He is a well known person in the IEM circle as he has written teaching materials on different topics in the past. We, as a family of IEM assure our prayers that the Spirit of God empowers Bro. John Berlin in this crucial and complex time of our generation.

Then Mr. Wilson, the General Secretary of Vishwavani and Mr. Alex, the treasurer of BYM also conveyed their greetings to the new General Secretary.



Rev. John Berlin gave his response in his installation service. He said, this responsibility in FMPB is carried out by great stalwarts. I do not consider myself worthy to have this responsibility. God was holding my hands all the 34 years of my ministry in FMPB. All my fellow missionaries who really shaped me up in many ways and I thank God that such a wonderful fellow missionaries God has given to me in FMPB. I press on towards the Goal [Phil.3:14] of reaching the unreached people with much obedience to the vision and adherence to the ethos of FMPB.

Rev. Emmanuel Ranjitsingh coordinated the programs well. Rev. D. Abraham, the Secretary of HRD gave the vote of thanks to all the people who attended the program in person and through online. Rev. Premkumar Jackson offered the closing prayer and benediction. All glory to God!

OBITUARY

Mr. S. Daniel (Age 85), one of our senior prayer group leaders of KGF, Karnataka entered into God's glory on 25-04-2021. In fact, he was the first person who played a key role in developing mission awareness about FMPB ministries in KGF and Bangarapet areas. He wanted every Church to be a missionary sending Church. His zeal for FMPB and its ministry has made a great impact in many families. We thank and praise God for his beautiful life. Let us remember the bereaved family members in our prayers.



Fallen Corn of Wheat!



Rev. K. Israel (1957 - 2021)

Rev. K. Israel was born on 1st November 1957 in Pasivedala village of West Godavari district, AP State, to the Christian parents Mr. Samuel and Mrs. Esther. As his father died when Israel was 6 years old, his mother Mrs. Esther brought him in Christian faith. He married to Sis. Taneti Uttama Sri, on 11th May 1977. In 1978 he committed his life to God while he was attending a convention meeting of his Church. God blessed their married life with one boy namely Johnson and a girl Sharon Rose. Now his son Mr. Samuel Johnson is a professor in Vellore Institute of Technology at Chennai and his daughter Sharon Rose has got married and settled.

Mr. Israel would like to prepare himself for the ministry of God, so he studied

in a theological college. Once he had a chance to visit some places in Uttar Pradesh, where he met a few missionaries serving the Lord. When he saw the spiritual need of these people, God laid a burden in his heart to pray and proclaim the Gospel to them. When he was praying about it, through his friend he came to know about FMPB. Then he and his wife joined FMPB on 25th June 1987. They were sent to YCLT, Yavatmal for one year training and after completing their training they were posted in the UP state for the Church Planting ministry. Mr. Israel's family started their ministry among Hindi speaking people based at the first North India mission field Basti. After that they moved to MP State and started their ministry in Bhind, Datia etc. Due to the need of the organization, they were transferred to the mobilization ministry in AP State. So, they have been in the mobilization ministry since 2005. They were serving the Lord based at Eluru.

In 2021 April last week he was suffering from throat pain, headache etc. Later the Doctor found that he was infected with Covid'19. So, he was admitted in a hospital and there was some improvement in his health. Suddenly from 4th May his oxygen level began to decrease and he found it very difficult to breath. Rev. K. Israel entered into God's glory on 05-05-2021 due to Covid-19 in Eluru, Andhra Pradesh. His contribution to the ministry of FMPB is remarkable. The family of FMPB praises God for Rev. Israel's life and 34 years of his ministry through FMPB. Please pray for the consolation of his wife Mrs. Uttama Sri and their children.

Fallen Corn of Wheat!



Mrs. Stella Rani Gilbert
(1967 - 2021)

Mrs. Stella Rani was born on 7th May 1967 to the non-Christian parents Mr. Thankappan and Mrs. Gnanasoundari at Kattathurai, KK district. As she learned Tamil, English type writings and shorthand, Sis. Stella came to Chennai and stayed with her Aunt (mother's elder sister), seeking a job opportunity. Her aunt married to Mr. Dasaian, was a pious Christian and FMPB leader. Through this family, Stella came to know the Lord. She was interested in reading the Bible and went to the Church along with her aunt. With the help of late Mr. M.A. Victor, our Scan leader of KK Nagar, sis. Stella joined FMPB HQs as a casual volunteer in 1986.

Sis. Stella married Mr. Gilbert Williams

who was a HQ missionary, working in the finance department of FMPB, Chennai on 28th May 1990. God blessed their married life with three children, Ethel Sheeba Rani, Stegil Juliet Rani and Giftson Daniel. Both the daughters got married and lead a witnessing life for the Lord. Their son Giftson is doing final year MCA in Bangalore.

As a family, they were placed in the Chennai Mobilization ministry since 1991. After several years of ministry in Chennai, they were transferred to Tiruchirapalli and Rev. Gilbert was given the responsibility of Secretary-TN and Pondy. Then they have been involved in the South India Mobilization ministry, based at Bangalore for the last three years. Their impact in the mobilization ministry was remarkable.

Mrs. Stella Rani's husband Rev. Gilbert was the first person in the family who was infected with Covid'19 and took treatment and quarantined himself in the house. This virus gradually infected Mrs. Stella and their younger daughter and son too. Mrs. Stella was unable to breathe freely and became very weak. Although she was admitted in the hospital, her oxygen level was fluctuating. On 8th May, around 4.45 am she went to be with the Lord, leaving her loving family. Her body was buried in Christian cemetery, Bangalore.

As a family of FMPB, we praise God for the life and ministry of our beloved sister Stella Gilbert and we pray that God would console Rev. Gilbert Williams, the two daughters' family and the younger son.

Fallen Corn of Wheat!



Mrs. Shanthi Anantharaj
(1965 - 2021)

Mrs. Shanthi Anantharaj hails from Gudalur, a small village in Uthamapalayam taluk in the district of Theni, Tamil Nadu. She was born on 25-10-1965 in a non-Christian family as the eldest daughter to Mr. Poyyamalai and Mrs. Silambai. The family was introduced to Christianity through Mr. Perumal, Mrs. Shanthi's uncle, during her early childhood days. Mrs. Shanthi moved to North India (UP) along with her aunt Mrs. Daisy Victor Packiraj (FMPB Missionary - Retired) where she worked in FMPB as a volunteer after the completion of Bible training at Allahabad Biblical Seminary. During her visit to many mission fields in North India, God gave her a burden for the unreached and she committed herself to God's ministry. Mrs. Shanthi married Rev. Anantharaj on 19-08-1988 and joined FMPB full time on 15-10-1988. Rev. Anantharaj and Mrs. Shanthi were blessed with two Children, Ashish Prem Raj and Abishek Santhosh Raj. Ashish, the eldest son, is married to Wilma Sharon.

After Marriage, Mrs. Shanthi Anantharaj moved along with Rev. Anantharaj to her first Mission Field, Taljari – South Bihar in the year 1988. Till the year 2000, she ministered among the Malto tribe in Taljhari, Tinpahar and Hiranpur mission fields in Jharkhand. She was part of the numerous congregations that were formed among the Malto tribes. From the year 2000 till 2005, she assisted her husband in the Regional office responsibilities in Barharwa, Jharkhand.

Then she went on to complete her "Certificate of Christian Studies" in Serampore Theological Seminary, Calcutta from 2005 to 2009. Mrs. Shanthi Anantharaj and Rev. Anantharaj moved back to Jharkhand to continue their ministry among the Maltos in 2009. Mrs. Shanthi assisted her husband with the Zonal Office responsibilities in Barharwa. Then, Mrs. Shanthi Anantharaj continued her journey with FMPB, along with her husband, in the regions of Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Punjab based at Ludhiana till the year 2015.

Owing to the chronic kidney problem, she moved to Tamil Nadu where kidney transplant was done in the year 2015. Her husband donated one of his kidneys. Mrs. Shanthi was operated for Acute Invasive Fungal Sinusitis in Coimbatore. As she went through some complications, she got admitted in CMC Vellore. She was also tested positive for Covid-19 in March 2021 and she was being treated for various infections in the lungs and kidney. After a prolonged admission in the hospital ICU for about 45 days she entered into glory at 08:15AM on 03-05-2021. With the hope of resurrection her body was laid to rest in the CSI, Braph Memorial Church graveyard, Erode.

As a family of FMPB, we praise God for the life and ministry of our beloved sister Shanthi Anantharaj and we pray that God to console Rev. Anantharaj and the elder son's family and the younger son.

Fallen Corn of Wheat!



Bro. R. Mohan (1988 - 2021)

Brother R. Mohan was born on 15th June 1988 in Nayandahalli village of Dharmapuri district, Tamil Nadu to the parents Mr. Raman and Mrs. Muniyamma who were the followers of another faith. As his mother became a Christian, Mohan had an opportunity to read the Bible. After reading the Bible regularly, the Spirit of God led him to the truth and he accepted Jesus as his personal Saviour and Lord. He started attending worship service regularly and began to grow in the Lord.

One day when he was reading the Bible passage, God spoke to him through the verse John 12:25-26. This passage motivated him to follow Jesus and to serve Him. Then he started reading many missionary biographies. That motivated him to do something for the Lord. So, he

started to preach the Gospel to others along with his friends.

Once he had a chance to read 'Araikooval' and was motivated to do the ministry in North India. He joined FMPB in the year 2017 and was sent to Jhansi for missionary training. After completion of the training, he worked in Rajasthan with the Jeep Team. In the year 2019 he got married with Sister Archana and both were placed in Kanpur region of Uttar Pradesh. Within a short span, he covered three villages with the gospel and God enabled him to bring 11 persons into His fold. He started a congregation.

When the Covid'19 waves attacked the Kanpur Region and Bro. Mohan was also infected with Covid'19. From 26th April 2021 he had fever and took treatment from a clinic nearby. On seeing the fever continuing for more than three days, the missionaries of that area took him to the hospitals in Auraiya on 29th May, but they could not find any place. Finally he was admitted to a hospital in Mithi city. On 2nd May 2021 he felt uncomfortable in breathing and went to be with the Lord. Our senior missionaries and Presbyterian Church Pastor Xavier helped for the funeral service and his body was laid down in the Christian burial ground at Kanpur. Within a short span of time Mohan did what he could do for the glory of God.

He was known among his fellow missionaries for his patience, politeness, humility and commitment. He is survived by his wife Archana and 8 month old son Jason Jenish. Kindly uphold them in your prayers.

Educational needs for the missionaries' children

With much grateful hearts we thank each of you for your prayers and support in meeting the needs of the educational needs of missionaries' children in the last year. We would like to share the financial needs of the education of our missionaries' children in the current financial year 2021-22.



As you know, our missionaries are working in remote places of our country, they educate their children in placing them in the hostels, and our Mission has been supporting their educational needs in many ways. Although the hostels have been temporarily closed down due to the wide spreading of Covid'19, we have to meet their educational needs such as purchase of books, tuition fees etc., apart from the hostel expenses. As the educational institutions were closed in the last educational year, we had spent only Rs. 92,73,408/- for the missionaries' children education.

Rs.2.5 crore is budgeted for meeting the total educational needs in the fiscal year 2021-22. We may require this amount if the Covid'19 comes to an end and the educational institutions reopens. We have fixed Rs. 2000/- per month as the educational scholarship for each missionary kid. We encourage you to participate in meeting this need. May our Lord richly bless you and reward you for your sacrificial giving.

If you need more information regarding this, please contact the mobilization secretaries or honorary mobilization secretaries or local prayer group leaders.

- FMPB, Finance Dept.,

Obituaries from Jhansi Mobilization Ministry



Mr. & Mrs. Oriel



Mrs. Vinodini Singh

Dr. Mrs. Oriel & Dr. Oriel have gone to be with the Lord on 23rd & 25th April 2021 consecutively.

Dr. Oriel was our former EC member and they were ardent supporters of our ministry and sponsoring our missionaries and the children of our believers.

Moreover, Mrs. Vinodini Singh and Mrs. Dr. Shalini Nelson, the sister of Dr. Oriel have passed away on 22nd & 24th April 2021 consecutively.



Mrs. Shalini Nelson



Mr. William Ekka

Mr. William Ekka from Orai has also gone to be with the Lord on 14th April 2021.

All the above mentioned persons are the friends of FMPB and they have been supporting our ministry in many ways.

We, the family of FMPB express our heartfelt condolences to the family members and friends of the dear ones who lost their loved ones and pray our Lord of all consolation to comfort the bereaved hearts.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Hepsi Renganathan
Mr. Ramsinghbhai Vasava
Mrs. Sukanti Bethuel Bardhan
Mrs. Urmilaben Ramsinghbhai
Mr. Vinayaraj M
Mr. Vasava Pachiyabhai Pohnabhai
Mr. Gamit Kamlesh Singabhai
Mr. Bhoya Devubhai Gangajubhai
Mrs. Rachel Joice Babu Pushparaj
Mrs. Gavit Jamuben Devubhai
Mrs. Krutanjali Guna Chandra Paik
Mr. Vasava Sunil Kumar
Mr. Vasava Rameshbhai Ulsing
Mr. Bhorsat Babubhai Chimanabhai
Mrs. Pritibala Pradhan Bidush
Mrs. Saamy Abraham Thomas
Mr. Hosial Naik
Mrs. Konkani Bharatiben Delipbhai
Mrs. Jadav Sarasvatibahen Bhorsat
Mr. Vasava Aajubhai Ramubhai
Mr. Bodar Amrutbhai Bachubhai
Mr. Surkar Rameshbhai Johurambhai
Mrs. Jayanthi Karthikeyan
Mrs. Lamani Ratna Manjya Nayak
Mr. Kumaran G
Mr. Timmanna@ Timothy
Mrs. Jelin Jayapratha Kumaran
Mrs. Sunanda Kulkarni Raja
Mr. Srinivasa V
Mrs. Meenakshi Beero Sunil Datakara
Mr. Vasave Arvind Kalusing
Mrs. Tadvi Manisha Yelmulwar
Mrs. Jeyarani Sukinlal
Mr. Manjunath Arekammam
Mr. Pawar Dinesh Indarbhahi
Mr. Gond Devu Vishram
Mrs. Randhe Laxmiben Desai

Jammu

R.S Pura & Akhnoor:

**David Ayyanar &
Manpreet Kaur**

Praise: Two persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 2 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Three families from Agra Chak and Miran Sahib are responding to the Gospel. God blessed all the programs conducted throughout the month. God healed Janvi of Kadarapur from paralysis, Revathi of Agra Chak and Khulsan of Chinnore from eye problem and Anwar of Kot Bhalwal from pneumonia.

Pray: For the backslidden believers to be restored back to faith. For the suitable place to worship in this field. For the healing of Chandra Kala of Agra Chak from piles, Suman of Agrachak from TB, Kanta Devi of Kullian from skin allergy and Himansu of Agrachak from eye problem. For our believers Sanjay from Badyal and Chandra Kala and Revathi from Agrachak to get suitable life partners.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Samuel Subramani, Mr. Somabhai Valubhai
Mr. Bibhaba Pani, Mr. Sundar Durai
Mr. Sunil Prasad Singh
Mrs. Vimala Peter Prabhakaran
Mrs. Sivagami Stephen
Mrs. Vasava Sunitaben Ulsing
Mrs. Nisha Ananthan
Mrs. Jyothsna Jerald Xavier

Samba:

Surkar Rameshbhai & Sunitaben

Praise: Four persons came under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and 3 villages namely Sambla, Surensar and Rajpura were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed our believer Jothi Devi of Sangwali village with a child. God delivered Ganga Devi of Surensar village from the possession of evil spirit.

Pray: For the spiritual growth of the new seekers namely Asha, Rahul, Soniya, Ganga, Neha and Sarilal as they plan to confess their faith in the Lord. For a worship centre to be established in Sumb village. For the believers of Samba and Surensar villages to be strengthened in faith. For our Church elders Vitharam Chand of Reddiya village, Samsher Lal of Sangwali village to conduct the

worship regularly. For the healing of Sunil Kumar of Manguchek village from TB, Mathu Devi of Nud village from mental disorder, Sherilal of Jatwal village from heart problem and Deepak Kumar of Shathmanga village from asthma.

Himachal Pradesh

Rampur:

Doujapao Guite & Florence

Praise: Six persons came under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and 7 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God enabled us to conduct Sunday school through online due to lockdown. Our evangelist Kumbhdas's daughter Priyanka scored high marks in her 11th Std final exam. Our believer Reena has successfully completed her house construction.

Pray: For our believers Ashok, Mukesh and Kamal to get suitable jobs for their livelihood. For our believer Vimala's husband Santaram to get deliverance from the habit of drinking alcohol. For the deliverance of Vimal of Kasapet, Vimala from Nehra, Neha of Taklech, Ramku of Karali and Manbahadur from the possession of evil spirits. For the healing of Ramkali and Roka from Covid'19.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Glory Robert Rajalingam
Mr. Edward Sam, Mr. Vedyappan L
Mr. Paul Daniel, Mr. Vijayakumar K
Mrs. Rashmita Parida Wilson
Mrs. Rupa Kummari Prasanth
Mrs. Yesumani Myilsamy, Mr. Balamurugan V
Mrs. Anthoni Rajam Jerom, Mr. Ashaprapta
Mrs. Valvi Eju Kalusingh

Thanedhar: Vumbiaklal & Niangkhanman

Praise: Four persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 4 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. The wedding of our believers Vikram and Para of Kingal were conducted in Christian manner. God healed Chandran from depression and arm fracture.

Pray: For the open door to proclaim the Gospel in Jangoli, Kanchgati and Chamela areas. For the blessing of the plan of reaching all the villages of this field with the Gospel in the current financial year. For the healing of our new contacts of the Kingal area namely Meena from thyroid, Pooja from paralysis and Pryansi from general weaknesses.

Punjab **Bathinda:** **Krupa Rakshana & Shakena**

Praise: Three persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 3 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. One family from Mandi Kalan Sub Centre and 4 families from Bhai Rupa and 2 families from Maur Mandi Sub Centre newly attend our worship service regularly. Our believers' children completed their annual exams with good marks and regularly participated in our worship services. God healed Paul Masih, 2 year old boy of Maur Kala village from body swelling, Gurpreet Kaur of Mandi Kalan village from chest tumour and Jawinder Kaur of Panger village from severe back pain.

Pray: For the healing of Jaspal Singh of Ghandabana village from infection in the intestine, Neelam Devi of Bhai Rupa village from liver stone, Rajveer Singh of Mandi Kalan village from mental disorder, Juguna Singh of Maisarkhana village from chest pain and Sukhpal Singh of Maur Kalan village from less platelet in the blood.



Happy Birthday
Mr. Karado Biswo Ranjan
Mrs. Jemima Jebarani Daniel David
Mr. Ebi Gnana Celin
Mrs. Vasava Nita Kumari Ajubhai
Mr. Jeewer Joeswa

Moga:

Justin & Saral Jansi Rani

Praise: Three persons came under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and 2 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Peace prevailed in the families of Khatto Kour and Rachna Kour after much prayers and counselling. God enabled our believer Anmol Singh to clear his debts. God protected Jaggir Singh from a major accident. God healed Faraz Singh and Rekha Kour from eye problems, Harjeet Kour from nose bleeding and Pooja from typhoid. God delivered Bora Singh and Pooja from the possession of evil spirits.

Pray: For the backslidden believers to be restored back to faith. For the open door for the Gospel in Ajitwal, Chudchak, Raikot, Kotly, Dharamkot, Bopara, Bhinder Kalan, Chiddek and

Dudike villages. For all the believers to attend the worship services regularly. For the deliverance of our new contacts Manpreet Singh, Latti Singh, Haran, Kala, Chinto and Mintu to get rid of the habit of drinking alcohol. For our believers Rajni Kour, Jothi, Kanjal, and Aman to get suitable life partners. Peace to prevail in the family of Veera Kour family. For the salvation of Bappli Kour, Binder Kour, Gaggu Kour, Reka Kour, Arthi, Mathu, Sunny, Jasveer Singh and Jaspreet Kour who show interest in the Gospel.

Barnala:

Krupa Rakshana & Shakena

Praise: Ten persons came under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and one village was newly reached with the Gospel. God healed Sandeep of Dhanuala Sub-Centre from dumbness and as a result a congregation is started in this area.

Pray: For the healing of Gurpreet from the injuries due to bike accident, Neelam from kidney problem, Binder Kaur from depression and Manju from chest pain. God has to bring back Alla Jita and Santro Devi as they were missing for a few months.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Shantha Kumar Sudhaharan
Mr. Ephraim Malli
Mr. Mayilsamy Joseph
Mrs. Beulah Sulochana Joshua
Mr. Sivasankaran @ Jebaseelan
Mr. Yelmulwar Swapnil Ramalu
Mrs. Rampuram Peddakka Matthew
Mr. Narendra Kumar
Mr. Sankar A

Haryana

Jeevan Nagar:
**Aliyakim Jena &
Deepika**

Praise: Seven persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and one village was newly reached with the Gospel. God enabled us to conduct weddings for Bansi and Ravi Kumar at Dabwali centre in Christian manner. Three families came newly for worship at Dabwali Church and one family in Santh Nagar sub centre. God delivered Devender Singh Mehtar from the bondage of evil spirit and drinking alcohol and he along with his family accepted Jesus Christ in Sirsa. Bible study newly started in Mini Sector Sirsa. Through our believer Suresh, his sister

Santoshi and her husband Umesh came to the faith in the Lord.

Pray: For the salvation of the family who shows interest in the Gospel in Sirsa. For peace to prevail in the family of Tarzan. For the safe confinement of Kavitha, Rekha of Shergarh and Neha from Mandi Dabwali. For our ministry to be extended in Dabwali, Santh Nagar, Rania centres and Sirsa area. For the openness in the villages as there are still many restrictions due to Covid'19.

Tosham:
John Davidson

Praise: Four persons came under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and 4 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God delivered the daughter of Phul from the possession of evil spirit. God opened the door for the Gospel in the Oad community of Balawas village.

Pray: For the healing of Kapil from severe illness, Kirawar, Suman and Ravinder from typhoid and Deepika from heart attack. For God's wisdom and knowledge to be bestowed in order to proclaim the Gospel amidst Covid'19 restrictions.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Udipta Kumar Bag
Mrs. Shyamala Shamini Mathew
Mrs. Pushpam Mahendran
Mrs. Bhukya Jhansibai

Kalanwali:

Vijayakumar & Jebala

Praise: Five persons came under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and 2 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the youth meetings and outreach programs in Banwala and Shergarh Khai villages. God delivered Meenakshi from the possession of evil spirit.

Pray: For the salvation of Baaru's family. For the protection of believers from Covid'19, especially our new believers Jaswant and Sukho from Jagmalwali village who suffer from Covid'19 symptoms. For our new seekers Sonu and Pradeep as they show interest in the Gospel.

Uttarakhand

Maldha Chaur: Shishu Pal & Anita

Praise: Three villages were newly reached with the Gospel. A new

volunteer joined our ministry. God blessed our believers with a good harvest. God healed Janaki and Dara Devi from uterus infection. Two families newly joined the worship at Bhogapuram village.

Pray: For the successful completion of the Church construction at Bhogapuram area. For the believers to stand in the faith as they are quite disturbed by the opponents of the Gospel through the false case charged against them at Mohan Nagar. For the repentance of Baldev and Chinder from the habit of drinking alcohol. For the dispute against the Church land at Thari to be solved in an amicable manner.



Witnessing life brought the Parents-in-law's family to Christ:

In Rajasthan, at Ganga Nagar mission field, our believer Amandeep from 4FF village got married to a person whose whole family belongs to another faith. Through her witnessing life, her husband accepted Jesus Christ and now her father and mother in law from 2FD village are ready to confess their faith in the Lord. Glory to God.





Happy Birthday

Mrs. Elizabeth Karunakaran
Mrs. Daisy Israel Daniel
Mr. Manickam P, Mr. Ravi S
Mrs. Gamit Saruben Kamalesh

Delhi

Patparganj:

P.G Christopher & Mabel

Praise: Twelve persons accepted Christ and confessed Jesus as their personal saviour. God healed our believers Jeeva, Nisha Balkishor, Sourab, Guddie and Ramraj family from Covid'19. God enabled us to conduct Sunday worship through online due to lockdown in Covid Pandemic. Kalyanpuri congregation is revived since the believers who left are returned due to family problems.

Pray: For the consolation of Gopal who lost his wife Vimla and to grow in the faith of Jesus. For the healing of Kirtansingh, Hemanth and Isha from T.B, Sonali, Deepa and Prema from thyroid disease. For our believers Nisha, Anita, Gita Sankar and Rita to get the Lord's provision for

their survival during this lockdown period as they have lost their jobs. For peace to prevail in the Ekta family. For those who are showing interest in the Gospel to confess their faith in Jesus.

Rajasthan

Udaipur:

Sunil Kumar & Beenakshi

Praise: Four villages namely Shera, Pipalvas, Vodawada and Khekhad were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed our believers Bherkiben, Manisha, Paruben and Manjula with children after many years of prayers. God delivered Kiren, Malkinben and Sharmila Ben from the possession of evil spirits. God healed Lakshmanbhai from fits and Roshan Bhabhi from kidney problems.

Pray: For the repentance of the false teachers who disturb our congregation at Beconpada village. For the salvation of the twenty families who show interest in the Gospel. For our believer Prakashbhai who is facing opposition for his Christian faith. For the Church construction work at Visala village to go smoothly. For the healing of Babulal from TB.



Happy Birthday

Mr. John Sunder Singh, Mr. Deeptilal Mali
Mrs. Thilagavathi Nagarajan
Mrs. Sowndarya Rekha Vyasu Babu

Ganga Nagar:

V. Kumar & Patricia

Praise: Two persons came under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and 3 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God has given new contacts Kala Singh and Veer Kaur from Diwana village, Raju and Ruby from SSB Colony, Chandra, Abishek and Deepak from Gabirdas Nagar and Sandeep family from 2FD village. A new seeker Shalu from Gurusar 2W village reads the Word of God and regularly attends our worship. Hakkum Singh's family shows interest in the Gospel.

Pray: For our believer Abinav Lal of Gajsinghpur to get a suitable life partner. For Kala Singh & Veer Kaur from Diwana village to be blessed with a child. For the salvation of Suman and Gurumukh from 3LL village.

Rajasthan Region:

Amir Kant Digal & Nirola

Praise: Twenty one persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and

4 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the evening meetings in 27 places and follow-up ministry in 33 places and Bible study in 23 places.

Pray: For the believers to be strengthened during this unfavourable situation. For the local believers to come forward to serve their own people with the Gospel. For the seekers to come forward boldly to confess their faith in the Lord. For the regular Bible study among men, women and youth to go regularly. For the Church elders to come forward to lead their congregations.

Uttar Pradesh

Tundla: Pachiyabai Pohnabhay & Savitaben

Praise: Three villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the ladies meeting at Firozabad and believers meeting at Thanimai villages. Three families namely Buphendra, Sanjay and Nilesh show interest in the Gospel. Many people newly join worship and listen to the Word of God eagerly.

Pray: For the salvation of the families of Rajbahadur, Gourishankar at Ghunpai village. To start evening meetings at Nagla Kalyan and Ghunpai villages. For the blessing of outreach programs in the villages.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Koilpushpam Paulraj
Mrs. Josila Sundaribai Benhur
Mrs. Selvammal Selvaraj
Mrs. Sagarika Pradhan Parichha

Gonda: Om Prakash Gupta & Tumpa Chowdhury

Praise: God blessed the Bible study program, follow up programs and small group meetings in Thilkhai, Kukruhokro, Ramanpur, Railway Colony and Bahraich Road areas. Our hostel children who study 10th Std and 12th Std got their books for the current academic year.

Pray: For the believers' families from Ramapur and Tarwakulam villages to keep up their faith amidst opposition. For the social development of the Nut community who are open to the Gospel.

Jalaun: Thilak & Emimal

Praise: One person came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 3 villages namely Raniya, Jakka, Harsinghpur were newly reached the Gospel. God delivered Sanju, Seelu, Manorama, Rajini,

Avilasha and Devusingh from the possession of evil spirits. Small groups at Godia and Mangrol gather regularly for prayer. God healed Shibi from chronic headache and the whole family shows interest in the Gospel.

Pray: For the backslidden believers to be restored back in faith at Barigapur. For the spiritual growth of the believers of Bawli, Umri, Inkuri and Paharpur. For our evangelists Balwan Singh and Rajkumar to come back and do the ministry enthusiastically.

Bundelkhand Region:

N. Rajadurai & Prema

Praise: God healed our believers' families of Shanti Paul of Moth field, Vinod Kumar of Kadaura, Moka and Surban, Kamalabai Pappu of Guna field, Mukesh of Dabra and Manoj family of Jeep team from various illnesses. God delivered Sheelu of Jalaun field from fits and the possession of evil spirit.

Pray: For the consolation of the family members of CNI Church believers in Jhansi who lost their dear ones in the last 15 days due to Covid'19 infection. For the protection of all our believers, elders, volunteers, evangelists and missionaries. For the wisdom and knowledge to carry out our ministry creatively in this pandemic situation.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Paul Ravi Raj, Mr. Thomas R
Mr. Nagarajan M, Mr. Vinod Kumar
Mrs. Rajeswari Pradhan Sambhunath
Mrs. Nethravathy Muthu Kumar
Mr. Hebal Kumar, Mrs. Paulin Mary

Madhya Pradesh

Nawali:

Channamallappa & Rupa

Praise: Five villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed all the programs such as believers' meeting, Bhajans and fasting prayer conducted in many places. God healed Babalubhai from typhoid, Shobha Ram and Kaja families from viral infection. A new family from Kampani Goriram shows interest in the Gospel.

Pray: For the consolation of the members of Gokary and Gholapani who passed away due to Covid'19. For the protection of our believers who are doing small business during this pandemic situation for their livelihood. For the spiritual growth of our believers who are migrated due to their job.

Pansemal:

Bhangsingh Molya & Yemenben

Praise: God enabled us to conduct the worship regularly in many places although the situation is not favourable. God blessed the Bhajan meeting at Kungia village. God healed our evangelists Ratilal and Dilip from severe sickness, our believer Dinesh from chest pain, Geeta, Suresh, Pinty, Sawanti and Mangala from typhoid.

Pray: For the consolation of the family members of a few believers who passed away. For the healing of Suseela Bhai who falls quite often unconsciously. For the deliverance of the Revuth family from the possession of evil spirit.



Opponents became followers of Christ!

In Rajasthan at Udaipur mission field, Kailashbhai from Karel village used to oppose our ministry in many ways. He had been suffering for the last five years due to an unknown disease. One day, he approached our missionaries for prayer and as a result of prayer, God healed him completely. Now he becomes a follower of Christ and an ardent supporter of our ministry.





Jharkhand

Bhuiyan Ministry:

Jacob Gnanapandithan & Shanthi

Praise: Four persons came under the Lordship of Christ. God enabled us to conduct 2 evening meetings, 2 film programs and to share the Gospel to the 29 persons personally. God healed our evangelist Ramesh from multiple illnesses. God helped us to start translating the training materials for our evangelists.

Pray: For the salvation of Kinnu Roy who shows interest in the Gospel and for the healing of his daughter from madness. For the need of film equipments as film ministry is an effective method among the Bhuiyan community. The families of Mungiiya Devi and Godo Roy to come under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. The only two families live in Kairasol village to know the love of God. For the repentance of the opponents of the Gospel. For the seekers namely Sarti Devi, Sukul Roy, Kalicharan Roy, Bishnu Roy, Santhosh Roy, Ramchandra Roy and Surja Roy and some people

in Tinhara village to accept Jesus Christ. Backslidden families of Sonu Roy, Dhani Roy and Itwari Roy from Jhariapani village to be restored back to faith.

Keira Jodi: Chuchao & Kampung Taba

Praise: Our believer family Roshena and Saul Malto had a safe confinement after the two miscarriages. Rani Malto the daughter of Maloti from Kalhajor village successfully completed her B.Ed study. God healed our believers Praveen Malto, Robin, Jayanti Malto, Benjamin Malto, Kamra Malto, Sunita and Ezekiel Malto and Rohit Malto from malaria. God honoured the faith of Janarthan and family of Khadi village and healed them.

Pray: For the believers of Keira Jodi congregation to attend the Church service regularly. For the Tamligodda congregation to come to each other's house for Sunday house worship. For the Church Elder of Keirajodi to get rid of his bad habits. For the repentance of Mariam Malto, Ester Malto, Elias and Sunil Malto who are brewing alcohol. For the seekers of Chalgodda village to come under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. For the repentance of the headman of Dougodda village who stops people attending our worship.



Happy Birthday
Mr. Mongwai Phom, Mrs. Princy Sampaul
Mr. Vasava Thomasbhai Gulabbhai
Mrs. Madhusmita Pani

Mandro: Mirjoyo Kisku & Celina Hansda

Praise: Fifteen persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 2 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God protected Madrasi Murmu from snake bite. God delivered Amit Soren from the possession of evil spirit. God healed Teresa Murmu from malaria, Meena Hembrom, Ramesh Murmu, Lydia Marandi and Robert Soren from typhoid, Nathaniel Kisku from cerebral malaria and Talamai Murmu from kidney stone and cancer. Our believer's children's wedding was conducted in Christian manner.

Pray: For all the seekers to confess their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. For weekly Bible study to be conducted regularly for all sorts of believers separately. For the salvation of the people of Itahari village who have heard

the Gospel many times through our outreach programs. For our believers of Simbra, Jhakra and Harijala villages to get rid of consuming alcohol completely. Believers' children to conduct their wedding in the Church. For the spiritual growth of the elders and committee members of Jhakra congregation.



God healed from Covid'19:

In New Delhi, at Patparganj mission field, the Lord healed our believers from Covid'19. Since Delhi is affected drastically by Coronavirus and our ministry is mostly going among the slum resettlement areas who are vulnerable to the Corona infection. Due to over crowd and thick population, many were infected with Corona virus and seven of our believers and especially the families of Nisha Balkisor, Guddie & Sourav and Panimadevi were infected. We were praying for them through online meet and conference prayers. The Lord answered our prayers and God healed Nisha Balkishor and Pandimadevi who were hospitalized and they are now recovering their lost health. Praise to God.





Happy Birthday

Mr. Geddam Srinivasa Rao
Mrs. Jebarani Johnson Sankar
Mrs. Sagarika Mohinimala Beero

Rajmahal Malto Region: Kinsly & Shiny

Praise: God enabled us to get new contacts namely Suman Devi, Jagudu Bhuiyan, Sakinder Bhuiyan, Sanjay Bhuiyan, Vinod Yadav, Leelavathi Devi, Nandev Bhuiyan, Laukush, Rajkumar Guptha, Ajith Urav and Upendar Singh. Our believers from Damini, Keirajodi, Badariya and Damaru actively participated in the believers' mela conducted in Bedo Chapedi village of Badariya field. God opened the doors for the Gospel in Tetardih, Sarendag, Tumbagada, Jajpur, Karidah, Basiriyakala, Badphowa, Jamalpur, Madansahi, Sharaj, Jharnatola, Mustapur, Devpur, Bhadpoda, Hotai and Pochi villages. Two of our believers' children namely Manisha and Rani from Oraon

community joined as missionaries of FMPB. Church construction in Bihara, Kuttammu, Gundagodda, Aadugodda and Dumrigodda areas are in progress.

Pray: For the people to get good water as many suffer due to water scarcity. For the repentance of the witchcrafts namely Sukar Urav, Chitu Turi, Daroga Bhuiyan, Chamru Bhuiyan, Bikhu Bhuiyan, Kisundari, Bineshwar Urav, Upendar Urav and Bhandha Bhuiyan. For the Church construction work should complete soon in Kuttammu, Gundagodda, Aadugodda, Dumbriguda and Bihara without any hindrance. For the spiritual growth of all believers especially the new believers and those who are hearing the Gospel through many ways should confess their faith in Christ. For the successful completion of the works of Oraon and Kumar Bag Pahadia song book and Liturgy printing. For our believers Santhosh Ravidas and Baby Devi of Sonajodi village who face persecution from their villagers as they accepted Jesus Christ.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Jotsna Rani Jeruel Pani
Mrs. Lalmani Digal, Mr. Gulam Kisku

**Amrapada:
Benhur &
Mary Jhansy Rani**

Praise: Three persons came under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. God blessed the film program in 17 villages that paved the way for a good opening for the Gospel. God opened the mouth of Kalam Murmu of Kalidasa village as he was not able to speak. God protected our evangelist Samuel Marandi from a major accident.

Pray: For the Church construction work to go smoothly at Tati village. For the Santal believers to have awareness about Covid'19. For the healing of the people of Paharpur, Nuni, Salpatada, Babudoha, Bolidi and Jamkanali villages.

**Malpaharia Region:
Hamel Limma &
Ritanjali Karada**

Praise: God blessed the field convention at Rosmala village and our believers took care of all the expenses. God protected Silas Dehri from snake bite. God blessed Breni Dehri and Sanjay Dehri's family with a child. The believers of Baniapasor congregation do the outreach program around their villages. Sunday school teachers training was conducted at Mohulbane. Pushna Dehri and Somu show interest in the Gospel and attend our worship service.

Pray: For the spiritual growth of the believers of Babupura, Mohulbana and Banragas areas. For the safe confinement of the wife of our evangelist Mani. For peace to prevail in the family of Sima Rani and Lalu Dehri. Our new seeker Tilak Dehri to be strengthened in the Lord. For the Sunday school teachers namely Panboti Rani, Chadki Kumari, Kalu Dehri and Basonti Rani to conduct Sunday classes every Sunday without fail.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Enas Iline Chandran
Mrs. Baby Celina Arul Raj, Mrs. Punitha Mainraj
Mr. Arulanandam Venkatesan
Mrs. Latha Isaac Dhanasingh
Mrs. Mariyal Kumaravel, Mrs. Alby Evangeline Harris
Mr. Ponnusamy S, Mr. David S
Mr. Mohan R, Mr. Debadatta Lima

Santhal Discipleship Ministry:

Sudhaharan & Florence

Praise: God blessed the three days retreat for the hostel youth girls of Ranga girls hostel, the field level conventions and the cottage prayer meetings in Chotta Ghagri and Jordi. God protected our Church elder Sonalal of Damni Jordiha congregation from a major accident although 3 ribs and collar bones were fractured.

Pray: For the salvation of Bagha Hembrom. For the consolation of Sankar, Church elder of Damini Jordiha congregation who has lost his wife due to cancer. For the protection of our missionaries, evangelists who are getting sick nowadays. God to honour the commitment of Joel Besra, Michael Besra, Sunil Soren who plan to work among their own community people after finishing their studies in the Bible college

and Stephen Hansdak to involve in the cross culture ministry. For the family Rabindra Murmu & Celina Marandi to be blessed with a child.

Chandana Hostel, Sahibganj:

Kaithiengin Vaiphei & Melody Dimsonting

Praise: God enabled us to conduct Gospel films among the children 3 times and spoken English class. Hostel children show interest in reading the Bible stories and missionary biographies. God healed our student Delip Kisku from typhoid. Hostel roof repairing work was done completely. God protected a person who fell down from the roof while repairing.

Pray: For the consolation of the family members of our staff whose child passed away during the delivery itself. For the cooperation of the local people in our ministry. For the outgoing senior students to keep up their faith in the Lord wherever they are. For the court case against the land of Chandana hostel to be settled soon. For the children namely Lowrence Tudu, Anil Hembrom, Abika Marandi, Dilip Kisku, Dinesh Murmu, Samuel Kisku, Ruben Marandi, Salbet Hasda and Benjamin Murmu to be bestowed with wisdom and knowledge as they are going to appear the Board Exam.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Johnson Sankar, Mrs. Susheela Vijayakumar
Mr. Binit Prasad Bardhan, Mrs. Benita Johnson
Mr. Eliya Chandran

Vananchal Region:

Sateesh & Ratna Kumari

Praise: Thirty one persons came under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and 71 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God healed our missionary Benjamin Jyothi of Sinduriya field from Covid'19. God provided many new contacts at Mohul Pahari area. God enabled us to build a compound wall for the LTI building.

Pray: For the Church elders to take care of the outreach ministry during this pandemic situation. For the spiritual growth of the young Malpaharia believers Suresh Dehri, Dinesh Dehri, Issac Paharia, Roby Dehri and Santhosh Dehri.

West Bengal

Mekhliganj: Jennis & Suganthi Pushpam

Praise: God enabled us to conduct evening meetings, film programs and chain of prayer

without any hindrance. God blessed the fasting prayer for the missionaries who work in West Bengal.

Pray: For the blessing of follow up ministry in Athigaripada, Elpaki and Changrabandha villages. For the salvation of the people who watched Jesus film. For the people who received the New Testament to read it and to grow in the love of God.

Gangarampur: Dihe & Charani

Praise: Three persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 3 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the Women Camp at Babongao village in many ways. Transfer of our local evangelist at Gangarampur field went on smoothly.

Pray: For the healing of our believer Talu Murmu of Surup Tola village from Covid'19 symptoms. For the repentance of our Church elder of Bhaliokora village from alcohol addiction. For the hindrances such as alcohol addiction, false teaching and social fear to be rooted out for accepting Jesus Christ. For the safety and security of all the believers who migrated to other states for jobs. God to empower our local evangelists Patras Murmu, Charles Marandi and volunteers Jetha Hembrom in His ministry.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Edwin Selvaraj
Mr. Rajadurai N

Itahar:

**Astaban Aditya Kumar
Limma & Manini Kumari**

Praise: Three persons came under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and 2 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the film programs in 3 places and almost 300 persons were blessed. One family from Veliamuni village accepted Jesus Christ. God healed Mathiyas Tudu of Sorsadoli village and the daughter of Surujmuni Soren from epilepsy.

Pray: For the power of God to be bestowed on our Church elders namely Sunil Soren & Nilmuni Hembrom from Pokhrighutu Congregation, Lakhi Ram Murmu & Melco Soren from Probhuhut congregation, Somu Hembrom & Talku Soren from Hatmuchra Worship Center, Rajen Basky & Jhumur Murmu from Basahar congregation, Babul Murmu from Banbol congregation, Sanibar Murmu from Belhar congregation in order to do the ministry

effectively and to bring many to Christ. For our believer Kisan Murmu of Basahar village to come back home as he was missing in Andhra Pradesh. For the healing of Budhu Hembrom of Ujantar village from T.B. For Bablu Murmu & Suni Mardi family, Ram Hansdak & Chami Murmu family, Raju Murmu & Monika Mardi family and Biswanath Hansdak & Manjli Tudu to be blessed with children.

Samsi:

Deep Ratna & Mithlesh

Praise: Four villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the 11 night meetings and 8 mass outreach ministries in many ways. Peace prevailed in the family of Lakhan. God delivered Joel Murmu of Tola village from the possession of evil spirit. God changed the heart of Mangal Hembrom of Bajitpur village and now he does not oppose our ministry. God healed Sunder Murmu and Rajina Murmu from various illnesses.

Pray: For the elders of the Church to actively participate in the worship service. For our new evangelists to get acceptance from the congregation. For the healing of Hangal Hansda of Jalalpur village from chronic pain in the body. For the blessing of the upcoming programs.



Asom

Lakhimpur:

Ch. John & Veni

Praise: Twenty-seven persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 17 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God healed Pichi Pegu and the believers of Suguri village from various diseases. The families of Buttai and Nandalal show interest in the Gospel. Small groups' evangelism and fellowship groups are very active in all the fields. The believers of Majuli, Kolabari and Jonai fields built a Church of their own in indigenized way. God gave a good response among the Deori community. God enabled our volunteers Rahim Patir and Pal to overcome family pressures in order to do the ministry.

Pray: For all the believers to grow in Christ amidst opposition and pandemic situation. For the consolation Biju Chunkrang whose wife passed away recently. For the salvation of Mamuni, Dilip Pegu, Bipal Kumpang and Narahanto as they show interest in the Gospel. For the open door for the Gospel in Balijan, Sige,

North Majuli, Misinpur, Bekeli, Borumkan and Pisala villages. For the blessing of the project of TEAM 2 LAKHS [Tearful Evangelism Among Mishing].

Dhemaji: Nathan Kumar
Bebarta & Nirupoma

Praise: God enabled us to visit new mishing villages. God provided a new motor bike for our ministry.

Pray: For the challenges to be faced as there is an increase of Covid'19 in Dhemaji town. For the possibility of penetrating many new mishing villages with the glorious Gospel.



Your faith has saved you!

In Gujarat, at Bodeli mission field, Ishwarbhai from Kandivali village is a well known shaman. His son Sandeep went through an operation in the heels of his leg and the wound had not been healed for almost two years. He spent lakhs and lakhs of rupees and tried all the religious rituals but in vain. So he had given up all former ways of belief in black rituals and came to our worship and prayer in order to get remedy from our great healer and Lord Jesus Christ. Kindly pray that his faith save his son's life so that he would be a great witness in the days to come.





Happy Birthday

Mr. Selvin Jesudhas
Mrs. Jothilakshmi

Chhattisgarh

Sitapur:

**Padvi Somaliabhai &
Mahala Shila**

Praise: Ten persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 2 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the bhajan programs conducted newly in two villages. The congregation at Tedga celebrated their annual Church day and renewed their commitment to God. God blessed the believer's wedding at Noapara area and it bears witness to many.

Pray: For the spiritual growth of the believers of Askara, Lalitpur and Noapara as they are going to confess their faith in the Lord. For the blessing of the believers' wedding in Chathanpara, Hardisand and Kerasakar areas. For the elders to grow in the Word of God and to lead their congregations effectively. For the healing of Sakuntala from stomach swelling and Badkeri from cancer.

**Bhaiyathan:
Thangchinliyan &
Vungthianching**

Praise: God opened the doors among the Gonds people group and others in this field. A new seeker Gowri Shankar of Gharseri village shows much interest in the Word of God. Our new believer Santha and her daughter bear good witness among their neighbourhood.

Pray: For all who show interest in the Gospel to confess their faith in the Lord. For the salvation of the family of Harilal Bhagat of Bhaskar village who attend our worship regularly. For the spiritual breakthrough among the Yadav, Rajwada and other people groups.



**Lenten fasting led
to serving God!**

In Uttar Pradesh, at Kaimganj mission field, during Lenten season, our believers were encouraged to fast and pray. Many fasted and gave sacrificial hundi offerings. Our new young believer Sukdevi of Ijoure village fasted for 40 days and she also started to serve God by helping us in children ministry in her village. Glory to God!





Happy Birthday

Mrs. Selina Joyce John
Mr. Karthikeyan S, Mr. Vijayakumar R
Mr. Basavaraja K, Mr. Boopathi P
Mr. Krishan Kumar, Mr. Lunjalal Songthat

Champa:

**Rameshwar Dayal Nirmal
& Madhu Kala**

Praise: Two persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 2 villages namely Pharhada and Korbi Bahminin were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the Jesus film programs in Rasonta, Bohapara and Amora villages. God enabled us to learn the Chhattisgarhi language.

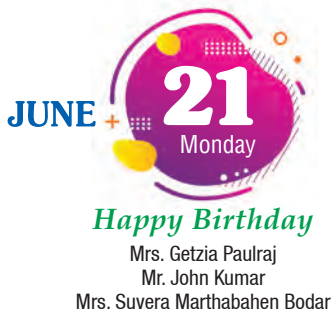
Pray: For the Church lands to be registered in Semaria and Sone Villages. For the salvation of the Satnami people group of Khamaria village. For the social evils such as child marriage, dowry system and alcohol addiction to be rooted out. For the spiritual growth of all the keen contacts and the migrated believers. For the need

of two local evangelists for this field. For the seekers namely Raghubir, Mohan, Akadasia, Mukesh, Ashok, Rakesh, Sanju, Pardeshi, Rahul Banjare and Mahettar Sonvani.

**Gharghoda: Kingsly
Issac Johnson & Meena**

Praise: Two believers' families conducted their children's wedding in Christian manner amidst social pressure. Our believer Hemakumari had a safe confinement in the midst of her husband's suffering from Covid'19. Many volunteers joined the ministry of reaching the unreached.

Pray: For the spread of the Gospel among Rattia, Chowhan, Sarathi, Sahu and Sithar people groups. For the protection of the newborn twins of our believer Munnuthai Sithari of Soddy Guda village. For the healing of Sambth Ratia of Ajitgarh village from mental disorder. For the salvation of Sameli Sithar, Thirumeni Sahu, Pojram Sahu, Shiv Prasad Sahu, Geethabai Sahu, Bavogirahi Sahu and Yamuna Sahu.



Katghora: **Ditungbou K & Sanalung**

Praise: One person came under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and 7 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. The Bible study group started at Raha village. God enabled us to conduct the wedding of Birbal and Preeti of Khardi village in Christian manner without any problem. God healed all the nine believers of Burnujharia village from Covid'19. Our believer Vijay Kujur of Burnujharia village has been selected for the police job.

Pray: For the new people who attend the worship at Bankheta village. For the spiritual growth of our new seekers Bajrang, Narayan and Basant of Bankheta village as they regularly attend our worship. For the deliverance of Pramila Uike of Jatga village

from the haunting of evil spirits. For the family of Mansingh and Madhu of Baisemer village to be blessed with a child.

Lakhanpur: **Arun Kumar & Sarathi**

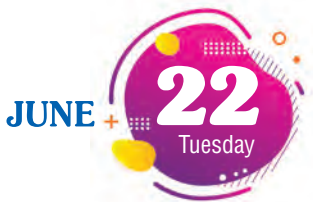
Praise: Fourteen persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ at Semera village and one village was newly reached with the Gospel. God healed the believers of Dodokesara village from Covid'19 symptoms.

Pray: For the healing of our believers Kiren of Parsabara village, Ravi and the house owner of our evangelist from Covid'19.

Ludeg: **David Masih & Nisha**

Praise: Sixteen persons came under the Lordship of our Lord Jesus Christ and 5 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God healed our evangelists Silpiriuse, Sudhan Tigga and Agnu Bhkhla from chronic illness.

Pray: For the healing of Ganesh, Pranusai, Dularsai, Basanty and Elina Ross who are suffering from various illnesses in this pandemic situation.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Shanmugam R S, Miss. Evelyn Packia
Mr. Mahendran A

Pali: Robinson Hasdak & Jhansi

Praise: God enabled us to conduct the worship through conference calls due to the lockdown. God healed our believers namely Kalyani, Tameswar, Sweta, Ramkumar, Dharam Chando, Isahak, Kanchanbai and Hitesh as we prayed through mobile phones.

Pray: For the believers to keep up their faith during the lockdown as there is no chance of meeting them in person. For all the believers to join the prayer fellowship through the conference call. For the healing of the believers Bismathbai, Sunita, Chandrika, Shiv Parivar and Dharam Chand who suffer from various illnesses. For the witnessing life of the believers in their own families and neighbourhood.

Pratapur: Dinesh Kumar & Neetu

Praise: Four villages were newly reached with the Gospel and

many other villages are open for the Gospel. God healed Ankit Toppo and Kyushubai from various illnesses.

Pray: For evangelists to be placed newly in the needed places. For our seeker Neeta to confess their faith in the Lord. For the spiritual growth of our believers in Gangotree and Baykona congregations. For the healing of Santlal from mental disorder. For our believer from Baykona congregation to get a suitable life partner.



Heard a strange sound, but listened the voice of God:

In Jharkhand, at Mandro mission field, Ramesh Hembrom and his wife Talabiti Murmu who are not our believers. When they worship their God they heard a strange sound and following that, they were possessed with evil spirits and became mad. Their children became hopeless. The neighbours tried many ways to chase out the devil but could not. Finally they brought them to our missionaries for prayer. After 3 hours of prayer, they were delivered from the possession of evil spirit and became normal. Now they along with their villagers have accepted Jesus Christ and attend our worship service regularly.





Happy Birthday
Mr. Ajaya Kumar Lima
Mrs. Meena Kingsly Issac Johnson
Mrs. Prabina Rani Biswo Ranjan
Mr. Ramasamy V Jerome

Odisha

Rairangpur:

J. Samuel & Havilah

Praise: Fifteen persons came under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and ten villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the film programs in Birsa Chowk and Makdi villages. Worship is newly started in Dumuria and 2 families attend regularly. God healed our believer Champa Naik from piles.

Pray: For the blessing of film programs which are planned to be conducted in Sathjudi, Tangarjoda, Kupudi and Devgam villages. For the people to give good response to the Gospel through the film show and accept Jesus Christ. For the consolation of the family members of Salen Gagarai who passed away due

to Covid'19. For the believers who gather as a small group for prayer to be strengthened in this present pandemic situation. For the following new seekers are waiting for a miracle in their lives - Kalidas Jeriga from weakness for six months and unable to walk and sleep; Renu Hembrom from swollen body and Bikram Murmu from unknown disease.

Gujarat

Surat:

Mathavaroy & Jebathangam

Praise: One village was newly reached with the Gospel. Church work is going on smoothly in this field. God enabled us to conduct prayer through conference prayer due to the curfew. God protected our believer's son Sylasbhai from falling down from 20 feet high place. Our believers Subashbhai and Sachin were healed from the street dog biting.

Pray: For the healing of our believers Mohishaben and Sameerbhai who fall sick quite often. For peace to prevail in the Kushal family. For getting the land approval for the Church construction at Surat.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Paulraj Abraham
Mrs. Pratyasini Lima Ajaya Kumar Lima
Mrs. Rasmita Rani Rout Hemanta

Bajipura:

Markus Malto & Sara

Praise: God helped us to conduct evening meetings for the believers. God healed our evangelist Prakashbhai from typhoid. Our new seekers Ela and Kapila families are newly attending our worship services at Gadat and Vanderdevi villages. Many of our believers are able to meet their livelihood through their dairy farm.

Pray: For the ministry among children, youth and women to go regularly. For the deliverance of Payal, Kundan and Jignesh from the possession of evil spirit. God to honour the decision of Yusuf who would like to study in the Bible college and to serve his own Gamit people group.

Dharampur & Khergam Home: Vignesh & Angelin

Praise: Four villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God protected all the children of

Khergam Home until they left the hostel due to the lockdown. God healed Ramilaben of Maduri village from chest pain and Pradipbhai of Khuntia village from chronic sickness.

Pray: For the hostel children who are supposed to appear Board Exams are without any guidance about the lockdown. For the family of Manojbhai and Leelaben to be blessed with a child. For the protection of all the children who are with their parents. For the healing of Soniabhai of Khuntia village from nerves problem and Marubhai from kidney stone.

Nizar: Jesubhai Mecwan & Pheoben

Praise: God enabled us to meet almost 150 persons through our outreach ministry. During the worship service itself, many believers' prayers are answered and they get healing also.

Pray: For the protection of the congregation at Morgan, Gavan Chadran, Khodola and Aroditara areas as they are disturbed by the false teachings quite often. For God's wisdom and guidance to be bestowed on our evangelist Prakash Vasava, Dinesh and Anil Vasava to do the ministry effectively. For the believers to stand firm in the faith and to depend on God for all their needs.



Mehsana:
**Sambhunath Nayak &
Rajeshwari Pradhan**

Praise: God delivered Vikrambhai of Palavasana village when he was haunted by evil spirits during the worship. Our worship services at Tirupati and Gudewa village are going on smoothly.

Pray: For our believers Rajubhai, Sindhi, Reenaben and Abishek to get suitable jobs. For the growth of the congregation at Palavasana area. For the open door for the Gospel in and around Mehshana field.

**Dadra & Nagar
Haveli**

Khanvel:
Vinu & Suhi Malar

Praise: Twenty-two persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and one village was newly reached

with the Gospel. God enabled us to resume the evening prayer meeting at Chinchpada and to conduct women's meet at Padjay and Sheldy areas. God healed Rameshbhai of Motcomb from mental disorder.

Pray: For the healing of our believer Ajaybhai whose two kidneys are damaged, Dhanjibhai and many other believers from Covid'19. For our believer Laliben to be blessed with a child. For the spiritual growth of the new believers of Shelby village.

Maharashtra

Sindkheda sub-Vadali:
**Jagmohan singh
and Swati**

Praise: God enabled us to conduct meetings and chain of prayer regularly. Worship group was started newly at Copra area. God healed Chandrakala Bai of Vurjad village from severe body pain.

Pray: For the new worship groups to grow in the Lord amidst the pandemic situations. For the healing of Rina Saji Nargis from pneumonia.



Allapalli:
**Ningthoujamalon Singh &
Liambiaknemi Alon**

Praise: Thirty nine villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God enabled us to conduct mass outreach for 3 days in the Vittanian area. God healed our believer from Bad Palli from Covid'19 and Badumadavi of Bandapalli from the decrease of platelet cells.

Pray: For all the people who heard the Gospel to accept Jesus Christ. For the 11 believers who are getting ready to confess their faith in the Lord. For the smooth going of the ministry amidst the pandemic situations.

Surgana:
Mayilsamy & Yesumani
Praise: Two villages namely Karunthari and Armjar were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the meeting of local evangelists and women in many ways. Many people from Bhorgav and Naksavalil villages

show interest in the Gospel. The families of Kasinath of Karunthari village, Leela Vakmareh of Ambada village and Kalpanabhai of Boremal village listen to the Word of God eagerly. God healed Mohan Pawar of Thalwat village from fits.

Pray: For the prayer fellowship at the residence of Kalyanbhai of Bormal village to be continued regularly. For the backslidden family Mohan of Baripada village to be restored back to faith. For many to come to the feet of Jesus from Rasiya village, as there is only one believer in this village. For the salvation of the people at Ragath Vihir, Chinchpada and Kuki villages.



**1000 hours prayer brought
thousands of blessings!**

In Punjab, at Barnala mission field 40 families gathered for 1000 hours prayer from 17th February to 4th April 2021. As a result of prayer, all our believers were strengthened in their faith, seeing miracles after miracles such as physical and mental healing, deliverance from evil spirit, protection from accidents etc in the lives of many believers. Our believers experienced a fresh touch of the hands of God in their lives. Glory to God.





Happy Birthday

Mrs. Charlet Jesintha Selvin, Mrs. Luning N
Mrs. Lilly Rani Vincent Premraj

Deccan:

Vijayan & Jebarose

Praise: Eighteen persons came under the Lordship of Christ. God healed our missionaries from fever during this pandemic situation and our believers from Adilabad field were also healed from Covid'19. God protected the lives of our believers although many from Etapalli, Alapalli, Jimmalgatta and Gadchandur fields are suffering from fever. Our evangelist Mahesh Yemulwar got married to glorify God.

Pray: For the healing of Kuldeep Singh (Missionary), Barsu Matami family (Evangelist) and Umaji Kusram family to be healed completely from viral fever and related ailments. For the believers to grow in the Lord through the regular Group Bible Study. For the protection of our believers who gather for fellowship in the villages, observing the social norms. For the Alapalli hostel children who are in their villages without school and education. They should not lose interest in study and should not go astray. For the 12th Std students

and their future as there is no hope for their board exams.

Karnataka

Southern Zone, Kolar:

**V.P. Jebaraj &
Jeya Soundari**

Praise: God has helped our believers to have a good prayer network among themselves. By God's grace our missionaries and families are doing fine in the midst of the spread of Corona in the neighbouring cities and states.

Pray: For the opposition in Karnataka against for house worship meetings. For the people who have forcefully stopped worship in Dharwad congregation and threatened our volunteers not to do any ministry there. For the consolation of our missionaries Susheela Vijayakumar and Debadata Lima who have lost their mother. For our Church elders who are taking up the leadership in the area of Church program and ministry. For our believers to participate actively in Bible study groups. For our local evangelists and missionaries who are moving to new mission fields to have a blessed ministry there. For the people groups namely Voddar, Banjara, Kurubar, Mala, Madhiga, Siddhi, Naidu and Reddy to respond to the gospel in large numbers. For the children of the missionaries, evangelists and believers and their studies which are badly affected for the past two years.



Mr. David Rajasingh
Mrs. Selvi Deivanayagam

Hubli Region: Sunil Data Kara & Meenkshi

Praise: Sixteen persons came under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and 30 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Our believers Puja and Vanita of Gajendragada field got a job in ICICI Bank. Our believer Basavaraj of Mundargi field got back his sheep which was stolen by a man who along with his family later understood the love of God as they did not take this matter to the police. A new congregation was formed in Mundargi field. Our believer Laxmi of Basavanabagibadi who left the house for prayer came back to the house after three days of missing. Babu Lamani, an Indian Army man who was an opponent of the Gospel but now shows interest in the Gospel.

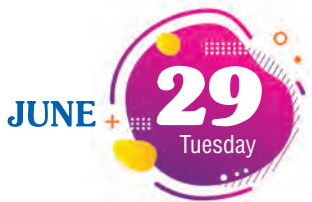
Pray: For the safety and security of the children of our believer Irappa from Mundgod field whose wife passed away recently. For the salvation of the husband of

Sasikala of Shiggaon field. For the repentance of the son of our believer Ratna of Shiggaon field who opposes her mother for attending our worship. For the backslidden Channappa family of Shiggaon field to be restored back to faith. For the consolation of the family members of Murugan of Mundargi field who passed away recently. For the repentance of Virbhadra and Maunesh of Gajendragada field who are addicted to alcohol.

Shiggaon: Sunil Kumar & Sangeeta

Praise: Eight persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 3 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. 7 persons attended the Church service newly at Savnur area. For the first time at Savnur Church, a betrothal ceremony was conducted for our two believers Suresh and Basavaraj. God healed Savitri of Talas village from chronic headache as she attended our prayer meet regularly. God protected the Kanta family from the infection of Covid'19.

Pray: For the healing of Pradeep from leg problem as he is not able to walk properly. For our believer Irappa to pay back the debt. For the backslidden believer Chanappa to be restored back to faith. Our believer Muthakka to be blessed with a child.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Jebathangam Mathavaroy
Mr. Paulraj P, Mrs. Manna Singh
Mr. Vadekar Dilipbhai Rangubhai
Mrs. Sonia Rani Jena, Mr. Mintu Kutum

Gajendragada:

Manjya Nayik & Ratna

Praise: Three villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Peace prevailed in the Ilkal congregation. God healed Bhimabai from illness and Laxmibai from uterus problem.

Pray: For the salvation of Veer Bhadra and Maunesh who are addicted to alcohol. For the healing of Babu from stomach problem and Sunita from piles problem. Our believer Akshata to get a suitable life partner.

Shirahatti:

Ashaprapatapal & Deena

Praise: Six villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God delivered Jamila from alcohol addiction. God healed Laxmi from severe tooth problems and Basavaraj from typhoid.

Pray: For the healing of Mallappa from chronic stomach problem and Hanmanthappa from alcohol addiction. For our new contact Manula to be blessed with a child and Ramswami to get deliverance from the possession of evil spirit. For our believer Nagina to get a job at Anganwadi.

Telangana

Asifabad:

Ramesh Vasava & Sunita

Praise: Three persons came under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and 2 villages namely Shooleguda and Dongergoon were newly reached with the Gospel. God healed Abinay, Chintu and Mahima from chronic fever. Elders from Potaguda, Dubhaguda, Knargoon and Tulana areas took charge of their congregations to conduct worship.

Pray: For the salvation of Pardhi community in Pardhi Guda village. For Laxman and Durpata family to be blessed with a child. For the deliverance of Sujatha from the possession of evil spirit. For the healing of Laxmi and Dixia from sickle cell. For the deliverance of Gond community from the evils social bondage.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Azariah Rajkumar
Mr. Venkatesan C (Crescens)
Mr. Vigneshwaran N, Mr. Shishu Pal

Andhra Pradesh

Damalacheruvu:
**Prasanthi Maseela &
Rupa Kumari**

Praise: Two villages namely Jangalapalli and P. Reddypalli were reached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. God blessed the Jesus film program in Morasapalli, Narayana Reddy Palli and Gollapalli villages and 70 people heard the Gospel and were blessed. Many new families especially the families of Yagaiah from V Kothur village, Sujatha from Govinda Reddy Palli village, Madhu Babu, Kavitha, Chiranjeevi and Nagaraju show interest in the Gospel.

Pray: For the seekers namely Balaji, Kalpana, Yagaiah, Prasad, Munemma and Venkataramaiah family to confess their faith in the Lord boldly. For the consolation and salvation of the family members of Peddapapamma from Y S

Gate who passed away recently. Our new seeker Jyothi from Pilligundlapalli Village to have a safe confinement. For the spiritual growth of Madhu and Kavitha family, Yagaiah family, Chiranjeevi and Nagaraj as they attend our worship services regularly. For the healing of our new seeker Prasad of Kattakindapalli from kidney problem.

Tamil Nadu
Kelamangalam:
**Balasubramanian &
Lusina**

Praise: One village was newly reached with the Gospel. Our new contact Gangappa attends our worship regularly. God blessed Shilpa with a child. Our believer Issac paid back all his debts. God healed Thimmaryan from kidney problem, Muthu, Pasamma and Pavithra from broken bones and Mathappa from mental disorder.

Pray: For the backslidden believers Samuel and Venkatesh to be restored back to faith. For the safe confinement of Revathy. For the healing of Chinnathambi from eye problems. Our believers to get suitable jobs. For our believers Shanmugam, Ravi and Prakash to pay back their debt soon.

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