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**In this the love of God was made
manifest among us, that God sent
His only Son into the world,
so that we might live through Him.**

(1John 4:9)

*May the birth of Jesus Christ fill your home and life
and cause each day of yours to release countless blessings for you. Merry Christmas!*

The Glory of 'God sending God'!



FRONTLINE...

Christmas is not the beginning of Christ, but it is the climax of the history of the world. Jesus Christ was of the same essence as the Father and His "coming forth is from of old, from ancient days" (Micah 5:2). Christ was not made, but begotten. God Himself, in the second person of the Godhead, was sent into the earth. He came and became one of us. No other human in the history of the world shares or could bask in the incomparable and incomprehensible glory. The highest glory here is, God sent God; the true God sent from true God!

In Bethlehem, 'glory and humility' are manifested together in their extremes. Oh! What a deep descent - from the heights of glory to the depths of shame; from the wonders of Heaven to the wickedness of earth; from exaltation to humiliation; from the throne to the tree; from dignity to debasement; from worship to wrath; from the coronation to the curse; from the glory of heaven to the wretchedness of the cross! The God who made, rules, and upholds the world would now come down into the world, not as the highest, strongest, and most powerful, but as the smallest, weakest, and most obscure. God was coming not on the clouds, but was seen wrapped in swaddling clothes - full of divinity in a manger.

The birth of Jesus altered the history of the world. Jesus is often referred to as "the centre of history." No other birth in the history of mankind has carried such a greater significance. It literally split history into two. Jesus Christ is easily the most dominant figure in all history. There is no king, emperor, prophet, or spiritual leader ever who has influenced the course of history more than Jesus. He changed history like no one ever has or ever will simply because of who He is. In fact, He turned the world upside down.

Through the birth of Christ, God enters our space, time and history, and more importantly each of our own personal lives. Christ is Emmanuel, God-is-with-us. God is with each of us today in a very personal and intimate way. Jesus Christ is the Way to Glory. The Lord Jesus not only wants us to see His glory, He wants to share His glory with us. A crown of glory awaits for each one of us, if we, too, can follow His footsteps of humility and become witnesses of His glory (2Cor. 3:18). As the Christmas season envelops us with all its glory, the glory of the birth of Jesus that took place over 2000 years ago, is also inviting us to live in His glory and to lead the "millions still living outside the fold" too bask in this glory?

- **JJ. Harris** (*Communication Dept.*)

**I have come into the world as light,
so that whoever believes in Me may not remain
in darkness. - Jesus (John 12:46)**

**“Christmas is based on an exchange of gifts, the
gift of God to man - His separable gift of His Son,
and the gift of man to God - when we present
our bodies a living sacrifice.” - Vance Havner**

**“Rejoice, that the immortal God is born, so that
mortal man may live in eternity.” - John Huss**

**The root of Jesse will come, even He who arises
to rule the Gentiles; in Him will the Gentiles
hope. (Romans 15:12)**

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Reach the unreached Indians with the
Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Our Mission:

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

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FMPB does saturation evangelism
among various people groups.

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

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FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY...

Dear Partners in the fulfilment of the Great Commission,

On behalf of the family of FMPB, I greet you all in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, on the occasion of celebrating His first coming to this world to save mankind.

When you read this editorial, you are in the advent season which started on November 28th of this year. Advent means 'Coming' in Latin. This is the coming of Jesus into the world. In the New Testament, this is the term used for the Second Coming of Christ. Advent is the period of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas and also preparation for the Second Coming of Christ.

The Advent season invites us to step away from what could be called as a frenzied time for parties and shopping to consider how we should commemorate the birth of Jesus as one of the holiest times in Christian faith. It is also a time to reflect on the triumphant return of Jesus at His second coming.

This reminds us to be thankful to God for sending His only begotten Son, so that we the wretched sinners could be saved from the curse of sins. Also it reminds us of our responsibility of preparing the way by preaching the gospel to every single soul in our nation for the return of Lord Jesus. The coming of Lord Jesus into the hearts of people transforms individuals as well as groups as exhibited through the Christmas truce during World War 1.

The Christmas truce was a series of widespread unofficial ceasefires along the Western Front of the First World War around Christmas 1914. Roughly 1,00,000 British and German troops were involved in the informal cessations of hostility along the Western Front. The Germans placed candles on their trenches and on Christmas trees, then continued the celebration by singing Christmas carols. The British responded by singing carols of their own. The two sides continued by shouting Christmas greetings to each other. Joint services were held. In many sectors, the truce lasted through Christmas night, continuing until New Year's Day.

May the Lord bring such reconciliation among individuals, families and societies during this Christmas season. "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" [Lk. 2:14].

Khandwa Hostel Dedication:

The hostel building cluster for the Boys hostel, built in Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh was dedicated for God's glory on 20th October 2021. The campus consists of a dormitory, a missionary quarter, staff quarter, an office room, dining hall, kitchen, and a storeroom. I thank all the donors who have contributed for this project to provide a good staying place for our believers' children of Khandwa Region.

Meeting with Gujarat Bishop:

The President and myself along with the Field and Mobilization Secretaries had a fruitful meeting with the CNI Gujarat Diocese Bishop Rt. Rev. Silvans Christian along with the Diocesan Vice-President, Treasurer and Executive Committee Members on 23rd October 2021 in FMPB LTI Campus, Fokdi, Netrang in Gujarat. In this cordial meeting the relationship between CNI Gujarat Diocese and FMPB have reached a higher level through the important decisions taken to work together through prayer and support.

Need of missionaries:

Though we know the number of people of our country yet to be reached with the Gospel, pondering over this, in person gives a new level of burden. On 24th October we attended a worship service in the Vindhya hills of Madhya Pradesh. While travelling, the Zonal Secretary Rev. Joseph Durairaj shared that 70 villages of a particular

area are not reached with the gospel. Like this there are thousands of areas waiting to receive the gospel. The need for cross-cultural missionaries is huge. Please come forward to pray for this important need as per Matthew 9:38, "Therefore pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest."

Future is brighter in Christ:

On 4th November, 19 young people committed to serve the Lord as prayer group leaders in Avadi mobilization region in Chennai and committed themselves in the hands of the Lord in prayer. The voluntary services of our prayer group leaders continue from generation to generation which gives a big hope for the future of our ministry.

Home calling of Mrs. Lidia Juliet Augustus:

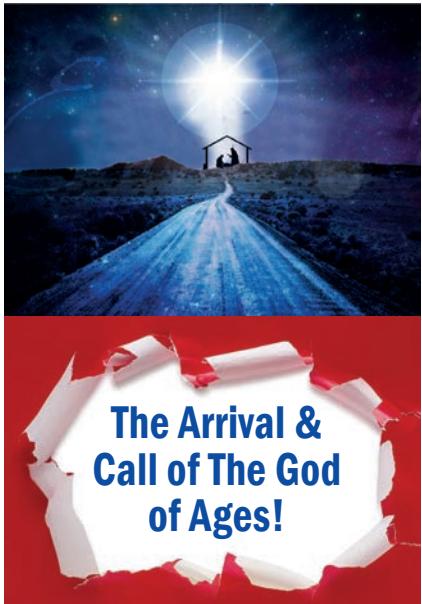
Mrs. Lidia Juliet Augustus aged 49, our missionary in Tamil Nadu Mobilization Western Zone entered into God's glory on 16th November 2021 at Salem. Please pray for Rev. Augustus Pushparaj, western zonal mobilization secretary, and son Jonathan, that the Lord may strengthen and comfort them.

Merry Christmas to all our missionaries, Prayer group leaders and supporters.

Your fellow sojourner in God's Mission



Rev. John Berlin S.



In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. [Isa. 40:3]

The month of December is popularly known for the celebration of Christmas, the Birth of Jesus Christ. Oh, more than thousands of years have passed by after the birth of Jesus, yet crores of people remain without hearing the Name of Jesus. The fall of Adam led God to give His only begotten son for the salvation and give a promise regarding that. (Gen. 3:15)

We read about the call of Abraham in Genesis Chapter 12. Abraham heard God's call in his 75th year; blessed with a child in his 100th year; his descendants remained as slaves in the land of Egypt after the death of Joseph; under the leadership of Moses, they were delivered from bondage. During the time of Joshua their settlement takes place in the land of Canaan, the rule of Judges during

which people requested Samuel for a King's rule. Of all the King's rules, David's reign was the best. During Solomon's reign, the temple of Jerusalem was built and after his reign, the kingdom was divided into North and South. The people of Southern kingdom were taken as captives to Babylon for 70 years; returned back during the time of Zerubabel and resumed the construction of the temple. Tradition slowly raised its head and gradually Traditions overruled the Law. The proclamation of the prophecies from the prophets was not weighed as important so their hardened heart and refusal to heed to the voice of God kindled the wrath of God. In Malachi 1:10 God expresses, "Oh that there was one among you who would shut the doors, that you might not kindle fire on my altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, says the Lord of hosts, and I will not accept an offering from your hand."

For 400 years God never spoke with men and this is called the "Dark Age" in history. These are the years falling between Malachi & Mathew of the OT and of NT- the period between the Old Testament and the New Testament. Even as the years rolled by, the Lord was not sitting idle. Without breaking the promise He was preparing the world for His coming. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son... [Galatians 4:4].

The defeat of the Greek Wisdom:

This was the age of the Greek philosophers Socrates [BC.469-399], Plato [428-348] and Aristotle [384-322]. During the age of Philosophy when these people ventured to find answers through their intellectual capacity by asking, Why? What for? They were not able to find any answer. Their research could not get to the ordinary folks around.

The Greek Language:

The Greek language was considered as the world's renowned language. All the people who learnt Greek enjoyed a special social status. Whenever Paul used this language, people listened to him with much interest. As Paul was about to be brought into the barracks, he said to the tribune, "May I say something to you?" And he said, "Do you know Greek? [Acts 21:37]. When Paul spoke in Greek, many listened to him. Greek was very useful for introducing the Gospel and the ministry to follow.

Roman Empire:

The Roman Empire which gained power following the Greek Empire has established its Name as the world's powerful empire. The system of judicial enquiry, road developments and entertainments were considered great during their reign. 'All roads lead to Rome' was a famous saying in those times. As the roads were well developed from all provinces to reach the capital city of Rome, Paul found it very easy to carry the Gospel to all the places around.

The System of Judiciary:

During this time, the enquiry was conducted with integrity and systematically. The victim too had the privilege of defending himself as opportunity was given to him also equally. The system of giving verdict and punishment were meticulously planned. Only the Governor was given the authority to pronounce the death sentence on the victim. That is how Jesus was taken before Pilate, the Governor. As the system of passing judgement was systematically handled, peace prevailed in all the cities. This paved the way for the Gospel to be carried peacefully to all the places.

Entertainments:

Big open theatres were built in all the major

cities for the people to witness the fights between men. In such fights sometimes no one was left out to get the prize, because all the participants would die. In such times when human dignity and life were not considered at all, God came into this world to teach the importance of human lives. Jesus said, "Love your neighbour as yourself" [Mk.12:31]. It was a period during which the relationship between man and woman was transparent to that extent that the word 'shy' was not at all to be seen in their dictionary. But according to Jesus, "everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart" [Mat.5:28]. Therefore, when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons [Gal.4:4-5].

Expectation of the Messiah:

Jews were spread across the Roman Empire. Their lifestyle differed from others around. Their way of worshipping God, eating habits, their living habits, cultural observances were always different from others. When others were worshipping many Gods, these people worshipped only one God. That's why other peoples' eyes were always on Jews. Their message was clear- Messiah is to come and He will rule as King David. When a Jewish lady gives birth to a child, she brings up the child with an expectation of it being a Messiah. Just because of this expectation, the moment Herod heard that the Maggies had come, he called the scribes to enquire about the birth of the Messiah (Mat. 2:4). They too referred to Micah 5:2.

In John chapter 4:25, while Jesus was conversing with the Samaritan woman, she

said that she was aware of the fact that Messiah would come. During such a time when people were expecting that a Messiah would come as a Jewish King, God was born as a Man.

Many great people have been born in this world that has brought changes in the society and freedom for nations. But Jesus entered into the world as a Saviour for Mankind. If God himself is going to be born on this earth, then it must have been proclaimed even before His incarnation through prophets.

The prophets prophesied the birth of Jesus in the following verses.

Micah 5:2 about the city he is to be born

In Isaiah 11:1 about the family in which he will be born

In Isaiah 7:14 that He will be born through a virgin,

In Isaiah 9:6 about His Character & responsibilities.

In Isaiah 53, He will bear the sins of mankind.

He came into this world as He had promised in the fullness of time.

Other Philosophers:

Now let us turn our eyes on the other philosophers. TACITES, the historian of the Roman Empire, has written like this... 'the Truth that the Eastern Countries would be on the top in religious piety, and a ruler would emerge from Judea to rule the world was a belief found among all the Jews in those days.'

Even in the history of China, it is said that during the reign of the 24th year, 8th month, on the 8th day of Swang, the Chinese ruler of South West, a light lightened his palace.

The wise men over there had told me that in the province of West a great man will be born and His message will be preached in China too. Even the Greek philosophers said, "Wait until God appears in order to bear our sins on His shoulders and do not expect another end."

Socrates & Aristotle too expected a great man by name Boaz to appear soon. The Rig Veda too points out that a Prajapathi, a Godman who will be supernatural will be born into this world. So the history of the world too reveals that all were expecting the birth of a Saviour.

The Bible contains 845 references regarding the second coming of Jesus. 318 times in the New Testament and is depicted as the first and foremost theme in 17 Books. We can read about this very carefully in the books of Mathew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21, II Timothy 3 and 2 Peter 3 and understand it better. His second coming was predicted by the prophets, then by Paul and Peter, and Jesus himself has said about that. In Revelation 22:20 too the book ends with the phrase, "Lord Jesus Come."

Jesus Christ has referred to many things pertaining to His second coming which are being fulfilled during these times. Clashes between nations, the war cry, all bring a fear among ourselves. Even the competitions between the countries regarding the nuclear weapons denote the preparations towards world war. The rulers divide their people in terms of religion, caste and race and rule over them. One group is not able to accept another group. All these reveal the confusions prevailing in the political arena. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. [Mat. 24:7]

For nearly two years Covid 19 has paralysed the world from functioning. Now almost all the people have become aware of the pandemic in every nook and corner. The scarcity of food is raising its head. A ruler of a country has commanded his people "Please reduce the intake of your food." This captures the picture of famine and shows that the famine is around the corner. Earthquakes used to be headlines in some papers during former times. Today this is happening everywhere. These natural calamities denote that the second coming of Jesus Christ is imminent. These are the beginnings of troubles. The planets in heaven will be moved. The hearts of men will falter seeing the calamities falling on the earth. Apart from political confusions, and natural calamities, things regarding the false prophets too are explained here. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold [Mat.24:11-13]. The moral lives too will not be proper. The News that is being circulated in the Newspapers are all sinful. The person who needs to be a teacher is endangering the life of a child by hanging the child upside down from the first floor in front of other children. So the love of many have faltered. There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive... So the attitude of men has changed for the worse. People live a life as if money is the sole ingredient of life [2Tim. 3:2]. All these point to the second coming of Christ Jesus.

Jesus said, 'His Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the entire world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come [Mat. 24:14]. In Thailand 1435 persons have been baptized on a single day.

This has happened in the midst of Covid epidemic. Thus the Gospel is spreading across the nations speedily. All these things tell us that the second coming of Christ Jesus will happen very soon. If He comes now, what will be your position? If you have not owned Jesus Christ as your own, please own HIM now. For that, you better confess your sins, repent and accept Jesus Christ. Those who do not have the experience of Salvation will not enter the Kingdom of God.

Are you engaged in the work of introducing your Saviour to others? We need to tell about Him to others in order to speed up His second coming. Along with Peter who says in 2 Peter 3:12 we too must be waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God... The word 'waiting' can also be interpreted as 'hastening' also. If we need to hasten His coming, we need to take the Gospel all around. So what is your role in this?

If someone asks, "Do I have an opportunity to share the Gospel?" The answer is yes. There are so many opportunities. One can make use of this magazine Araikoaval to pray for the unreached to be reached with the Gospel. One can go in search of others who are seeking the true God and share the Gospel. One can be involved in social work for the benefit and growth of the society. One can work in educational institutions to impart education to the underprivileged people who do not have access to the education. Lots of opportunities abound around you. You need to decide - Decision is in your hands.

*"Come" invites Christ Jesus
Before the celebration of Christmas
Dedicate yourself for His Cause
For a meaningful celebration.*

- Rev. Paul Solomon, FMPB

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION BY KRUX PEOPLE OF CHHATTISGARH

Friends Missionary Prayer Band initiated its ministry among the KRUX people group in the month of October 1993. Till date approximately 12,500 persons have joined the fold of Jesus Christ. This people group is spread across the seven mission field jurisdictions of Ludeg, Pathalgaon, Sitapur, Ambikapur, Tapkara, Lakanpur and Rajpur. Nearly 500 children are blessed by our hostels which function in 5 places namely Ludeg Boys Hostel, Pathalgaon Girls Hostel, Thildega Day Care Center, Raghunathpur Boys & Girls Hostel. 15 missionaries and 25 local evangelists are involved in this area to take care of their spiritual growth.

These people are Dravidians. Approximately 50 lakhs people are spread across the states of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Orissa, Bihar, West Bengal and Assam. If the Dravidians volunteer to work among this group there may not be any difficulty as their appearance, stature and colour of the skin are matching with this people group. These people who reside in the hilly forest areas are excellent in hospitality.

Generally they are afraid of the upper caste people. Dancing and singing induced by liquor is the most important part in their festivals. Others come to buy liquor from them as they excel in brewing liquor. Liquor is

introduced to their children right from their infant age. Their staple food is rice which they themselves cultivate in their fields. They are simple folks who do not bother whether the food is boiled to the correct consistency or not. Yet God remembered them, cared for them, worried about them and turned His eyes towards them to show mercy on them. He sent our missionaries to work among them to win the winnable. He chose them to deliver them from their sinful habits and to transform from unmindful of anything to be people mindful of the Kingdom of God.

They keep their houses spotlessly clean as the tail Proverb goes like this. "Cleanliness will earn food" When an outsider comes in, they clean their feet with water, apply oil and moils them, then only invite them into their houses.



Before they come to Jesus Christ, they will not celebrate any festival without liquor. But after the birth of Christ in their hearts, Liquor lost its importance.

Before coming to Christ, under the stupor of liquor, people had fallen on the streets, with loss of senses. But now, they worship the Lord Jesus Christ by singing and dancing and they prepare dinner in their houses and share with others.

A new light had dawn on them now. On the day of Christmas, they are neat and tidy and wear new clean clothes and celebrate with joy the birth of Jesus.

Yes the birth of Jesus Christ in their hearts and houses made a tremendous impact in their day to day life.

The Month of Celebration of Christmas:

The preparation of this celebration starts right in the second week of Christmas. To start with, they whitewash their house or plaster with a mixture of cow dung and hay or renovate their house to have a new look. This plastering appears as if the house is planted with black paint on the upper wall. The lower part of the house is painted with a mixture of red soil and cow dung which gives a look of red paint. They are indeed true artists who have an eye for colourful arts. Even a grass becomes a weapon in the hands of the powerful - so goes a Tamil proverb. In the hands of the Krux people even a mixture of cow dung and red soil turns into paint.

During the Christmas season stars are displayed in their houses. As the houses are not high they keep a pole of 40 to 50 feet high and hang the stars on it to make others know the birth of Christ Jesus. Some



tie a flag of attractive colour along with the star. Even though their knowledge about Jesus is less, their desire to make known the Birth of Jesus to all is really great. Their fear for the upper class disappeared and they are proud to confess that they are Christians. Birth of Jesus erased their fear, planted courage and made a change in their hearts in their thoughts and living patterns.

Along with the Gospel they accepted the practice of singing Carols door to door. So Carol rounds happen during this time.

The Week of Christmas:

New clothes are purchased for all at their homes. As the children studying in the hostels will be gifted with new clothes, the parents do not purchase for them.

They specially prepare some eatables at home and some buy from the shops. In all the children homes special programs are being practiced and enacted during these times. These people enjoy seeing those programs which normally end with a love feast.

4 or 5 Church congregations join together in conducting these services in unison. This happens during the day time. During this week, cultural programs will take place, each congregation will present a program and prizes will be distributed. It comes to an end with a non-vegetarian love feast meal either vegetarian or non-vegetarian.

25th December:

In some congregations early morning service will be conducted. Mostly Sunday services will be conducted as special services. Like the Israelites they clean



the houses, prepare food and after taking bath only will they gather in the Church to worship. From each and every household, eatables will be brought to the Church. They prepare in order to distribute to their neighbours and visitors. After the Church service, it will be served to all. Children will also recite memory verses during the worship. Nobody will be sent away without providing them food.

Thus the Krux people celebrate Christmas with much enthusiasm. All the members of the congregations are considered and respected as special guests during the festive season.

Rev. R. Thomas
Chhattisgarh Region

Congratulations!



FMPB congratulates the Rt. Rev. Francis Hansda who was consecrated as the new Bishop of Patna Diocese of the Church of North India on 6th October 2021. We uphold him through our prayers that God will guide, strengthen and use him in a mighty way to the Glory of God.

TRAIL BLAZERS

‘Take My Life and Let it be...’ in this Christmas

The message of Christmas can be complete consecration. “Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to Thee” is the message of the manger in which the Holy Baby was placed. It was on Advent Sunday, December 2nd, 1873; Francis Ridley Havergal first saw clearly the blessedness of true consecration. She says, “I saw it as a flash of electric light, and what you see you can never unseen. There must be full surrender before there can be full blessedness. God admits you by the one into the other.” Explaining it to her sister she said “I see there can be renewal of the surrender (which she called complete consecration), as in our Communion Service, where we say, “And here we offer and present unto Thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies.”

Thus the hymn originated some time later after this complete consecration, when



Francis Havergal

she had a visit to Areley House, in Worcestershire. Narrating it in her own words she said: “I went for a short visit of five days. There were ten persons in the house, some unconverted and long prayed for, and some converted but not rejoicing Christians. He gave me the prayer, “Lord, give me all in this house!” And He just did! Before I left the house, everyone had got a blessing. On the last night of my visit I was too happy to sleep, and spent most of the night in praise and renewal of my own consecration, and these little couplets formed themselves and chimed in my heart one after another, till they finished with, “Ever, ONLY, ALL for Thee!”

Indeed all her poetry was a complete consecration for her Lord. Revealing the methodology of her writing she says “I can never set myself to write verse. I believe my King suggests a thought and whispers to me a musical line or two, and then I look up and thank Him delightedly, and go on with it. That is how the hymns and poems come into existence. Just now there is silence. I have not had the least stir of music in my mind since I wrote that tiny consecration hymn, a most unusually long interval; and till He sends, there will be none. I am always ready to welcome it and work when it comes, but I never press for it.” Oh what a consecration! What a blessing!

One of the lines of Frances Havergal’s hymn says, “Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.” In 1878, four years after writing the hymn, Miss

Havergal wrote to a friend saying, "The Lord has shown me another little step, and, of course, I have taken it with extreme delight. 'Take my silver and my gold' now means shipping off all my ornaments to the Church Missionary Society House, including a jewel cabinet that is really fit for a countess, where all will be accepted and disposed of for me... Nearly fifty articles are being packed up. I don't think I ever packed a box with such pleasure." Hence she donated her collection of jewellery to a missionary society to raise money for mission endeavours.

Wherever she went, she conducted meetings for complete consecration for the Lord. One account recalled, "Sometimes the earnest worker would conduct consecration meetings, and there is an account of one such meeting in particular, at the close of which she gave each person present a card bearing the words of the hymn, and asked them to take the cards home, pray over them, and then, if they could make them their own, sign them on their knees." Such was her desire to see the entire consecration in all the Christians of her day. She was a great encouragement to help many to turn to Christ or seek a deeper spiritual walk.

Indeed it is hard to think of a greater hymn of consecration for the Lord than Francis Havergal's "Take my life" which continues to encourage Christians all over the world for complete consecration. Not only was her heart and soul devoted solely to the Lord, but all that she was - her mind, her eyes, her ears, her mouth, her hands,

and her feet - all were consecrated as a response to the call of the Holy Spirit to make use of the talents bestowed upon her. As we celebrate Christmas this year, may God give such blessed consecration to all of us, the true embodiment of the Spirit of the Saviour Himself. Have a Blessed and Happy Christmas.

- Bro. David Benny



OBITUARY

Pastor. David Babu entered into God's glory on 27th August 2021. He was our prayer group leader from 2004 onwards in the Miyapur area at Hyderabad and his Church is supporting one of our missionaries. He was the one who translated all the Tamil songs into Telugu language like DHEERA, JEEVAPOO VASANAI etc. He translated our missionary biography called '*Marakka Mudiyatha Mamnithargal*' from Tamil to Telugu in 2019. He visited many of our mission fields and encouraged our missionaries in many ways. He has two sons and his elder son has taken up Church responsibility. Kindly uphold the bereaved family members in our prayers.

Fallen Corn of Wheat!



Mrs. Lidia Juliet Augustus
(09.04.1972 - 16.11.2021)

With profound grief, we inform you that Mrs. Lidia Juliet, W/O Rev. Augustus Pushparaj, the Mobilization Secretary, Tamil Nadu - Western Zone, had a sudden Home Call on 16th November 2021 early morning due to cardiac arrest.

Ms. Lidia Juliet was born on 9th April 1972 to Christian parents, Mr. Gnanamani & Mrs. Janaki at Ellispet in Erode District. Her parents are teachers. Lidia was blessed with one elder brother Mr. Manimuthu and three younger sisters Usha, Sathya and Kanmani. Lidia finished her Higher Secondary School education in 1993. She lost her father while she was very young. Her mother brought her up in a godly ways. She came to the saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ while studying in CSI, Institute of Technology, Coimbatore. A Pastor from CSI, Kavandanpadi and a FMPB prayer group leader from

Perundalaiyur nurtured her to grow in the Lord. She joined the prayer groups to pray for the missionaries in North India. She had a passion for the Lord's ministry and perishing souls. Ms. Lidia wished to do God's ministry, and God opened the door through her marriage to Rev. Augustus Pushparaj.

Rev. Augustus joined FMPB in the year 1992 and after his training, he was posted in Jharkhand. He married Lidia on 15th February 1996, at Brough Memorial Church, Erode. Rev. Augustus' father Mr. Kanagaraj is a teacher of a Primary School and an ardent prayer group leader of Erode, who toiled hard for the growth of FMPB in and around Erode. Rev. Augustus and his wife Lidia worked among the Malto people of Jharkhand more than 10 years. Since 2008, they have been doing the Mobilization ministry in Tamil Nadu.

Mrs. Lidia and Rev. Augustus are blessed with a son Samuel Jonathan, who is studying 11th std in Salem. Mrs. Lidia was very active in conducting prayer cells, especially among the women. She motivated many women to pray and support the ministry. Even on 13th November 2021, she was involved in the planning meeting held at Karur, to develop the ministry among the women in the Western Zone. She had a lot of dreams about the ministry among the women.

As she had breathing difficulty on 15th November 2021, she was admitted in a hospital. She could not recover and entered into glory on 16th November early morning. Her final burial ceremony was held on 16th evening and her mortal remains were laid to rest with the hope of resurrection. Yes, She did what she could [Mark 14:8]. We thank God for the life of Mrs. Lidia Augustus.

Let us uphold Rev. Agustus Pushparaj, his son Samuel Jonathan and the family members through our prayers.

DAMAD VIHIR CHURCH HISTORY GUJARAT

Rev. L. Masilamani

Daher is a medium size village located in the Subir taluka of The Dangs district, Gujarat with a total 196 families residing. As per the Constitution of India and Panchayat Raj Act, Daher village is administrated by Sarpanch (Head of Village) who is the elected representative of the village. In Daher village, most of the village population is from Schedule Tribe (ST). In this village, 331 workers are engaged in various works and 222 are involving in cultivation and other 55 are agricultural labourers.

The Beginning:

On 8-5-1981, L. Masilamani, his wife Mrs. Vanmathi opened the Ahwa field by settling in a rented house in Pipaldahad village. Brothers G. Samuel and S. Arulraj joined with them on 27-9-1981 for a certain period and they moved to other mission fields and ministries soon. As the Dolyambar village headman and Manu Bhai invited the missionaries to their village, missionaries went to live in Dolyambar village on 12-3-1983. Dolyambar village became a strategic place to tell the Gospel to the nearby villages. The believers sought the help of FMPB missionaries to develop the ministry in their nearby villages.

One Pentecostal Church existed in the Borinapada Street of Daher village. Many people who were healed started following this new faith. Dolyambar village headman's wife's sister was living in Baripada. Dolyambar village headman's wife also attended this



Church for want of healing for her sickness even before the starting of FMPB Church in Dolyambar village. Her sister's son Sonu Bhai Dhakal Bhai became a Christian believer through this Pentecostal Church. There was much opposition for the believers in this village. Moreover, Sonu Bhai and a few other believers were not pleased with the pastor of the Pentecostal Church, Jhiman Bhai, due to lack of his witnessing life as he was keeping two wives. As these Pentecostal Christians felt unprotected due to oppositions, they were looking for support and protection. So they decided to join FMPB. They met FMPB missionary Rev. L. Masilamani at Dolyambar village on 2-10-1983 and requested to start a separate worship service in their village. On 7-10-1983, missionary, evangelist Sampat Bhai, Dolyambar village headman (Patel)

and his brother in law Bikku Bhai (Karbari of Dolyambar village) went to Baripada village and conducted a night meeting on Friday. Five families gathered for this first night meeting under the banner of FMPB. These people belonging to the Warli Tribe sincerely attended on every Fridays in Damad Vihir.

Sonu Bhai Dhakal Bhai

describes his testimony as follows -



"When I got sicknesses I used to go to the 'Bhagat' (magicians or shamans) and followed their instructions by sacrificing cocks, goats etc. Inspite of spending much on such things I did not get well. Once my daughter became very sick. I went to hospital and tried medicines. But my daughter didn't recover. I was very worried. There was one Church functioning in our village. Many sick people used to go there and were healed. Seeing this, I also went to that Church one day and I asked the elder to pray for my daughter. He prayed for my daughter and told me to come to the Church for every Sunday service. So I started attending the Church every Sunday. My daughter became well. After hearing the messages from the Bible I was convinced of the reality of Jesus Christ and I believed in Him. When we became Christians we were persecuted for our faith. Village people used to come to our home with weapons to attack us and told us to leave the Christian faith and threatened us and threw stones on our houses. They didn't allow us to draw water from the village well. The village headman (Patel) and another village leader (Karbari) also

gave us more troubles. So I went to my in-laws' village and lived with them and prayed for this situation. Slowly the situation changed and the next year we went to our village and we attended the Church meetings. But our Church elder's behaviour was not in line with his teachings. We were upset. At this time we heard about the arrival of God's servants from Tamil Nadu and that they are doing the work systematically and lived according to the Word of God and they lived in Dolyambar village. With our village Christians Rangju Bhai, Kalu Bhai and one more person I went to Dolyambar and met missionary L. Masilamani there. We told him about the village situation and invited him to our village to start a congregation. He told us to gather in another part of our village for the meetings. Missionaries came to our village and met the village leaders like the Patel and Karbari and the Panchayat President and told them not to give troubles to the Christians and helped them understand the importance of religious freedom to be valued. We praise God for this provision in our villages. We started gathering in Damad Vihir, which is part of our village. A Church was also built in 1995 and following us nearly twenty to twenty five families have become Christians and they come to our Church. I thank God for this blessing."

Church Growth

Every Friday night meetings were regularly conducted in Damadvihir village. Many sick people and those who wanted God's blessings for the gift of a child and other needs to be met attended the Friday meetings conducted by FMPB missionaries and evangelists. A few testimonies will show how God was doing wonders and was adding new people to His Church in Damad Vihir meetings.

Rangju Bhai Devji Bhai was a shaman (bhagat) who was possessed by the evil spirit and

was not cured by his mantras. At last he got deliverance from the evil spirit's attack and the sickness through prayers in the Church. He explains his conversion experience:

"With the power of evil spirits I used to heal sick people. I was drinking liquor and behaved differently being possessed by an evil spirit. Due to the influence of the evil spirits, my three brothers died one by one. Lastly the same sickness attacked me. I became very sick and I became unconscious and I fell down. So I went to the Church in my village. I was healed immediately. My wife and myself also believed in Jesus and accepted Jesus Christ as our Saviour. We also gave our land for the Church construction. We are firm in our faith. We thank God."

Thus the Church at Damad Vihir village grew in numbers. Twenty five families became Church members. So a Church was built by the members. 150 people became believers from 1983 to 2016. 28 families were in faith in 2016.

Church Construction

The first kacha Church was constructed and dedicated by Rev. Lionel Hector, the Bombay Tamil Methodist Church pastor, on 10-5-1985, the donor of the land is Rangji Bhai Devji Bhai. This Church was renovated and dedicated on 21-6-1992 by the field missionary Rev. L. Masilamani. Later, another Church was built in the land of Dharam Bhai Devji Bhai Choudhary.

Devji Bhai Choudhary, the donor of the land for the new Church gives his testimony:



"I accepted Jesus. I considered as my privilege to give land to the Church. I was very poor without sufficient income for food. After coming to Christian faith God has removed my poverty and is meeting all our needs."

The measurement of the Church is 50 feet long and 25 feet wide. On 13-6-2013 we laid the foundation for Church construction. On 20-1-2014 the Church was completed. On 21st January 2014, the Church was dedicated for the glory of God. It is a pucca building with Asbestos roof.

Believers contributed their labour till the Church construction was over. They provided the wood for the Church. All are from Varli tribe. 50 to 75 people attend Church services. Jannat Bhai is conducting the Church service. He is the catechist.

Church Integration

This Church was integrated fully with the Church of North India, Gujarat Diocese in the year 2013. This Church is brought under Piplaidevi pastorate. Jharan and Bandhpada Churches were established by the outreach ministry of this Church. Four to seven people are added every year.

Missionaries who worked in this field are L. Masilamani, G. Samuel, Bethuel Bardhan, and D. Abraham families.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for our believers to influence others through their witnessing life.
- Pray for the people who have not accepted Christ in this village to come to the fold of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for the evangelists to be filled with the burden for souls.
- Pray for the inheritance of this village and surrounding this to help others in need.

ONLINE CARNIVAL - VIZAG, A SUCCESS FORMULA!

“James Allen says, “By thoughts we rise; by thoughts we fall; by thoughts we stand or go - One thought kindled(online auction) in the mind of FMPB leaders made the way not to stall the FMPB Carnival 2020 and now Oct 2nd, 2021. Unprecedented time demands an unprecedented solution, when the whole world is glued online for day to day activities, the thought was ‘why not FMPB fall online to continue the Carnival with God’s guidance.’ There was no looking back after that. FMPB Carnival has already etched a name for itself in Vizagities mind. Patrons made it a roaring success. We saw technology was used to its hilt; heavy online biddings were made throughout days without dampening the spirits of patrons. Groceries, plants were off the shelf in a jiffy, though some missed sumptuous biriyani, mouth watering snacks and commotion. This would not have been possible without the selfless efforts of FMPB leaders who relentlessly worked hard behind the scene. Nonetheless Jharkhand missionaries’ guidance was a beacon of light in this uncertain time and the local missionaries along with a well oiled team who are always on their knees to draw inspiration from the Almighty. The Vizag team worked relentlessly for seamless conduct of the carnival auction. God has enabled us to raise a good amount through this program. It was a double whammy when FMPB Bangalore and Chennai team expressed their desire to emulate the success formula Vizag FMPB team had.”

- Mr. John Samuel, Hon.Sec Vizag.



Happy Birthday
MRS. NISHA MONGWAI PHOM

Jammu

R.S. Pura & Akhnoor:
David Ayyanar &
Manpreet Kaur

Praise: Two persons came to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and 3 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Two families from Agra Chak village are receptive to the Gospel. God delivered Rakesh of Chak Talab from alcohol addiction and Anuradha of Chinore village from the possession of evil spirits. Our believer Rebecca of Kot got a suitable job. Itwari from Badyal who went missing for a month returned home through prayer.

Pray: For a place for regular worship in this field. For the healing of Chabilala of Agra Chak from Covid'19, Vicky of Badyal Brahmna from kidney problem and Sunitha of Chakroi from mental problem. For the financial need of the wedding of our believer Heena of Kot to be met by the Lord. For

the backslidden believers to be restored in faith.

Sorrow Turned into Joy!

In Madhya Pradesh at Napanagar mission field, Shobharam is the only but very strong believer in his family. He went through so many challenges in his life for the past 8 months. He had a physical problem and went through a medical check-up and the doctor diagnosed it as bone TB. When he took treatment for that, he developed a condition which led him to vomit whatever he smells nauseousness. At a certain point, he was vomiting not able to bear the smell of the sweat of his body. He was not able to eat anything. At the same time, his younger son got bitten by a mad dog. His ox also had swelling in the neck and leg. Three times, a big snake came to his house and the family got panicked. In his dream, he saw the devil which threatened to kill him soon through his sufferings. But he did not give up his faith and he got comfort through the Word of God and prayer. While praying, he got the assurance to overcome all his problems soon. God honoured his faith and he became normal. Praise be to God.



Happy Birthday

MR. JOHNSON RAJADURAI
MRS. BHUSARE SHAILA CHINTAMANI
MISS. ANAMIKA PEGU

Himachal Pradesh

Himachal Region: Thsangse Sangtam & Zuchano

Praise: God provided a good driver for our jeep team and many villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Our believers got a good harvest in their apple orchards amidst unfavourable climate. Our new believer Ram Krishnan who was excommunicated before from the family for accepting Jesus Christ, was accepted by his family members. New persons namely Sanjay, Pingku, Ringku, Bhaghat Ram, Kamla and Kalpana came into contact with our ministry. Prakash Chand family donated a small plot for Church construction at Kashapat congregation, Rampur field. God enabled us to form small Bible Study Groups in Jalok and Jamoli villages of Thanedar field. God delivered Renuka from severe stomach pain, Manu, Pooja from the possession of evil spirits.

Pray: For our new contact Bapita to be healed from mental disorder. For the consolation of Prem Devi whose husband passed away recently. For the family of our evangelist Virender who is facing opposition due to a land dispute. For the repentance and deliverance of Ringhu from drinking alcohol. For peace to prevail in Surender family. For the healing of Bhagat Ram from hip cancer and for the deliverance of Sanjay and Ram Dev from the possession of evil spirits.

Apple Orchard Protected Through Prayer!

In Himachal Pradesh, the wife and children of Bhagat Chand are our new believers whereas Bhagat Chand did not accept Christ and even tried to stop his family members from attending the Church service. His apple orchard was ready for harvest but just before the day of harvesting, there was heavy rain and snowfall. Due to that his apple trees would have definitely damaged. He called our missionaries to pray for it. God protected his apple orchard without any damage of fruits and trees, whereas, the heavy rain and snowfall damaged all the other orchards nearby. As a result, he too joins the worship service along with his family members. Hallelujah!



Happy Birthday

MRS. BEAULAH BRIGHT

Punjab Budhlada:

Sanjib Anand & Prastuta

Praise: Thirteen persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 4 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Our backslidden believers Veer and Semma came back to the worship service. God healed Satish of Tohana from severe fever and the son of Jai Singh of Talwadi from chest infection. Our believer Mamta Kaur is blessed with a baby. Karamjeet and Desa Singh got deliverance from the possession of evil spirits through prayer.

Pray: For the spiritual growth of Ashok and Satish of Tohana area. For local evangelists to be placed in Moonak and Talwadi sub-centres. For the court case against the Bhawanigarh Church to come to an end soon. For the healing of our local evangelist and many other believers from dengue.

Bhaga Purana: Rajendran.J & Hannah Mary Slesher.C

Praise: Four persons came to the

faith in Jesus Christ and three villages namely Bharu, Theraj and Panjgrain were newly reached with the Gospel. Peace prevails in the family of Sukhpreet Kaur family of Bharu village. God blessed Kirandeep family with a child. God honoured the faith of Baljinder Singh of Mahantwala Gali and Baldev Singh of Madhiran village and healed them from paralysis. Backslidden believer Pooja Kaur was restored in faith.

Pray: For the people who heard the Gospel from Panjgrain village to accept the Lord Jesus Christ. For congregations to be formed in Samadhbai, Budhsinghwala, Marri, Budhsinghwala (south) and Nathuwala villages. For the backslidden believers from Muglubatti village to be restored in faith. For the salvation of the people of Ramuwala village where only one family has accepted Jesus Christ. For our seekers Baljinder Singh, Jaswinder Singh, Gurpreet, Vinod Kumar, Pardan, Raju and Balwinder Kumar to give up the habit of drinking alcohol completely. For the repentance and salvation of Iqbal Singh who hinders his wife from attending the worship service. Peace to prevail in the family of Rajdeep Kaur of Nathuwala village as her husband left the house leaving her and 3 children.



Haryana

Jeevan Nagar: Aliyakim Jena & Deepika

Praise: Three persons came to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and 2 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Through the VBS program 30 children learned the Word of God systematically. Ranjeet and Pinki of Prem Nagar who hailing from Odd Rajput people group are receptive to the Gospel. The spiritual lives of the believers are growing through regular Bible study programs. Nanny of Abub Sehar area got deliverance from addiction to alcohol through prayer. God healed Kulwant Singh, the father in law of our evangelist Rajender Singh of Santh Nagar from dengue. God delivered Sukhvinder Kaur of Kandi Dabawali from the possession of evil spirits. Sandeep's family from Kabir Basti Dabwali area is blessed with a child.

Pray: For the believers to come forward to reach their neighbours with the Gospel. For the prayer cells, Bible study, women's and children's programs to function regularly. For the healing of Balvir of Alika village from mental disorder and Krishnan of Ellenabad from dengue.

Kalanwali: Vijayakumar & Jebala

Praise: Four villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Moti Ram who stopped coming to Church for a few months, is coming back to Church. Migrant people from Madhya Pradesh attend our worship service at Asir village. Charanjeet family is receptive to the Gospel.

Pray: For the believing parents to give up the fear of finding suitable partners to their children and to encourage them to join the Church. For the healing of Raj, a 5 year old boy from deafness and dumbness. For the repentance of Sabnam who ran away, leaving his wife and two girl babies. For the physical and spiritual growth of our evangelist Mangal Singh of Odhan Sub-Centre.



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DECEMBER

Sunday

Tosham: John Davidson

Praise: Five persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and one village was newly reached with the Gospel. Many people from Alakhpura village came into contact with our ministry. God healed Kamala from sickness and Roshan from tumour.

Pray: For the blessing of the outreach and other programs. Bala, Manisha Kaur, Sumitra and Laxmi families to be blessed with children. For the healing of Rohit and Anjali of Bhojraj village from deformities and Premo of Bhojraj from stomach tumour.

Uttarakhand

Dineshpur:

Ramaswamy Jerome & Antony Rajam

Praise: Four persons came to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and one village was newly reached with the Gospel. Teena and her brother attended our VBS program and testified that God healed their mother from

epilepsy due to their faith in Jesus Christ. God healed Prem of Dimri Block from heart attack. Our believer Jaswant Singh of Thejo Boja village was protected from a major accident. Peace prevails in the Jaswanthakor family of Machahat village. God delivered Soocha of Barwala village from drug addiction. Sundari of Diliya and Hardeep of Mukkatpurdera village got deliverance from the evil spirits.

Pray: For our believer Rajesh family of Dimri Block who suffers from sickness and financial crisis. For the safe confinement of Sunithakor of Theja Boja village. For the repentance of Jaswanthakor of Naibasthi village. For the consolation of Sahebiditta of Seithiliganj village whose five family members passed away recently. For the healing of Poonam of Dilia whose shoulder got fractured due to a major accident, and Kirenkor of Theja Boja village from a stroke. For the couples Ajay-Rathika of Daibasthi village and Saojikor-Paramjotkor to be blessed with children. For peace to prevail in the families of Jaswinder Singh of Thanpur and Darshan Singh of Thejo Boja village.



Nanakmatta: Sivakumar & Susila Marak

Praise: Ten villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the children program in Karaiya village. God healed the baby of Manjeet Kaur of Islam Nagar as the child was suffering from an unknown disease.

Pray: For the salvation of Mangeet Singh who shows interest to the Gospel. For our believer Baldev Singh to get a suitable Govt. job. For the financial needs of the wedding to be met in the family of Kamal Singh of Islampur. For our believer Sonubhai of Rata Faram village to get a shop for rent to start his business.

Delhi

Patparganj:

P.G. Christopher & Mabel

Praise: Ten persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ. The marriage of our believers Ravi and Elizabeth marriage was solemnized in a Christian way. Deepa and Sonia had safe confinement. Our youth

believer Dinesh got a job in NGO and Gulson at Parliament campus. God healed Gurudeen from various illnesses, Ruban, Sripal, Arjun and Harish from dengue and Vimal and her mother from typhoid. God delivered Abah from the possession of evil spirits and Pappati from a fire accident.

Pray: For the spiritual growth of Ravi & Elizabeth who have come forward to serve the Lord in our ministry. For the consolation of the family members of Rachana who passed away recently and Naveen & Deepa's family whose father Ramveer passed away. For peace to prevail in the family of Shyam and Suresh families. For our believers Veni, Arjun, Bharat, Sakuntala and Sunita to get suitable jobs. For the salvation of Saraswati, Muthukumar, Mukesh, Manimekalai, Pooja, Vidhya and Maheswari families. For a tailoring institute to be established for the poor believers to earn their livelihood. For audio Bible to be provided to 35 elderly believers. For the healing of Ravi, Ramlal, Ramkishor, Subbod, Dilip and George from paralysis. Goutam and Suresh from fits and Mallika, Pramila and Rajbahadur from arthritis.



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DECEMBER

Tuesday

Happy Birthday

MRS. BEENAKSHI B. VASAVA SUNIL
MR. BIDHAN HANSDA

Rajasthan

Sri Ganga Nagar: V. Kumar & Patricia Tamil Selvi

Praise: One village was newly reached with the Gospel. Guldeep Singh, a believer from Koni background was blessed with a child. Kajaran Singh from Rai Sikh community came into contact with our ministry newly. Our new contacts Santosh Aroda, Praveen and Pawan are interested in the Gospel. Ankraj Singh and Rupa Ram attend our satsang regularly.

Pray: For the consolation of Veerpal of Lobora village who lost his grandson during the delivery. For the blessing of the business of Anitha family. For the deliverance of Praveen from alcohol addiction. For Mohanlal and Shanti Devi of Renuka village to join the Church and bring many to the fold of Christ. For the Church Committees to be formed in 16S, SSB Colony and Majiwala. For a suitable land to build a Church at Majiwala.

Paota:

Satyaprakash & Anjana

Praise: Four villages namely Chaukee, Kalyanpura, Fatehpura and Kalan were newly reached with the Gospel. God healed Rahul from Bhainslana village from dengue. The believers of this field grow day by day in the Lord.

Pray: For the spiritual growth of the believers of Dameda village as they are ready to confess their faith in the Lord. For our believer Rajendra to pay back his loan amount. For a land to build a Church at Bhainslana village. For the healing of Sonu of Kot Putali village from dengue.

Ajitgarh: Jaybeer Singh & Devi Rani

Praise: Fifteen persons came to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and one village was newly reached with the Gospel. God enabled us to conduct seekers' meetings in Jairampura and Hanutpuria. God touched Ramesh who has started leading a normal life after 6 years during which he confined himself in a room of his house.

Pray: For the witnessing life of the believers. For the deliverance of Pralath and Suman who are addicted to alcohol. For peace to prevail in the family of Rajini whose husband deserted her for the last 13 years. For the couple Sanjay & Neetu to be blessed with a child.



Happy Birthday

MISS. DONZACHIN
MRS. RINA ARONSINGH

Uttar Pradesh

**Sikandra & Bhagya Nagar:
Ponnusamy & Chitra**

Praise: One person came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 2 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Our believer Vinai who was in jail due to false allegations got released. God enabled us to conduct worship service and follow up ministry in 40 villages. Our believer Tejpratap Singh got back his job which he had lost during lockdown.

Pray: For the safety and security of our believers who face opposition from the anti-Christian forces. For the repentance of the opponent of the Gospel in Sandapur sub-centre. For peace to prevail in the congregation at Auraiya congregation from where our evangelist Shyam Sundar was being arrested. For the healing of Mithlesh from fits, Dipansu from hydrosol and Lakshmi from

TB. Our believers Reena and Rajkumari to be blessed with children.

**Kaimganj:
Ebenezer G. Sam &
Jebarani**

Praise: Seven persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 2 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God opened doors for the Gospel among the Bihar people of Kabulpur village. Our believers Ritik and Prithvi Darvaja came back to worship after 4 months. God protected our believers, evangelists and others from dengue fever.

Pray: For the salvation of Rajender family of Lalpur. For the spiritual growth of the children of Ajampur, Kampil, Ljoure and Iyyapur villages who attend the children classes regularly. For the repentance of Premchand of Bahloipur and Shantu of Chilanka who are addicted to alcohol. For the healing of Sathan of Aliganj from kidney stone, Mahesh of Etah from gall bladder problem and Amit of Arsenic from nerve problem. For our believers Rinkey, Babuli, Priyanka and Sukdevi to get suitable life partners.



Ghatampur:

Jang Kholun Taithang & Ngaithian Ching Hauzel

Praise: Thirteen persons came to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and 8 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the anniversary celebrated of the Churches at Chilly and Bawan areas. Fasting prayer for the evangelists and believers for two days enriched the spiritual life of the participants. Our believer Manoj got a suitable job.

Pray: For the salvation of Kanwarlal, Ravikumar and the new seekers. For the blessing of the Church dedication at Jehanabad area. For Church elders of Chilly to come forward to actively participate in the Church activities.

Madhya Pradesh

Nepanagar:

Jubaraj Bhardhan & Sheeba Jasmine

Praise: Eight persons came to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and 3 villages were newly

reached with the Gospel. Most of our believers have been blessed with a bountiful harvest this year. God blessed Anitha's family with a child. God healed Sunitabai of Tukaithad, Kailash from Masak and Sumanbai family from snake biting and Nigwal Baba from deathbed. Nawal Singh from Bakdi village got deliverance from the possession of evil spirit through prayer.

Pray: For the believers' children to get suitable life partners. For the believers to be actively involved in all the spiritual activities of the Church. For the healing of Anil of Bamlaphat village from abdominal pain and Janu of Jhirpani village from tumour in the head. For the safe confinement of our evangelist's wife Komal.

Doctors Discharged, but God Took Charge!

In Maharashtra, at Allapalli mission field, our believer Sewantabai Kumothi was admitted in the hospital for confinement. Doctors examined her and declared that the delivery would be risky and immediately they discharged her without any hope. She was taken home and the believers prayed for her. God intervened in her life and she gave birth to a beautiful baby without any risk and caesarean. Hallelujah.



10 DECEMBER
Friday

Happy Birthday

MR. JOHN KULLU

Niwalis: Channamallappa & Roopa

Praise: Two persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 5 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Two families are receptive to the Gospel. God blessed the outreach program in Kannadgaon, Kavya Kundi and Kajalmatha villages. God healed Sanjeevhai from eye problem.

Pray: For the spiritual growth of the believers of Kampani who are distracted by the false teachings. For a Church to be built for the Gholyapani congregation. For a land to build a Church at Chatali congregation. For the repentance of Naidu who disturbs our ministry.

Dabra: Satikant Parichha & Sagarka Pradhan

Praise: Four persons came to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and 10 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God enabled us to get 5 new contacts through our jeep team ministry. God blessed our believer Sagarika Digal with a baby. Our volunteer

Atar Singh is doing the ministry well. Worship service started at Simria and Mehgaon villages.

Pray: For a committed servant of God to be placed in Dabra field. For the believers to actively participate in our ministry in Nilghap and Karyawati areas. For the Church elders to actively participate in the Church activities.

Jharkhand

Bhadria: Agustian Biji & Manna Raja Vidhya

Praise: Twenty two persons from Kudiya Godda village came to the faith in Jesus Christ. Church constructions in Chota Sinni, Sathpeda, Adugodda and Dumrigodda areas are progressing well. God healed Sara of Agoya village from jaundice and Sanju of Baskobita from eye problems. People got enough rain for cultivation.

Pray: For the CDC construction work at Bedochapedi area to be completed soon. For the backslidden believers from Bedo Ambada, Chikdo, Katagodda, Likrubita, Balkami, Gopali, Andhra Godda, Jalo and Badode villages to be restored in faith. For the blessing of the VBS and house visit programs. For the healing of Galeb of Qerhoq village and Suman from fits.



11 DECEMBER
Saturday

Happy Birthday

MRS. THUNGCHIBENI SUMIT KUMAR

Damni:
John Paul Harris &
Vimala Daisy

Praise: God enabled us to conduct a VBS program in 8 places and 360 children were blessed. God blessed the medical camp in Kutamu village and 60 people from 7 villages were benefited. Children's Mela at Malpahadia was a great blessing to many.

Pray: For the salvation of three persons from Leela Dhoni village as they show interest in the Gospel. For the spiritual growth of Beitha Malto of Thamligoda village. For the repentance of Devadass Malto of Bedopuro village who is not attending the worship service. For the completion of the Church construction at Gundegoda and Kutamu villages. For the necessary road facilities to build a Church at Pusrukudia village.

Ramgarh:
Senthil Kumar Timothy &
Muthu Selvi

Praise: Four persons came to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and 13 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Bible study programs are going on well among the believers. Many backslidden believers came back to faith in the Lord and there is a revival and renewal among the believers. God healed Ruban Marandi and Surendar who attend worship service regularly. Many of our believers who were bedridden due to various illnesses were healed through prayer.

Pray: For the preparatory work to be done to build a Church in Kanduva area. For the worship services to be conducted regularly in all the congregations as many of the Church elders went to other states for work. For the repentance of some old believers who mislead the new believers as if they have power to heal and bless. For the protection of our believers of Kankaria village who are haunted by black magic.



Santhal Discipleship Ministry:

Sudhaharan & Florence

Praise: God blessed the Church leaders' meeting in Bodband, Karoni, Gunpura, Bhagapara and Khijurdangal areas. Bible study groups are regularly gathering in 10 congregations of Pathna field. Porme Marandi and Anita family are blessed with children.

Pray: For Bible study groups and Sunday Schools to be started in each and every congregation among Santal people groups. Lazarus Hembrom & Sumita Marandi, Lobin Hansdak & Leena families to be blessed with children.

West Bengal

Pakuahat:

**Rama Krishna Aggibada &
Anjali Devi**

Praise: One person came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 15 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Small group prayer cells

are functioning well at Pannapur and Salbona congregation area. Villages namely Helendanga, Ulatur, Koinadugu, Maudanga and Manikpur are receptive to the Gospel. Kalu Soren and Surju Soren families came back for the worship service after a few months. God healed Chudki Tudu from Jaundice, Elizabeth Soren from chronic cold & cough, Budrai Murmu from unknown disease and Rebeka Mardi from Chest Pain.

Pray: For mass movement to take place in the Pakuahat field. For the hindrances to be removed for establishing congregation at Salbona village. For Srinath Murmu, a new seeker and politically influential person to come forward openly to confess his faith in the Lord. For our evangelist Rajesh Murmu to get a suitable house. For the healing of Marang Murmu from epilepsy. For the salvation of Srinath of Ulatur, Sushil Murmu and Hopni Murmu of Helendanga, Talu Soren of Pindergadia, Sibilal Murmu of Kutku, Dhena Murmu and Srinath Mardi from Salboni, Moses Tudu of Sandabon, Subash Mardi of Pirtola, Ramu Mardi, Sudir Mardi and Cand Muni Besra of Koinadigi.



Happy Birthday

MRS. SHEEBA JASMINE JUBARAJ

**Tapan:
Kingsly Livingston. R &
Delphin Kingsly**

Praise: Three persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ. God enabled us to do the follow up work in six villages door to door as they show interest to the Gospel. Church elders' camp became a great blessing to many. Our believer Paltan Murmu was protected from snake bite.

Pray: For the victorious Christian living of our young believers among their own community. For the believers who struggle to get rid of their old evil habits completely. For the salvation of Sanjila Murmu of Sompur village and Bisno family of Kakna village. For the healing of Dhani Kisku from kidney stone problem, Budin Kisku, Dhnay Murmu, Maiko Marandi and Anitalal Tudu from various kinds of sicknesses.

Asom

**North Eastern Region:
C.H. John & Veni**

Praise: Eighteen persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 17 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Our missionaries and evangelists got healing from various kinds of illnesses and infections during this unfavourable season. Ujjal Patri of Dhemaji field shows interest to the Gospel. Fasting prayer in Jonai and Narayanpur fields became a great blessing to many. Our believer Ramnami of Silapatar got healing through prayer from her chronic sickness. God enabled us to build Churches at Bidiya and Sokola villages.

Pray: For the open door for the Gospel in Kapurdrea, Sitalmari, Bagotiya, Koligari, Jamuguri, Phulbari and Kuwarbari villages. For the salvation of our new contacts - Debojit, Rayra, Ramesh, Anjali, Kumari, Vankashi, Hemakanto and Tina Pegu. For the repentance of Jaganath, Jismi, Debo of Deori community and Kailash, Sangitha, Suraj, Manoj and Mangke of Mishing community who oppose our ministry in many ways.



Happy Birthday

MRS. RANI JESILET PAUL ALBERT

Chhattisgarh

Bhaiyadhan.1: Muthu Kumar & Nethravathy

Praise: God enabled us to conduct worship service at Vunjiha, Sirsi and Kevra villages. Through the outreach programs at Palthali and Tharibara villages, many came to know about the love of Jesus Christ for the first time.

Pray: For the open door for the Gospel among the villages where the Gonds people are living. For the blessing of the upcoming programs.

Bhaiyathan.2: Thangchinlian & Vungthianching

Praise: Ten villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Many people for the first time heard the Gospel. God blessed the follow up program among the Gonds people group.

Pray: For the blessing of the follow up ministry. For all who heard the Gospel to confess their faith in the Lord.

Champa:

Rameshwar Dayal Nirmal & Madhukala

Praise: Seven persons came to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and 2 villages namely Padriya and Dobbi were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the Jesus film program in Rasonta, Sarkhor and Khamaria villages. The Evangelist training program in Joradole Church became a great blessing to the evangelists to get involved in the ministry effectively. God healed Phuli Gilas, Jageshwar, Ratnakar, Devprasad, Khande, Raj Bhardwaj, Rahul Banjare, Usha Kurre and Naresh Jangade from various illnesses.

Pray: For the Church lands in Semaria and Sone villages to be registered. For our believers Manju, Priyanka, Bholi, Jyoti Yadav, Rajani, Puleshwari, Usha Kurre and Ranjita to be blessed with children. For mass movements to take place in the receptive people groups namely, Satnami, Sahu, Painika, Yadav, Nisad, Patel, Sabaria, Dangchagha, Kumhar, Kahar, Dhobi, Nai, Devar, Sarthi, Korwa and Demar. For two local evangelists to be placed in this field. For the spiritual growth of the families of Birbal Tigga, Suraj Kumar Narange, Khanesh Sonvani and Bodhani who are helping in our ministry.



Happy Birthday
MRS. ANGEL RONJAY NARZARY

Gharghoda: Kingsly Issac Johnson & Meena

Praise: Our believer Chandramani Sahu of Makri village stood firm in the faith of the Lord amidst heavy opposition. God delivered Jayprakash Yadav from the possession of evil spirit which was giving him the spirit of fear.

Pray: For an open door for the Gospel among the Ratia people group. For the growth of our ministry among the Chouhan, Sarathi and Masahu people groups. For the repentance of Dev Prakash of Makri village who opposes our ministry vehemently.

Ludeg: David Masih & Nisha

Praise: Five persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ at Dumarbhar village and 7 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God

protected our evangelist family from a bike accident. God healed Simon Tigga and Anjana Tigga from malaria and Kiran from typhoid.

Pray: For the healing of Abraham of Bendojor village from mouth cancer, our evangelist Elisa Toppo and his wife from jaundice, Manita of Khekhrapara from ear problem and Ranjita from epilepsy.

Katghora: Valvi Dina Dhana & Shaila Bhusare

Praise: Fourteen villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God enabled us to conduct evening meetings in Khardi, Cheptapary, Burnujharya, Keramura and Lakhar villages. God delivered Krishnabai from the possession of evil spirits.

Pray: For the repentance of the opponents of the Gospel namely Ramesh and Jaisingh Agarwal. For a breakthrough with the Gospel in the villages namely Kesalpur, Burmatha, Jorali, Angroi, Pakridand, Kakka, Davikudi and Semardari. For the spiritual growth of Jean Kumar and Santosh and the salvation of their families.



16 DECEMBER
Thursday

Happy Birthday

MRS. KAVITHA THIMMESH
MR. FELIX KAMALIOL EDWARD

Pali: Ditungbou & Sanalung

Praise: Two villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Worship has been started at Silly village. 23 persons regularly gather for worship at Amarpur village. God enabled us to visit all the congregational members of Pali field along with the evangelists.

Pray: For the discrimination among the believers to be removed and the believers of Gond and Sahu to join with other believers for worship. For evening meetings to be started at Lila Dullapur village. For the believers of Khodiyar and Taktoya villages to stand firm in their faith in the Lord. Worship to be resumed in Majhgawan village.

Gujarat

Nasvadi & Dabhoi:

Yuvanesh & Jhansi Rani

Praise: God enabled us to conduct all the programs without any hindrance. Youth meeting

was a great blessing to many. God healed Ratiben from chronic stomach problems and Ratanbhai from mental disorder.

Pray: For the social developments of the Dungrabil people. For young believers to come forward to conduct prayer cells. For the protection of the believers of Karnet village as many oppose the believers due to their Christian faith and many non believers feel as though their primitive faith is under stake. For the deliverance of Kalpanaben from the possession of evil spirit. For the Church construction at Khinda village to be completed soon. For the spiritual life of the migrant believers.

Affected by Lightning & Thunder, Yet Alive!

In Maharashtra, at Mukhada mission field, many became prey to the lightning and thunder during this rainy season. Our believer Bharathi Sander Kadale who was also affected by lightning and thunder, remained unconscious for a few days. Her body did not accept even the saline infusion and all the treatment became vain. All the Church believers prayed for her with fasting. God honoured their prayer and she got back her life. Glory to God.



17 DECEMBER
Friday

Surat: Mathavaroy & Jebathangam

Praise: One village was newly reached with the Gospel. We got many new contacts among the migrated people from UP, Bihar and Maharashtra. God healed Sureshbhai immediately after the prayer and Suresh Gamit Anjuben from leg swelling. The problem between the two families of the newly engaged believers - Priyanka and Nitinbhai was amicably settled and their wedding is arranged.

Pray: For the permission to be obtained from the municipality to build a Church. For the spiritual growth of the new believers and contacts who attend our worship service. For peace to prevail between our believer Vidyaben and her neighbour who is fighting with her due to her faith in the Lord. For the healing of Laiben from allergy and Ushaben from chronic fever.

Valia: Markus Malto & Sara Malto

Praise: Four persons came to the

saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and one village was newly reached with the Gospel. God delivered Hira from alcohol addiction. God blessed the children camp at Tadkeshwar and Zarpuniya villages and 65 children were blessed. Backslidden believer Kamaleshbhai came back to the Church at Gadkatch village along with his family members.

Pray: Evening meeting to be started at Rosvad village soon. God blessed the families of Rakeshbhai and Nareshbhai with children. For our believer Ashish to get a suitable life partner.

Cost of Discipleship!

In Rajasthan, at Ganga Nagar mission field, our believer Veerpal from Lohara village has been facing so many challenges due to her faith in the Lord. Her husband Kalasingh and her son Gurpreet discouraged her from attending the worship service. Through prayer, the problem in her elder daughter's family is solved. When her husband started believing in Christ, their grandson passed away on the 16th day of birth. Her son's family is against their Christian faith. Somehow, her 2nd daughter accepted Christ. She is facing a lot of challenges in the family. Let us pray for her faith to grow in the Lord in spite of so many challenges.



Happy Birthday

MR. PAUL SOLOMON D.

Tanakla: Asir Moses & Amirtha Golda

Praise: Two villages namely Kalupura and Kapariya were newly reached with the Gospel. Thaluvi and Bhile people groups are receptive to the Gospel. God blessed the evening meeting at Gadod and Zer villages and fasting prayer at Suklivasan and Chindapura villages.

Pray: For the salvation of the people of Shirgam and Jagdiya villages. For the deliverance of the people of Golagamudi and Modasha villages from alcohol addiction and the possession of evil spirits. For the repentance of Mathanlal, Thaluvi, Sureshbhai and Mohanbhai who have become hindrance to the ministry. For the believers whose fields are affected by the heavy rain and flood.

Kadod:

Ramsinghbhai Vasava & Urmilaben

Praise: Two villages were newly

reached with the Gospel. God enabled us to conduct meetings for the elders and local evangelists. Outreach ministry among the people of Deagas village made a remarkable breakthrough and almost 80 persons heard the Gospel eagerly. God heard the prayer of believers and delivered Bharatbhai of Ruva village from the possession of evil spirits.

Pray: For the repentance and salvation of Thakerbhai's son who is addicted to alcohol. For the spiritual growth of all the believers. For the healing of Bharatbhai from mental sickness.

Western Zone: Joseph Durairaj & Elizabeth

Praise: God blessed the youth meeting in Netrang and 200 youths attended. Training programs became a great blessing for the local evangelists, Church elders and catechists.

Pray: For starting Church construction in 10 villages without any hindrance. For the blessing of Church dedications at Gundhi and Patheldevi villages. For the indigenization process to integrate the Churches with the CNI Gujarat Diocese to go smoothly.



19 DECEMBER
Sunday

Happy Birthday

MRS. NISHA DAVID MASIH

Mansa: Chelladurai & Kanaga Nesam

Praise: One village was newly reached with the Gospel. Believers grow in the spiritual discipline through the Word of God and prayer. God blessed our outreach program in Bhorts, Unava and Vauvol villages.

Pray: For the youngsters who are preparing for the police recruitment to clear all the tests. For the salvation of Suriaaben, Monica, Anita, Gobibhai and Devaraj as they show interest to the Gospel. For the people who received NT to read it systematically.

Jhalod: Kumar Paul & Amutha

Praise: God blessed the Church elders' and local evangelists' meeting. God protected Payal of Khuntia village from snake biting. Our believer Manisha of Madhava village was blessed with a child.

Pray: For peace to prevail between Tharsinghbhai and Rameshbhai of Kalia village. For the hindrances to be removed to build a Church at Lakhapur. For the repentance of Peterbhai who is not doing his job regularly. For our believers Kanabhai and Rimilaben to be blessed with children.

Dadra & Nagar Haveli

Khanel: Arul Aseer & Suguna

Praise: God enabled us to select a local evangelist for our ministry. The registration process of the Church at Thabana was done successfully. God protected our believers Anithaben of Pipli village who fell from the 2nd floor of her house and Siravanbhai of Sista village from snake bite.

Pray: For the blessing of the forthcoming program in which many of our believers are going to confess their faith in the Lord. For the construction work of the Thabana Church. For the healing of Somabhai of Chinditola from paralysis and Anithaben from boils in the body due to her unnatural body heat. For Anilbhai of Bibroni village to be blessed with a child.



20 DECEMBER
Monday

Happy Birthday

MRS. DEVA KIRUBAI VIJAI BABU

Maharashtra

Khandbara: Balaji

Netalam & Jagadeeswari

Praise: Three families came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 2 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the elders' meeting in Google Panda, ladies meeting in Baghdad and new believers' meeting in Kharghar. Cottage prayer was started at Dong village.

Pray: For the upcoming outreach meeting in Kalamba, Ranala and Navapada villages. For peace to prevail among the Church elders to do the ministry smoothly. For the believers to actively participate in the fasting prayer. For the healing of Roopesh from sickle cell disease, Devadoss from kidney problem and Shivaram from piles.

Molgi, Narmadha & Vadfully: Bharanidharan & Selva Rani

Praise: Eighteen persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and

3 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Ladies' meetings in Oalpada, Bharkund, Welkadi, Kuvanisapada, Mukkudi, Giggapari, Thel and Gudapada were a great blessing to many. God blessed the Field Church Council in Molgi, Narmadha and Vadfully and village Church Council at Bharkund and Dalpada Churches.

Pray: For the salvation of Dilip whose wife regularly attends our worship service. For the blessing of film programs in Salliben and Merdi villages. For the repentance of Arshi, Amarsingh, Vitthal, Vikram, Sonu and Selvarani who oppose our ministry in many ways. For the healing of Savithabai from cancer and Vaibav from tumour.

Unknown Hand Pulled Me from the Verge of Death!

In Maharashtra, at Talasari mission field, our believer Shileshbhai from Varvada village travelled in a vehicle along with other friends to their work spot. The vehicle met with an accident on the national highway. The vehicle was totally damaged, 2 workers died on the spot and many were injured. But our believer Shileshbhai was pulled out from the verge of death in this major accident. Still he does not know who rescued him and praises God for that.



Allapalli: Elisha Daime, Nighthoujam Alonsingh & Lianbiaknemi

Mukhada: Nagarajan & Thilagavathy

Praise: Sixteen persons came to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and 2 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Bible study and counselling programs are launched for the CDC children. God protected the daughter of Ramesh of Kadadipada from head injury due to an accident. Sureha of Nandugal was delivered through prayer from the possession of evil spirits.

Pray: For the complete healing of Sanjan of Boiseeth village from general weakness, which is the outcome of the chronic fever she had for a few months. For the healing of Vishnu of Gandhibul village from dumbness, Aarathana of Kadadipada from ear problem, Rajaram, Lakshmi, Prabhakar from chronic stomach problem.

Praise: Twenty persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 2 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God enabled us to form 6 outreach program teams among the believers to reach the nearby villages with the Gospel. God healed Pushpa Bai of Talande village from high BP and diabetes, Sunita of Jangawar from heart problem, Mangala of Sidam from blood vomiting and Kausialabai from pneumonia.

Pray: For the salvation of the people who heard the Gospel through our outreach programs in Pedrada, Chittekaranar, Nagapalli, Gomni, Mallera and Vitthalwadi areas. For the deliverance of our new contact Aridas of Naikalwar from the possession of evil spirit. For our new contacts families namely Yelaiya of Indaram, Swami from Allapalli, Diwaka Modape from Bhimani, Gatabai Meshram of Umri, Vimesh Sende of Korambi and Sandeep Thakur of Allapalli to come to the fold of Jesus Christ. For the formation of worship groups in the places where people are receptive to the Gospel.



Deccan: Vijayan & Jebarose

Praise: God blessed the drama programs in Lineguda and Hagurwada villages of Gadchandur field. God enabled us to do outreach ministry through the jeep team in Gadchandur field. 14 believers joined together in order to preach the Gospel in 25 villages of Etapalli field.

Pray: For the 20 members of the Church committee of Madiya Church to grow in the Lord and to lead the Church effectively and to bring the whole community to the Lord. For the 23 families who are newly attending our prayer meetings in Gadchandur field to accept Jesus as Saviour. For our outreach centres at Gatta (Etapalli) Irpanar (Bande), Vittalwada & Dhaba (Alapalli) to yield much fruits. For evangelists to be placed in Kaverappa, Potegao, Viroor, Parva, Naroor and Amir Aguda. For lands to construct Churches in Chitheka Bar and Gomni villages.

Dindori:

Alex Prabhu &
Priya Getzi

Praise: Praveen, a youngster show interest to the Gospel. The husband of Manish and his son too attend the worship service. Kavitha was blessed with a child through prayer. God healed Rohini from fear and shivering, Sureha from evil dream and Akash from kidney problem.

Pray: For the salvation of Ajay who attends our prayer meeting regularly. For Vidal from Vilvandi and Yogesh from Panladai to grow in faith. For the backslidden believers from Amlekan, Sadugav, Thondegav, Jalgate Kokangaon, Nayakwadi and Ojargate villages to be restored in faith. For peace to prevail in the family of Jaishri. For the healing of Sunitha from the side effects of Corona Vaccine, Vaishnavi from mental disorder and Gangaram from piles. For the complete deliverance of people from chronic addiction to alcohol. For the spiritual growth of Bhaskar, Devaram, Kulab, Madhav, Jaju, Hiraman and Sunil who work with us in our ministry.



Happy Birthday

MRS. ARCHANA MOHAN

Etapalli: Kuldeep Singh & Gurpreet Kaur

Praise: Four persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 6 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Families of Rushi Gawade and Irpamaha from Parsalgondi newly attend our worship service. Our believers conducted outreach programs in 25 nearby villages. God blessed the women leaders' training program in Pandhevahi Church and 33 ladies attended.

Pray: For the salvation of new contact families of Ramshu Atra, Irpa Maha and Rushi Gawade. The leaders of Madiya people Samiti to actively participate in the Church ministry. For lands to build Churches in Halwara and Kasunsur areas. For the complete healing of Jannu Hichami and his salvation.

Talasari: Vijay Babu & Deva Kirubai

Praise: Fifteen persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 5

villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God opened the door for the Gospel in Khancha and Pipelseth areas. God rescued the child of Shyam who suffered from breathlessness for almost 2 hours. Maheshbhai family is blessed with a child through prayer. God delivered Chevanthi Ben from the possession of evil spirits.

Pray: For the upcoming outreach programs in Khancha, Pipelsheth, Charni, Rankol and Medikunj villages. For the open door for the Gospel in 114 villages of this field. For the healing of Nandhaben from eye problems.

Prayer, the Binding Force of the Families!

In Uttarakhand, at Dineshpur mission field, Vikki, the daughter of our believer Lajoe of Theja Boja village lost her first son after 8 months of its birth and the 2nd son also passed away recently. The in-law's family got angry at her and chased her away to her parent's house. Moreover, they filed a false allegation on her. But Lajoe, our believer, just prayed along with the congregations for this family problem. As a result, one fine morning the husband of Vikki came all the way to bring back his wife Vikki to his home, and they praise God for this reunion.



Happy Birthday

MRS. VENI JOHN

Kuntamodi: Bidyut Kumar Singh

Praise: Two persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 2 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the evening meeting at Talaimal and Khodo and 75 persons were blessed. God healed the leg of Bulabai of Talaimal village which was in rotten condition.

Pray: For the repentance of our former local evangelists who create some misunderstanding among the congregations at Panbari and Mokh areas. For the upcoming programs which are arranged in new places. For the healing of Amrut Padvi and his son Iswar Padvi from sickle cell. For Suresh Dada of Dab area to return home as he has been missing for one and a half years.

Vadali: Moorthi & Bharathi

Praise: Many new families attend our worship at Andrathbari village. God blessed the outreach ministry in Kautude, Vadchil, Andrathbari

and Nimbhora villages. God healed Lakshmibai of Nimbhora and Geethabai of Andrathbari villages from chronic fever.

Pray: For the repentance of Kiranbhai family of Mohida village who is not attending the worship service regularly. For the backslidden believers of Ubadaged and Punvason villages to be restored in faith. For our believer Rakehbai to get a suitable job.

Crossed the River Current Water Safely!

In Gujarat at Ahwa & Dangs Outreach ministry, Rameshbhai and Sumitraben of Khapri village were crossing a river after tilling their land. It was evening time and the water level of the river was below the knee so without any kind of hesitation along with the yoked bullocks the couple was crossing the river. While they all were in the middle of the river the water level began to rise due to the torrential rain on the upper side of the river which they were unaware of. It took another 5 to 7 minutes to reach the bank of the river and the force of the water was fast. Both the bullocks were yoked and so unable to swim or cannot be chased on the increase and it was undesirable for Rameshbhai to leave the bullocks and run. At this juncture, he prayed to God for divine intervention to cross the river and God helped Rameshbhai, his wife and the bullocks to reach the river bank safely. Praise God!



Happy Birthday

MRS. LIBENI JAMI

Karnataka

Shirakatti: Ashapraptapal & Deena Kumari

Praise: Three persons newly attend the worship service regularly. Parsappa shows interest in the Gospel nowadays, although he was an opponent of the Gospel previously. God enabled Prakash to start a small business for his livelihood. Our missionary Sunanda is blessed with a suitable life partner.

Pray: For the complete deliverance of Maddevakka from the possession of evil spirit. For our believers Krishna and Salma to get jobs in the police dept. For the healing of Shivlinga from heart problem and Muttanna from kidney problem.

Shiggaon: Sunil Kumar & Sangeeta

Praise: Fifty persons newly attend our worship service regularly. Our young believer Pushpa has successfully completed her nursing

training and got an appointment in hospital. God protected Diksha from the falling of a brick on her.

Pray: For Santhosh, Shekappa and the two children of Bijakka to attend the worship services regularly. For the believers of Dhundasi Church to stand firm in the Lord as they face opposition for their faith in many ways.

Khanapur: Vinayraj & Shantha

Praise: The Church elders of Khanapur and Nandagad areas conduct the worship service regularly in the absence of their sick missionary.

Pray: For the complete healing of our missionary Vinayraj who is on treatment at CMC

Delivered from 40 Years of Demon's Possession!

In Haryana, at Jeevan Nagar mission field, Aatma Ram and all his family members from Dilip Nagar were under the bondage of evil spirits for the past 40 years. Occasionally they attended our Satsang programs. God used our evangelist Rajender Singh to chase the evil spirits through the power of prayer. As a result, the family of Aatma Ram started attending our worship service regularly.



Andhra Pradesh

Damalcheruvu: Prashanth Meesala & Rupa, John Davidraj & Gnanasekari

Praise: Six persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ in Goduguchinta area. Worship resumed in Dinnipeta and Kattakindapalli, and the families of Daniel from Dinnipeta, Kalavathi from Sallavaripalli and Issac from Damalacheruvu came back for worship. Electrical wiring problems were rectified in the Churches of Damalacheruvu, Ravanaiharipalli, Ramapuram and Pattoor areas. Many of our congregations were revived and 10 persons are getting ready to confess their faith in the Lord.

Pray: For the blessing of leaders' training program on the 2nd Saturday of every month. For the consolation of the family members

of our missionary sponsor Murthy who recently passed away. For the spiritual growth of the believers who are getting ready to confess their faith in the Lord.

Madanapalli: Venkatesan C & Sasikala

Praise: Two persons namely Nagappa and Gangulamma confessed their faith in the Lord. Youngsters namely Vinith, Hindu, Bharathi, Gayathri, Jothi, Dhinakumar and Niranjini of Singirigunta village are receptive to the Gospel. God healed Premila from snake bite and Eswaramma from uterus problem.

Pray: For the needed manpower to evangelise all the unreached villages nearby. For regularizing the Children Bible Classes in the Denduluru area. For the deliverance of Kamalamma from the possession of evil spirit. For a permanent place to conduct worship at Denduluru. For the blessing of all the upcoming programs.



Happy Birthday

MRS. HEMALATHA RAVI RAJ

Pulivendula: Vijay Kumar & Susila

Praise: Five persons came to the fold of Christ through the soul winning program at Ramapuram. God gave a plentiful harvest to our believers.

Pray: For a small Church to be built in the Galam Gundlapalli area. Sunday schools to be resumed in Galam Gundlapalli and Adapavandlapalli areas. For the three Bible study groups who regularly join together to do the outreach program. For the healing of Venugopal of Saraswati Palli who got head injury due to a major accident.

Kalakada: Vedyappan & Lakshmi

Praise: Eight villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Gowramma from Ramaraopalli, Premila, Durga, Anjali and Ramesh family from Kothapalli attend our worship. The couple Siravani and Satheesh came back

together through prayer after three years of separation on account of misunderstanding. Our believers Hemanth and Hemalu got Govt. Jobs.

Pray: For the opposition faced by Chinnacca from Kumramkonda who is prevented from attending the Church by some opponents of the Gospel. For the healing of Radhika from liver problem and Ammaji from eye problem. For the deliverance of Ramanjali from black magic.

Blood of Christ Heals Even Blood Cancer!

In Maharashtra, at Gadchandur mission field, Lalita Jadhav from Chandrapur is our new contact in the Tukum congregation. She was suffering from blood cancer and was admitted in Government hospital. As her condition was becoming more critical she was referred to Nagpur Government hospital. Many believers and God's servants started praying for her. When she was in desperate need of money for food, our believers collected some money and helped her. Miraculously her medical report came, saying she was normal and no further treatment was necessary. After getting discharged from the hospital she attended Sunday worship and testified about God's healing touch. Glory to God!



Happy Birthday

MR. DAVID MASIH
MRS. BHARUDE CHILABAI RADYA

Anantapur Region & Chilamathur:

Paul Raviraj & Hemaltha

Praise: God enabled us to reach 6 villages, namely Mallappally, Balannagaripalli, Yerrapalli, Kalekuntalapalli, Kanganapalli and Thimmadipalli. Church elders' meeting in Kodikonda Church became a great blessing to many. God healed Nandini of Somagatta village from malaria and Indu from tumour in the neck. Our believer Arunamma got a suitable job.

Pray: For many to join the worship from Somagatta, Kodikonda and Kottachamalapalli villages. For the open door for the Gospel in Kokavandlapally Madireddypalli, Morasavandlapally, Chipareddypalli, Kothapalli, Buddig Peddapalli, Papi Reddy Palli, Muddureddypalli and Thanda villages. For the spiritual growth of the young believers namely Vinay, Shiva, Harisha, Jeevan, Prakash, Moses, Samuel, Ashoka,

Venkatesha, Deva and Chiranjivi who are participating as in our Church activities. For the believers namely Narasimha, Ramanji, Suri, Banni, Shailaja, Gouthami, Ramakka, Laxmibai, Ramabai and Swapna to stand firm in the faith. For the salvation of the former Sarpanches Soma Shekar, Balaji, Ashwathappa and the present Sarpanch Rajareddy as they have a soft corner for the Christian faith. For the repentance of Seenappa, Thirupataiah, Murali, Harish Reddy who are opposing our ministry.

Roddam: Debadatta Lima & Sonia Rani

Praise: God enabled our believer Harish to get a suitable job. God healed Navajyoti from kidney problem, Yenshit from pneumonia and Srinivas from injuries due to an accident. Our believer Hanumakka is getting enough income in her small business through prayer.

Pray: For the salvation of the Narshama family who are interested in the Gospel. For all the members of the believers' family to come to the fold of Christ. For the healing of Govindamma from severe fever, Shailaja of Sanipalli from infection due to delivery through caesarean and Lakshmidevi from chronic illness.



Happy Birthday

MRS. MANISELVI SARATHY

Kottachuruvu & Penukonda: Desai Dilipbhai & Randhe Laxmiben

Praise: God blessed the outreach programs in Maravakkuntapalli, Nagepalli and Somandepalli. God healed Prarthana of Yerraballi from typhoid and Narsamma of Chennarjupalli from chronic illness. God delivered Obulesu of Maravapalli village from the possession of evil spirits. A new seeker called Laxmi from Maravapalli attends our service regularly. Srinivasalu from Islapuram gave up the plan of committing suicide after prayer and counselling.

Pray: For our believer Venkataramulu's land dispute to be amicably settled. For our backslidden believers Anjali and Gangamma to be restored in faith. For the safe confinement of

Thulasi of Mammavarupalli. For peace to prevail in the family of Shankara. For the salvation of the families of Lakshmi, Narasimma, Prabhavati and Mallikarjuna. For our new believers Govindamma and Thimayya to stand firm in faith amidst many health issues. For the repentance of the opponents of the Gospel in many of our ministerial places. For the salvation of our new contacts Madhu and Thippamma of Somendapalli. For our seekers namely Lakshmi, Nalini, Nandu, Shankara, Dikshith and Padmavathi to confess their faith in the Lord. For our believers Zachariah, Elizabeth and Ramajinamma to attend the worship service regularly.

C.K. Palli: Kenneth Kariappa & Geetha

Praise: God protected our missionary Kenneth during an investigation for cancer and, as per the medical report, it is negative.

Pray: For the ministry in the new fields and for doing great things for God as He has given new life to our missionary.



30 DECEMBER
Thursday

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MR. ANBAIAH P.
MR. ARUN KUMAR G.
MR. DANIEL MARVELRAJ

Nallamada Extension: Dinesh Maraiya & Marry Marmu

Praise: God enabled us to reach two villages namely Kothapalli and Pemanakontapalli Thanda with the Gospel. The people of the Nallamada area are receptive to the Gospel. Many of our believers share the Gospel to their relatives. Outreach program in Reddy Palli, Ramapuram, Bogallapalli, Raganipalli, Gopanapalli, Yedullavanapalli, Appayya Garipalli, Kothapalli, Pemanakontapalli and Thandabadavandlapalli became a great blessing to many. A new seeker called Bhaiyana is interested in the Gospel.

Pray: For the salvation of our new contacts Chelapati, Laxman, Rangamma and Bhaiyana. For peace to prevail in the families of Shiva Reddy and Venkatesh Reddy. For the healing of Laxmi Devi and Gangappa of Reddipalli

from typhoid, China Devi of Ramapuram from eye problem and Oblamma from chronic leg pain.

Tamil Nadu

Tiruvallur: Paul Anandhan and Sarah Jothy

Praise: God blessed the believers' families namely Kavitha & Kovarthan and Deivanai & Chittibabu with children. God healed Pattamma from chronic weaknesses.

Pray: For the salvation of the people of Kagakandigai village and to get the provisions and support of the Good News Foundation. For the consolation of the family of Thatchanamurthy whose mother passed away recently. For the believers' children to come up in their education and careers.

Protected from Leopard!

In utter Pradesh, at Dineshpur mission field, our believers of Dowladganj village went to the forest for collecting fire woods. While coming back, a leopard came across their way. They prayed to God for protection. Leopard did not harm them and they miraculously escaped. Praise God.



Happy Birthday

MR. CHAUDHARY RAJESH DHAVLEBHAII
MR. ANIL MAHALI

Tamil Nadu Zone: Albin & Vijayarani

Praise: Twenty persons were added into His fold. Seven prayer groups visited Periyamalai and fields in Tamil Nadu Zone and got motivated to do God's ministries effectively. God protected Rani from snake bite while cutting the snake by mistake along with the grass. Periyathambi and Mary's family got deliverance from the possession of evil spirits through prayer. Peace prevails in the family of Rani's 3rd daughter whose husband left her on account of a misunderstanding came back after a few months. Jenifer got safe confinement. God healed Madappan of Sidumaldi from paralysis. Meenakshi's husband, a migrant worker, returned home safely from Bihar.

Pray: For the salvation of Vaiyappan, Laxmanan, Rajan, Siva, Muniraj and Muniyamma. For our retired missionary Mathew

Jebaraj to be healed who is suffering from a paralytic attack. For the deliverance of Siva and Pasupathy of Yettavatti village from alcohol addiction. For the blessing of Hindi ministry. God healed our believer John Peter who applied oil prayerfully on the injuries caused by an accident.

Normalcy Returned After A Few Months of Misunderstanding!

In Himachal Pradesh at Rampur area, three independent pastors were brought to Rampur Police station by the religious fanatics accusing them for proclaiming the Gospel. One among them had cash of about Rs. 40,000/- in his suitcase for some other purpose. It was misunderstood by the people and spread the rumour of forceful conversion. The video clips and the news went viral through the media in and around the area and it affected the ministry in many ways. For instance, the Church attendance percentage became drastically low, many believers could not involve in sharing the gospel to their neighbours / relatives and other known friends. In spite of all these incidents, by God's grace and mercy the situation in Rampur area is gradually coming back to normalcy. By God's grace, we were able to pay a visit to the believers residing nearby throughout the month and somehow encouraged and motivated them.

Mr. Francis Duraisamy was born on 7th February 1974 as the 7th child to non-Christian parents Mr. Kariappa and Mrs. Thoddamma at Medupalli village of Krishnagiri Dist. While studying in 9th Std, he was given a tract by a man of God in which Psalms 115 was mentioned which spoke to him to believe, 'Jesus

is the true God.' When he was doing his Diploma studies in engineering in 1992, he confessed Jesus as the Lord and joined the Church as the first one from his village. When he was attending FMPB Annual Conference in Danishpet, Salem, he committed himself to the full time ministry. He joined FMPB in 1994, but due to the family situation, he joined Bethel Bible Institute and did his B.Th studies.

Sis. Jayanthi was born on 10th April 1979 as the eldest daughter to non-Christian parents Mr. Pathiappan and Mrs. Lakshmi at Ulagam village of Krishnagiri Dist. God delivered her from the possession of evil spirit when the missionaries of FMPB prayed for her. So she accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Saviour and joined the Church in 1996.

On 26th June 1996, the wedding of Francis and Jayanthi were conducted as the first Christian marriage in the mission field of Shoolagiri. She got a dream in which she felt as if she found favour in the eyes of the Lord and so she committed herself to serve the Lord.

In June 2006, Francis and Jayanthi as a family joined FMPB as full-fledged missionaries. He worked with Gospel Ratham for some time in Karnataka. Then they had been working in north Karnataka, Bangarapet and Malur and currently they work in Gowribidanur mission field of Karnataka.

God blessed this missionary couple with three daughters, and the eldest one, Reena [DOB: 04.04.1997] has completed B.Tec; the second daughter Priya [DOB: 08.07.2003] is doing BBA 3rd year in Madras Christian College and the third daughter Christina Preethi Angel [DOB: 04.10.2007] is studying in 9th Std at Santhosha Vidyalaya.

Kindly uphold this missionary family in your prayers.



**Mr. K. Francis
Duraisamy &
Mrs. Jayanthi Family**

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