

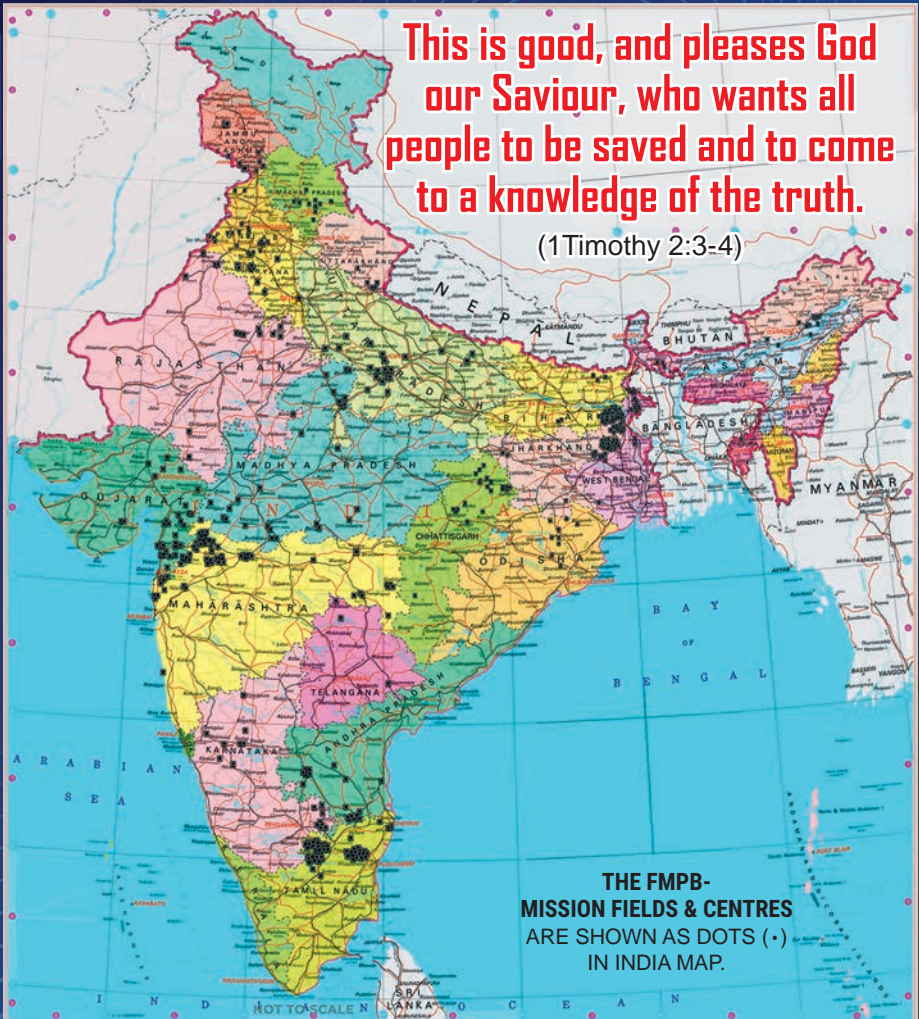


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**This is good, and pleases God
our Saviour, who wants all
people to be saved and to come
to a knowledge of the truth.**

(1 Timothy 2:3-4)



**THE FMPB-
MISSION FIELDS & CENTRES
ARE SHOWN AS DOTS (.)
IN INDIA MAP.**

Determination & Intensity in Planning!



Our God is a God of systems, predictability and order, and God honours planning. The plan of “God the Father” was given to “God the Son” for the purpose of executing that plan = the responsibility of God the Holy Spirit who teaches us and reveals to us. Yes, the Father plans, the Son executes and the Holy Spirit reveals it to us. In all planning, God has a part and we have a part. Planning with the help of the Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ we need to execute this plan. When God is executing His plan in our lives and ministry, He also designs and arranges events which continue to unfold until His purpose is revealed.

Many of God’s plans are detailed throughout the Bible. He has plans for nations, for people groups, and for individuals. We know that God’s plan for those who know Him includes reaching others with the Good News of salvation (Mat. 28:19; 2 Cor. 5:20). Beyond salvation, God also knows the gifts, talents and skills He gave us, and He knows how we could best use them to make an eternal impact. God’s plan unfolds in our lives as we use all we have for His glory (1 Cor. 10:31).

The Apostle Paul’s plans serve as a model for our plans. The spiritual children of Paul were inspired by and consistent with God’s plan for Paul and for his ministry, as well as for the world (Acts 9:15-16; Rom. 1:1-15). Because God’s plan included the salvation of all nations, Paul moved towards those places which were unevangelized (Rom. 15:18-21). He drew tentative conclusions concerning God’s plan for his life, and then set himself to carrying out God’s purpose (Phil. 1:19-26; 2:19-24). Paul’s plans were often modified by divine intervention. Paul and others were alert to God’s leading (Acts 13:1-4; 16:4-10; Rom. 15:22). Sometimes human and/or satanic opposition played a part in the changes in Paul’s plans, but all of this was in the providence of God with determination (1 Thes. 2:14-18).

Our plans should also be governed and guided by what we know of God’s overall plan for His creation. Especially, in this Covid’19 pandemic situation, our plans should be executed with determination and intensity along with flexibility, knowing that God often accomplishes His will in ways which we would never have imagined and for which we would never have planned. All of our plans must be subordinate to God’s plan and must take into account God’s rearranging of our plans.

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Planning and execution are critical due to the present inconsistent situations. At this juncture, planning for our ministry needs to be given more attention with determination and intensity. “Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty” [Prov.21:5]. God’s Plan is centred more and more for eternal cost and to be understood and experienced in tangible ways that demonstrate more of God’s will done on earth as it is in heaven. Let God’s Plan lead us way amidst so many challenges while we execute it in our ministry today!

- J.J. Harris (Communication Dept.)

The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations. (Psalm 33:11)

**“Good planning without good working is nothing.”
- Margaret Feinberg**

**“God’s plan is rarely a straight shot to a visible goal. His plan requires of us a journey and that journey may be filled with detours, sudden stops, and confusing turns. But if our hearts are set to obey Him in all that we know to do, then we will be in the centre of His will every step of the way.”
- John Bunyan**

And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1:6)

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Reach the unreached Indians with the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Our Mission:

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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 pursuing higher plans,

Our theme word for this year is 'Pursuing Higher Plans' which reminds us that we have to pursue God's higher plans rather than running behind man made plans which have no long-lasting impact in our lives as well as of others. Colossians 3rd Chapter verses 1 to 3 says, 'Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.'

These verses exhort God's children to set their hearts on things above and explain further the whereabouts of the 'above' by saying where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. It detailed further that we have to set our minds on things related to God and His mission, not on things on the earth. How much this is needed in the lives of today's Christians, who are running behind the things related to this world. For them, God is only for this earthly life, not remembering about eternity and things related to that. The vast majority of Christians are pursuing things of the earth rather than pursuing God's higher plans. The Bible also gives two reasons for setting our hearts on things above, that is vs.1 says since



you have been raised with Christ vs. 3 says for you died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. Setting our hearts on things above and pursuing God's higher plan is the parameter to know whether we have been raised with Christ and died to this world.

Christmas Programs:

Few thousand young believers of our mission fields celebrated their first Christmas this year. Though there were many threats and opposition, the God of heaven helped our missionaries and believers to celebrate the first advent in spirit and truth. In some places permission to conduct Christmas programs in the open were denied at the last moment, but God's grace was sufficient that all the believers have celebrated Christmas.

I preached in a few Churches in Kanyakumari during the Christmas week. I thank all the pastors and mobilization secretaries who organized the programs in the Churches. The autobiography of Ms. Mary Stella our retired missionary of Gujarat was released on 26th December, 2021 at Nagercoil. I praise God for the life

and ministry of Ms. Mary Stella who impacted more than one generation of believers and non-believers alike in Dangs district of Gujarat.

Home call of Mr. Hemachandran:

The man with contagious laughter had his last laugh on 5th January 2022. Mr. Hemachandran, the retired missionary of FMPB is the author of many firsts in FMPB. He was the first prayer group leader of the first sponsoring group in BHEL Trichy. He initiated the FMPB mobilization ministry in Andhra and Northeast India. Even after his retirement from FMPB for more than 2 decades before, he is still freshly remembered by many missionaries. His life will be remembered with his contagious laughing, and his legacy will be followed for a long time to come.

Meetings with other organizations:

I met the leaders of Friends Medical Mission International, Scripture Union, MUT training and BBI board. The meetings were blessed by the Lord for His kingdom expansion.

New missionaries recruited:

The Interview Committee of FMPB met on 8th January 2022 and God helped us to select 6 Brothers and Sisters who have committed their lives to do full time ministry in FMPB. All the six missionary recruits will go for field exposure in a few days. Kindly pray for their formation time

in the mission fields will be a time of learning and understanding the ministry.

Corona third wave:

The third wave of the corona is surging, though it is not as severe as the second wave, it is spreading very quickly and infects a large number of people. Many of our missionaries and their families were affected by the third wave, but almost all of them came out of it without any harm. Please do not lower your guard against Corona, but strengthen the fight against Corona through prayers and following the protocols.

National Planning Conference:

God willing, we may have the National Planning Conference 2022 on 12th and 13th of February 2022. We are making all arrangements to conduct the conference, but the final decision will be taken based on the guidance of the government at that time. Following the NPC, there will be meetings of the Executive Committee and Ministry Council in the next week. Kindly pray for the above meetings.

Praying for you all that the New Year may help us to experience the love of God in a closer way and serving the Lord with all our might.

Your fellow sojourner in God's Mission



Rev. John Berlin S.



Planning with Kingdom Perspective

It is a worthy saying that “Failing to Plan is planning to fail.” Planning is very important part of the Christian life and very much essential for an organization. A ‘Plan’ is a vision and it is the process of seeking God’s will and clear ways to fulfil it. Strategic planning is not just a biblical concept alone, but a biblical mandate too. It is the chosen method of working to establish the Great Commission [Mt.28:18-20].

FMPB has always been goal oriented and has given priority for planning even from its inception. Our pioneers are architects and planners. Even in the 1980’s, we had strategic plans such as – reaching 220 districts of 11 states, with 440 missionaries, within 10 years. It seemed to be a gigantic ambition of 400% growth from the actual status of the organization. But God honoured the plan and helped us to accomplish it. Following this, God gave us so many plans to take the Gospel to every nook and corner of our nation. As the Scripture promises, “Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession” [Ps.2:8] we need to look to God and His scripture to motivate, encourage and guide us in this venture.

Our God is the Ultimate Long Range Planner:

God has given us proverbs (16:1-4) and examples through many biblical heroes like

Moses, Joshua, Nehemiah, David, Paul & Others. A foundational scripture on planning says, “Where there is no vision, the people perish (Proverbs 29:18).” Planning without God in the picture turns futile. **Goals that are within the will of God and that are designed for the glory of God are pleasing to Him.** Strategic planning clears the uncertainty and helps missions to make decisions based on the Gospel (Prov. 16:19).

Biblical Basis for Strategic Planning:

God’s ability to foresee the future is demonstrated in Genesis 3:15. After the sin of Adam and Eve, God looked far into the years ahead as He spoke to the serpent and told, “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.” Satan would strike Christ’s heel, referring to the painful death of Christ on the Cross, but that was not the end of the story. Christ would crush the head of the serpent. While Satan would appear to have won when Jesus died on the cross, Satan would be the ultimate loser in this great spiritual battle. God’s purposes encompass the whole range from eternity to eternity and extend to every part of His dominion. From a short-range perspective, things may appear to be out of control, but God orders all things in such a way that they will reach a glorious consummation.

We can point to Jesus as the greatest example of one who planned strategically. He began by recruiting disciples, developing them into leaders, then sending them “to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8). His strategy included some public teaching and miracle working. Ultimately, His strategy took Him all the way to the cross, the grave, and the resurrection. Jesus Christ knew the plan, to provide redemption for mankind long before leaving heaven to carry it through.

Strategic Planning in Scripture:

The Scripture is filled with examples of leaders who established strategic plans and carried them through.

Moses: We see clearly in Scripture that Moses was a strategic thinker. Moses was struggling as a leader soon after he led the nation of Israel out of Egypt. His father-in-law, Jethro, came to see him after hearing the incredible things God had been doing. Jethro observed that Moses was overloaded with the burdens of leadership and he shared with him a God-given plan—a strategy—for dealing with the issue. He taught Moses how to set up a strategic plan by delegating the work so that the load would be distributed among many. As a result, the manpower resources were used more effectively and the ministry was accomplished. Moses was also thinking strategically when he sent spies to the land of Canaan.

Joshua: Joshua, the protégé of Moses, also demonstrated strategic leadership. In Joshua 6, God gave Joshua a little lesson on strategic thinking. As Joshua was to lead the Israelites into the Promised land, they were facing the first enemy in the land, the strong city of Jericho. God gave Joshua a strategy. He could have simply reached down from Heaven and zapped the city, but God chose to work through a strategy that involved His people.

Nehemiah: Nehemiah was a God appointed leader who used strategy. When God laid it on his heart to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, Nehemiah began to establish and then work through a well-planned strategy to accomplish the vision which God had given. He assessed the damage. He secured the resources. He established leaders and distributed the assignments among them. Here we see Nehemiah’s well drawn-out plan for the reconstruction of the walls.

David: David was a strategic thinker from boyhood. He did not defeat Goliath with his might or strong armor. He defeated Goliath using a God-given strategy that pinpointed the weak-spot of his enemy. Later, as a leader of soldiers, David needed men who could think and plan strategically, and God gave him the men of Issachar (1 Chron. 12:32).

Paul: The Apostle Paul, a key player in establishing the early Churches, had a strategy. It is obvious in reading the accounts of his missionary journeys that Paul chose key cities in which to establish as heads men for ministry. He chose cities where he might have the greatest influence on the largest number of people.

‘Proverbs’ Speaks:

The book of Proverbs has a number of clear practical principles regarding strategy and planning.

1. Proverbs 15:22 - Plan fails for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.
2. Proverbs 16:3 - Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.
3. Proverbs 16:9 - In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps.

4. Proverbs 20:18 - Make plans by seeking advice; if you wage war, obtain guidance.

The Role of Holy Spirit in Our Planning and Goals:

1. Seek First the Kingdom of God:

Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously and he will give you everything you need. [Matthew 6:33]. So what does this mean when we are in a planning process?

First of all, acknowledge the sovereignty of God. As we plan, we agree that God is Lord over everything we're talking about, and that our planning effort is really just a way of discovering His will.

Secondly, seeking first the kingdom of God means that we surrender our own agendas, to God and to each other we say: I would really like to see this happen, but I'm giving this over to God. Of course it might well be that this comes under God's plans. But we won't know whether or not this is true if we force our own agenda into a planning process.

Thirdly, seeking first the kingdom of God comes from a passion for God and His glory. As human beings, we are easily prone to seek our glory, or that of the institution we serve. But as we grow in our faith, we desire God's glory more and more. Thus we seek His kingdom, not only so that His will might be done, but also that He might be lauded as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

So, when we gather together for planning, we need to surrender our agendas and ambitions, and seek God's kingdom. This commitment, perhaps as much as anything else, will help us discover God's plans for the future.

2. Listen for the "Bass Note" of Scripture:

The "bass notes" of Scripture must echo throughout the process if it is to be guided by the Holy Spirit. For Example, One of the deepest and loudest bass notes of the Bible is the mission of God to redeem his creation, including humanity. The strategic planning of a Christian organization, therefore, must have a missional ring to it. Therefore, participants in a planning process must look at their work from a Biblical perspective. They should let the Scripture fill their hearts and minds as they plan. In the end, they should be able to show how their goals are consistent with Biblical values and priorities.

3. Respect the Ways God has Led in the Past:

It is a fact that 'Planning,' by definition, is a future-directed enterprise. But 'Planning' that makes room for the Spirit will take seriously what God has said and done in the past. We need to acknowledge or respect the ways that God had led our pioneers in the past.

4. Recognize that God's New Wine Requires New Wineskins:

Most of us lean either toward hanging on to the old wineskins or rushing forward too quickly to the new. Perhaps it's more accurate to say that we want the old in some ways (where we are comfortable) and the new in some other ways (where we want change). It is hard to live between respecting the old and openness to the new, but there is no way for Christian leaders to avoid this tension. It is an essential aspect of our leadership. It is risky to be open to change. It can make one feel scary and uncertain. But it's also risky for an organization to resist change.

Different Christian traditions tend to emphasize different ways that the Spirit

guides us. This is fine, though sometimes people emphasize their own modes. For the first and foremost, strategic planning involves our thinking. But, as we reason individually and together, we should also be open to the move of the Holy Spirit.

5. Be open to the Supernatural Gifts of the Spirit:

Scripture teaches us that the Spirit of God dwells in each believer and also in the midst of God's people as they gather. Though we usually associate the gifts of the Spirit with gatherings for worship and or ministry, we mustn't limit the Spirit's power to these settings alone. The Holy Spirit is surely able and willing to gift God's people in the midst of strategic planning processes, since wisdom, knowledge, prophecy and teaching are also spiritual gifts, they can provide special insight to guide us to make right choices. They will give specific, supernatural help in a planning process if we are open and available.

6. Recognize Each Person's Participation:

Practically speaking, the communal contest for the Spirit's guidance means that if a planning process is going to be successful in the effort to clarify God's will, then each person who involves needs to be willing to participate, both in giving and receiving. Then the community discerns what is authentically from the Spirit. Ideally, each individual will own the possibility of being a channel of the Spirit's guidance. And, each individual will be open to hear and discern what the Spirit says through others. When Christians gather in unity, seeking most of all to build up the body of Christ above everything else, then the planning process can be an effective vehicle of the Spirit's guidance.

7. Pay Close Attention to the Basics:

If we're to be attentive to the Holy Spirit in our planning, we must pay close attention to the basics. Paying close attention to the basics means listening carefully, both to what the Spirit is "saying" to us, and to what the Spirit is saying through others. We must listen, not only to the words, but to what lies beneath them. They are the mustard seeds of a plan, the portholes into God's future. Here we might very well find God's will in mustard seed form.

God obviously expects us to plan. He has given us a number of clear principles along with some great examples. He makes it clear that we are not to trust our own plans and strategies and ignore the guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is only after we seek the heart of God and His direction that we can establish plans that are pleasing to Him and plans that will succeed. We live in a world that is real and we must take it into account the Kingdom Values that introduces another reality that is greater than the world we see. Our Strategic Plan, sometimes seems to be a big challenge of growing to the level from the actual current status of the organization. But we must approach our work in this world with the 'Kingdom perspective,' such as Elisha's servant experienced when Elisha said to him: "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." Then Elisha prayed and said, "Lord, I pray to open his eyes that he may see." And the Lord opened the servant's eyes and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. [2 Kings 6:16-17]. We pray to God to open our eyes to have the 'Kingdom Perspective' in order to accomplish great things for Him through our Planning Conference.

Fallen Corn of Wheat!



Bro. P. Hemachandran

A Zealous Leader with National Perspective!

(06.12.1935 - 05.01.2022)

Bro. P. Hemachandran [Age 86], the former Associate General Secretary of Friends Missionary Prayer Band, who served in FMPB from 1980 to 2000, received his home call on 5th January 2022 at his residence, Trichy, Tamil Nadu.

Bro. Hemachandran hailed from a Brahmin family, Andhra Pradesh and his grandfather accepted Jesus Christ. His father was a lawyer and his father's involvement in outreach ministry made an impact in his life in many ways. He studied Intermediate in Madras Christian College and B.Sc Chemistry in Nellore. He was employed in Neyveli Lignite Corporation when he was 26 years old. He accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Saviour in a spiritual meeting, Trichy.



On 4th January 1960, he got married to Ms. Lalitha and God blessed them with two sons - Dr. Paul Gunachander [Medical Doctor by profession] and Mr. George Stephen are leading a witnessing life along with the family members for the glory of God. Then Mr. Hemachandran got employment in the BHEL, settled in Trichy. During this period he came to know about the ministry of FMPB and he became a staunch supporter and prayer warrior of FMPB. He became the Hon. District Leader of FMPB and mobilized new members and leaders. He attended FMPB meeting at Murungapatti, Trichy where he committed himself for the full time ministry. Obeying to God's call he resigned from his Deputy Manager post in BHEL and joined FMPB on 1st August 1980. He was given the responsibility of promoting the mission in Andhra Pradesh where he started the FMPB office in a car shed, belonging to Mr. Sam Purushotham. Someone gave him an old lambretta scooter and he within a short period made many prayer groups and impacted the lives of people. Whenever he visited places like Machilipatnam and Guntur the local leaders would rent a cycle and he visited hundreds of people by cycling hundreds of kilometres. Even for small amounts of donations and subscriptions he would go, collect and pray for the members. He was never embarrassed by any situation.

He was the pioneer mobilization Secretary for North and North East India. He was the pioneer to bring the magazine in Telugu and promotional material like Audio and video CDs in Telugu and other languages. Due to his frequent visits to the Churches in North and North East India, many prayer groups were established and many Churches from North and North East India supported our ministry. He played a vital role in giving national identity to our organization. Moreover, he initiated the ministry of extending the missionary vision among the NRIs who live across the world.

Then Mr. Hemachandran became the Secretary for the FMPB - HQ administration and later he was elevated to be the Associate General Secretary of FMPB. He was one of the key persons in implementing the planning conference in FMPB, which was proposed by Rev. Dr. Samuel Kamalesan. He was the key person for the formation of the Navodaya Team.

In December 2000 he was retired from FMPB and settled in Trichy. He was a good preacher, writer and zealous for missionary work. He translated many songs of FMPB into English and Telugu. Some of these

songs have become very popular in the Telugu Churches.

In fact, he was a regular writer of articles and messages in FMPB magazine. He did what he could do for the extension of God's Kingdom. He used to crack lots of jokes and stayed calm with an ever smiling demeanour. He was at ease both with the rich and poor Christians. He mingled with all kinds of people irrespective of their status. He was a man with cool temperament, always cheerful, never discouraged or hurts by any situation. He was highly intelligent, deeply rooted in the Word of God. He never spoke a word which was not edifying, encouraging. He is the man who is loved by all of his colleagues and affectionately called as 'Hema Annan.'

Mr. Hemachandran received his Home Call from the Lord on 5th January 2022 and was buried with the hope of resurrection in All Saints' Cemetery, Woraiyur, Trichy. We praise God for the beautiful life of Mr. Hemachandran and thank God for his wonderful well-lived life. Let us uphold his beloved wife Mrs. Lalitha Hemachandran and his sons' families in our prayers.

- Rev. Dr. E. Rajan, FMPB

Hurricane did not Harm!

In Gujarat, at Ahwa & Dangs ministerial circle, our believers' family, while travelling by motorbike, faced a heavy hurricane. To safeguard themselves, both of them stood under a tree but due to the strong winds the tree also started to break and fell down. While running from that place, they came across a poisonous snake. They thought that though they had escaped from hurricane and the falling of the tree on them, they would not be escaped from snake biting. They just prayerfully submitted themselves to God in that situation. God protected them from the poisonous snake also. Praise be to God!

Missionary Biography



Rev. Gurubatham Ponraj
(1956 - 2009)

Rev Gurubatham Ponraj who hailed from the Pearl City Tuticorin was born in a Christian family of Mr. Moses and Mrs. Daisy who were committed Christians on 1st December 1956. Gurubatham was blessed with one elder brother Mr. Santhosh Raj, one young brother Selwyn Jebaraj and a younger sister Miss. Mary Pon Rajathi. Mrs and Mr. Moses paid much attention to educate their children and also to rear them in a God fearing way. This family was noted for their Church attendance and Church activities. Gurubatham excelled in his studies. His brilliance was always noted and appreciated by the teachers. God gave him admission in the local college and he finished his Bachelor degree.

Salvation Experience:

In 1972, while in college, he had an opportunity to attend a Youth meeting

where he accepted Christ as his personal Saviour at the age of 16, he aspired to become a teacher like his mother, so after finishing his B.Sc degree, he joined the B.Ed course and completed it successfully. He was involved in the ministry of Evangelical Union among the students. He grew in the Lord with this fellowship through Bible study. Later, he took over the leadership of conducting the Bible study for other students of his college. Through his witness he led many students to Christ.

Call to the Mission:

Prof. Ivan Balasingh, Mr. Gurubatham Ponraj's mentor, helped him to reach the other students with the Gospel of Christ. In 1977 Gurubatham attended a Camp conducted by the Evangelical Union in which the spiritual need of the nation was shared in detail. Some missionaries from North India also shared about their ministry. The Spirit of God moved in the heart of Gurubatham, in such a way that he ultimately surrendered his life for missionary work. God also confirmed His calling through the Word of God and the counsel of the believers.

Gurubatham had a plan to become a teacher to relieve his family's financial constraints. But God had a different plan for Mr. Gurubatham. He was in a dilemma in making the right decision. God in the course of time ministered to his heart and prepared him for His ministry. His parents and family members were not willing to spare him for God's work. They encouraged him to do the ministry side by side along with his teaching job. His mentor and praying friends guided him to give priority to God's calling and encouraged him to

obey God and prepare himself for the ministry through a theological training.

Mr. Gurubatham Ponraj joined the Bethel Bible Institute and finished a one year course. At that time he met Dr. Samuel Devadason, who encouraged him to do the B.D course in a Theological college and came forward to sponsor his studies. So, Mr. Gurubatham joined the Union Biblical Seminary at Yavatmal. Apart from his sponsors' help, he took up a part time job in the college to meet all his financial needs. He was very clear in his calling and vision to be a missionary and not a Pastor. So, he searched for a mission agency to join as a missionary and applied to FMPB. He joined FMPB on 17th May 1982.

Married Life:

Friends Missionary Prayer Band sent him to the state of Gujarat. He learned Gujarati and continued his ministry till 1986. He married Ms. Vijayamalar who was also a missionary with FMPB. God blessed their married life and blessed them with a lovely boy child whom they christened as Sam Johnny.

Church Planting Ministry:

They continued their ministry in Gujarat. In 1990 Gurubatham was given the responsibility of Regional Secretary. Based in Pipalvada he continued the Church Planting ministry among the Kukna tribe. In 1992 considering the need of the organization, they were transferred to Odisha state as Regional Secretary of that region, based at Rourkela, Odisha. From 1997 onwards he was asked to take up the responsibility of Western Zonal ministry. Then, he was sent to USA for his higher

studies. He finished his M.Th., and on his return to India he was asked to assist the then Field Director based at Nagpur. In the year 2000, he was transferred to Western Zone to lead the ministries spread across Gujarat and Maharashtra.. At the completion of seven years in Zonal level ministry he was promoted as the Field Director of FMPB.

Last Days:

In 2009 he was conducting a Training for all the Regional Secretaries at Nagpur Field office campus. On 18th September, he went to purchase some necessary things for the training programme. While trying to cross the road, a drunken driver dashed against him. This happened around 8 pm., and immediately he was rushed to the Nagpur hospital. The inner parts of his body were highly damaged by the impact of the car accident. There was no improvement in his health. So, FMPB leaders decided to bring him to CMC, Vellore. He was airlifted from Mumbai to Chennai and in an ambulance he was taken to CMC, Vellore. He was admitted in CMC on 24th September with multiple fractures in his hip and right hand. His urinary bladder was damaged. He was given the best treatment in the CMC, Vellore. On 25th September around 6 pm he had breathing difficulty. Within few minutes he went to be with the Lord leaving his family and all missionaries, in grief. Rev. Gurubatham did his best with his leadership ability and was truly a role model. May the Lord our God continue to comfort his wife Mrs. Vijayamalar who is in the Head Quarters and son Sam Johnny who is in USA.

- Rev. Dr. E. Rajan

TRAIL BLAZERS



Song - *Nearer My God to Thee*

Nineteenth century hymnody was characterized by an extraordinary number of women hymn-writers. It is significant that this development came with the great spiritual revivals which aroused Britain and America during the 18th and 19th century. Such woman as Charlotte Elliott, Sarah Adams, Cecil Alexander and Frances Havergal in England and Mary Lathbury, Anna Warner, Catherine Esling, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Phoebe Gary, Elizabeth Prentiss and Fanny Crosby in America have contributed some of the most precious gems to the treasure-core of Christian hymns. Indeed, the hymnody of the Church would have been immeasurably poorer had these

consecrated women not been given to us by God with their heaven-bestowed talent.

Sarah Flower Adams was born on February 22, 1805. When she was only five, her mother died. Consequently, she looked to her sister Eliza, two years older, for comfort and encouragement. The two remained best friends for life. Their father, Benjamin Flower, was a radical journalist who, as a young man, had been jailed for his writing. When he died in 1825, the sisters moved into the household of their pastor William Johnson Fox. All this made her draw "Nearer to God." Sometimes God has a way of allowing us to enter into circumstances that ought to make us want to draw nearer to Him.

Adams worked closely with her sister at this time to produce a number of hymns that were used for William Johnson Fox's Collection of Hymns and Verses. In 1841, deeply inspired by the story in Genesis of Jacob's vision at Bethel of the ladder to heaven with angels ascending and descending thereon, she wrote her hymn "Nearer my God, to Thee," that has since become so universally popular and helpful.

Many people consider the hymn "Nearer My God, To Thee" to be the best ever hymn to be written about trust and aspiration for the nearness of God. "Nearer My God, to Thee", is based on the story of Jacob, as told in Genesis 28:11-17. Jacob, fleeing from Esau's wrath, went to sleep on a lonely hillside, with only a stone for a pillow, and dreamed that he saw a ladder reaching up to heaven, with angels ascending and descending on it. In the morning he arose refreshed and named the place of his dream, "Bethel, the House of God."

The name “Bethel” means “house of God.” It should be every person’s desire to have God be nearer to them in life, not just in their final hours! Being nearer to God includes being with the Lord’s people, the household of God (Eph. 2:19.) The Preacher warned us to remember God since “the years draw near when you say, ‘I have no pleasure in them.’” (Ecc. 12:1) As we get older, we should want to draw even nearer to God. Some may have failed to become Christians when they were younger, but they should never doubt that God seeks to have them come to Him (cf. 2 Peter 3:9).

Stanzas two, three and four carry the bulk of the narrative in this five-stanza hymn. Adams’ unifying theme is to be nearer to God. If one sings all five stanzas, the singer will voice the phrase “Nearer, My God, to Thee” or “nearer to thee” 16 times! The hymn reflects a personal faith and relationship with God that was common to true Christianity in all ages. Singing this hymn, we identify with troubled Jacob wandering through a hostile landscape. Angels appear from the darkness and beckon us to rise from our “stony grief.” We are eager for the morning to break. Then, we will sing praise and turn our stone pillows into markers commemorating the place where we’ve awakened to God’s merciful presence.

In her hymn Adams was not afraid to evoke the darkness and terror of Jacob’s situation: Jacob was the child of promise, though he was an imperfect man. He was on the run from a brother who wanted to kill him for what he had done to him; it was pitch dark in the middle of the night in the middle of nowhere; and he had the worst pillow in the world. Still, he recognized

the importance of being near to God even if under dire circumstances. Adams sketches all this, and then affirms: “Yet in my dreams I’d be nearer, my God, to thee.” For that night God came through a dream in which Jacob saw a ladder to heaven with angels coming down and going up. Adams captures the two-way traffic with “all that thou sendest me” and “angels to beckon me.” When she awakes from the dream, she will build an altar and name the place “house of God,” turning her “stony grief” (bad pillow!) into a memorial of intimacy with God. Or, in the final stanza, she might die before she wakes. If so, then she’s nearer to her God. The hymn is a tiny tour of life’s journey to heaven.

When she died in 1848, Sarah had no idea that her hymn text, “Nearer, My God, to Thee” was destined for greatness. The hymn “Nearer, my God, to Thee” went on to achieve international recognition. It was a favourite of Queen Victoria, King Edward VII, and American president William McKinley. It was also played at the funeral of Baptist minister John Harper, who had asked the band to play it aboard the Titanic. Over the years her hymn Nearer, My God, To Thee has been played in various places and for some momentous occasions. It was highly popular among Christians all around even to this day.

[It is not just a funeral song but a reminder to all those who live in dire circumstances to face the challenges of life with hope. What else could be more comforting than singing the song during this Covid'19 break out and thus bringing hope for the living and for those who battle against the invisible enemy?]

- Bro. David Benny

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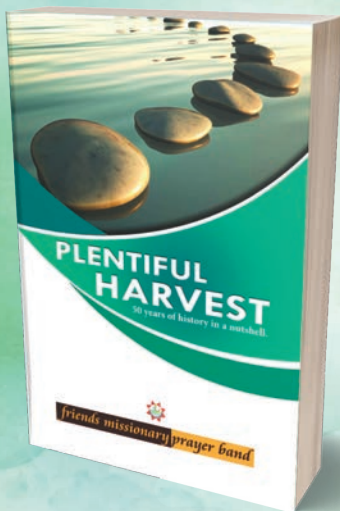
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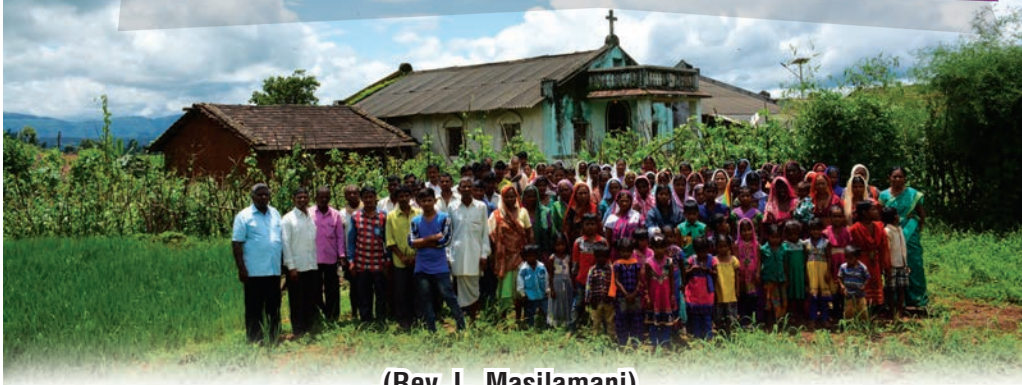
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Naktia Hanwat Church History

Ahwa Mission Field, Gujarat



(Rev. L. Masilamani)

Naktia Hanwat is a medium size village located in Dangs Taluk of Dangs district, Gujarat state. In 2011, the literacy rate of Naktia Hanwat village was 55.96 % compared to 78.03 % of Gujarat. As per the Constitution of India and Panchayat Raj Act, Naktia Hanwat village is administrated by Sarpanch (Head of Village) who is the elected representative of the village. In Naktia Hanwat village, Schedule Tribe (ST) constitutes 99.11 % of the total population. There is no population of Schedule Caste (SC) in this village. Of the 477 workers engaged in various works, 449 were cultivators (owner or co-owner) while 3 were Agricultural labourers.

The Beginning:

On 8-5-1981, L. Masilamani, his wife Mrs. Vanmathi and their first son M. John Kingsly (two years and eight months old) opened the Ahwa field and settled in a rented house in Pipaldahad village. Soon they found out that people were receptive in the nearby Junnar village and they moved to Junnar village on

30-11-1981. Very soon opposition brewing in Junnar village, made the missionary family move to Ahwa on 30-8-1982. The Ahwa CNI Church Pastor Rev. T. V. Gaikwad helped them much during this opposition time. As the Dolyambar village headman and Manu Bhai invited the missionaries to their village, Missionaries went to live in the Dolyambar village on 12-3-1983. This village became a strategic place to spread the Gospel to the nearby villages. The believers sought the help of FMPB missionaries to develop the ministry in their nearby villages.

Naktia Hanwat village comes under the hills of Sahyadri in the eastern border of Dangs district. Next to this village after crossing the hills through a hilly road comes Dhule district of Maharashtra. Damu Bhai Ramtu Bhai was the first Christian from this village who worked for the founding of the Church in this village. He narrates his story of how he became a Christian:

"I was smoking, drinking liquor and worshipping the idols, which led me to a life

of poverty. I did not have peace in my soul and there was no peace in my family. My wife was suffering from chest pain and she used to have shivering due to cold in her legs and hands. I tried many ways for her to be healed. I called the shamans (bhagats) and gave him fowls and goat for the sacrifice. But she did not get any cure from this. Then I tried to heal her through medicines by consulting doctors and also gave her herbal medicines. But she was not getting better by all these efforts. There was one Christian named Punya Bhai in Bilbari village. He told me to believe in Jesus Christ for my wife's healing. I asked Punya Bhai to pray for my wife. Punya Bhai prayed for my wife and she became well. I heard about missionary L. Masilamani ministering in Dolyambar village. I went and met him in Dolyambar. I joined the Church. I have been serving as a Church elder from the beginning of the Church in Naktihanwat village."

After getting healing, Damu Bhai was attending the Sunday services in Jhari village. FMPB evangelist Bharat Bhai started conducting night meetings in Damu Bhai's home every Friday. There were five families in the first meeting. Slowly the village people heard about the healing power of Jesus Christ through this meeting. Nathu Bhai Gangajiya Bhai was one such man who was searching for a cure for his wife's sickness. He narrates his story:



"My name is Nathu Bhai Gangaji Bhai. My wife had bleeding problem and asthma. We tried the bhagats and spent much on them. But there was no improvement. Doctors prescribed her tablets. These tablets caused much vomiting for her. So she stopped taking the tablets. There was one religious sect doing satsang (bhajan). One of our relatives was doing this. We went there. He said that this disease is a big one. You have to try something else to get healing for her."

At this point Nathu Bhai's wife tells how she got delivered from all her sicknesses.

"My son Balya was a small boy. I could not walk. I told that I will be with my children. There was one Christian in our village named Dhamu Bhai. Evangelist Bharat Bhai used to come to his house. I told my husband that I would like to go to the Christian meeting. Village people told me that in Christian religion people will not weep when one dies. They discouraged me. But I had the confidence of getting cured in that meeting. So I attended that meeting. Believers, elders and evangelists prayed for me. Their prayers healed me. Then we believed in Jesus Christ and joined the Church at Karkhadi. Every Friday night meeting was going on in Dhamu Bhai's house. For Sunday service we went to Jhari village."

Thus people started attending the Friday night meetings conducted by FMPB evangelists in Damu Bhai's home from 1987. For one and a half years the meetings were going on in Dhamu Bhai's house. Bharat Bhai and Sampath Bhai were coming to conduct those meetings. Many people were brought to faith by these evangelists and Church elders Dhamu Bhai and Nathu Bhai. For Sunday services, believers were going to Jhari Church.

Church Growth in the midst of opposition:

Nathu Bhai tells about an opposition caused by his village people with the support of a local politician.

“Our village people went to Dhedu Bhai, a leader in the political party and a leader in the Wood Cutters Co-operative society and told him to stop the Christian meetings in the village. He called us and I went with Dhamu Bhai with a missionary in Ahwa. He told us not to create division in that village. He told us to contribute money for the celebration for the festivals. We told him that we will not be able to do that. We will support any other social concerns of the village.”

Rev. L. Masilamani wrote in the Field history about this meeting of Dhedu Bhai:

In connection with the Naktia Hanwat opposition by one man called Maharya Bhai, L. Masilamani met Dhedu Bhai with Damu Bhai and another believer in his jungle mandali's office in Ahwa. He talked with the missionary very harshly and tried to convince the believers to follow their traditional faith.”

After one and a half years, Bhatya Bhai built a new house near the present Church. As the room in Dhamu Bhai's home was small, the meeting place was shifted to Bhatya Bhai's house in 1988. Bhatya Bhai sought healing for his sick daughter. But after hearing the Gospel in the meetings he decided to continue in faith even if his daughter would die. He also faced opposition in his village for the Christian faith. He narrates his experiences:



“I myself was making liquor and I drank a lot of liquor and smoked tobacco. My life became very poor and broken. There was no peace in our house. My daughter was suffering from a sickness. Her legs and hands became straight and her eyes also looked differently. We tried to get healing through our ancestral faith methods like offering sacrifices of cocks, goats to our gods and goddesses through the bhagats. In spite of spending much on medicines and other things my daughter did not get well. I saw many people following Christian faith in my village for the sake of getting well from illnesses and we decided that we too would become Christians. We told the Church elder Damu Bhai that we are ready to accept Jesus Christ. Then the elder prayed for my daughter. God heard that prayer and my daughter became very well. Seeing this miracle we started believing in Jesus Christ. Then we joined the Church. We were attending the Friday meetings in the village and the Sunday services in Jhari. Within three weeks she became fully well. After ten years my daughter got sick again. She was taken to many hospitals in big cities like Dhule, Ahwa, Chinchpada, Bardoli etc. She was not cured. I decided to continue in faith even if my daughter dies. My daughter died. But I decided to continue the Christian meeting in my house and I thought that I would go to heaven to meet my daughter and I did not give up my faith. One day opponents started conducting a meeting very

close to our meeting place. The Panchayat President was leading that meeting. I told him to stop the meeting. They stopped that meeting. After one year the village people came against us. A meeting was convened in the house of the village head man. They threatened us. I asked them to point out any mistakes in the lives of Christians. I told them that I was working in the houses of village people. I asked them to find any fault with us. They repeatedly told us that Christianity was not needed in this village. Then they planned to beat me as I did not agree with them. I told them to beat me if they found fault in my activities. They accused me of rowdyism. I declared that we would not leave faith even if we were beaten. I challenged them to beat me if they found fault in me. They stopped opposing us for three years. Again after three years they asked us to contribute money for their festivals. I told them that we would give a contribution to their festivals on the condition that they should give a contribution to our festivals. Then they stopped opposing us."

For two years the night meeting was going on in Bhatya Bhai's home. After one year, one kacha Church was constructed with a pucca stone foundation in Nathu Bhai's land.

Church Construction:

Rs. 20,000 was received for Church construction in Naktia Hanwat village in February 1992. A semi-pucca Church was built in 1992 in the land of Nathu Bhai Gangajiya Bhai. Believers gave their free labour with one time food for this Church construction. This Church was dedicated by Rev. Thangasamy from Coimbatore on 21-10-1992 and the sponsor of this first Church was Mr. Gnanapragasam of Tindivanam. This Church was dedicated at midnight. About

this Church dedication the field history register reads:

"On 21-10-1992, Coimbatore sponsors Rev. Thangasamy, Mr. Devadurai and Mr. Dominic went with L. Masilamani by a jeep to Naktia Hanwat without any prior notice. Believers were brought to the Church at around 10 pm. Suvarthik Gopichand Bhai was brought from Amsarpada village (where he conducted night meetings). At 11 pm the Naktia Hanwat Church was dedicated by Rev. Thangasamy. All of them returned to Ahwa at 2.30 am in the mid night"

Church Demolished in 1998 Opposition:

There was an organized opposition during Christmas time of 1998 under the leadership of a sadhu who was heading a fanatic group and instigating the natives to oppose Christians. As a result of this, opposition thirty three Churches were demolished in Dangs district. This Church was also demolished on 29-12-1998 in the 1998 opposition.

Nathu Bhai recollects this incident:

"In the year 1998 during Christmas time anti-Christian forces demolished our Church in our village. They threatened us and told us not to follow the Christian religion. We made a complaint to the police and the Collector. Missionary D. Abraham guided us in these matters. The District Collector came to our village and told the village people not to give trouble to the Christians and everyone should be allowed to practice their own religion in the village. From that time onwards there has been no opposition in our village."

After the demolition of the Church the congregation gathered in the veranda of Nathu Bhai's son Ratan Bhai's house. A new

Church is built in the same place. Money was received for a new Church construction in 2000. Government gave Rs.16,000 as a subsidy to construct the Church due to the demolition in 1998. It was finished in 2001. This new pucca Church was dedicated in 2003. The Church was dedicated by leaders from Mumbai. The Panchayat President told us not to build the Church in the village. But believers insisted on constructing the Church in the same place where the old Church was. The length of the Church is 38 feet and width 27 feet.

Information about Ministry and Church:

Total members of the Church are 190. During persecution 50% of believers were backslidden. Now 110 people from 32 families are in faith. Believers from three families from Khel village attend the Naktia Hanwat Church. 80 to 85 people attend the Sunday service.

Naktia Hanwat is a Pastorate Centre. Vahutia, Dumriya and Haripada congregations come under this pastorate. In September 2016, Rev. Dhansukh was the pastor of this pastorate. Weekly night meetings were conducted in Khel village. Believers from Naktia Hanwat attend this meeting. One or two families join the Church because of these meetings. Three families joined the Church in 2016. Prayer meetings are being conducted from 8 pm to 9.30 pm. every Friday night. 20 to 25 people participate in this prayer meeting which is conducted by Church elders. Pastor comes occasionally.

Missionaries who worked in this field are Rev. L. Masilamani, Rev. Bethuel Bardhan and Rev. D. Abraham families. CNI Pastors who worked in this Church are Rev. Balya Bhai,

Rev. Chiman Bhai and Rev. Dhansukh Bhai. The Church received offerings of Rs. 1500 to 2000 per month through thanksgiving offering, cottage prayer meeting (yearly conducted in each house), Sunday services, tithes, harvest festival, first fruits etc. Due to migration of Christians for around 8 months in an year in the sugarcane fields, offering would be less.

Prayer Concerns:

- ◆ Jugar play (playing cards) with money among the youth is a problem.
- ◆ Backslidden believers should return to the Church.
- ◆ New people should taste the love of Jesus.
- ◆ Migration of believers happen due to unemployment in the village to distant places. 75% believers leave the village to eight months for work elsewhere. Only 25% believers remain in the village.

First believer's marriage awe-struck by the many follow Christ Jesus

In Madya Pradesh, at Udai Nagar mission field, our believers Suresh and Pooja was united in holy matrimony. As this is the first Christian wedding in this field, many unbelievers also participated just as spectators. The spirit of God filled the wedding ceremony and the harmony and glory of God attracted many unbelievers and they started showing interest in the Gospel. Praise the Lord.



Happy Birthday

MR. BENJAMIN JYOTI
MR. ARONSINGH NARZARY
MR. SHANKAR M.
MRS. KANTI DEVI SHIVSHANKAR

Jammu

R.S. Pura & Akhnoor:

**David Ayyanar &
Manpreet Kaur**

Praise: Two persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 3 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Two families from Chak Talab village are receptive to the Gospel. Believers join the outreach programs voluntarily. God healed Wassan Lal of Agra Chak village from liver infection. Myra Devi of Kotli village was delivered from the possession of evil spirit in answer to prayer.

Pray: For the Bhagat and Batwal communities to be reached fully with the Gospel. For new contacts to come forward to support our ministry where the Gospel was preached newly. For the repentance of the opponents of the Gospel from the Kullian community who oppose us to enter into the new villages. For the salvation of

the village heads who force our believers to renounce their faith. For the backslidden believers to be restored in faith. For the healing of Pawan of Badyal village from fits and heart problem and Aswini Kumar of Agra Chak from blindness. For the deliverance of Laxman, Suresh and Sabbi Lal of Agra Chak village from alcohol addiction.

Himachal Pradesh

Karsog:

**Sumit Kumar Tariyani &
Thungchibeni**

Praise: We got four new contacts in this field. God blessed the Seekers' camp and believers' camp in Rikki area. God enabled us to resume and continue our ministry in Karsog amidst opposition. Small prayer groups were formed newly in Rikki and Rural areas. Weekly prayer and Bible study groups gather regularly without any problem.

Pray: For our believer Chanderkanta who is helpful in our ministry. For the spiritual growth of the outreach team. For the repentance of the father in law of our believer Anjali who drinks and creates problem. For the spiritual growth of the three persons who are getting ready to confess their faith in the Lord.



Happy Birthday

MR. ARTHUR JEBARAJ
MR. PRABAHAR N.
MRS VASANTHARANI GEORGE
MRS. ROSHILA MOCHAHARY
MRS JOYCE SHOBANA PON AUGUSTIN
MR. MARKUS MALTO R.
MRS. MANINI BEBARTA ASTABAN
MR. JOSEPH KIRUBAGARAN

Rekongpeo: Paplu Paraseth & Kalpana Mallick

Praise: Seven persons came to the saving knowledge of Christ and 4 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the believers' camp, youth camp, children camp and soul winners' camp for His glory. Leela Kumari, Yogita, Sumitra, Kamal Das, Bhangsunder and Kulbant are receptive to the Gospel. God miraculously saved the life of Bindesh Kumari who drank poison due to some family problem.

Pray: For the believers to come forward with burden for the unreached people and share Gospel with them. For the salvation of Bhangsunder, Kulbant, Amandeep and Amanjeet who listen to the Word of God enthusiastically. For a breakthrough among the people

of Rajput, Pandit, Thakur, Brahmin, Sonar, Lohar, Chamar, Tibetan, Tamang and Sarpha (Nepali) among whom our ministry is going on. For the spiritual growth of Dev Singh and Karan family who have come forward to do the ministry along with us. For the salvation of Iswar and Sunder who are involved in evil activities.

Power of Constant Prayer!

In Madhya Pradesh at Nepanagar mission field, in the year 2020 monsoon, Shivnath family had very scanty harvest. In the beginning of the year 2021, the family underwent many struggles. Shivnath's wife Mantri had surgery in the uterus for a cyst. Since they had no money, they mortgaged their bike. Already they were in debt and their land was also mortgaged. But they were praying and constantly growing in the Lord. This year monsoon, they had a bountiful harvest. They released their bike, land and have surplus money in their hand. Praise be to God. Prior to this, husband and wife used to migrate to cities for daily wages. Now they are engaged in their land with wheat cultivation in their village. Hallelujah.



Happy Birthday

MRS. MURUGAMMAL ESTHER ALBERT PRABHAKARAN

Punjab

Budhlada:

Sanjib Anand & Prastuta

Praise: Two persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 3 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Our migrant believer Rohi Ram of Moonak area who faced terrible problems in the work spot returned home safely. Three of our believers namely Manpreet, Lovepreet and Jasmine cleared the Punjab Police Exam successfully. Our seeker Wakil family is blessed with a baby and they are ready to confess their faith in the Lord. God healed Bitu Singh and his wife Paramjeet Kaur of Tohana from typhoid.

Pray: For the blessing of the special satsang and many people to accept Christ. For the growth of our ministry in Dodhada, Padhda, Ralli, Bachona, Kanakwal and

Sirsiwall villages. For the court case against the Bhawanigarh Church to be amicably settled. For peace to prevail in the families of Kipa and Sewak. For the healing of Sewak from bone fracture and Makhan from thigh injury. For our believers Rakesh, Mona, Geeta and Jasi to get suitable life partners.

Haryana

Barwala:

Babubhai & Saraswati

Praise: Four villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God's provision of a land for Church construction in the Saniyana area. God delivered Poliben of Gaibipur from the possession of evil spirit. Rajubhai from Gaibipur got healing from chronic headache in answer to prayer.

Pray: For peace to prevail in the family of Agaliben. Lalitaben to be delivered from the possession of evil spirit. For the backslidden believers Subash and Bablibhai to be restored in faith. For the open door for the Gospel in the villages namely Shady, Saniyana, Chamarkheda, Bugana and Badad.



Happy Birthday

MR JEBAKUMAR PERIYASAMY

Kalanwali:

Vijayakumar & Jebala

Praise: God enabled us to share the Good News through drama, skit and video show and more than 500 persons came to know the love of Jesus Christ. Backslidden believers Bimla family and Kulvinder of Jagjit Singh Colony are now attending the worship service.

Pray: For the people who newly heard the Gospel to accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour. For the healing of Reena of Kalnwali from tumour in the breast and Motiram from tumour in the kidney. For the deliverance of Muskan of Dabwali from the possession of evil spirit. For peace to prevail in the family of Gurditta Singh.

Haryana Region:

Bibhaba Pani & Bithika

Praise: God blessed our evangelist Navjot of Rania substation with a child. The roof fixing work was successfully completed at Ashok Nagar Church of Fatehabad field.

Pray: The believers of Misasi people group to stand firm in the Lord. For revival to take place among

Odd Rajput, Rai Sikh, Balmuki and Nai people groups. Transformation to take place in the social and educational system which should pave the way for the upliftment of the society. People to come out of their superstitious belief in black magic. For the blessing of the outreach ministry in Santh Nagar and Kaithal villages. The believers of Kitchaa field to stand boldly amidst opposition and the Church construction at Doredam area to go smoothly amidst opposition. For the completion of Church construction at Odd and Rajound areas and the compound wall construction at Gebipur and Matana Churches. For the lands to build Churches in Sahu Sanian, Abubshahar, Buhuna and Kusumbhi villages.

Tosham: John Davidson

Praise: Six persons came into the fold of Christ. Daya, Bhojraj and Biran are receptive to the Gospel. Our Church elders Subhash of Balawas, Pawan of Biran, Kala of Bhojraj are very active in the Church activities. God gave new contacts in Sungarpur and Panjokhra villages.

Pray: For the deliverance of Rajpal of Balawas from alcohol addiction. For the revival to take place in Jind congregation. For the healing of Govind Singh from piles and Dhup Singh from pneumonia. For the deliverance of Phulodevi of Balawas village from the possession of evil spirit.



Happy Birthday

MRS. ARPUTHAM SELVI VIJAY
MR. DEIVANAYAGAM SAMUEL
MRS. ANUGAMI EKKA JAHAR SAI
MR. VENKATA PRAVEEN KUMAR

Uttarakhand

Kichha: Thangvansang & Ching Khan Magh

Praise: Two villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God enabled us to conduct youth and children camp successfully. Two persons came into contact with our ministry newly. God delivered Paramjeet from the possession of evil spirit. Our believer Atar Singh got a job for his livelihood.

Pray: For the healing of Gurmej Kaur from liver infection. For our believer Suran Singh to get a suitable job. For Saraf Jeet to be blessed with a child. For the blessing of the upcoming key leaders' meeting. For the believers to be strengthened in faith in spite of opposition.

Dineshpur: Ramasamy Jerom & Antoni Rajam

Praise: Two villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God enabled us to conduct a meeting

in Raja Colony. Peace prevails in the family of Nisha of Teja Fauja as her husband joined her. God healed Moriram of Dimri Block from eye problem, Baljeet from kidney problem and Soma of Naibasti village from anaemia. God blessed Gurpreet of Muketpurdera village with a child.

Pray: For peace to prevail in the family of Kiran from Teja Fauja village as they go through difficult situations. For the safe confinement of Sunitha from Teja Fauja village. For our seekers Dainumber, Kuntidevi, Pawan and Aman to get suitable jobs. For the deliverance of Makdayal Singh of Saidaliganj village from alcohol addiction. For the salvation of Ujjain. For the backslidden believer Sonu of Dawlad Ganj to be restored in faith.

Nanakmatta: Sivakumar & Susila Marak

Praise: Nine villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Three families from Deyari village newly attend our worship service. God delivered Avinash of Deyari village and Padam of Kalyanpur from the possession of evil spirits.

Pray: For the deliverance of Veersingh of Slam Nagar from alcohol addiction. For the healing of Satvinder Singh from chronic diabetes and Vimala Kare of Ratanfaram village from severe cold. For the safe confinement of Sukhinder Kare of Deyari village.



Happy Birthday

MRS. PATRICIA TAMIL SELVI KUMAR
MR. HAMOM NABA SINGH

Maldhanchour: Shishupal & Anita

Praise: Three villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Sunday service at Patrampur is going on well. Church land at Thari is officially registered. The construction work of the Church at Pohespurdam is over and ready for dedication.

Pray: For an evangelist to be placed for the extension of our ministry. For the healing of Bansh from dumbness. For the spiritual growth of the young believers.

Rajasthan

Sri Ganganagar: V. Kumar & Patricia

Praise: One village was newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the outreach ministry in 3NM village and new contacts meeting. Our new believer Jaswant from Majiwala shares his testimony among the neighbourhood and is bringing many to Christ.

Pray: For the salvation of our new contact Sajjan of SSB colony, Ankoraj, Ethram and Ruparam of Renuka

village who regularly read the Bible. Our believers Mandeep of 20Z village and Shailaja of Matiliration Phani to get suitable jobs.

Paota: Satyaprakash & Anjana Masih

Praise: One village was newly reached with the Gospel. Bible study program and cottage meetings enable our believers to grow in the Lord. Rajendra of Kotputali was healed from chronic fever in answer to prayer.

Pray: For the repentance of the opponents of the Gospel who are very active in our areas. For the deliverance of Rajwala of Bhuchida Colony and Karan of Manpura village from the possession of evil spirits. For the healing of Sumitra of Satnali from cancer.

Brain Tumour Disappeared!

In Madhya Pradesh, at Pansemal mission field Somibai from Ghatiya village, an opponent of the Gospel was suffering from brain tumour. Doctors who treated him gave up the hope of saving his life and he was taken to the house. His relatives started paying the last homage to him. But his daughter invited our evangelists to pray for him. Our evangelist along with the believers prayed throughout the night and God in his mercy saved his life and Somibai stood up and shared his testimony. He and the household accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. Praise be to God.



Happy Birthday

MR. DURAISAMY K. FRANCIS
MR. PRASANTH MEESALA
MRS. PADMAVATHI NARAYANA NAIK
MRS. THANAPUSHPAM ARULRAJ
MISS. HELAN MARIYAM R.

Anupgarh:

Bodar Amrutbhai & Suvera Martha

Praise: One person came to the faith in Jesus Christ and one village was newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the New Year service in 2PGM and 36GB villages. God healed Manpreet from leg pain and Babu from chronic cough. Our believer Sneha got married in Christian way.

Pray: For the blessings of the satsang programs in Sakhi, Sameja Kothi, Khokharavali, 43GB and Vijaynagar areas and night meetings in Dantor, 4LSM, 1USS and 34HED areas. For the deliverance of Nika Singh from alcohol addiction. For prayer groups to be formed in each village. For the salvation of Manpreet family.

Uttar Pradesh

Ghatampur:

Jangkhulun Touthang & Ngaithianching Hauzel

Praise: Five persons came to the

faith in Jesus Christ and 3 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Believers contributed for the Church maintenance and other programs. Our volunteers Sunita, Aarti, Roshni, Priyanka and Mahima are involved in the ministry in many ways. God delivered Sumita and Swati from various illnesses.

Pray: For the new seekers to boldly come forward to confess their faith in the Lord. For the smooth transition of local evangelists to take place during their transfer. For the needs to be met for the renovation of the house of the local evangelist of Sarsaul Church. For the healing of our new seekers and believers who suffer from various illnesses.



Healed by the Blood of Christ!

In Haryana, at Bazpur mission field, Meena 6 years old girl from Lalkuan Village had been suffering from blood cancer and physicians could not bring any relief to her. The severity of the disease increased day by day. They came to know about our ministry and contacted our local evangelist and requested him to pray for her healing. The Lord heard the prayers and healed her from blood cancer completely. The whole family have accepted Jesus Christ. Many who came to know about this miracle also keep their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hallelujah!





Happy Birthday

MR. SIBI SELVIN SAM
MRS. GAVIT SUNITABEN RASHYABHAI
MRS. REKHA CHAMPIA

Bundelkhand Region: **N. Rajadurai & Prema**

Praise: Evangelists and Volunteers training was conducted for 3 days and FMPB values and ethos were taught to 13 of them. Shivni Church compound wall construction was started after four years due to various hindrances. Premnagar Church construction was started and the name transfer work also completed successfully. Christian youth have started choosing believing-partners. Our Lord helped us to conduct the Jeep team ministry this month also at Dabra field. One more Volunteer Rajesh from Orissa has joined the team.

Pray: For the hostel children to return to Bhind Hostel after the lockdown. For the Jhansi, Bhind and Chhindwara children homes boys and girls to write the exams well and our Lord to protect them from all possible dangers. For the

complete healing of our evangelist Baladeen of Moth field who met with an accident and broken his hand. For the number of believers to increase as there is stagnation in many places. For the land-plan approval of Jhansi children home.

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

Praise: One person came to the faith in Jesus Christ. Two backslidden believers from Ramapur Dabir village returned to the faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Our believer Rani family of Prithvi Darvaja completed their house construction work amidst hindrance from their neighbours. God delivered Urmila Manoj of Gadiya Jagnath village from the possession of an evil spirit. Our believer Mamta of Dudera village is blessed with a child.

Pray: For the consolation of our believer Phoolan Devi of Kampil area who lost her baby recently. For Roshini of Fategad to be blessed with a child as she already had 3 miscarriages. For the healing of our new contacts Sanjeev of Kaila village from paralysis and Foolmathi of Paithan village from stomach cancer.



Happy Birthday

MRS. JECINTH JOANNA RAMAMUNI PRASAD
MRS. DEENA KUMARI BEBARTA ASHAPRAPTA
MRS. DURGA DEVI @ RUTH MARY SANKAR A.

Madhya Pradesh

Dhar:

Karunakar Garda & Gitanjali

Praise: Thirteen persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ. Our migrant believers of Kakarda village, who went to Gujarat for work, were in house arrest due to the mischief of their fellow man and later they were released in answer to prayer. Worship group was newly started at Dhundibadli village. Anil Waskele from Bhilala community recently joined as a volunteer in our ministry. A four year old girl, who was missing, was found in answer to prayer. Jashmabai from Kakarda village was delivered from the possession of evil spirit.

Pray: For the protection of our believers from the threat of anti-Christian elements. For the open door for the Gospel in Manavar area where the outreach ministry

is being done. Prayer meetings to be regularized in Indore and Bagdi areas. For the favourable situation to gather for prayer and worship in the villages of Dhar field.

Khandwa Region: Issac & Seetha

Praise: Khandwa hostel was dedicated to the glory of God. Basali Church dedication was conducted in the presence of our sponsors. God healed Jumki from tumour in the neck, Ajay from chronic sickness, Lokeshbhai from blood vomiting and Sunitabai of Borut village from malaria. Our believer Radiyar of Kidki village conducted his daughter's wedding in Christian way. God delivered Jasmabai of Kakadda from the possession of evil spirit.

Pray: For the women and youth prayer cells to be conducted regularly without any problem. For the court case against our believer Karunakar's family to be amicably settled soon. For the healing of Nagarsingh from swollen leg, Saratha from urinal infection, Shaloni from head injury due to an accident and Samnath of Palasia village from TB. Our believer Ramesh family to be blessed with a child. For the livelihood of Sunatha who lost her husband leaving two children.



Happy Birthday

MR. SOLOMON A.

Nepanagar:
**Jubaraj Bardhan &
Sheeba Jasmin**

Praise: Six villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Mangilal and his wife Salita along with their children are newly attending our worship at Manojtakis congregation. Goat's broken leg was healed through prayer as our evangelist Sonarbbhai accidentally ran his bike on it. Flies which covered the wall of the house due to sorcery against our believer Latabai of Manjrod, flew away soon after the prayer. Our believer Kamlabai got a child after many years of married life. Our ministry at Nepanagar is growing amidst the false propagation against the Christian faith. Bhanwar Singh of Tukaithad, and Gendalal of Bamlabhat have come forward to donate their lands for Church construction.

Pray: For the protection of our migrated believers. For our believers Ramesh Baba of

Tukaithad, Darbarbbhai of Badnapur and Ganabbhai of Heuraphata who are often misled by false teachings. For the backslidden believers Dalsingh and Panubai from Chainpura, Shankar and Munibai from Patelldhana to be restored in faith. For the repentance of Bisanbbhai who drinks alcohol and ill-treats his wife Rajam who is our believer. For the families of Vikram and Bhimsingh to be blessed with children. For the repentance of Dhoom Singh of Sound village who oppose our ministry in many ways.

Niwali:

Channamallappa & Roopa

Praise: Six villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the Jesus film program in the Mansur area. Through the outreach ministry at Dongargaon, Divanya, Samanya, Budhgaon, Mogareeka and Kanpuri villages, many came to know about the love of Christ for the first time.

Pray: For the spiritual growth of the seekers who are going to confess their faith in the Lord at Kampani, Pichodi and Vankad areas. For building a Church for the Ghodlyapani congregation. For a land to build a Church at Chatali village.



Dabra:
**Satikant Parichha &
Sagarika Pradhan**

Praise: Five villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God helped us to overcome all the obstacles and threats during the Church celebration and our believers stood firm in their faith of the Lord. The elders of the Kitonda congregation reconciled with each other through prayer and joined the worship.

Pray: For Church Elder System to be formed in all the congregations. For the Milghan and Mehgaon worshipping groups to grow and to become separate Church congregations soon. For the salvation of Jagdish of Karyawati. For the repentance of the former evangelist and backslidden believers of Prem Nagar as they work against our ministry. For our volunteer Atar Singh and evangelist Mukesh Kumar to be used by God mightily to bring many into the fold of Christ.

Bihar

Arariah: Anandhan

Praise: God blessed the follow up ministry at Baijnathpur, Thona, Pekpar, Puluka and Rangdaha villages. God delivered Sanjan Kumari of Pekpar village from the possession of evil spirit.

Pray: For a worship centre to be established at Rangdaha village. For the salvation of Mithlesh from Puluka who got deliverance from the possession of evil spirit in answer to prayer. For the small worship group at Pekpar village to gather regularly. For our believer Reena Kumari of Baijnathpur to get a suitable life partner.

Chhatapur:

Pawar Dineshbhai & Bharude Chilabai

Praise: Two persons came into the fold of Jesus and 2 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Many people started attending our worship service. Dhiru Kumar of Ratanpura confessed his faith in the Lord.

Pray: For the believers to stand firm in the places namely Triveniganj Block, Pipra Block and Supal Dt where there are oppositions for our ministry.



Happy Birthday

MR. JEEVARATNA BEERO
MR. RONJAY NARZARY

Eastern Gangetic Region: Babu Pushparaj & Rachel Joice

Praise: Worship groups were newly started in Gopalpur village of Raniganj field, Bejnathpur and Mahishi villages of Saharsa. Our believers Pramodh, Santhosh, Basdavdass, Lalan Mahto, Harimasthana and Bharati from Muraliganj are actively participating in our ministry. God healed Sakti Narayan of Saharsa from deathbed and his whole family became the followers of Christ.

Pray: For the deliverance of Bipinsada, Sadanandsada, Budha and Kailash of Raniganj field from alcohol addiction. For the repentance of Vidya Nath Paswan who spread false propaganda about our ministry. For the healing of Sonam Kumari who is not able to walk and Madhur Roy from mental illness.

Jharkhand

Damni: John Paul Harris & Vimala Daisy

Praise: God enabled us to conduct

VBS programs in 2 places in which more than 60 children participated. Seven persons confessed their faith from Pahelakudia and Lengdagodda villages. Many people are receptive to the Gospel in Adragoda and Tokjadi villages. Backslidden believer Johan Malto of Bedouin village, was restored in faith. God healed Mamitha Malto of Gundegoda village from epilepsy, Barnabas Malto of Dandikudia village from swollen leg and Martha Malto, the daughter of Rev. Gabriel Malto - Local Evangelist @ Batpahadi pastorate from sudden sickness.

Pray: For the repentance of Chuchi Mesa of Tatagebitta village who disturbs our believers. For the people of Pahelakudia village who oppose the new believer namely Gamaliel Malto of the same village and for Parameshwar Malto of Dandikudia village who prevent others from following Christ. For Abraham Malto of Gadimako village and Mathias Malto of Kutamu village to get rid of alcohol addiction. For the healing of Yakub Malto of Donigoda village who suffers from fits frequently. For Mesa and Kathge of Bittachapadi, Baijnath of Jirkbitta and Adia of Dandikudia village who are receptive to the Gospel. For the backslidden believers Barnabas of Leela Dhoni, Markus of Dumri Kepu, Devadas of Donigodda, Markus of Kerukudia and Joel of Dandikudia to be restored in faith.

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Sunday

Happy Birthday

MRS. STELLA PRABHUDASS
MR. SANJEEB KUMAR ANDRAP
MRS. KAMPUNG TABA CHUCHAO
MRS. VIOLET HANSDA
MRS. GURPREET KAUR KULDEEP SINGH
MR. BARNABAS SOREN

Ramgarh: Timothy Kumar & Muthu Selvi

Praise: Ten persons confessed their faith in the Lord. God blessed the two days fasting prayer and many of our believers are spiritually blessed. Star Mela conducted in Pathariya pastorate was a great blessing to many.

Pray: For the Church elders to own their congregations. For the healing of Surender Besra and Rubilal from mental disorder. For the blessing of the proposed Regional Convention. For the repentance of Sibha Tudu of Pindergaria village, Baburam Soren from Jamkhandar, Saniram Baskey and Loda Murmu of Danga and Jatarai of Pahadpur who spell mantras against our believers. For the spiritual growth of the believers of Bokwa Church.

Santhal Discipleship Ministry, Chottaghogiri: Sudhaharan & Florence

Praise: Amidst the heavy cold

season, all the programs were conducted successfully. The children of Telo field were blessed with good dress, donated by Mr. George. Our believers got good harvest from their paddy cultivation. Bible study and training programs are regularized in Santal West Bengal Region.

Pray: For the consolation of the family members of Paulus Marandi's father of Ladganju village who passed away recently. For the blessings of the wedding of Sulaiman Marandi. For the needs of the wedding to be met for our Santal missionaries Lubin Murmu and Solomy Hansdak. For the adult literacy program to be conducted successfully. For the obstacles to be removed for starting Bible study program in Dhamdhama field.

Faith being Exhibited!

In Himachal Pradesh at Rampur mission field, Dolma who hails from Buddhist background accepted Jesus Christ through the face book video sermon and was attending our worship service for the last two months. She runs a small Chinese fast food hotel in Rampur Bushahar. She removed all photos in the restaurant which became a hindrance to her Christian faith. Her children were upset about it and disowned her for accepting Jesus Christ. They refused to help her in the restaurant business also. But she stood firm in her faith of the Lord amidst family opposition and helpless conditions. She strongly believes that God is her helper and refuge and continue her business and her faith in the Lord. Praise God.



Happy Birthday
MRS. LAL NUN MAWI HMAR KIPGEN

Vananchal Region: **Baagi Sateesh &** **M. Ratna Kumari**

Praise: Phul Kumari Devi from Sugipahari came into the fold of Christ as the first believer of Chandopani field. God enabled us to resume Sunday service in Pakidipara village of Gopichand field where the worship was stopped due to land dispute. God healed Muni Rani of Dhaminichuwa village of Gopikhander field from chronic headache.

Pray: For the construction of compound wall for the Regional Leadership Training Centre. For the blessings of the forthcoming local evangelists training program. For the spiritual growth of the congregations at Paharpur, Sibakol, Sonuvadi and Manohar Chowk of Dalahi areas. For the salvation of the people of Kalsada, Chapudia, Asna, Goldah, and Goli villages. For the open door for the Gospel in

Chowkesala, Donduwa and Chunar Bhuj villages from Pakuria area of Kharoni field. For the backslidden believers Jithender Dehri, Rajender Dehri, Darmender Dehri, Mahadev Dehri and Sone Dehri of Ladbeda Church to be restored in faith. For the repentance of the villagers of Podeidih village from Kathikund field who oppose our ministry in many ways.

West Bengal **Mekhliganj:** **Jennis & Suganthi** **Pushpam**

Praise: God enabled us to do follow up ministry in 5 villages and day & night meetings in 7 villages. Final field survey was successfully done in Saharsa area.

Pray: For the youngsters who show interest in the wrong political system to change their mindset. For the repentance of the people who involve in alcohol addiction and evil activities during the celebrations. For the wrong understanding about Christian community to be wiped out from the minds of Rajbanshi people. For the salvation of social club leaders who persuade the people for unhealthy practices in their community.



Happy Birthday

MR. DANIEL THOMAS
MRS. MERCY DEBORAH SENTHIL
MR. VASAVE ELESH PRABHU
MR. AYYANAR M.

Pakuahat: Ramakrishna @ Eliyas & Anjali

Praise: Two persons came into the fold in Christ at Manikpur village and 18 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the outreach ministry and many are receptive to the Gospel. Sunday schools and small group cells are actively going on at Salboni and Ulatur areas. The new believers of Manikpur are actively participating in the ministerial activities and voluntarily contributing to our ministry. God enabled us to appoint Church elders and worship leaders namely Sirjon Soren and Bapi Murmu families in Uttar Karma congregation, Chunky Tudu and Ujit Murmu families in Salbona congregation, Ramsoren family from Ulatur, Babulal Murmu family from Kutku, Vakil Hembrom and Saphol Hembrom families from Manikpur areas. Our believer Kalpana Murmu family is blessed with a child in answer to prayer.

Pray: For Mass movement to take place in the Pakuahat field. For the healing of Mirati Murmu from mental disorder and Chubilal and Maran Murmu from epilepsy. For the consolation of the family members of Budrai Murmu who passed away recently due to TB and infection in the lungs. For the salvation of the seekers namely Srinath Murmu of Ulathur, Talu Soren of Pindergadia, Sibilal Murmu of Kutku, Dhena Murmu and Srinath Mardi of Salbona, Mose Tudu of Sundarban, Sudir Mardi and Ramu Mardi and Cand Muni Besra of Koinadigi, Suniram Soren of Maldopara, Neta Soren of Chagola Baca, Saraswati of Pannapur, Sushil Murmu and Hopni Murmu of Helendanga, Subash Mardi of Pirtola, Candon Soren and Mandon Soren of Jamtola, Ganjel Murmu of Manikpur, Naveen Soren of Gohajae, Sonesh Tudu of Kurunja and Anondo Besra of Siltani.



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

MRS. PON LATHA JEBAKUMAR
MR. SATHEES KUMAR C.

Tapan: Kingsly Livingston & R. Delphin

Praise: Four persons came into the fold of Christ. God healed Munu Tudu from mental disorder, Sanin Kisku, Nirala Hembrom and Budhilal Hansdak from various illnesses. God blessed the outreach programs and personal evangelism. Believers from Muraipur village join the outreach program.

Pray: For the believers of Nurul village to have a Kacha Church for their regular worship. For the witnessing life of the believers. For mass movements to take place to bring many people to Christ. For the open door for the Gospel in Birbiri, Siyaganj, Mulanipur and Kantabari villages.

Asom

North Eastern Region: C.H. John & Veni

Praise: Seventeen persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ. Many people are receptive to the Gospel in Satrang and Rangajan areas of Narayanpur field. The people of Karaptokar village of Gogamukh field

is open to the Gospel. God healed Anjali Milli of Lokra field from cancer. Our missionary Rabindra Murmu was miraculously saved from the high BP stroke.

Pray: For the repentance of the opponents of Padumani village. For our young believers of Mishing and Deori communities to get suitable life partners. Mass movement to take place in Narayanpur and Kalabari fields. For Angol Doley who is mentally retarded to return home as he has been missing for a few months.

Chhattisgarh

Bhaiyathan.1: Muthu Kumar & Nethravathy

Praise: Our evangelist Ramraj Shri from Surajpur congregation safely returned as he was taken to police station while conducting Church service. In three villages namely Darga, Panja and Karra the Gospel was proclaimed to many people. God blessed the 10 hours thanksgiving meeting at Pithalka area. For the salvation of Rishiraj of Patchouli, Narayan Prasad and Santhosh Kumar Singh who heard the Gospel eagerly.

Pray: For the consolation of the family members of Avinash who passed away recently. For peace to prevail in Monica's family. For the healing of Bhimsen of Pawarco village from cancer in the mouth, Preethi of Panja from chronic stomach ache and Priyanka of Baijnathpur from mental disorder.



MRS. RUHAMA GURU
MISS. VANGALAPUDI CHANDINI

Bhaiyathan.2: **Thang Chin Lian &** **Vung Thianching**

Praise: Two villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God enabled us to reach many new persons with the Gospel among the Gonds community. Worship groups started newly in Chirguda and Pipra areas.

Pray: For the release of our believer Vijay of Chirguda who is in jail due to some false allegations. For the spiritual breakthrough among the Gonds people group. For the need of evangelists and volunteers to do the ministry effectively. For the deliverance of Tarburanash of Pipra village from alcohol addiction.

Champa: **Rameshwar Dayal Nirmal** **& Madhu Kala**

Praise: Two persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 2 villages namely Jarra and Pangaon were

newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the follow up ministry in 12 villages and many of our believers renewed and revived their commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Pray: For the Church land to be registered in Semaria, Uraiha, Rasonta and Sone villages. For our believers Manju, Bholi, Jyoti Yadav, Rajani, Priyanka, Pushpa, Fuleshwari, Usha Kurre and Meena Yadav to be blessed with children. For the social evil practices such as child marriage, drinking alcohol and adultery to be rooted out from this field.

Gharghoda: **Kingsly Issac Johnson &** **Meena**

Praise: God blessed the Bhajan meetings in 13 places. Bible study for the youngsters and volunteers are going on regularly. God enabled us to conduct 3 days fasting prayer in Salebama village.

Pray: For our believer Puthram Rattia of Lipra village whose paddy godown was burnt by the opponents of the Gospel. Our evangelists and missionaries to be bestowed with heavenly wisdom to handle the opposition wisely. For the salvation of the Rattiya community.



Happy Birthday

MRS. TEJASWITA BEBORTA
MR. SUKINLAL C.

Katghora: Valvi Dina Dhana & Bhusare Shaila

Praise: Five persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ from Bankheta village and 7 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the Revival Camp at Danikundi village where a good number of believers had attended from five villages.

Pray: For the spiritual growth of the Keramuda congregation. For the healing of Radhika whose leg was broken due to the biting of bear and Manghlubai from burning sensation. For the deliverance of Priyanka of Patharphad village from the possession of evil spirit. Our believers Santoshsoni and Nadanisoni to be blessed with children.

Ludeg: David Masih & Nisha

Praise: Thirty-three villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the harvest festival to the glory of God. Our evangelist's wife

who was very sick and serious got complete healing through prayer.

Pray: For our believer Ramvati Siddar who was stopped by the people from attending the worship. For the healing of Pankaj and Agustus of Sirpur from epilepsy, Amar Babu from Jaundice and Saraswati of Kumusta congregation from mental disorder.

Pali: Ditungbou K. & Sanalung

Praise: One village was newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the Samiti meeting at Teliamar and Pasan for the Gond believers. God healed Dharam of Silly village from hernia.

Pray: For the protection of the 4 families of the migrated believers who have gone to Hyderabad. For the repentance of our believers Ganesh Ram, Mangnibai, Ramkumar, Saraswati, Akdhanbai and Swarath who stopped attending the worship service. For a land to build a Church at Kanchanpur village. For our believer Pinky along with her children to attend the worship service without any hindrance. For the repentance of the villagers of Majhgawan village who oppose the believers to continue their worship in the Church. For the open door for the Gospel in Hardi and Jogipur villages.



Wadrap Nagar: Boopati & Pavulin Mary

Praise: Three villages namely Partikala, Maruvapara and Kottiyapara were newly reached with the Gospel. No backsliding among the believers in this field throughout the last year. Worship service is being conducted regularly in Ogari, Sarakpur and Lamekri villages.

Pray: For all the 120 villages of this field to be reached with the Gospel. For the salvation of the opponents of the Gospel. For the healing of the mother of Seetha of Lamori village from paralysis.

Gujarat Dehgam: Kumaran & Jelin

Praise: Some of our young believers cleared the police selection exam. God healed Janviben from various sicknesses and he gave up the habit of drinking alcohol. Our new seeker

Chandrika got healed from tumour in answer to prayer and joined the worship service. Our believer Lalitha of Chekka Pagi village and Kokilaben of Dashela village were selected as Sarpanches.

Pray: For all the seekers who attended the Christmas program to have salvation experience. For slavery to casteism to be rooted out from the minds of the people. For the healing of Kannubhai from chronic back pain.

Mansa: Chelladurai & Kanakanesam

Praise: Six young believers got jobs in the Police Dept. Dineshbhai Thakor, the Sarpanch of Dhameda village attended our worship service. There is an open door for the Gospel in Unava, Dhameda, Dhoduson, Damanya, Etta and Shankarpura villages.

Pray: For the local leaders to come forward to lead their own congregations. For all the believers to join the cottage prayer meeting regularly. For the healing of Rakesh from epilepsy, Ranjithbhai from mental illness and Bhavanaben from cancer in the uterus. For the open door for the Gospel among the Parmer, Thakor, Ravel, Vaghari and Senma people groups.



Happy Birthday

MR. KUNA CHANDRA PAIK
MR. JOHNSON V.

Surat: Mathavaroy & Jebathangam

Praise: Thirteen persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and one village was newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the night meetings in the houses of Anitaben, Rosan, Bipinbhai, Rajeshbhai, Nileshbhai, Albertbhai, Amritaben and Sumithraben.

Pray: For the spiritual growth of the 15 persons who are getting ready to confess their faith in the Lord. Our believer Savithaben to be blessed with a child. For peace to prevail in the family of Kusalbhai & Albertbhai.

Motaponda: Samuel Subramani & Susila

Praise: Twelve persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ in Kaberoli and Barai villages. During the Church Day celebration at Bandadi and Manaponda villages, believers renewed their commitment to the Lord. God saved the life of Maganbhai of Karaya village from breathing problems and Ramiya of Amabai village from a bike accident.

Pray: For the evangelists to

successfully complete their training. For the healing of Govind from throat cancer. Our believer Meenaben to be blessed with a child.

Umargam: Asir Moses & Amirtha Golda

Praise: Two villages were newly reached with the Gospel. The families of Mukeshbhai and Gemsbhai and Ramanbhai joined with us in the ministry.

Pray: For the backslidden believers to be restored in faith at Nicoly area. For the consolation of the family members of Dhaklabhai of Manda village who passed away recently. For the people who heard the Gospel at Umargam, Jeroli and Gundur to come into the fold of Christ.

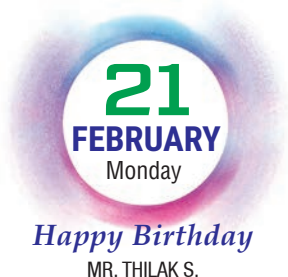
Dadra & Nagar Haveli

Khanvel:

Arul Aseer & Suguna

Praise: Forty-nine persons came into the fold of Christ in the Church at Madhuben area. God delivered the husband of Bharatiben from alcohol addiction. Vikki and Jaydeep got healing from weakness in their legs in answer to prayer.

Pray: For our believers' children Themekaben and Amith to clear the 10th Std exam. For the believers' wedding to be conducted as holy matrimony without giving room for any evil practices.



Maharashtra

Akkalkuwa:

Jagmohan singh & Swati

Praise: Thirty-one villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God enabled us to start worship groups in Punervasan and Seltapani villages.

Pray: For the salvation of the new persons who heard the Word of God eagerly. For the spiritual growth of the people who attend the worship service at Akkalkuwa, Punervasan and Seltapani villages. For the wisdom of God to be bestowed to our missionaries to learn the local tribal dialects.

Allapalli:

Elisha Daime

Praise: Five villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed all the programs, especially the mass outreach without any hindrance.

Pray: For the salvation of our new contacts Kodape's family from

Bhimni village. For a land to build a Church at Chitekanar village. For the healing of Sunita Madavi of Mailaram village from chronic back pain and Asa Kusram from sickle cell.

Boradi:

Omprakash & Sapna

Praise: Nine persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ in Amabaduk village and 3 villages namely Vaghdora, Uabaduya and Jamaniya were newly reached with the Gospel. Bible study groups have been formed in Kevasipada, Samariya, Shahana and Ranijira villages. Follow up programs done at Vaghaball, Pawarpada and Nimijhiri villages renewed the spiritual life of the believers.

Pray: For the salvation of Munilalabhai from Budaki Vihir village, Dayaram family of Dabapada village and Namdev family of Temaba village. For the healing of Karmabhai of Umarad village from paralysis, Rupes of Dabapada village from blindness, Sukhadevbhai of Chakadu village from mental disorder and Vasantabai of Vakapada village from epilepsy. For the repentance of Jothibai of Budaki Vihar village who is opposing our believers from attending the worship service.



Etapalli: Kuldeep Singh & Gurpreet Gaur

Praise: Twenty-three persons came to the fold of Christ in Parsalgondi and Kasunsur areas. The families of Kuku Gawade and Uderakangali from Parsalgondi newly attend our worship.

Pray: For the people of Madiya and Samiti villages to be open for the Gospel. For the Church elders to take up the responsibility of their own congregations. Churches to be built in Halwara and Kasunsur villages. For our evangelists to do the ministry with much burden for souls.

Jimmalgatta (Sironcha): Srinivas & Sunitha

Praise: One village was newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the mass outreach program and follow up ministry. Witchcraft Sudhkar Madavi was delivered from the possession of an evil spirit. God healed Vedandh Madavi of Perkabatti village from tumour, Lakshmi Athram from deathbed, Roopali from mental disorder and Aryan of Darshwada village from heart problem.

Pray: For the blessing of all the upcoming programs. For the salvation of our seekers' families namely Babrao Durge and Athish of Jimmalagatta, Pandu Madavi and Ramesh Madavi of Tummula Bodda, Rakesh Kota and Bapurao Vagdhari of Kothagudem and Venkat Doorke, Kishtaya and Ramachandra of Borrempanli. For the healing of Pragnaya of Nandigaon village and Sharada of Erragadda village from mental disorder and the mother of Venkata from kidney failure.



Rescued from Bull Attack!

In Chhattisgarh at Pali mission field, our missionary Ditungbou was waiting for the train at Bilaspur station along with his wife Sana Lang, a bull came from the backside and started attacking his wife and she fell down on the ground and got injured in her knee. As she was crying out for help, some people came to rescue her but the bull did not stop attacking her. By the grace of God the missionary pulled the front leg of the bull, then, the bull ran away. Immediately she was taken to Kota hospital and got some first-aids. With much difficulty, she had to travel towards Howrah and Dimapur in order to bring their children to their mission field for annual holidays. Praise God for his protection given to our missionary's wife.





Happy Birthday

MR. ISAAC RAJA D.
MR. SENTHIL KUMAR TIMOTHY
MRS. ANITHA PRABHA ANANDAKUMAR
MRS. EEMANDI ANURADHA
MRS. SHINY SNEHA ALPHONSE

Ner Field & Khandeshi Bhili Translation: Ajay Kumar Lima & Pratyasini

Praise: Nine villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Our believer Sunil family was blessed with a child. God healed Baliram family of Bhandne village from various illnesses.

Pray: For the translation ministry to be done without any hindrance. For the believers of Persejpur village to grow spiritually. Worship service to be started for the Thelari people group. For obtaining permission to build a Church at Kalambir village.

Kuntamodi:

Bidyut Kumar Singh

Praise: Two villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the evening meetings at Pimti and Betlibari villages. God healed Amrut and Iswar from sickle cell. Our believer Rabinda

cleared the competitive exam to get Govt. Job.

Pray: For all the hindrances to be removed and the ministry to be done successfully. For the healing of Ramtibai from chronic body pain and Pervibai from leg pain.

Were they Angels!

In Madhya Pradesh at Nepanagar mission field, Ningwal Baba, around 65 years old, was very seriously ill. He had stopped eating food for a week. His wife, children and relatives were sorrowful, thinking he will die. One day, in his sick bed, he was lying down in the home all alone. No one was there at the home. All had gone for their daily labour. He saw our volunteer Kailash and his wife Salita praying for him. Immediately he felt little better. So Ningwal Baba came out to say thanks and goodbye to them. But to his surprise, he found no one outside of his house. From that day onwards, he started recuperating in his health and now he is very healthy. Later when he met Kailash and his wife, he thanked them for their coming and praying for him on that day. They said they had not visited him on that day. It was the Lord who had visited Ningwal Baba and healed him. Glory be to God.



Talasari: Vijai Babu & Deva Kirubai

Praise: Four villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Many people are receptive to the Gospel in Murbad and Dongermal areas. Our believer Sunilbhai retained his job at a company which was struggling with financial strains. God blessed Sonaliben's family with a child. God healed Nandhaben from eye problem.

Pray: For the healing of Kishanbhai, a magician who prayed with our believers for his health issue. For a breakthrough in our outreach ministries at Nagcheri and Dehale. For all the 114 villages of this field to have Christian witnesses.

Taloda Boys' Hostel: Yesuprakash & Sunandabelli

Praise: All the 54 children of the hostel and other co-workers are doing well. God blessed all the spiritual programs conducted for the children.

Pray: For all the children of the hostel to return after their holidays.

For the 10th Std students of the hostel to do their studies sincerely. For the construction work of the kitchen, office and staff room to be completed soon.

God Never Forbids When We Seek Him!

In Jharkhand at Lalmatia field, the wife of Anil Murmu and children of Cithlia village used to attend our Sunday service regularly whereas Anil Murmu will give excuses and go out for some work. As the days went by, he got a big boil on his neck. His wife asked him to attend Sunday service where the believers can pray for him. So he went to Church. All the believers prayed for him. Our Lord God helped him to get healing with less expense. Then they got help from government to build a house of their own. But he was not able to build up to the level the government's expectations in order to get the next instalment money. He thought that he would be imprisoned as he was not able to build the house. He started to think that his wife and children will be left helpless. Then he started to pray. He prayed continuously for 7 days and on the 8th day one officer came to his house and released the next instalment money. Now they are happily living in that house with peace. All glory to the Almighty God



Happy Birthday

MRS. ANGEL JEBA HENRY
MRS. SUBHRA BAG MINTU KUTUM
MRS. SARATHI ARUN KUMAR
MRS. SUMATHI GANESH
MRS. NEETU DINESH KUMAR

Vadali:

Moorthi & Bharathi

Praise: Fourteen villages were newly reached with the Gospel. 15 non-believers for the first time attended the children program in Vadchil village. God healed Munnibai of Ubadaged from typhoid.

Pray: For Anilbhai of Kautude village to be delivered his habit of drinking alcohol. For the salvation of the families who are newly attending our worship at Andrathbari and Ubadaged villages. For the deliverance of Laxmibai of Nimbhora village from the possession of evil spirit. For the backslidden believer Anilbhai of Kautude village and the believers of Punervasan village to be restored in faith.

Narmada, Molgi & Vadfally: Bharanidharan & Selva Rani

Praise: God blessed the night meetings at Dalpada and Bharkund

villages. Bible study program in Bharkund village is going on regularly.

Pray: For all the migrant believers who went to Gujarat to return safely. For starting worship service at Mandamba Pada. For the healing of the child Sneha from dumbness, Goma from blindness, Ushabhai from wheezing and Anabai from burning sensation.

Karnataka

Shirahatti: Ashaprapta Pal & Deena Kumari

Praise: Four persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 7 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God healed Muttanna from chronic stomach pain, Rupa from typhoid and Yellappa from brain infection. Meenakshi got deliverance from the possession of evil spirit through prayer. Our believer Manjula is blessed with a child after ten years of married life through prayer.

Pray: For the deliverance of Basava and Sankarappa from alcohol addiction. For the healing of Parasuram and his 4 children from skin allergy and Kavita from paralysis. For the blessing of the new business of Manju who got a loan from the bank. For our believer Parmesh who is writing the IAS exam.



Happy Birthday

MR. SURESH JOSEPH

Mundgod:

**Sunil Kumar &
Sangeeta**

Praise: Three persons came into the fold of Christ and 10 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God healed Deepa from chronic stomach problem, Nanjappa from leg swelling and Yellappa from ear problem. Our believer Sangeeta is blessed with a child.

Pray: For the repentance of Raju, a drunkard who is beating his wife often. For the healing of Sangeeta from tumour in the womb and Prithvi from chronic fever.

Gajendragada:

Manjya Naik & Ratna

Praise: Four villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Our believer Yellamma got back her amount which was given as debt to his neighbour in answer to prayer. God healed Rudrappa from

chest pain and Paramma from breathing problems. Hanmesh got deliverance from alcohol addiction. Peace prevails in the Pakkiramma family.

Pray: For the repentance of the opponents of the Gospel. Ravi, a 16 year old boy returned home after a few months of missing. For the healing of Honnamma from hyper-tension problems.

Andhra Pradesh

Kalakada:

**Vediyappan &
Lakshmi**

Praise: For Mobina and Akhbar who are newly attending the worship service at Kummarapalli. Our believer Nagaveni of Kothapalli is blessed with a child. God delivered Venkatajalapathi of Ramaraopalli from alcohol addiction. Backslidden believers from Ehuva Thodlavaripalli were restored in faith.

Pray: The construction of the compound wall of Devanapalli Church to be completed successfully. For the healing of Beerbha from chronic fever and Venkatalakshmi of Rathi Bondapalli from throat infection. For the safe confinement of Iswarya.



Happy Birthday

MRS. NIANG KHAN MAN VUM BIAK LAL
MRS. ANITA SHISHU PAL

Palamaner: Sathyappa & Syamala

Praise: Our believers painted and renovated their Churches with their contributions. The construction of Gajalavaripalli Church is successfully completed through the support of the believers. God healed Subramanyam of Kolamasanapalli from TB.

Pray: Training centre to be established at Kolamasanapalli field. Compound walls to be erected in Ravanayan Garipalli, Devalapalli, Mittapalli, Appanapalli and Thallapally Churches. For a van in need for the Gospel Ratham to do outreach ministry.

Damalacheruvu: Prashanth Meesala & Rupa

Praise: Two persons came to the fold of Christ. Believers are actively participating in the Church and outreach ministries.

Pray: For the blessing of the outreach ministry. For the healing of Deekshith from ear problem and Devika from uterus problem.

Madanapalli: Crescens Venkatesan & Sasikala

Praise: Two persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ. God blessed the outreach ministry without any problem. God healed Gopi from deathbed.

Pray: For the new seekers namely Jyothi, Bharathi, Narayanamma and Anu to overcome the obstacles in confessing their faith in the Lord. For a Church to be built in Denduluru village. For the upcoming outreach ministry in the 12 villages of Avalapalli area.

Pulivendula: Vijay Kumar & Susila

Praise: Three persons came to the fold of Christ. Our Church elder Naomi's daughter got back her job. God healed Divya and Ganga Devi from dengue and Ramakrishna from neuro problems.

Pray: For our believer Renuka to pay back her debt. For the healing of Kavyashree and Sadashivappa from urinary infection and Mathiya from paralysis.



Happy Birthday

MR. VINU P.

MR. SAMUEL J.

MISS IRENE LETTHENMUONG HAAKIP

Tamil Nadu

Tiruvallur: Paul

Anandhan & Saral Jothi

Praise: God blessed the wedding of Govarthan family. Follow up ministry in Muthukondapuram, Venugopalapuram, Krishnapuram, Ramapuram and Kakakandigai villages revived the believers spiritually and morally. Our believer Anitha was blessed with a child in answer to prayer.

Pray: For the safe confinement of our believer Kavitha. For the deliverance of Sumalatha & Gobi from the possession of evil spirit and Selvi & Kumar from alcohol addiction. For the blessing of the families of our believers Usha, Rajeshwari, Muniammal, Kamala and Revathi.

**Spirit of Murder
Disappeared and Blessed:**

In Madhya Pradesh at Khalwa mission field, Sanju from Jamdhad, a 28 years old man, was suffering from a severe illness. The disease was so severe that he was unable to walk. In fact, this was the same disease that killed his brother the previous year. Visiting many places and trying to figure out the cause of the disease, they failed until they found out that the disease was caused by their own elder brother, a practitioner of witchcraft. He planned to kill every man in his brother's house in order to establish his claim to their land. As a result of lack of financial resources or strength, they were forced to stay calm and endure the pain. He was unable to cultivate their land. They had to keep their land as collateral security for the loan because he spent most of time and money for his treatment. A few days later, a believer from Jamdhad named Munnibai reached them with the Gospel. She shared her testimony with them and invited them to Church. They believed and Sanju attended the Khalwa Church on that Sunday. Over the next two months, God healed him completely. Now he is healthy enough to take care of his household activities. In addition, he shares the Gospel with others too. Glory to God.

Bro. Mongwai Phom was born on 12th June 1980 as the youngest son among the 4 elder brothers and one elder sister to the Christian parents Mrs & Mr. Bangshing Phom at Bura Namsang village, Nagaland. His mother nurtured him in spiritual life and encouraged him to involve in the Church activities. When he was studying in 9th Std, a poisonous snake bit him and all

the medical treatment and sorcery through the magician went useless. His body was fully swollen and he was not able to take any food or drink. He was on the verge of death. His mother brought a man of God to his house and asked Mongwai to commit his life to God and to pray repeatedly to God alone. When he uttered the prayers and surrendered his life to Jesus Christ, he was completely healed. It became a turning point in his life to accept Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Saviour and to commit his life to God in order to serve Him till the end of his life.

He joined FMPB on 7th May 2005 and after the missionary training, he was placed in the Jeep team of North West Region and in 2007 in the Regional Office of Hissar, Haryana; Ratia field from 2008 to 2011; Karnal Mission field from 2012 to 2013 and NIM, Jhansi from 2014 to 2015.

Sis. Nisha was born on 1st December 1982 as the youngest daughter among the 6 elder sisters and two elder brothers to non-Christian parents Mr. & Mrs. Prem Chand at Yammuna Nagar, Haryana. In 2005, when one of her sisters accepted Jesus Christ, Nisha was not at all happy about her conviction. One day she was harassed by an evil spirit and was taken to a magician who told that she might die within a month. But her Christian sister took her to a Pastor for prayer. The Pastor prayed and prophesied that God would heal her and she would serve the Lord the rest of her life. It became a reality when the demon was cast out from her. She joined FMPB in 2013.

Bro. Mongwai Phom & Sis. Nisha got married on 5th June 2013. As a family, they worked in Pukhrayan mission field, UP from 2015 to 2019 and currently they serve in Rania mission field, UP.

God blessed this couple with two sons namely Harsh Hamai Phom [DOB: 21.06.2014] who is studying in 2nd Std and Beuken Hanok Phom [DOB: 30.05.2017].

Let us uphold this missionary family in our prayers.



Mr. Mongwai Phom & Mrs. Nisha Mongwai



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