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The blood
of Jesus Christ
His Son
cleanses us
from all sin.
1 John 1:7



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of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ
blessing villages in India

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Points To ponder

- ✚ In gospel ministry,
It is vital to identify the vessel of peace.
If we could identify,
Then, the harvest will be 30, 60, 100 fold!
- ✚ If we travel
to places that have not been reached,
Then it is a missionary journey,
If we travel to people, we know
Then it is a holiday tour!
In the first travel, churches will be built
In the second, churches will be split!
In the former, it is the regions beyond,
In the latter, it is someones' boundary!
In the former, there is Holy Spirit,
In the latter, there is flesh!
- ✚ The travel of the gospel worker
Is under the control of Heaven!
If we change the track,
We will be under the charge of lions!
(I Kings chapter 13)
- ✚ When Nineveh is to our East,
If we move towards West,
we will be overwhelmed by sleep,
on waking up,
We will find ourselves in the fish's stomach!
- ✚ Where shall we proclaim?
Like Philip,
Where the Holy Spirit leads us!
How long, will we proclaim?
Like Philip,
Till the Holy Spirit leads us!
- ✚ In the church,
When gospel work increases,
boundaries will expand.
If not, problems will multiply!
- ✚ If people groping in darkness
have to come to Light,
Then the face of the gospel worker
Must shine!
- ✚ Up until God opens the door
To proclaim the Word,
We have to be on our knees.
Once the Lord opens the door,
then, our feet will become the feet of a deer!
- ✚ If those who are called,
are in the places assigned to them,
Then there will be fire from Heaven.
If not, there will be devouring fire!

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dearly beloved ministry partners,

Greetings in the name of Lord Jesus Christ who was pierced for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities, and punished so that we may have peace.

TIME OF IGNORANCE:

Paul was sharing the gospel in the meeting of the Areopagus. Many did not believe the gospel and so began to mock at him. We read about this incident in Acts 17:16-34. But some believed the Words that they heard and became the citizens of heaven. Paul makes it clear that we were in ignorance, and we have come to the time of repentance. He also points out that if we do not repent, then God will surely judge. We see in verse 27 that God gives time for us to accept Him. Jesus is very close to those who cling on to Him. He will answer our cries and deliver us! (Rom. 10:9, 10; Acts 16:31).

TIME OF GRACE:

We are living in the time of grace that God has given us! We are taught to believe the gospel in order to be redeemed from our sins. We are warned not to harden our hearts and cling on to the feet of Jesus. When we believe Jesus and repent from our evil ways, then our sins will be forgiven. We have the authority to be the children of Jesus and enjoy the blessings of heaven. The period of grace was extended to the people of Nineveh through the prophet Jonah who said that there were forty more days to repent. There was great revival and the whole city escaped the destruction! Likewise, if we hear the voice of God and repent, then we will have new life (Jer. 5:1; 31:34; 33:8; 50:20).

TIME OF RESTORED HEALTH:

When we start to live the life that God desires, then Isaiah's promise will be ours, "The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail" (Isaiah 58:6-14). Our healing will quickly appear (Isaiah 58:8).

Our personal life will be transformed, says Jeremiah 33:6-16. Our sins are graciously forgiven, and we are healed physically and spiritually! Let us remember that we have peace that no one could take away from us. We will be blessed in great measure and will live for the glory of God!

WHO AM I AS A CHRISTIAN? WHAT ARE MY RESPONSIBILITIES?

We can identify a true Christian through the following ways.

Born again:

According to Romans 3:23, all have sinned and lost the glory of God. Hence the wages of sin which is death was formed (Rom 6:23). Jesus Christ has sacrificed Himself at the Cross (1 John 1:7-9) and shed His precious blood (Heb 9:11-15) to deliver mankind from sins. The new life that a person gets in Christ will remove all that was old and makes everything new (2 Cor. 5:17). Hence, the new life is a sign.

Fruitful Spiritual Life:

The new life that we receive in Christ is just a beginning. We are expected to grow at different levels and bear much fruit. Gal. 5:22, 23 says, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." All these fruits must be seen in our life. A Christian must read the Bible regularly and pray. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Pet. 1:5-8).

Harvesting of Souls:

The one who is wise saves lives. Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter. If you say, "But we knew nothing about this," does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know it? Will he not repay everyone according to what he or she has done? Be merciful to those who doubt. (Prov. 11:30; 24:11,12; Jude 22)

For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel. If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me. (1 Cor 9:16,17)

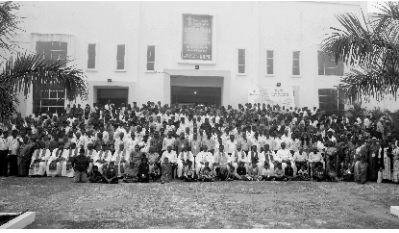
Give to the Needy:

There are people with physical and spiritual needs around us. They are full at the places where we could not reach. You can help those near you and lift them up. Stretch out and open wide your hands to those who are afar. Then there will be treasures in heaven. There will be great blessings in Christ on earth and the life-after.

Christian Life with Witness:

Even if we hesitate to open our mouth and confess Jesus, our life must reflect Christ and prove that Jesus is the true God. When we reflect these good qualities of a Christian in individual, family and society, then many will accept Jesus as their Saviour and be a witness. We are the light for the people in darkness of sin! We are the salt to protect the people from sin! Yes, Jesus is the Living God, and we are His witnesses (Acts 26:15-20). Amen.

ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION:



National Tamil Believers' Meeting:

600 Tamil speaking believers and staff from all over India for the first time gathered together on January 14-16, 2024, at 'Emil Annan Dhyana Nilayam' in Hyderabad. We had quality time to gather together, pray and had the opportunity to increase the intensity of

God's work. Messages were shared under the title, 'He cares for those who trust in Him' (Nahum 1:7). We thank all those who organized the meeting perfectly!



Manipur Relief Work:

We had the opportunity to visit our ministries in Manipur from January 17-23. We visited the villagers and field workers and encouraged them. We visited the churches that were damaged during the riot and comforted the believers. We distributed relief materials to the families

that are in great need. We attended the services conducted by the Baptist Church and worshiped the Lord. We shared the vision of Vishwa Vani Ministries in those churches. The missionaries are safe and are moving forward in the ministry. Continue to remember them in your prayers. We need your financial support to continue the relief work. Please pray for the renovation of the church buildings that were damaged.

Vision Action Meetings:

The vision of our organization was shared with the representatives, ministry partners, church leaders who attended. It was a great blessing. I thank all those who prayed and worked for it. Please pray to train 1400 missionaries who are committed to share the gospel in 7000 villages in this year. The planning & evaluation meetings for the new financial year will be held in every province during the first week of April 2024. Continue to uphold us in prayers.

North India Ministry Leaders Training:

105 Vishwa Vani Leaders from North India attended the training held in Bhopal – Madhya Pradesh from January 28 to 31 and were greatly blessed. We had the opportunity to share the Word of God and



the vision on Sunday, January 28 in many churches. We thank the leaders, pastors for giving us the opportunity. It is our vision to share the gospel in 46000 villages in North India. As we encounter various difficulties these days, kindly uphold us in your prayers.

Ezra Camp and Training Classes:

25 new Ezras are under training from 5th January in Andhra Pradesh and 20 new Ezras are being trained from 3rd February in Gujarat. The Ezra camps to identify new missionaries are continued in North and East India. Come forward to support a new village by donating Rs. 4000 every month as a family or a group. You can also get a savings box from us, donate Rs. 10 every day and support us. May the Lord richly bless you.



Mission Festival 2024:

Mission Festival is celebrated in the fields from February 4 to March 3 so that the first-generation believers will be involved in the mission work and will lend their support joyously for the ministry. The special donations raised through this festival will be used for the benefit of the workers who are involved in sharing the gospel. If the Lord leads you for this good work, you may contact your area development staff or representative.



Completion of Financial Year in March 31:

This financial year comes to an end by March 31. We are taking efforts to complete all the work that have been planned. We request you to send all your savings box contributions, village adoption offering and special donations before March 31. If there is change of address, please inform us immediately. It would be helpful to send Samarpan Magazine, send ministry details and visit your homes and pray.

May the Lord richly bless you.

Sow your seed in the morning, and at evening let your hands not be idle, for you do not know which will succeed, whether this or that, or whether both will do equally well. (Ecc. 11:6)

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Your Brother in Christ
Rev. Dr. W. Wilson Gnanakumar

THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

WHERE TO PROCLAIM? WHEN TO PROCLAIM?

Beloved, We read in Luke 10:2

"He told them: 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few;

Therefore, Ask the Lord of the harvest

To send out workers into His harvest field'"!

Jesus said harvest is plentiful.

Then, the population of the entire world was only two crores!

(Today the population of Punjab alone is 2 1/2 cores)

This verse points out the correlation between

the rise in population and the gospel work!

Genesis 6:1 says, 'Men began to increase in number on earth',

Following it, points out how sin started increasing!

At the same time,

when men began to increase, disciples also increased.

Acts 6: 1 starts,

'In those days when the number of disciples increased.'

According to the increase of men,

The Bible states, there will be increase in the disciples in the world!

Twelve disciples (Luke 6:13), later seventy disciples (Luke 10:1),

Subsequently, 120 disciples (Acts 1:15),

later 'when disciples increased'

Yes- The disciples have to increase in countless number! But

when compared to the population, the workers are less, said Jesus.

He does not say that there is scarcity,

Because, if those who ought to proclaim, do not do it,

Then the stones will call and proclaim!

Animals that do not speak will speak and proclaim!

Population is vital in gospel work.

'Plentiful harvest' refers to the world's population!

In the year A.D. 1803, Thomas Malthus from England published

A research article on how the population of the world increases.

All the people including Darwin

Considered his publication as a prophecy.

It has to be noted that

Malthus was a Priest and Professor in the church at England.

The growth of the population and its outcome

propounded by him during those days is meaningful even today!

First, he said that the population of the world will be out of control

And will take Geometric Progression, said Malthus.

It means, the population of the world will go out of control
like 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32,
And it could not be controlled but will be leaping, said Malthus!
Secondly, Food production will increase
in Arithmetic Progression, said Malthus.
It means, Food production will increase as 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6!
People will increase in the world, but
food production will not increase proportionately, said Malthus,
Hence there will be great scarcity
for drinking water and food materials!

What did Jesus say in Luke 10:2?

He said harvest is plenty;

Jesus said harvest will be continuously increasing!

Jesus said population will increase without control!

Today 4 people are born in a second in the world.

It means 16000 babies are born in an hour in the world.

In a day 3,85,000 lives are added to the population of the world!

In India alone, one baby is born in 1 second.

In a minute 51 babies are added to our population.

In a year, 2 crore and 70 Lakhs are becoming the citizens of India!

They are increasing the population!

"When men began to increase on the face of the earth"

Genesis chapter 6 points that

There was sin, calamities and injustice!

As the population increases, we are going to witness

Sins, scarcities, famines,
violence and violation of law!

This is what Jesus means, when he says, "Harvest is plentiful!"

alongside, Jesus tells, how vital gospel work is!

Where should we proclaim the gospel,

When should we proclaim the gospel is very important.

Gospel is Jesus Christ!

Gospel work is the Holy Spirit!

Hence, where and when should we proclaim the gospel

Must be decided by the Holy Spirit!

Our part is to 'Pray' and to tarry in prayer earnestly,

To shed tears in secret

and to have a deep breath till our hip breaks off!

There are two powers called man power and money power

With these two,

we can start a party and form a government in this world.

But to proclaim the gospel, to build the kingdom of God

We could do nothing without the help of the Holy Spirit!

If we do,

The evil spirit will come over them and their organization
And overwhelm them, saying
we know Jesus, we know Paul but who are you?
And finally there will be confusion and shouting and backsliding!

In Luke 10:2,
"Ask the Lord of the harvest
To send out workers into His harvest field" said Jesus.
The correct meaning for the word 'To send'
Is 'to push' and 'to kick'.
The vessel chosen by God
Should not stay at home rusting,
But to change as an overflowing vessel in the place of need.
All those who God has chosen and loved with an everlasting love
All those who He saw under the fig tree,
He kicks and even pushes!
Though he said, 'I am stammering, Lord'
He was bashed up through convincing arguments
and was sent before Pharaoh! (Exodus 3)
Though those who chosen from mother's womb say,
'I am a child',
The Lord pushes them to the people
Who burn incense to false goddesses! (Jeremiah 1)

Where to send and when to send
Is the decision by the Holy Spirit!
Abiding by that decision, Saying, 'Lo here I am' then He sends us,
If we say some excuses and hesitate to obey,
He kicks with leg and pushes us!
He fed Elijah with ravens when He obeyed him
when he was asked to go to Ahab!
He pushed Jonah when he refused to go to Nineveh
and He kicked him too,
He made the people of Nineveh repent!

Gospel work
could not be done
with the help of man power or money power
by any church or organization in the world!
Gospel work is of heaven and is done by heaven,
If the Holy Spirit insists that you – the men of earth
should pray and take efforts, then accomplish it!
Stephen was appointed to take care of the widows,
But the plan of God was to send Stephen to the Counsel,
And explain the gospel to them
Then, come back to Jesus –
It was Holy Spirit who led Stephen!

Philip filled Samaria with gospel
Then returned to Jerusalem,
He was instructed to go to the wilderness,
saying there was work for him there.
He was guided and made him run
To announce the gospel to the Ethiopian official
Leading to the baptism of the Ethiopian.
It was all done by the Holy Spirit!

Peter who stayed at the tanner's house in Joppa
Was led to meet the gentiles
by going to the house of Cornelius
By the Holy Spirit!

Paul and his group
who were coming around the province of Asia through
Phrygia, Galatia, Mysia and Bithynia were stopped
And was instructed by the Holy Spirit to enter Europe
saying that the ministry in Asia was enough, (Acts 16)
The Holy Spirit instructs and enlightens,
Where to preach the gospel and When to preach the gospel?

There are day time and night time for gospel work,
There are open and closed doors for the gospel,
There are people with open heart and hard heart,
"As long as it is day, we must do the work of Him who sent Me;
Night is coming, When no one can work" (John 9:4) –
what does this verse imply?
It is about, when should the gospel work be done!
This verse tells us to do the work when it is day!
Day times are the days in the world,
when you are healthy and strong!
It tells us to give those days to the gospel work!
Day times are the days when the doors are open!
Workers, do not lose these opportune moments, it says.
St. Paul says clearly in 2 Timothy chapters 2 and 3 that
Believers and workers tend to lose the day-time opportunities
by being intoxicated by the world,
and the temporal happiness it offers
through entertainments, movies, internet, and human relationships.
Psalm 104: 23 says,
"Then man goes out to his work, to his labor until evening".

But Luke in chapter 16 says,
After evening and night have passed
The rich hastens for gospel work.
Wishing to start gospel work from Hell to Earth,
the rich man sends a request to Heaven,

'send Lazarus to my family, for I have five brothers.
Let him warn them, so that they will not also come
to this place of torment.' (Luke 16:27, 28)

The day times that he had was great!

He had millions of earthly pleasures;

He was rich in wealth and word!

When it was day, His mind was not set on Heaven!

Prayer, Church, Gospel work

were jokes for him and his family!

Now, during the night in hell

his thoughts are stirred - he cries,

Oh, I wasted my day time

being desperate,

he cries towards Abraham -

He did not get the expected reply!

His request was rejected!

Heaven does not respect the anguish of the heart after death!

Heaven does not wipe the tears shed in Hell.

Holy Spirit instructs when to do the gospel work:

Before the breath goes away, with full breath,

we have to accomplish the work!

When He calls you for full time

Come to work,

When He instructs you to adopt a village

Or to support a worker - do it.

Before the evil days come, do it.

Before the years when you would say,

I am not able to do it (Ecc 12:1),

Before the dust returns to the ground it came from

And the spirit returns to God who gave it - do it (12:7).

Paul says, Lo, there is open door in Ephesus!

Great door for effective work has opened to me

And there are many who oppose me! (I Cor 16:9)

My decision has been made!

Not based on the people who oppose me

But on the Holy Spirit who gives open door!

Though men with power and might will come

What the Holy Spirit says will be my decision, says Paul!

Day times - Life span, Strength of the body,
well-shaped physique
for tirelessly working for ministry!

Open doors - God-shown people groups, States,
districts and villages!

Where? and when?

According to the instruction of the Holy Spirit – there and then!

In Home, the word of the father is the last word!
In a country, the word of the Prime Minister is the last word!
But in gospel work, the Word of the Holy Spirit is the last word!
Those who have disobeyed that word have not lived!
Those who obey that word will not be destroyed
even among wild men like Haman!
They will not been caught
by tricksters
like Sanbalat and Thobia!
Though the fire
was increased seven times,
they were not burnt to ashes!
Though they were
thrown among lions,
they were not destroyed!
Though they were put in prison,
they were not really confined!

Dearly Beloved,
The population of the world
is increasing and
the number of disciples
has to increase!
That is why you and I
are in this world!
That is why we have a day time!
Day time for you and me!
Where the Holy Spirit instructs
to preach the gospel, proclaim it!
If you do like this, dearly beloved,
there is no night time!
There will be day time in this world,
and even when you leave this world!
That is the GIFT
that Heaven gives you! Amen!

A PRAYER

Lord,
who sent Your Only Son as a Savior
From heaven to earth!
May the Holy Spirit
transform all those who have
accepted Him as Lord and Savior,
As people who proclaim Jesus,
And those who obey
His last commandment!
May houses be turned
into houses of prayer,
May the churches be filled so much that
there won't room enough for more,
May the disciples increase
in terms of increase in population!
May Satan suffer
without having hearts to reside!
Almighty Lord,
may every generation realize,
Every knee bow and
every tongue confess!
May they find eternal life in Jesus!
May they live in this world and
in the world after, eternally!
In the sweet name of Jesus, Amen!

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FROM THE NETWORK CHAIRMAN...

Greetings to all those who read Samarpan Magazine every month in the name of Jesus Christ.

The new experiences that the Holy Spirit gives me during every ministry tour and the living witnesses that I hear enable me to know the power of the gospel. As our soul rejoices, we forget our physical fatigue. Praise the Lord!

"Nallamalai" is a mountainous region with dense forest and wild animals like tigers, deer, bears, and snakes. It is on the boundaries of Nagarkurnool district in Telangana. As a team, we started during the early hours of February 11, Sunday from Hyderabad. We moved towards Chennampalli field in Lingala Mandal. There are many Chenchu believers in this village. So, the believers from Tamil Christian Fellowship have come forward to construct a church building in this village. It was great blessing to have Pastor Peter Prince and his wife traveling with us.

I was led by the Holy Spirit to start this article with the introduction about this field and its ministries. Bro. Mandi Bayanna has completed 10th standard. The Chenchu villagers who have completed their 10th standard are eligible to get government jobs. So, he worked for 12 years, that is from 1992 to 2004 as a teacher in Sirigiri Padu village. When he never knew the True God, he was addicted to alcohol and lived a wicked life. He was affected by T.B. and used to cough continuously. During those days, Vishwa Vani missionary continued to visit him and shared the gospel. He prayed for him in the name of Jesus and Bayanna was completely healed. He became a new creation in Christ. His wife and 5 children also became a new creation. When Bayanna came to know that Jesus was the true Lord, he wanted to share his experience with his own people. So, he gave up his government job and joined Vishwa Vani as a full-time missionary in 2006. Bayanna was used by God to share the gospel first time with Chennampalli villagers.

Bayanna was mainly instrumental in sharing the gospel in Chintala, Madimadugu, Petralchenpenta, Laxmapuram and Akharam mission fields where Chenchu people reside. He redeemed, through the gospel, the people who were addicted to alcohol, ignorance, sin, and curse. He continued to build the families in Christ. Yes, Chennampalli people and their villages are now happy in the Lord. I could hear the words of Bayanna that clearly said, "I have surveyed 163 Chenchu villages from Banala and Lingala mandals. Among them, we can start the ministry in 92 villages immediately"! This Macedonian call was ringing in my ears! Now we need people who send missionaries and support villages! Right now, Rev. Bayanna is the People Group Leader for the ministries among Chenchu people and he takes care of church growth and is working from Vatwarlapalli ministry centre.

Paul always has a Timothy in the field! So is Bayanna. Today, missionary Velankanniayya is working in Chennampalli where Bayanna was working earlier. Velankanniayya has completed his 12th grade and Agri studies. So, he worked as a teacher for 3 years and did agricultural job alongside. He

was once addicted to drugs and led a wicked life. He came to Petralchenpenta village for his work. This village was Vishwa Vani's field, and it was totally transformed with 100% believers. It has a beautiful church. He was attracted by the disciplined life of the villagers! He came to know about Jesus through the Vishwa Vani Radio program and accepted Him as his personal Saviour. He later married the daughter of Vishwa Vani's church elder and grew in faith. He was filled with the burden to reach his people and so resigned his government job in 2018 and started to work with Vishwa Vani from 2019 at Chennampalli field. I was glad to meet his wife and 4 children, who were filled with the zeal of God, in the service!

The ministry is carried out in 30 villages in Chennampalli region through 6 Chenchu field workers. The church that we build in Chennampalli is the first church in this area! The Lord answered the prayers of the believers and fulfilled it through 'Tamil Christian Fellowship Church'!

The land for the church was purchased on the outskirts of the village and it is at the foothills of the mountain. A brook whispers through the valley,



while cool, gentle breezes forever caress the land. In this calm atmosphere the worship service was held on 11.02.24. The Telangana coordinator conducted the worship service. Dr. P. J. Bhaktha Vatsalam delivered the sermon. Mrs. Peter Prince shared her testimony followed by sharing of the God's Word by Pastor Peter Prince. He also highlighted the involvement of his church in the ministry.

Pastor Prince said, "Our church has nearly 100 believers. Most of them do not hold well-paid jobs! They are humble people who do small work. But they have a great vision for ministry. They pray with care and concern for the missionaries daily. Our church has committed to raise church buildings in all the states of India. So far, We have constructed many churches. There are members who work overtime in their offices and support the construction of the church. Apart from their working hours, during their free time, they take care of the vehicles and do some odd jobs. They contribute this income towards the construction of the church. This is how, we are able to raise churches in places where there is great need" – these words of Pastor Prince strengthened the believers of Chennampalli in God's work. We thank Peter Prince Ayya and his family and his church members who have come forward to construct a church at Chennampalli, that is hidden from the eyes of men but not from God.

You can also support villages as a church and send missionaries to these villages and build churches in the villages that are in need, so that the land will know God.

All people on earth will be blessed through you. (Gen 12:3)

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THE STRENGTH OF THE CROSS!



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Nutrition is essential for everyone. The doctors prescribe many nutrients for growing children. Likewise, the doctor advises extra nutrients for old people to compensate undernourishment in the food they eat. When we have a balanced diet, then our immunity increases. So, we become healthy and tend to increase our longevity.

Proper food, rest and exercise with healthy thoughts will naturally increase the days of life. But, we cannot increase the days of our life on earth. We cannot add even a second from what has been assigned by God for us on earth.

We give much importance to our physical body. We need to think about our spiritual man as well.

When we feel a bit tired and when our body temperature rises a bit, we immediately take medical advice. We take immunity tablets. When the situation worsens, we get ourselves admitted in the hospital and get treated. The reason is fear of death.

But spiritual death does not seem to affect us much. If the spiritual man has got the ability to reach the presence of God, then physical death will not affect him. But, it is important to be cautious about our spiritual death that will make us face hell eternally.

The correct diet for the spiritual man is the Word of God. The inner man grows spiritually depending on the amount of the Word of God that he reads daily and the time that he spends with it and also the desire that he has to read them. When he starts to walk with the strength, faith, path and hope offered by the Word of God, then he becomes strengthened.

When Man has spiritual strength, then he becomes spiritually well-equipped to overcome the world, Satan and the self. They are the ones who are called the 'overcomers' mentioned in the Book of Revelation. When a person follows it from his childhood, then he will become victorious in his youth. He will do great works for the Lord throughout his life, according to the will of God.

Likewise, the troubles and problems that God permits in our life strengthens our faith.

I met a youth who was involved in an international crime when he was young. He was put behind bars. Later he realized his mistakes and

studied well. Today, he has reached greater heights in life.

When he started talking about the crime that he had committed in the past and the suffering that he underwent in the jail, his sadness could be seen on his face. When he started to recount the way in which the incorrigible old inmates of the prison treated the newcomers, ears could not bear to listen. He crossed all these troubles and was released. When he came out of the prison, he made a covenant to make his sufferings into seeds to come up in life.

I was quiet after listening to his story. When he completed the interview, he said "Today's sufferings, are Tomorrow's strength". These fiery statements are still deeply embedded in my mind.

There was a great road which led to Jerusalem in front of Golgotha. Those who walk through it, will enter Jerusalem looking at the ones who were crucified at the cross.

Mostly religious people from other countries who come to Jerusalem to offer sin offerings and atonement offerings would take this route. When the children of their families ask them about the cross, then they will reply that the government usually kill the wicked people who are against God and Man in this manner. It would be registered in the hearts of the children that the death at the cross is meant for the wicked people who are a burden for this land. If a person is crucified, then that person, his family and even his generation have to suffer the shame.

When Jesus was crucified many mocked at him. After the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Cross has become a great instrument of victory for the inner man. The experience of undergoing pain and suffering at the cross gives boundless strength to each and every believer and enables them to lift up others. That is why, Apostle Paul said that the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. (1 Corinthians 1:18)

It is not ordinary power but the power of God. It is the power that is in God. When we start meditating on the core details and the deep truths of the cross, then we can clearly understand, where we should stand as a Christian, what we must inherit and what we must behold. Then, we will have clear targets in life. When we avoid the cross of our Christian life, our feet will get entangled in worldly pleasures, fame and pride.

Many who have started spiritually are now running for flesh. The first have become the last. It is the result of avoiding the cross in their lives.

Whenever we fail to imprint the calvary in our hearts, and fail to worship the Lord, this world catches us. Our goals get reversed. Our time is plundered and looted. Our strength gets sucked up. Whereas, the teachings of the cross continue to steer the lost boats towards the mountains of the North.

Even though, there are many ways to preach the gospel, the one that captures the imagination of the people is the screening of 'Crucifixion of Christ.' It breaks many hearts and instils in them the burden of sin and the redemption of the cross.

To those who are bad, it might look like a story of a man who has lost his mind. But to those who inherit the path of redemption and salvation, it is great strength.

It is good news for us that this power can be drawn free through the cross. As we meditate upon the Lord's suffering and death through the word of God and practice these things in our lives, there are opportunities for the inner man to inherit the image of Christ.

Otherwise, If we observe the Lenten season as a tradition and custom, our physique may become fit but our inner man will not be benefitted in any way.

May the Lord help us, through out this month, by leading us through the word of God and turn our attention to the divine strength offered by the Cross. Amen. ■

Problems Then, Praises Now



When the whole city was in deep sleep, there was great cry and shout during the midnight! The cries of the evil spirits took away our sleep! Black magicians visited our house throughout the year; and we spent money over them; but the fear at nights never stopped.

Only during the last year, we heard that Jesus Christ alone has the authority to give true deliverance from evil spirits. We listened to the gospel proclaimed by Bedkuwa village missionary and we started to pray. Our simple prayer in the name of Jesus reached heaven. Evil spirits were chased away from our boundaries!

Today, we are resting peacefully, and God has blessed the works of our hands through the power of Jesus! We have got the blessing to construct a new house and serve the Lord. Jesus is the Head of our house! Yes, it is Jesus, who offers priceless and invaluable deliverance!

— Govindbhai Chibabhai, Gujarat

The Executive Director of Vishwa Vani along with other Directors, Coordinators and the missionaries shared the love of God in the fields of Manipur through their third level relief programme from January 17 to 23. They visited the field churches, believers, missionaries and their families. They comforted them in Christ and strengthened them through prayer. This small group in Manipur is burning bright as witnesses, as normalcy has not returned. They continue to say that Jesus is their life and we share these witnesses so that you might continue to uphold them in prayer.



During those dark evil days, we (my wife and three children) had nothing to eat but tears and water. We could see disaster before our own eyes. The only hope that we had was 'Prayer in the name of Jesus'.

I praise God who has been protecting our lives till now. I thank the Vishwa Vani team which has given clothes, bed sheets and one-month provisions. – Amnei Kom, Sinamkom



God has graciously protected us. There has not been any gathering in our village after May 3. But we are listening to the Word of God through mobiles and we are comforted through the daily manna. Do not forget to pray for the peace of our state. – Kanta Singh, Kakching

My family was facing two challenges: They are: Leave Jesus OR Leave the village. The villagers threatened and hated us. There was bitterness, mockery and hunger. But I never wanted to leave Jesus! We never stopped preaching the Word of God during those difficult times!



We support Vishwa Vani Ministries through our church. There are 20 savings boxes in our church. We submit the offerings for the Vishwa Vani field ministries once in six months. We never expected that God would repay our small efforts. During the time of riot, when we

were hungry, Vishwa Vani missionaries carried 20 bags of food grains for our physical needs. We thank Vishwa Vani ministries on behalf of our church!

– Koite church.

JESUS, OUR COMFORT



We are blessed through Vishwa Vani Ministries. So, we started to pray for the state of Manipur and support Vishwa Vani Ministries through savings boxes. The mob that had attacked every village and burnt them to ashes came to our village too on May 3. We carried infants on our shoulders and back and rushed to save our lives. A few minutes later, our own house was in ashes before us. We came to the relief camp and we had to beg others for one square meal of food. Our little children faced more trauma than us!

We came out of our house empty-handed. All that we had was 'Jesus' and He was the Only treasure! We are much burdened concerning the churches that were burnt than our houses. Jesus said, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life" (Mark 10:29,30). We have become recipients of such a great blessing. Praise the Lord. – Mangneo, Saronphai



I was deeply hurt by the evil things that I saw and experienced! I was filled with terror and trembling when I saw more than hundred armed men surrounding our house by 5 o'clock in the evening on May 3. We took refuge behind the crops in the field! That mob set our house on fire; it ruthlessly attacked our children; they killed my third son and threw his body. Whenever I think of that deadly day, my eyes are filled with tears. I


cannot live without thinking about him. In the days of trouble, Jesus was the only comfort. The Word of God was our only support, and our sole hope was eternal life. We have the faith that we will meet our son on that glorious day!

We have received comfort, prayer and help through the Vishwa Vani missionaries, who visited our relief centre thrice and gave us relief materials! The missionaries found out that we had only one blanket for 5 people, despite heavy rain and chill weather in our relief centre. So, they distributed blankets for us and it was great help! We thank all those who helped us in the day of trouble. Praise the Lord!

– Hatboi, Kangvai

FROM THIS DAY FORTH, NOT ME BUT CHRIST!

- Rev. Dr. Pon Subarson

he life and repentance of Paul is one among the many conversions that have been portrayed in the Bible, which pulls the attention of many people! The resurrection of Jesus Christ and the conversion of Paul reveals to us the importance of Christian faith. The resurrection of the dead is only through God. Likewise, the repentance in heart is also only through God. It is He who could change the hearts of the people despite their condition.

There are many to debate that these two events that are mentioned above never happened. Research scholars Gilbert West and Lord Lyttelton underwent many surveys to prove that the events were fake. But, they found out that they were hundred percent true and this is what they have written in their book 'Observation of Saul's Conversion'. Who is Saul? What was his conversion? – let us ponder over it.

When we hear the name Saul, we immediately think of King Saul of the Old Testament. In Hebrew, Saul means 'Prayed for or prayed and received'. This name was common in Palestine. When Saul was converted, we think that his name was changed to Paul. But it was his Roman name. It means 'small'. Saul used the name Paul as a mark of humility after his conversion and as he was chosen by God to share the gospel among the gentiles. He also desired to be called Paul, say some Bible scholars.

We can realize through this incident that things that are impossible with men are possible with God and the church was bought by the blood of Jesus Christ and His eyes were over them. Saul was a Jew and a Pharisee. He learnt the Law properly and was well versed in Jewish traditions. But, he did not believe that Christ was the Messiah. He desired to kill the Christians. He travelled 130 miles for nearly six days to bind the Christians and believers in Damascus and take them to Jerusalem! Why was he interested in troubling the believers? It was because he thought that he was blameless! Acts 26:9 says, "I too was convinced that I ought to do all that was possible to oppose the name of

Jesus of Nazareth.” This is what Jesus said in John 16:2, “in fact, the time is coming when anyone who kills you, will think they are offering a service to God.” We can see similar situations happening in many countries.

The decisions taken by people who do not love Jesus Christ, who do not understand the Word of God properly and people who are ideologues in thoughts and mind will always fail. Paul says, “I acted in ignorance and unbelief” (1 Tim 1:13). Paul boasted about his thoughts and ideologies before accepting Christ. But when he was saved, he said that he acted in ignorance. Yes, God sees mankind as believers and unbelievers! Yes, they are seen among the Christians too! It also reveals us that all those who come against the children of God and His church because of their unbelief and thoughts must encounter God.

Here, Saul plans and goes to Damascus. But he was unable to touch the believers and disciples. God intervened. He lost his sight. He thought of binding the believers and taking them to Jerusalem but then someone had to assist him as he lost his sight. Saul was converted, when he was touched by Jesus Christ. He believed Jesus and was baptized. Finally, he became a new creation.

The first event that takes place in the life of a person who accepts Jesus Christ is repentance. It is through Christ, and it is a great wonder. It changes the person totally. There are people who follow religious laws and rules without conversion of heart. Though their faith is changed, they can never realize the difference between their past and present life. The life of Paul was totally changed, and we could see this in Galatians 1:23-24 “The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy.” And they praised God because of me.”

Do people who see us, praise God? Paul's conversion was not worldly. It was not the result of a situation. It was the outcome of his encounter with Christ. “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” (Gal. 2:20). Hereafter, it is not my thoughts, my desire, or my wish!

Can we say along with Paul that His will be fulfilled in my life. Then we will not have words to praise God for the blessings that God has bestowed on us! Let those divine blessings be a part of your life! ■

Now is the time of God's Favour; Now is the time of Salvation

- Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Gnanaraj, Director – Prayer Network

Humanity does not have time for others; they never know where they are heading to; They do not know that they are heading towards eternal damnation. There are many warning signs in the Bible that help us turn our directions towards the right path. The first warning started in the Garden of Eden, where Adam and Eve were warned that they would die on the day they ate the fruit. Such warnings are given at every step in history. We commence life without being aware where we are moving and why we are living. The Bible is filled with many warnings and wise counsel for mankind.

“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. (Isaiah 55:1,2). Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, “This is the way; walk in it. (Is, 30:21).

Jesus Christ introduces Himself as the Way, Truth, and Life (John 14:6). But there is a great call in Matthew 11:28 “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” He calls all those who are weary and He would give rest. The people who have lost the contact with God because of sin, take many steps to be delivered. They find it difficult to reconcile with God. The sinner can be made one with God only through Lord Jesus Christ. He gave His precious blood and redeemed mankind. So, the relationship with men was redeemed. This is the gospel. Hence, proclaiming the gospel is not only the most urgent one but it is also a blessed one

1. It is more essential to proclaim the Gospel:

Man lives without God in this world and does whatever his heart and flesh dictate. Thus, he is heading towards hell. It is needed to proclaim the message of forgiveness of sins and how our sins could be atoned for. It is important to proclaim the redemption that we get freely through Lord Jesus Christ. The beggar alone knows, from where he got the alms. If Jesus has forgiven your sins and if you have the affirmation of forgiveness of your sins, then it is your duty to proclaim it to others. If those who know will not proclaim, how will the people who have not heard about it know? There might be many who do not know Jesus and do not like Jesus. But, Acts 4:12 says, “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved”.

Jesus is the Only Saviour and so we need to proclaim the gospel. The life of

the four lepers in 2 Kings 7, is a warning for us. The lepers said to each other, "What we're doing is not right. This is a day of good news and we are keeping it to ourselves. If we wait until daylight, punishment will overtake us." We should also have a similar tendency and propagate the gospel with an express need.

2. There is an urgent need to proclaim the Gospel:

We need to work in haste. It is natural for mankind to delay things. Man works in haste to get things that he needs. But when he sees others in need, the desire to help them decreases. I was bedridden because of my sickness for three months. One day God appeared to me in the early hours. I have worked for the Lord for eight years and now I am unable to move further. Medical counsel created a fear in me. Then I asked God, where should I continue your ministry? When should I start? How should I do? The answers to all these questions were different and wonderful. God asked me, "Tell me where you could see people dying?" People die everywhere. Then God said to do the ministry in all places. They are dying even now. Then we must start proclaiming the gospel immediately.

Yes, beloved, people around us who are without Jesus are moving towards hell! If we postponed saying that we could proclaim it tomorrow, then it will create great trouble. A young actress in America lived a wicked life, without peace. One she had the opportunity to attend a gospel meeting. There was a call to give her life to the Lord the very day. She was pricked in her heart. She decided to commit her life the next day to Jesus and left the meeting quickly. On her way back home, she met with an accident and passed away. She thought to commit her life to Jesus the next day, but she never had the opportunity to do it.

Yes, beloved, let us commit our lives to Jesus today and proclaim Him today! Look at 2 Corinthians 6:2. "For he says, 'In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.'" I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation." We do not have opportunities tomorrow, but we have them today. The four lepers looked at each other and said: Then they said to each other, "What we're doing is not right. This is a day of good news, and we are keeping it to ourselves. If we wait until daylight, punishment will overtake us. Let's go at once and report this to the royal palace" (2 Kings 7:9). Why can't we take such a good decision?

3. Blessings received by proclaiming the Good News:

The gospel must be preached in all places where our feet could reach. We must bend our knees in prayer for the places we cannot go, Emil Annan used to say. It is quite true. It is our responsibility to support ministry. Look at first chapter of St. Paul's epistle to the Philippians. The third verse says that we should have partnership with the gospel and the twelfth verse says "what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel" and

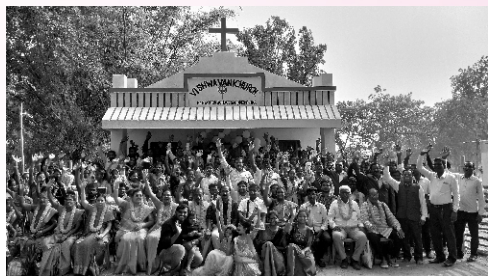
27 verse says, "Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel." He also says, the names of those who strive for the faith of the gospel will be written in the Book of Life. It is a great blessing to have our names written in the Book of Life.

Let us strive hard to receive such a blessing. We must not be weary but be diligent in our prayer. Let us work together and work in haste. Let us fill Heaven! Let all the angels rejoice and let our minds also be filled with great joy. ■

Praise the Lord!

Visited the Field; Witnessed the Flourishing Ministry!

As a group of 38 prayer partners, we had the opportunity to visit the fields of Odisha from Dindigul and Tirunelveli. We visited the fields from January 11 to 18. These very important days strengthened our hearts to get involved further in ministry!



The missionaries who reach the villages are filled with abundant grace! It is the work of the Holy Spirit that the harvesting of souls and churches are increasing! The church building that was raised in 'Schoolsahi' through the efforts of Mr. John Solomon and Mrs. Hepzibah Thiruselvam was dedicated to the glory of God on 15.1.24. The Lord is doing mighty works in the regions beyond for His glory through the missionaries. Hallelujah!

- On behalf of the Tour Group – Jesudas Duraisingh, Coordinator

TOWARDS THE REGIONS BEYOND...

We greet Rev. Dr. Rajan Edward for dedicating 20 missionaries at Host of Christ Church, Tirunelveli on 23.1.24. These missionaries will set their foot to bless the unreached villages in Rajasthan, Haryana, Gujarat and Maharashtra. We also greet the children who support these missionaries.



These churches that stand for the Indian villages and the families which meet the monthly needs of the missionaries will be blessed mightily by the Lord.

- Coordinator



FIELD NEWS

PRAISE & PRAY

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God." (Mark 10:27)

01 JAMMU KASHMIR

MINISTRY VILLAGES: 225

Praise God for the 5 people from Hamble field who were saved in the name of Jesus Christ. Glory to God for Aftab's family from Tanger village who has got new life through the Word of God. Praise God for enabling us to share the truth with 50 boys and girls who were gathering in Ridian. Glory to God for Gyan Chand who was once opposing the ministry but is now touched by the love of God.

Pray for the growth of gospel ministries started in Manwal. Pray for those who have heard the gospel in Gandala and Chanderkot. Pray for those who are opposing the ministry in Lali village. Pray for the believers from Dhanodi field who are getting ready for the dedication of the church.

02 HIMACHAL PRADESH

MINISTRY VILLAGES: 223

Praise God as the gospel is shared with 180 people through the Seekers' Meeting. Praise God for the open doors for ministry in Barot village and 3 were saved. Praise God for the 10 new villages have been identified for ministry through field survey. Praise God for the youth who have committed themselves to work among Pahari and Kinnauri language groups.

Pray for the 9 people and their families who have confessed their faith in Christ. Pray for the missionary Rahul Gill who is battling with lung problems. Pray to fulfill the ministry plan for this year "28 new missionaries – 140 new villages". Pray for the spiritual growth of the believers of Raja Ka Bagh field.

03 PUNJAB

MINISTRY VILLAGES: 268

Praise God for the 35 families which have newly joined the Believers' Fellowship. Glory to God for the 13 people who have decided to follow Jesus through the youth fellowship. Praise God for the missionaries Rasool and Jaswinder and their families who are blessed with the child. Glory to God as 20 people have come forward to join full-time ministry.

Pray for the 26 people who have confessed their faith in Christ to grow in

faith... Pray that the Holy Spirit will work in the hearts of the youth attending the youth meetings that are continued in 12 villages... Pray for the 40 new youth who have confessed their sins through the Seekers' Meetings... Pray for the missionaries Sandeep and Jaspal Singh to be delivered from sickness.

04 UTTARAKHAND

MINISTRY VILLAGES: 210

Praise God for the increase in the number of people who are interested in listening to the Word of God in Sripur Bichwa field and the worship group that is filled with new believers. Glory to God for the 4 villages that have been filled with peace in Haridwar. Praise God for the young believers in Khatima field who love Jesus in the midst of oppositions. Glory to God for the 145 people who have confessed their faith in Christ and are ministering for the Lord. Praise the Lord.

Pray that new people will attend the Bible Study Groups held in Mudeli and Kanjabag... Pray that the 63 worship groups will bring many from the neighboring villages to Light... Pray that we will get God's favour to open a mission field in Garhwal province... Pray to commence Social Development Programmes in 5 ministry centres.

05 HARYANA

MINISTRY VILLAGES: 111

Praise God for Jitendra who has put an end to drugs and so the whole family has got the peace of God. Glory to God as Paramjit was saved with a head injury in an accident and has got new life and is sharing his witness. Praise God for Anchal who is healed from T.B. Glory to God as 106 people have been saved through Seekers' Meeting.

Pray that miracles will happen in the fasting prayer meetings held in Shaha and Kalanaur fields... Pray for the salvation of Vimal and his family which is far from peace... Pray for the youth camps that have been continued in Shergarh and Dhanod... Pray for Matedi villagers to be strengthened in the love of God as they listen to the Word of God.

06 DELHI

MINISTRY VILLAGES: 11

Praise God for the new contacts got through the four Seekers' Meetings held in Narela. Glory to God for the believers met the need for a computer and a printer for the Delhi Ministry Centre. Praise God as Rabban, Reena and Jyoti were healed from their sickness. Glory to God as the whole family of Kiran have committed themselves to Jesus.

Pray for the 10 people who are getting ready for the faith confession service. Pray for the spiritual growth of the 102 people attending the Bible Study Groups. Pray that the Lord will raise full-time workers through the worship groups held in 6 places. Pray for the people affected by air pollution and smog.

07 RAJASTHAN – BANSWADA PROVINCE

MINISTRY VILLAGES: 233

Ratana prayed for 3 months for her husband who was addicted to alcohol; the Lord answered her prayer and the whole family is following Jesus. Glory to God for 45-year-old Haliya was healed from paralysis through prayer. Praise God for Kesar, who had been afflicted by evil spirits for the past one year, is now delivered in the name of Jesus. Glory to God for Simlapada who was once opposing the ministry and is now touched by the love of God.

Pray for those who heard the Word of God in Dhavdaghata... Pray to get missionaries to work among the interior villages of Abapura taluk where Bhili people reside... Pray for Kali who has lost his ability to speak for the past 1½ years... Pray to get the needed documents for the land and the permission to construct church in Galadar and Angaliyapada field.

08 RAJASTHAN – UDAIPUR PROVINCE

MINISTRY VILLAGES: 192

Praise God for the 13 Mewari people who have confessed their faith in Jesus. Glory to God for Amra family which has been delivered from the clutches of evil Spirit and have joined the Believers' Fellowship. Praise God for Shivilal who has stopped taking alcohol after hearing the gospel. Glory to God for the 5 new people who are worshiping the Lord along with Uplamagra field believers.

Pray for Sharmila who has been tormented by evil spirits for the past 7 years... Pray for the training of 30 youth who have committed themselves for ministry in unreached places... Pray so that the Seekers' Meetings that are continued in Balua and Rajpura will be beneficial to the new souls... Pray that the worship group will be strengthened in the Lord and all the works of darkness that are seen in Kotra region will be removed.

09 BIHAR

MINISTRY VILLAGES: 195

Praise God as 15 new villages have been identified through field survey where Magahi people reside. Glory to God for the Deborah Camp held in Asauiya village which was beneficial for 95 people. Praise God for the Seekers' Meeting held in 208 villages and the way to peace was proclaimed to 1872 people. 380 children were blessed through Children's Camp held in Daulatpur. Praise God for the field worker Pritam who was used mightily by the Lord.

Pray for the 58 new villages from Chhapra jilla that need field workers... Pray for the 904 people who are getting ready to profess their faith to be strengthened in faith... Pray that full-time missionaries will rise up through the youth camps held in Munger district... Pray to construct church buildings in 17 villages where the believers are increasing... Pray to get proper land for the construction of churches in these villages.

10 JHARKHAND

MINISTRY VILLAGES: 297

Praise God for the ministry started in 20 new villages. Glory to God as Prakash Munda, who was once opposing the ministry in Ambatar village has repented and has accepted Jesus. Praise God for the 15 Oraon and Mundari people who have professed their faith in Christ. Glory to God for the 130 children who have been benefitted through the Children's Camp held in Bharno.

Pray for Jeewan Madki who is mentally ill... Pray that Tal province will be delivered from the works of darkness... Pray that the oppositions seen in Lukuiya, where missionary Rajeev Oraon is working, will be removed in the name of Jesus... Pray for Pardeshiya Oraon's family which have been praying for a child for the past 12 years.

11 WEST BENGAL – COOCHBEHAR REGION

MINISTRY VILLAGES: 185

Praise God as the house of the new believer Bishnu Baraik was opened for

gospel work; 18 people are gathering there and are hearing the Word. Glory to God for Sima Bhengra's family which has heard the Word and has received peace in Jesus; they are now sharing with other villagers. Praise God for the gospel that was shared with 70 people in Maidan Line region. Praise God for Rajesh Oraon's family that is the man of peace in Saldhura.

Pray for Ajit Oraon who is suffering with pain in his heart often. Pray for the 16 people from Premerdanga village who have heard the Word of God. Pray that doors for the gospel will be opened in North Jitpur village. Pray that the Worship Group in Motiram Line will be a blessing to the neighboring villages.

12 WEST BENGAL – DARJEELING DISTRICT

MINISTRY VILLAGES: 101

Praise God for Meena Kumari who is able to speak in the name of Jesus. Glory to God for Sarita Oraon from Septiguri who has opened their house for the gospel meetings. Praise God for the street preaching held in Haldigach village to share the love of God. Glory to God for the gathering in the house of the new believer Supna Subba that has enabled five new people to know the gospel.

Pray for the Seekers' Meeting that has been continued in Tribal Jote village. Pray that God will send new missionaries to Bhairagi and Pektii... Pray that the whole family of the new believer Purnima Ratia to know Jesus... Pray for Bijay and Rinki and their families to be born again.

13 WEST BENGAL – KOLKATA PROVINCE

MINISTRY VILLAGES: 194

Praise God for the 26 people who have professed their faith in Jesus Christ. Glory to God for the women who have joined 10th batch for the tailoring class in Beldanga field. Praise God for the 390 new contacts through the Seekers' Meeting held in 53 villages. Glory to God for the new house constructed by the believer Goutam Boiragi which is a centre of blessing for the villagers.

Pray to construct a church building for Sakra Worship Group where 52 believers gather... Pray for the health of Shyamali Pariya who is mentally ill... Pray for the consolation of missionary Shyamal Tudu and his family as his youngest sister passed away... Pray for the training of 4 youth who have committed themselves for full-time ministry.

14 SIKKIM

MINISTRY VILLAGES: 99

Praise God as the families of Sangay Lepcha and Sangita Subba are growing in the knowledge of God. Glory to God as new people are attending the Bible Study Group in Darap field. Praise God for Chungmit Lepcha and her family which has committed itself to serve Jesus in Kedhangthang. Glory to God for Sita Thapa's family which has received the confirmation of the forgiveness of their sins and have joined Sudung Lakha church. Praise the Lord.

Pray for the 15 people who have become new in Christ to bring many to righteousness... Pray for Suman Rasaily who is suffering from cancer... Pray to start a worship group in Samthar and Sidibung... Pray to get a land for the construction of church in 5 places where the believers are increasing.

15 ASSAM

MINISTRY VILLAGES: 275

Praise God for the new worship group in Soslabari village among Santal

believers. Glory to God for the 9 people among Mising and Bodo people group who have professed their faith in Christ. Praise God for the 10 new people who have joined the Lopongtola Believers' Fellowship; A temporary shed is being made for the worship group. Glory to God for the 35 youth who have committed themselves for full-time ministry.

Pray for the survey continued in Goalpara and Golaghat districts to identify new villages... Pray for the Believers' Mela held in North Bhaoraguri field to bring many to the Light... Pray to get a land for the construction of church building in Aunibari and Kumarbari fields... Pray that the believers from Ekrajuli field will get involved in the gospel work voluntarily.

16 MANIPUR

MINISTRY VILLAGES: 335

Praise God for enabling us to send relief materials to 380 families in 3 ministry centres. Glory to God for the 2 new people who have joined Keinou Believers' Fellowship. Praise God for Rubina from Kawkta field who has been delivered from evil spirits and is sharing her witness. Glory to God for enabling us to share the peace that Jesus has been giving freely in 45 villages.

Pray for open doors of ministry in Utlou and Sabal Leikai. Pray for the 15 people who are getting ready for the faith confession service. Pray so that the lifestyle of people from Nangpok and Moirang villages will increase. Pray so that the ministry in 335 villages that God has given us graciously will increase.

17 TRIPURA

MINISTRY VILLAGES: 520

Praise God for the 13 people who have started new life in Udaipur field. Glory to God for Bishu Laxmi from Tribal colony who has been healed from paralysis. Praise God for the 30 people who have professed their faith in Christ. Glory to God for the interest among the believers in Soinkhola church after its dedication to share the gospel among the villagers.

Pray for the 52 people who are getting ready for the faith confession service... Pray for the spiritual growth of Kamiktor Para field believers... Pray that God will raise full-time missionaries from Wareng Kami province... Pray that the people from Jackchara Kami village will get drinking water, road and electricity... Pray.

18 ODISHA – HO, SANTALI PROVINCE

MINISTRY VILLAGES: 306

Praise God for the 22 people from Berga Sahi field who have professed their faith in Jesus. Glory to God for the people attending the newly dedicated churches in Kundabhanga and Schoolsahi fields are increasing. Praise God for the Word shared in Adal village where eight people were strengthened in God's love. Glory to God for the fasting prayer meeting started in 7 fields.

Pray for those who are working against the ministry in Karanja region... Pray to reach the plan for ministry that is "35 new missionaries – 175 new villages"... Pray for the 72 missionaries and their families to be used mightily by the Lord at Ho and Santali villages... Pray for the completion of the church construction work in 6 fields and the commencement of construction in 5 villages.

19 ODISHA – KANDHAMAL DISTRICT

MINISTRY VILLAGES: 186

Praise God for the opportunity to start gospel work in Jamjhiri. Glory to God

for the Bible Study Group with 12 people has started functioning in Barikumpa village. Praise God for Tilakipada field believers who are getting their land deed for the construction of church. Glory to God for the 8 new believers who have joined Senapodi field church.

Pray for the 15 people who are getting ready to profess their faith to be strengthened in faith... Pray for the 10 youth who have come forward to work among the Kui people... Pray for the 25 people who have attended the gospel meeting in Darada to grow in faith... Pray for the spiritual growth of the people attending Panasa Sahi and Padhanpada worship.

20 ODISHA – PARALAKHEMUNDI PROVINCE **MINISTRY VILLAGES: 629**

Praise God for the 4 people in Masalaguda who have been strengthened by God's Word. Glory to God as the believers are increasing in Arjunguda. Praise God for the 39 people who have heard the gospel for the first time in Kidirimal. Glory to God for the open doors for ministry in Khilapadara and Dephaguda village.

Pray that new people will attend the Seekers' Meetings held in Hallam. Pray for the completion of church construction work in Dolama and Pedaguda fields. Pray for Borlendi and Singpur villagers to be saved in Jesus. Pray that the families of Madhu Sabar and Indra Sabar will grow in the love of God.

21 ODISHA – SAMBALPURI PROVINCE **MINISTRY VILLAGES: 154**

Praise God for the 19 people whose sins have been forgiven on attending the Seekers' Meeting. Glory to God for the ten new souls who have professed their faith. Praise God for the members of Khaliapali church who are happily involved in the gospel work after receiving the sound equipment. Glory to God for the spiritual blessings through the camps held in Boudh district.

Pray for the missionary Sadhu Charan and his family which has been praying for a child for the past four years. Pray to get new souls through the Word sown in Tingipali field. Pray for the new believer Rama Meher to bring his whole family to righteousness. Pray so that the evil works seen in Echhapur and Parmanpur fields will be removed in the name of Jesus.

22 CHHATTISGARH – RAIPUR PROVINCE **MINISTRY VILLAGES: 107**

Praise God for Bajarang who has been delivered from drugs and smoking and is now interested in sharing the Word of God. Glory to God for the new church that has been opened in Pathariya. The believers are interested in the ministry. Praise God for the Health Camp held in Abhanpur field which was beneficial for 100 people. Glory to God for the 'Learn-Enrich-Grow centres' opened in 30 villages to study the Word.

Pray for the field survey continued in Sarangarh jilla... Pray for 22-year old Ajay Chouhan who is mentally ill... Pray for the new missionaries Ravi and Ezhak who have opened their fields... Pray for the special training held in Raipur for Pastoral Ministry.

23 CHHATTISGARH – CHAMBA PROVINCE **MINISTRY VILLAGES: 228**

Praise God for the ministry started in 35 new villages. Glory to God for the 11 people who have professed that Jesus is their Saviour. Praise God for Santhosh, who has been battling with cancer, was healed by Jesus. Glory to

God for the increase in the number of believers in Barpara and Mulmula fields. Pray for Pintu who is opposing the believers... Pray for the efforts taken to start worship group in Petla field... Pray that the whole family of the new believer Chaman Ram will be saved through his testimony... Pray that God will bless the Risda villagers who are listening to the Word of God.

24 MADHYA PRADESH

MINISTRY VILLAGES: 314

Praise God for the youth in Dindori province who are interested in hearing the gospel. Glory to God for the three new families which have joined Rewa field Believers' Fellowship. Praise God for the 4 families which have been enlightened through the Bible Study Group in Nainpur. Glory to God for Sunita's family which has been blessed with a child after 5 years and is praising God.

Pray for those who are against the field workers Ramesh Maravi and Surrender... Pray for the Bagla Worship Group which is facing oppositions... Pray for the field worker Parsadi Lal who escaped an accident with few injuries... Pray for the leading of the Holy Spirit to identify 510 new villages for ministry in 2024.

25 GUJARAT – AHMEDABAD PROVINCE

MINISTRY VILLAGES: 248

Praise God for the training started in Navapada training centre for 20 missionaries. Glory to God for the open doors for ministry among the Rathwa people group in Amreli jilla. Praise God as Field Worker Johnson Ganava has got an opportunity to work among the interior villages of Mahisagar district. Glory to God for the three people who have professed their faith in Jesus Christ.

Pray that God will enable us to reach the 2024 Action Plan - "70 workers – 350 new villages". Pray that the Bible Study Groups in 172 villages will become worship groups... Pray for the 460 people attending the preparatory classes for the faith confession service... Pray to get field workers for the interior villages in Rajkot district.

26 GUJARAT – DANG DISTRICT

MINISTRY VILLAGES: 110

Praise God for increasing the number of the villages to 110, where ministry is being carried out. Glory to God for the 13 people who have professed their faith. Praise God as the land for the construction of church in Bibupada has been identified. Glory to God for the 15 women who have completed their tailoring class in Ukalapani field church.

Pray for the 11 people who are getting ready for the faith confession service. Pray for the construction of church buildings at Hanumantpada and Maharadar fields. Pray for Machibhai as he is addicted to alcohol. Pray that the financial conditions of Kadmal and Jamaniya villagers will increase.

27 MAHARASHTRA

MINISTRY VILLAGES: 440

Praise God as Kushal Yetre's family is the vessel of peace in Pimpalgaon region ministries. Glory to God for Shivni villagers who have been blessed through Vishal who is keen to hear and share the gospel. Praise God as the construction of the church in Sukdi field has been carried out as planned. Glory to God for the camp conducted for the missionaries in Gondia district, that has enabled them to reach new fields with new vision. Praise the Lord.

Pray for the Seekers' Meetings held in Pangan and Pachamouli villages... Pray for the worship group that has been started in Chandori field... Pray that miracles will happen in Devani village where missionary Vasant Bhosale is sharing the Word of God... Pray for the believers in Davanhipparga field to share the gospel with the neighboring villages... Pray.

28 TELANGANA – HYDERABAD PROVINCE

MINISTRY VILLAGES: 244

Praise God for the Bible Study Group that has been started in Eppalapally village where people are interested in listening to Word of God. Glory to God for the 5 new villages that have been identified for ministry in Nagarkurnool jilla. Praise God for 6 people who have professed their faith in Christ. Glory to God for the believers from Udimilla and Madhapur villages, who stand firm in Christ, in the midst of oppositions.

Pray for the missionary Nanu Naik who met with an accident... Pray to get a land for the construction of church for Pulichintalabailu worship group with 40 believers... Pray to get 10 musical instruments and 200 Holy Bibles for the worship groups, where the new believers gather... Pray for Mallapuram villagers to get safe drinking water, school and hospital... Pray that God will remove the works of Satan that are seen in Uppunuthala region... Pray.

29 TELANGANA – HANMAKONDA REGION

MINISTRY VILLAGES: 147

Praise God as the missionary Sandeep has been blessed with a child after six years; his witness brings many to Christ. Glory to God for the 3 youth who have come forward to join full-time ministry. Praise God for the 6 new Bible Study Groups that God has given. Glory to God for the 8 people who have professed their faith and are witnessing for Jesus Christ.

Pray for the 10 new villages in Mahaboobabad district that have been waiting to get new missionaries... Pray to construct parsonages in four fields of B.Kothagudem province where the missionaries could reside... Pray for the special melas planned for Gondi, Koya and Telugu believers... Pray to get Holy Bibles for the 150 new believers who have joined the worship... Pray to get drinking water, primary health centre and road facilities for Yanambailu village where Koya people reside... Pray.

30 ANDHRA PRADESH – NORTHERN REGION

MINISTRY VILLAGES: 1996

Praise God for the 24 people who have professed that Jesus is their Saviour. Glory to God for the street preaching that has been held in 5 villages surrounding Suryanarayanapuram. Praise God for the 217 youth who have received new life through youth meetings. Glory to God for the two-day special meeting that was held in Katragadda. Praise the Lord.

Pray that God will raise full-time missionaries from Navagam and Chilakam

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region... Pray for the 10 new worship groups that God has given in the field to be strengthened in the Word... Pray for the believers from K.Kamuduvalasa field to share the gospel with the neighbouring villagers... Pray for the believers from Gadipallivalasa who are getting ready for the church dedication service... Pray for the construction work carried out in 6 more villages.

31 KARNATAKA

MINISTRY VILLAGES: 207

Durgamma from Beerahalli village has been delivered from evil spirit. The name of God is glorified. Praise God for the four people who have joined Belavanoor Believers' Fellowship. Glory to God for the 10 new people who have heard the gospel for the first time in Chikkachelluru. Praise God for the 9 people who have professed their faith and have joined the Believers' Fellowship.

Pray to get a proper place for accommodation for the missionary in Bullapura Camp... Pray for the preparatory works carried out for the faith confession service in the seven fields of Challakere cluster... Pray for Mubarak who is tortured by evil spirits... Pray for the consolation of Sangeetha from Basavakalyana field whose husband passed away.

RECEIVED THE VESSEL OF SALVATION



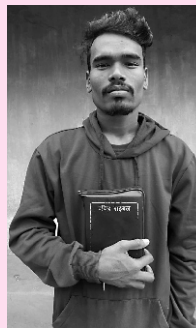
Many families in the valley of Kangra, Himachal Pradesh are addicted to alcohol. My husband was also addicted to it and so our situation became worse! There was no income in the family. We had continuous quarrels and we lost our

peace; we thought that he might be rectified through black magic. But it increased only our expenses.

I found out that some women in our street were very happy. I started to attend their fellowship. I received the peace that the world could not give through the Bible. I started to pray and I received faith in the name of Jesus. The Word of God touched me and also my husband through me! He has decided not to take alcohol. Today, we are worshiping Jesus as a family and it is surely the days of grace. Yes, the life of all those who look unto Jesus are blessed! Hallelujah!

- Pushpa Devi, Chhattar field

JESUS IS MY DESIRE AND WISH



It was my routine to mock those who carry the Bible and those who worship Jesus. I hated and quarreled with them. The more I hated, the more they loved me. My words were harsh day after day.

But the loving words of the missionary and his smile melted my heart. I saw the love of Jesus among the believers of Khardorhi village where I reside. My life had a new beginning through John 3:16. There was no compulsion. No one called me by force. I started attending the Believers' Fellowship, all by myself. Jesus, who has sowed in my heart the desire for the Living Word of God, is good! - Vishal Lakra, Chhattisgarh

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But the pain did not cease. Missionary Sonjibhai R Pawar said that there was one person named Jesus, who took away the sickness and pain of mankind on the Cross. There is healing through His stripes. I felt that was the message for me! I started to believe the Truth; for the first time in my life, I started to pray with the missionary in the name of Jesus; I received new life and strength in Jesus. I have Jesus in my heart and now I have good health every day! – Hiruben Gavit, Gujarat.

Jesus is Our Life



I was caught in greed and materialism. I was unable to pay my debts. My own efforts pulled me deep into the pit. I had strength in my body and earned money through my efforts.

But I was not delivered from vanity. I commenced my business through the ways as expressed by the missionary from the Word of God.

When I started to climb on to the steps of truth, faithfulness, love and hard work, I came out of debt. I was able to experience the verse 'The works of his hands shall prosper! Our family was blessed and it was like the tree planted by the rivers. The living Word of Jesus Christ has the power to deliver; it has the power to equip all those who practise them. All those who realized and understood them will not be filled with disappointments but with appointments for future growth! – Umesh Kumar, Uttar Pradesh

The LORD is our Saviour



I did not have peace though I was forty! I had to perform certain rituals every year and had to travel every month to fulfill the desires. But they were not fruitful! My problems started to affect my family life and I began to crave for remedy.

I had the opportunity to listen to the help that comes from heaven and about Jesus who was crucified for us. We found the answer for our long-awaited question through Bhojpuri missionary. Yes, we were made clear that salvation and redemption was only through Him! We came to know Jesus and we continue to know Him! There is forgiveness of sins, redemption and the peace that our heart desires in His presence. We thank the missionary who shared us this valuable Truth. Praise the Lord.

– Kundan, Uttar Pradesh.

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