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you like My signet ring, for I have chosen you,”
declares the LORD Almighty.” - Haggai 2:23

Friends
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**HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2023**

**I have
chosen
you**

Haggai 2:23

THEME OF THE YEAR 2023

Zerubbabel - The Chosen

FRONTLINE...



A search committee is nominated to evaluate and choose people for a task or a company. They are chosen based on their aptitude, personality, peculiarities, etc. Beauty, caste, color, and money also play a major role in this choice. When a horse is chosen for a war, it is chosen based on its strength, appearance, stamina, etc. We must have been in the position to choose or be rejected when we were not up to the mark. The choices of the worldly can be disastrous.

However, God doesn't evaluate us like worldly people. His choices are based solely on His love, faithfulness, and for His glory, not on anything inherent in ourselves. God sees the heart, not the face (our attitude, attributes, and level of commitment). Who would choose David over Saul to be king? God did, and it was a surprise to David himself (2 Sam 7:18-19). Jesus chose the fishermen over the Pharisees and prophets (1Cor1: 27). God doesn't make choices the way we do, and he does not see us the way the world does. It's amazing who God chooses! His choices are not attractive, costly, or famous, but they are always the right ones.

God tells Zerubbabel, "I will **take you...** and **make you** my signet ring, for I have chosen you." Haggai 2:23. What was God's criteria here? Zerubbabel: **Endeavoured** to bring the children of God out of exile. **Encouraged the self-centered people to prioritize building an altar for God (preparing them for purification; Ezra 3:1-6).** **Engaged** the people to build the Temple of God rather than their own houses (to sustain their holy lives; Ezra 3:7-8).

Even today, we need the zeal of Zerubbabel in us to turn people away from sin and towards God and His mission in this nation. God chooses and uses such people to build His kingdom on this earth.

- Mercy Selwyn (Communication Department)

**Blessed is the nation
whose God is the LORD,
the people He chose
for His inheritance.**

- Psalm 33:12

**"The sovereign electing
grace of God chooses us
to repentance,
to faith, and afterwards
to holiness of living,
to Christian service,
to zeal, and to devotion."**

- Charles H. Spurgeon

**For He chose us
in Him before the creation
of the world to be holy
and blameless
in His sight, in love.**

- Ephesians 1:4

**"It's a good thing God
chose me before
I was born, because
He surely would not
have afterwards."**

- Charles H. Spurgeon

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Our Vision:

Reach the unreached Indians with the
Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Our Mission:

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

FMPB serves as an arm of the Church
to plant Churches across the country.

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...

leaders braved the weather, late-night visits, etc., to meet the supporting families.

Silver Jubilee celebration of the Pawra Ministry, Madhya Pradesh

God gave me the privilege to participate in the Silver Jubilee gathering of Pawra believers near Boradi village in Maharashtra for three days in large numbers to praise and thank the Lord for taking the Gospel among the Pawra community 25 years before. The spiritual fervor of the believers and their thirst to receive the Word of God bear witness to the wonderful ministry our past and present missionaries have done and are doing among this people group. The young Chief Medical Officer of Boradi, whom I met in the meeting, is a believer and studied in our Jhavda School, and he is a testimony for the transformation of lives wherever people accept the Lord.

Meeting with Haggai Leaders

The Secretary of HRD and I had a meeting with the Indian Head of Haggai International to explore ways to train our missionaries. By the grace of God, we could agree to train our missionaries at three levels. Firstly, every missionary trainee going through the training in our Missionary Training Center will be trained at the end of their training. Secondly, we are planning to provide refresher course training to all our missionaries in batches within the next 2 years. Thirdly, we are planning to work together to build the missionaries for leadership at all levels.

Dear Partners in the Mission of Reaching the Unreached Indians,

Greetings to you all in the almighty Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We give all glory, honor, and praise to our God, the Heavenly Father, for helping us see another year. In all 365 days of 2022, God met all our needs, provided all necessary protection to our missionaries and members, strengthened us in our spiritual lives, enriched our relationships, and helped us to pursue our ministry based on our vision. The grace of God is sufficient for us to face 2023 confidently because the abiding presence of the Lord will be with us. 1 Peter 5:10 says, "And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm, and steadfast."

Christmas carols

I thank every one of the mobilization missionaries, prayer group leaders, members, and youngsters for doing the carol rounds and services with deep commitment. Some of the FMPB teams in Chennai visited houses with glad tidings and commitment on the night of cyclone Mandous' landfall. The prayer group

CNI Synod meeting

The CNI Synod's 17th General Meeting was held in Delhi from December 7th-10th. FMPB was invited to the Synod by Rt. Rev. Dr. Samantharoy, the Interim General Secretary of the CNI Synod, to bring greetings to the august gathering on behalf of FMPB, and I took the privilege to attend the meeting and share our greetings with the Synod participants.

Tindivanam meetings

On the 11th and 12th of December, I spoke in the Christmas programmes of FMPB in Tindivanam and Gingee and in the CSI Church in Vandavasi. On 11th, 5 of our missionaries were dedicated in CSI Church Tindivanam. God blessed the meetings.

Visiting retired missionaries in Chennai.

On 17th and 19th December, I visited the retired missionaries and families in Chennai. It was a great joy to me to meet the veterans who served the Lord faithfully in FMPB.

Important meetings

Youth Camp

A youth camp is scheduled to be held in Nazareth, Tamil Nadu, on January 14-16, 2023, to commemorate the 50 years of youth ministry in FMPB, by the grace of God. Please pray that the Lord may bring a large number of young people and that many of them may accept God's call.

Ministry council

The Ministry Council in FMPB is a forum consisting of Zonal Secretaries and above to plan for the furtherance of the ministry. This very important meeting is planned to

be held on 18th January to 20th January. Your prayers are appreciated.

OTC Board in Jharkhand

The Kairabani Outreach Training Center's board meeting is scheduled for January 24 in Jharkhand. This committee includes the Moderator of the Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church and Church leaders, along with FMPB representatives.

Azhagiya Sangamam (Beautiful Gathering)

On April 28 and 29, the SCAN meeting will be conducted in Tarangampadi. We invite all business people who have the vision to reach the nation to join with FMPB to fulfil God's vision.

National Planning Conference

The National Planning Conference 2023 will be held in Chennai on February 11 and 12. The invitation letters will be sent to all who have been invited to attend the meeting. Kindly pray for the meeting.

National Staff Conference

After 5 long years, the National Staff Conference will be held on September 30th and October 1st and 2nd, most probably in Kerala. Kindly pray for the program.

On behalf of FMPB, I wish all the missionaries, prayer group leaders, and supporters a blessed and Christ-centered New Year ahead.

Your fellow servant in God's Mission



Rev. John Berlin S.



God has led us all through 2022 though the path might have been tough, narrow and turbulent. We have just entered into a new year holding the hands of the Lord confidently to face all challenges ahead.

We have a tradition in FMPB, that the General Secretary will declare the theme word and verse for the year and all the meetings of that year will have this theme as the meetings theme. For the year 2023, God has given to FMPB Haggai 2:23 as the theme verse and “I have chosen you” as the theme word based on Haggai 2:23

*“‘On that day,’ declares the LORD Almighty, ‘I will take you, my servant Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel,’ declares the LORD ‘and I will make you like my signet ring, for **I have chosen you**,’ declares the LORD Almighty.”*

The verse above was said by God about Zerubbabel. The Lord chose Zerubbabel for the specific purpose of building the temple in Jerusalem which was in ruin after it was attacked and damaged by the Babylonians and most of the inhabitants of Jerusalem were taken into captivity. Zerubbabel was God’s chosen person.

Choice of the world

When the world chooses someone for a job, it fixes many qualities or parameters on the candidate and always trying to select the best

person suitable to that particular work. The corporate world waits until the right person arrives as per their expectation. Sometimes people who are having the required academic qualification are also not selected because they are unemployable due to their lack of skills for that particular job.

Choice of God

But God does not select as the world selects. The Word of God says God has chosen us to do His ministry because we were not wise, not powerful, not of noble birth as per the worldly standards (I Cor.1:26), but we were foolish, weak, low, despised and we were nothing (I Cor.1:27,28). Then the question arises why God chose people like us with the above standard to serve God and His Kingdom? The scripture answers to that question by saying that God has called us to shame the wise, shame the strong and to bring the things ‘that are’ into nothingness, so that we may not boast in the Presence of God (I Cor. 1:27,28,29). We may serve the Lord with that attitude that we are nothing and our God is everything.

Zerubbabel: The Head of Judah

The name Zerubbabel means born at Babel, i.e. Babylon. Zerubbabel was the grandson of King Jehoiachin of Judah (I Chronicles 3:17) and therefore a descendant of David. Born in Babylon during the exile of Judeans, Zerubbabel migrated to Judah after King Cyrus II allowed the banished tribe to return to their home to restore the temple.

The prophet Haggai identifies Zerubbabel as the head of Judah after the exile. Zerubbabel was the head of the tribe of Judah at the time of the return from the Babylonian captivity in the first year of Cyrus. On the issuing of Cyrus’ decree, he immediately availed himself of it,

and placed himself at the head of those of his countrymen "whose spirit God had raised to go up to build the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem." It is probable that he was in the king of Babylon's service, both from receiving a Chaldean name Sheshbazzar and from the fact that he was appointed by the Persian king to the office of governor of Judea.

Zerubbabel in Jerusalem: *Rebuilding the Temple*

On arriving at Jerusalem, Zerubbabel's great work, which he set about instantly, was the rebuilding of the temple. In the second month of the second year of the return, the foundation was set with all the magnificence which could be commanded. The efforts of the Samaritans were successful in putting a stop to the work during the seven remaining years of the reign of Cyrus and through the eight years reign of another two kings. **Zerubbabel does not seem quite completely innocent for this long delay.** The foundation of the new temple revealed that this was going to be significantly smaller than Solomon's original, to the sorrow of those who recalled the former temple: "Many of the older priests and Levites and family heads, who had seen the former temple, wept aloud when they saw the foundation of this temple being laid" Ezra 3:12. The prophet Haggai responded to their displeasure: "'Who of you is left who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Does it not seem to you like nothing? But now be strong, Zerubbabel,' declares the Lord... 'Be strong, all you people of the land,' declares the Lord, 'and work. For I am with you,' declares the Lord Almighty" Haggai 2:3,4

The difficulties in the way of building the temple were not such as need had stopped

the work but during this long suspension of sixteen years, Zerubbabel and the rest of the people had been busy in building costly houses for themselves. But in the second year of Darius, a light dawned upon the darkness of the colony from Babylon. In that year the spirit of prophecy suddenly blazed up with a most brilliant light among the returned captives. In a moment Zerubbabel roused from his apathy, threw his whole strength into the work. After much opposition and many hindrances find delays, the temple was at length finished, in the sixth year of Darius, and was dedicated with much pomp and rejoicing.

Although Zerubbabel's temple was less in size than Solomon's, God affirmed a greater honor: "The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house," said the Lord (Haggai 2:9). The glory given onto Zerubbabel's temple came many years later when Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came into the temple halls.

God's way of fulfilling His mission: *The chronology*

- Cyrus king of Persia conquered Babylon in 539 BC allowed the Israelites to return to their home.
- Next year one group returned and built the temple foundation in next two years. The neighbors who had influence in the Persian court stopped the work Ezra 4:4 - 6:22.
- 16 years later king Darius took the reign Haggai exhorted the people to start the work
- First message was delivered on the first day of 6th month of second year reign of Darius.
- People say that the time has not yet come to build the temple Haggai 1:2

- God questioned them, “Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains in ruin” 1: 4
- Then God stirred the spirit of Zerubbabel, Joshua and whole remnant of the people and they came and began to work on the house of the LORD Almighty, their God Vs. 14
- Vs 15 says this happened on the 24th day of the 6th month of second year of Darius.

The total change from apathy to build the temple to build the temple took place in a period of just 23 days. Is it not amazing!

Why Zerubbabel was chosen

Zerubbabel was chosen by God to build His temple which was in ruin. The reason for God's intervention was that the people did do nothing for 16 long years to build the temple, but they had built and lived in paneled houses. **The priority of the people were very obvious that they cared not about the house of God, but they were concerned about decorating their houses.** That pained God and he sent His message reasoning with His people.

The consequences for not giving priority to matters related with God

Haggai chapter 1 vs 5 and 6 says that the people were not prospered due to their lack of concern about the house of God. So, the people planted much but harvested little, ate and drank but never filled and satisfied, earned wages but it fell away not remain with them. **Nothing is going to be usual until we submit ourselves for His work.**

Purposes of God's selection

To obey the voice of God. He was selected because he obeyed the voice of the LORD their God and the message of the prophet Haggai, because the LORD their God had sent him. And the people feared the LORD Haggai 1:12.

To bear fruit that last long. John 15:16 Jesus said, you did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you, so that you might go and bear fruit; fruit that will last. The purpose of God's selection is not only obeying to the voice of God but also to go out and bear fruit. In the physical world fruits are coming under perishable commodities and will not remain intact for long but will see decay. The Bible says God chooses and appoints us to bear fruit that will last long.

God's role after choosing.

The two chapters of the book of Haggai mentions 8 things God does to fulfil His purpose after choosing someone. Let me list them below.

1. God was with them 1:13. God does not leave His chosen ones to mend their ways by themselves, but He is with the chosen one to guide them, motivate them and encourage them to complete the mission.
2. God stirred up the spirit of governor Zerubbabel, high priest Joshua and the spirit of the whole remnant of the people to build the house. 1:13&14. God prepares the hearts of His chosen one to accomplish His work and quiet interestingly He also prepares the hearts of others to support His chosen one in their pursuit of God's work.
3. Be strong and work. For I am with you. And my spirit remains among you. Do not fear. 2:4 & 5. God also strengthens His chosen ones by

saying not to fear for anything by assuring His presence in their work and also the abiding presence of the spirit.

4. I will fill this house with glory 2: 7. Fourthly God promises that His glory will fill the work of His chosen ones. The successful completion of God's work is due to His glory and for His glory.

5. The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house. 2: 9. The common tendency of the human beings are comparing the present with the past and finding fault with the present work. Here God assures Zerubbabel that He will make the work of the chosen one shines with God's glory than the previous comparable work. God honors His chosen ones and their work.

6. And in this place I will grant peace 2:9. The peace of the Lord will fill the hearts of His chosen ones as they are moving further in the completion of God's purpose for which they were chosen.

7. From this day (the day the foundation of the Lord's temple was laid) on I will bless you 2:19. Not only God promises that the work of the chosen one will be blessed but the chosen one him / herself will be blessed from the day they begins the work of their call and choosing.

8. When the heaven and earth is shaken, royal thrones are overturned and shatter the power of foreign kingdoms, chariots and their drivers will be overthrown, horses and their drivers fall, I will make you my signet ring. Why for I have chosen you. 2:23. God makes His chosen one as His signet ring and a treasured possession even everything around falls apart. The unshakable King and Kingdom always not only protects but honors the chosen ones.

The responsibility of the chosen one

The parable mentioned in Luke chapter 13 from versus 6 to 9 explains the responsibility of the chosen ones and the consequences when the chosen one does not fulfill the expectation of the Lord.

Luke 13:8, 9 "Sir," the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. 9 If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'

God has chosen us and made us as His signet ring to represent God to the world and to fulfil the purpose of our selection. Year after year, God is searching fruit in us, fruit that should have been produced by us. If He could not find any fruit in us or we are not fulfilling His purpose in our lives, God says that the tree may be cut down. But the intercessor intercedes with the master, Sir, give me an opportunity for one more last year. I will dig around and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.

This may be the last year God seeks fruit in us. Let us hurrying and producing the fruits and fulfil the purpose of our selection, because the door of opportunity is closing on us quickly. Secondly like the gardener, we also need to intercede for the fruitless trees, that the master may have mercy on them and take up the responsibility to nurture the trees to bear fruit.

The Lord who has chosen us and FMPB as His signet ring may help us to get the urgency of fulfilling God's purpose and ministry. May peace and blessings filled our lives in 2023 and beyond.

- Rev. John Berlin S.
FMPB - General Secretary



FORGET NOT THE ANCIENT DAYS!

*Remember the days of old;
consider the generations long past.
Ask your father and he will tell you,
your elders, and they will explain
to you. Deuteronomy 32: 7*

ORGANISATIONAL CONCERNS REGARDING PRAYER & 2023 PRAYER CALENDER

The Holy Spirit started this Prayer movement as the Friends Missionary Prayer Band in 1959 in the southern part of our land. A decade later, it emerged as a registered missionary society, and all its planning and actions were the outcome of prayer and revolved around it. Prayer was the driving force behind us covering many districts and states in order to reach out to various people groups. It is this force that has given us the strength to face persecution, accept losses, deal with infirmities and handle failures. When this mighty force of prayer becomes our breath and prayer groups our backbone, it is without any doubt we can proclaim victory over all the difficult situations and new challenges we are yet to face. This is a call to participate in all prayers during this year, which is marked on the 2023 calendar.

1. Wednesday Fasting Prayers:

Wednesdays have been set aside for fasting prayers since 1975. All the full-time workers, volunteers, prayer group leaders, members, and all believers are

reminded to join hands in this prayer movement.

2. Chain of Prayer:

This chain of prayers have been started and going on at various levels since the year 1980. The prayer group leaders had formed these clusters of prayer warriors in their areas of operations and have faithfully coordinated thus far. Let us remind ourselves to gather area-wise in all the districts of mobilization and spend at least 30 minutes a week at the feet of our Lord Jesus, interceding for our nation.

3. 12 hours of continuous prayers:

God specifically made our eyes open to note the marvelous results of this continuous flow of prayers offered before His throne of grace. Let us not forget to organize such prayers on all the promotional fronts and see the Hand of God move in unfathomable ways.

4. 27 Prayer groups in the Promotional Front:

We need to form 27 prayer groups that will be able to spend at least one hour

of intercession in their respective areas. Let us put our hands together to achieve this goal in the near future, just to see explosive results happen throughout our country.

5. 1000 hours of Prayer:

This prayer, which was started in the year 2012 during the Lenten season, has been fruitful, enabling great number of souls to hear the Gospel, and the results are encouraging. This year, let us mark the dates, from February 22 to April 5 to participate in this prayer, sitting at His feet to be enriched.

6. The Periamalai Day- Friday, June 9th:

This day is being observed in order to remember our organisation's first field opening day. Let us organize it as a Thanksgiving Day in all the prayer groups and also get involved in proclaiming the Gospel.

7. National Fasting Prayer Day: (August 11, 12, 13)

Our Lord had been gracious to all of us in allowing us to observe these fasting prayers thus far in August. Let us continue this method this year too on August 11, 12, and 13 in all our centers, at the headquarter level, field level, and the mobilisation level.

8. Fasting Prayers at the Field bases during October (Oct 1-31)

In the year 1975, for the very first time, all the Tamil Nadu districts were allotted to each state to be prayed for. As the years

rolled by, the prayer groups not only prayed for their allotted states but also started paying visits to join with the field missionaries in fasting for three days. As this has helped in the transformation of the respective states, this year too, let us plan and participate in field visits and intercede for our nation.

9. Annual Thanksgiving Day:

We observe Thanksgiving Day, which was established in 1971. On December 29th, people gather to offer their thanks and praises to our Lord Jesus for the countless blessings He has poured on us and the organization we serve. Let us be careful to observe this day in all the districts covering the field, promotion, and offices. Glory to our Triune God alone!

WONDER WORKING GOD!

Sachin of Anandavalli village in Dindori Field, Maharashtra, was affected with a boil in his eyes. He was unable to see for 15 days and was admitted to the hospital but the treatment gave no results. He went to the missionary for prayer. The missionary shared the Word of God with him and prayed for him. The Lord miraculously provided healing, and he recovered completely. Pray that he should accept Jesus as his Savior.



25 Years of God's Faithfulness - Silver Jubilee Celebration of Pawra and Noira People Group

God has been so faithful in the ministry done among the Pawra and Noira people groups of Maharashtra for the past 25 years. We were able to witness it during the Silver Jubilee celebration on 21st to 23rd November 2022. We are grateful for all the prayer warriors in FMPB families who uphold us in their prayers. We could feel the Holy Spirit's presence during the celebration and were blessed by the Word of God shared by our General Secretary, Rev. John Berlin, Rev. Vijayan (Zonal Secretary), Rev. Ravi Kumar, and Mr. Thomas, which were very practical. The spiritual lesson encouraged and motivated our believers, evangelists, and missionaries. Many missionaries and evangelists who had worked in the past among the Pawra (Sitara region) attended and blessed the occasion. The drama team, under the leadership of Mr. Baranidharan, screened some mission-oriented plays that were very lively. During the night, cultural programmes were performed by the believers from all the fields. The Pawra believers and Noira believers enjoyed the fellowship and God's Word. They received the vision to accelerate the momentum to reach all Pawras and Noiras for the Lord. More than 1627 people registered their names and attended the Silver Jubilee. All expenses were met by the believers themselves, who raised a total of Rs. 2, 82,319/-. We, the missionaries from Sitara Region, express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all our FMPB leaders and prayer groups for their sincere concern for these people groups. We give all glory and honour to our Lord Jesus Christ!

- **Sanjeeb Kumar Andrap**, Secretary - Sitara Region

Field visits and church dedications - Rajapalayam - Rural Operational District - Virudhunagar



On September 23rd We, the prayer group leaders, Sponsors, Honorary Mobilization secretaries all together 16 persons left Madurai and reached Barharwa office on 24th during early morning hours. It was truly an unforgettable experience which gave us much happiness to participate in the cultural programme and to meet the students and teachers in Thavakoda School and hostel children. On 25th we were taken to Sunderpahadi- to see the newly constructed Church in Kusumba village. The church was dedicated by Rev. Ajith Stanley of CSI Theni pastorate. We participated in the Prayer session conducted in LTI on 26th in Chotakagari Leadership training center. The missionary's testimony touched our heart deeply. God had enabled the illiterate adults had learnt to read the bible just in a month. Then we proceeded to the medical unit in Jharkhand. The same evening, God enabled us to proceed to see the CDC-project - Day care centre to meet the students over there. We paid a visit to Ranga Girls Home and saw their programmes and prayed for them. On 26th night we left Barharwa and by God's grace returned back to our homes safely.

Kulasekaram and Arumanai Leaders field visit to Punjab

A group consisting of six leaders reached Faridkot Field in Malwa Region, Punjab, early on October 3rd. We worshipped the Lord in the Sappavalli Church along with the believers. We were ecstatic to witness the faith of first-generation Christians at the Kamiyana village night meeting that night. The next day we visited Jaito Field. We took part in the night meeting conducted in Thabathkalada village and encouraged the believers there.



Following that, we had a time of fasting and prayer in LTI at Faridkot for the state of Punjab. That night, we moved to Amristar. We attended the night meeting at Nalunangal village. The following day, we witnessed the ministry in Amirtharas field. That night, we reached Moga Field. The following day, we worshipped the Lord in Emmanuel Church in Dharamkot village. The way the believers welcomed us and performed several cultural programmes showed their faith in Jesus Christ. All who had visited Punjab returned home with more burden to pray more fervently for the Punjabis to be delivered from Guru Worship and for our nation to know the Lord.

Field visit - Jammu & Punjab - Virudhunagar District

We, the Honorary Mobilization Secretaries, Prayer Group members, and sponsors from Virudhunagar, Sivakasi, and Arupukottai, travelled from Madurai and reached Jammu on October 5. God graciously helped us pray along with them for them and their ministries.



On June 6, we landed in LTI Punjab and heard the testimony of the believer in the Sappavali Church in Faridkot Field and participated in the night meeting conducted in Kammiyana Village. On the 7th, God helped us to take part in Satsang programmes in Modumandi and Sarasinghmod villages, visit two believers' homes, and visit missionary Pratapsingh's home. On August 8, we met the missionary in Amirstar Field. On September 9, we were very happy to be part of Buthlada Mela and witness the cultural programs, which burdened us to intercede more for their spiritual lives. We left the mission field on September 9 from Jhakkal, had fellowship with missionary Christopher in Delhi, and reached our home town safely by the grace of God on September 10. Glory to God!

Asom - Field visit from Tenkasi District

We, a group of 13 people from Kadayam in Tenkasi district, went to visit the mission fields in Asom. We reached Harmudhi and proceeded to the Parvathipur Church, where we had a brief time of prayer with the missionaries and local evangelists. Then we proceeded to a church on the borders of Himachal Pradesh and spent time in prayer. We met the believers in Narayanpur mission field, where we listened to the testimonies of our believers. We praised God for the way they had listened to the Gospel and for the things Christ had done in their lives. We had to travel to the island of Majuli by boat in the Brahmaputra River. The believers welcomed us according to their tradition and culture. We shuddered when we saw the 2 lakh people who had built their houses by using bamboo sticks at a height of 5 feet above the water without realising the danger to their lives. We prayed with much burden for their salvation. Kohpur was the next field we visited, where the field missionary and the believers welcomed us with their cultural dances and made us happy. We praised God for missionary Densingh, who, in spite of his daughter's sickness, had arranged all the programmes meticulously with the missionaries. We prayed for his daughter Lisa, and we returned to our hometown.



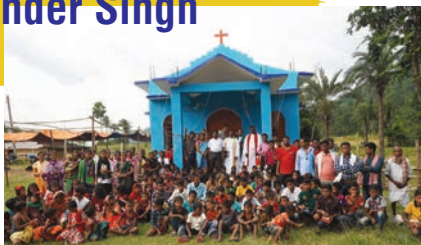
Chennai Anna Nagar Area's field Visit and Church Dedication

By the immense grace of God, we from the Anna Nagar prayer group left for the field visit to Kathodi (Maharashtra) and Sithara (Madhya Pradesh) from October 21st-26th. This provided good fellowship as well as the opportunity to worship with the believers there. We also dedicated the Church built by the Anna Nagar prayer group for the glory of God in Dhong village. We visited and encouraged the children in the homes in Taloda, Sangvi and Shirpur mission fields. Our missionaries took care of the team and planned our visit very well. We reached Chennai praising the Lord for what he has been doing in answer to our prayers on the mission field.



Perambur Mr. David Sunder Singh and family's field visit

We, as a family from Perambur, went to Barharwa in Jharkhand on October 24th. We worshipped the Lord with the believers who had gathered there. In the evening, we spent some time with the boys in the hostel in Boduva. We dedicated the Church in the village of Chota Sini in the Bathriya field for the glory of God. We met the first couple who were married according to Christian procedure and the first boy to study 12th grade in the whole of that village. We pray for the missionaries who live in those remote parts of our nation. We left for Chennai from Barharwa that night.



Tanjore Region - Gujarat field visit

The prayer warriors from Tanjore are supporting the state of Gujarat through their prayers. So around 12 of us from Tanjore Region left for Gujarat on October 27th and reached the Fokdi Children's Home. Among the 12, five were first-timers to visit the mission fields. We participated in the night meeting conducted in Thandavaadi village. Later, we took part in the Nasavaadi Church service. It was a service where a few people openly confessed their faith in the Lord Jesus. We had a time of fasting and prayer with the missionaries in that region for the hostel students and for the ministries that are going on there. Praise be to God!



DARIYAPUR CHURCH HISTORY

Beginning to Jan 2021

FATEHABAD FIELD,
HARYANA REGION,
NORTHERN ZONE



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Daryapur is a village in Fatehabad Tehsil in Fatehabad District of Haryana State, India. It belongs to Hisar Division. It has a total of 1090 families residing. The Daryapur village has a population of 5129 people. As per the Constitution of India and Panchyati Raaj Act, Daryapur village is administrated by Sarpanch (Head of the village) who is the elected representative of the village. Scheduled Caste (SC) constitutes 37.90% of the total population in Daryapur village. The village Daryapur currently doesn't have any Scheduled Tribe (ST) population. They are mostly cultivators (owner or co-owner) and agricultural labourers.

BEGINNING The first mission field of FMPB in the state of Haryana was Sirsa and it was opened in 1974 by the missionaries Mr. James Kaiser Hosannah

and Mr. D Antony. In April 1977 Mr. S. Rajendran joined the Sirsa ministry after Mr. D Antony left the Sirsa field. In 1979 the Sirsa missionaries, Mr. James Kaiser Hosannah and Mr. S Rajendran started visiting Fatehabad with the contact of a Punjabi Christian nurse Mrs. Prakash Chand, who worked at the Civil hospital, Fatehabad. The Fatehabad mission field was opened in 1983 and Mr. Joy Kutty and his wife Mrs. Rosamma were placed as pioneer missionaries. In 1984 Mr. Paul Anandhan & Mrs. Sarah Jothy Anandhan joined them.

In 1985 Daryapur village was reached with the Gospel and they had a contact named Mr. Kishan Lal Bajaj. He was a cloth merchant. The missionaries regularly visited his house and shared God's Word. In July 1985 slide show was screened

at his house. In December 1985, the then FMPB General Secretary Mr. Patrick Joshua preached at Mr. Kishan Lal Bajaj's house. From January 1986 onwards Mr. Bajaj started participating in the worship at Fatehabad. In June 1986 Mr. I K Abraham and Mrs. Esther Abraham reached Fatehabad mission field in the place of Mr. Paul Anandhan & family.

In his words: "I am Kamlesh from Multani community. We had never heard of Jesus Christ. Every year we went on a pilgrimage to various worship centres. My husband was rude and involved in many evil works. Missionaries Joy Kutty and Abraham gave some tracts to my husband who was sitting in a shop. He brought them to our house. From then on they always visited our house and we stopped visiting other places of worship. Jesus film was screened at our village one night, the next morning many wanted to know about Jesus. On that day Bagwan Devi and family accepted Christ. 6 orphan girls and their brother and their families accepted Christ. Every Saturday satsung was conducted at our house, many people attended the worship and there was no place to sit."

From June 1986 regular worship was conducted at Mr. Kishanlal Bajaj's house. Two years later on 18.4.1987, Mr. Kishanlal Bajaj accepted Christ. The change in the life of Mr. Kishanlal Bajaj who was a notorious man before, was visible, and we found him carrying a New Testament everywhere. This great transformation brought an impact on the people of Dariyapur.

MEMBERS CONFIRMED: In February 1988 Rt. Rev. Maqbul Caleb, Bishop of Delhi diocese confirmed the following Dariyapur believers at the CNI Church at Hisar: Mr. Kishanlal Bajaj, Mrs. Kamlesh, Mr. Jay Dayal and Mrs. Parmeshwari.

CHURCH BUILDING: In the Fatehabad Mr. Kishanlal Bajaj and Mr. Jaydayal families were very much interested to build a Church in their village, Dariyapur. More than 1000 families were staying at Dariyapur and the believers who were staying among them were facing many problems." The zeal for building a Church led Mr. Kishanlal Bajaj to sell his buffaloes and purchased an eight Marla land from a Jat man and he donated it for constructing the Church. The worship at Mr. Kishanlal Bajaj's house continued till the Dariyapur Church was built in 1991.

CHURCH GROWTH: On 9.7.1994 Dariyapur was made as a separate field and Mr. Jesubhai Mecwan & family was stationed there. Dariyapur functioned as a separate mission field till the end of 1995 and then it was merged with Fatehabad mission field once again. Mr. Kishanlal Bajaj and his wife Mrs. Kamlesh Bajaj along with the missionaries took the Gospel to many people. Mrs. Parmeshwari from Dariyapur village accepted Christ and confirmed her faith in the Lord on 14.2.1993. She shares her testimony: "I am Parmeshwari from Dariyapur village. Our native was Dharmi village. We came as immigrant to Dariyapur village. Our buffalo which used to give 5 litres milk reduced to

1 litre and slowly it stopped giving milk. I approached a god man and fed a sweet to the buffalo that he gave but it was of no use. At the request of my mother I asked Kamlesh Bajaj didi to pray for the buffalo. I said to her that when Pandit was not able to heal the buffalo how Kamlesh didi could do something. But after prayer, our buffalo started giving milk. This incident increased my faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and became His follower.”

Through the Dariyapur Church, the Sheikawali people came to know about Christ. Mrs. Raj Bala's sister was mentally affected. She asked the missionaries Mr. Deva and Mr. Raja to pray for her sister and God brought some improvement in her health. So she and her neighbour Guddi accepted Christ and joined the fold in 1993. They requested Mr. Palkuram whose daughter was possessed by evil spirit to believe in Christ. At first he opposed but due to his daughter's condition, he invited the missionaries to his house for prayer. When the missionaries shared the Gospel and prayed for his daughter. God delivered her and so the whole family accepted Christ on 28.9.1993. Many people from Ode Rajput community joined the congregation by accepting Christ. The Sheikawali village believers too started attending the worship at Dariyapur Church.

The Secret of Fasting and Praying:

Mrs. Prem Kumari from Dariyapur village accepted Christ and was added to Jesus fold on 21.7.1996. Later she backslided, but resumed back to her faith through

her daughter Babitha's unshakable faith in the Lord during her marital problem. Babitha recalls how her faith in the Lord Jesus became strong through fasting and praying. “After completing my schooling, through many hurdles I completed my BA. Though I wanted to pursue PG, I was searching for a job. Later my mother enrolled me for M.Sc. at Hissar. At the beginning, she paid the fees but from the second semester she refused to pay. I was asked to pay it along with the 4th semester. In my worries, I kept praying. God helped me to find grace in the eyes of my principal that he wrote off my fee and my dues and made to pay Rs.300 only in the final semester.

“I am Subash Chander from Kukdanwali village. I was an ardent worshipper of non-Christian gods for 15 years and used to light lamps for them and sing songs to glorify them. I never heard about Jesus Christ in my life before. My younger brother accepted Christ. My wife, Pushpa had secretly gone to the Church and prayers were offered for her and she got delivered from demon possession. With much hesitation my wife got permission from me to conduct a satsung for the deliverance of my daughter from evil spirit. I too consented. Missionary Aliyakim Jena and two other people prayed and seven evil spirits fled from my daughter. Seeing our daughter's deliverance all our relatives and I accepted Christ and were numbered on His side. My brother-in-law whose kidney had failed started working after he put his faith on the Lord and his son and my daughter too got Christian life

partners. I started telling about Christ to people. Nearly 15 people have accepted Christ through me.” Shahidanwali village was reached with the Gospel in the year 2000 during the time of the missionary Mr. Solomon Shanmugan and family. Mrs. Laj Mantri and Kamla were added to His fold in 2000. Then Sheela wife of Kishan was healed of a tumour on her chest through prayer and the whole family accepted Christ. Later many more people joined the Lord’s fold. The Shahidanwali believers attended the worship at Dariyapur Church. Most of them are from Sorgar community

THE CHURCH LAND: The first believer Mr. Kishanlal Bajaj became sick. He vomited blood and became paralyzed. He prayed to the Lord to add another year to his life so that he would build a Church. The Lord answered and extended his life for one more year. He had a dairy farm with four or five buffaloes and he sold it and purchased the land from a Jat man and donated 8 Marla (1 Marla = 272 Sq. ft.) for constructing a Church. In July 1989 the Dariyapur Church land was registered. After the Church was built, he passed away on 15.3.1994 as he prayed. He was fearless and he preached the Gospel in season and out of season. When the whole Dariyapur village opposed the construction he was the only person who stood with the missionaries and built the Church.

THE CONGREGATION AND THE COMMUNITY: The Dariyapur congregation members are from the following villages; Sheikawali, Shahidan-

wali, Karnauli, Akanwali, Hizrawakhurd, Kukdanwali, Haripura, Sarwarpur. They are from Multani (Mehta), Sorgar, Ode Rajput, Kamboj and Balmiki communities.

PRABHU YESHU MASHI SATSUNG BHAVAN: Foundation for Dariyapur Church was laid by Rev.T.Ponnusamy on 25.2.1991. This Pucca Church. 40X20ft. (800Sq. ft.) was built with the help of our believers. The Delhi Bishop dedicated the Church. 500 people participated. 13 people were added into His fold on the same day. Let’s remember this Church in our prayers so that they become strong and turn into sending Churches.

Tondaiyarpet Prayer group field visit



A 13-member group from Tondaiyarpet visited the mission fields in Maharashtra on November 9. There we saw the Gonds and Mandia Gonds in the Etapalli and Allapalli fields. We attended the worship service with the believers of Allapalli Field. This visit inspired us to pray fervently and to meet the needs in the mission field.



Happy Birthday

MR. KONKA GIRI BABU

MR. GIN SAWM, MR. MEENUGA ADEPPA MATTHEW

MRS. SARITA PAUL, MR. HABEL HEMBROM

Jammu

Narot:

**Jeewer Joeswa &
Priya Devi**

Praise God for: 785 new people heard the Word of God and 4 new villages were reached. 2 persons came to the faith. We were able to conduct 6 Satsangs. The missionaries are able to learn Punjabi and Dongri languages for the betterment of their ministry. Nanan Worship Group has restarted. Nimo and Jyothi were delivered from evil spirit possession. God enabled Sunni to complete his house construction when he prayed. Sahil was delivered from alcohol addiction in response to his mother's faithful prayers in the Church.

Pray for: Miachak congregation to have a Church building for worship. Pillar worship group that stopped gathering because of opposition from the village headman to restart again and the headman to be touched by Christ love. Ashwini, Kiran and

Sunayna, are active believers and are supporting the missionaries in their ministry. A land to be purchased in Nagiri to construct Church. Our plans to share the Gospel to 13000 people and to win at least 120 souls to Christ. Geetha's husband who has deserted her to re-join the family. Hardhul to recover from a stroke attack he had last month. Goshi who is suffering from a mental illness for the past 2 years to be healed. Romi Kumar and Vikas Magotra who oppose the ministry in their villages to come to repentance and accept Jesus. Pathras, Jeet, Sunny, Sunil, Peter, Abishek, Shashi Paul, Sanju Kumar, Mukesh, David, Kaloki & Balveer to be delivered from drug addiction.



Jehovah Rapha!

Mahima is 18 years old from Ghogalpada village in Tapan Field, West Bengal. She had been suffering from an unknown illness. Her parents went to several hospitals, but the doctors couldn't diagnose the disease. She had been praying to all the gods for six years and had found no cure for their daughter's illness. Later, they invited the missionaries to their house and they got a chance to share God's Word with them and pray. After the prayer, she was cured. The whole family accepted the Lord. She is currently in the 12th grade. Hallelujah!





Happy Birthday

MRS. MEKALAI CHELVI PRABAHAR
MR. NATHAN KUMAR BEBARTA
MRS. MAHALE YEMANBEN BHANGSINGH
MR. MUNNA MOHENDIAR
MR. RAUT SUBHASHBHAI LAHNUBHAI
MR. UPDESH KUMAR

Himachal Pradesh

Anni: Ginsawm & Chinghoihkim

Praise God for: The 270 people who heard the Gospel for the first time. Twenty New Testaments and 2 Bibles were distributed. Our evangelist had a chance to learn homiletics. 19 prayer meetings and 11 fasting prayers were conducted. Through constant prayer, Manish was delivered from drug addiction and alcoholism. Neer Chand received 1.5 lacs in government assistance to build his house. Chandaveer and Javan Jeen received old-age pensions from the government.

Pray for: Hukni Devi to be healed of nose bleeding and to believe in Jesus. Daram Das, suffering from hemotochonia, Sukmu Devi, who has cancer, and Sakuntala, who has a brain infection, to be healed by God's grace. Planned programmes are to be held in Bandal, Neetar, and Khekar without any disturbances.

Karsog: Pawan Kumar & Prabashini Devi

Praise God for: 6 new villages were reached with the Word of God. The Karsog congregational worship has been restarted. A House worship in Basantpur has also been started. Sunil Kumar suffering from kidney stone problem recovered well when prayed for.

Pray for: Rimpny to be healed of her thyroid problem. Anjali suffering from jaundice to get the healing completely. Sapna's husband who opposes her Christian faith, should repent and believe in Jesus. The growth of ministry in Basantpur area to progress well in the future.



Rohru:
**Johnson Sankar &
Jebarani**

Praise God for: 345 new people were reached in 2 new villages with the Gospel. 3 became believers and added to the fold of Jesus. Siviraj, a believer was blessed with a suitable life partner. God miraculously saved Prashant from a vehicle accident. The local evangelists training was successfully conducted. Manisha who was praying for a sewing machine for the past 2 years finally got her prayers answered. The 6 month old infant of Ishanvi which suffered from breathlessness received a healing. Prem and Geetha's 4 year old daughter's liver problem was diagnosed and surgery done at the right time when they had brought her to the Church to prayed for.

Pray for: Sanjana to heal and recover completely from a surgery. Dinesh to grow in faith and to find a job. Kiyon Santha, Mamta and Rishab Meir to be healed from their repeated sickness. Deliverance for Bavidevi from an evil spirit

possession. Ganesh who is so eager to involve in ministry should grow in holiness. A villager who has foisted a case against our believer Shoban Das regarding a land issue should have a change of heart. Local evangelist Sandeep should be blessed with children.

Punjab

**Mansa: Debbrato Biswas
& Manna Singh**

Praise God for: The Gospel was shared with 750 people. 2 persons have confessed their faith in Lord Jesus Christ. 25 New Testaments and 5 Bibles were distributed. 2 satsang programmes were conducted for the unreached people. 1 whole night prayer was conducted for the Manderna congregation. God healed 20 days infant Sharleen from jaundice.

Pray for: The Khai Church construction work and the compound wall work going on in Boha Church to get completed soon with the help of the local people's financial and physical support. Puja Kour is a 20-year-old girl whose marriage has been fixed, but the boy's father seems to show no interest in getting them married. Local evangelist Satpal Masih should be healed from the high sugar that he suffers every winter.



Happy Birthday

MRS. IVY MARGARET NICHOLSON

MRS. BAGIYAM CORNELIYU

MRS. RUKMA TEKAM SURESH, MR. PUMSONCHIN

MR. LAL KISHOR MURMU

Bathinda: Sanjib Anand & Prastuta, Pratap Rahang & Rashmi Prabha

Praise God for: The 250 persons who have heard the Gospel for the first time. 5 villages were reached with the Gospel. 3 were added to the fold of Jesus. 10 New Testaments were distributed. God healed Simran Kour from tumour in the liver, Anar Singh, Karamjeet and Kiran Kour from disc problem. Kewal Singh, Pala Singh, Jashi Kour from Mandi Kalan congregation are regular to Church after failing to attend Church for several days.

Pray for: The ministry must grow in Bucho Mandi, Bhai Rupa, and the nearby villages amidst the threats from the Sikhs. Pala Singh from Mandi Kalan, Radhey Syam, Nabab, Kuldeep from Bucho Mandi, Kala Singh, and Mishra Singh from Mour Mandi to quit alcohol and drug addiction. Iqbal, Lakhveer, Raja, Binder, Thandu, Baga, Chnada all to be strong enough in faith in the time of crisis when their own village people are against them

from Bhai Rupa. God to heal Rashmi Prabha the missionary's wife who has a 1 year baby and is under treatment in CMC Vellore for several complication to recover soon.

Ahmadgarh Mandi:

**Chaudhary Rajesh &
Sarita Paul,**

Deeptilal Mali & Renuma

Praise God for: The 2 persons who have become the disciple of Jesus. Gospel was preached to 250 persons. During the satsang that was conducted for the non-believers, 80 heard the Gospel for the first time. Around 300 gathered for the Mela and the believers themselves took the responsibilities and made it a success. The training programme that was conducted for the Church elders have motivated them to do more outreach themselves. The divine healing missionary Deeptilal Mali is experiencing from the cancer in the rectum through all the prayers offered for him. Suman Devi was delivered from demon possession.

Pray for: The youth in the Churches who are active in Church activities but not in their spiritual growth to be serious about their soul. A new comer Suman Kour to be delivered from demon possession. The efforts taken to restart the worship at Dhaler and Onather to be successful. A peaceful solution to the problem faced by the Malaudh Church congregation from the local evangelist who left the organization.



Happy Birthday

MR. SURESH MALTO
MRS. EVANJALIN SAMRAJ
MISS. MANISHA LAKRA

Lehra Gaga:

Issac Abel & Anna Roslin

Praise God for: The Word of God was shared to 255 people. 10 New Testaments were distributed. Training was conducted for the Sunday school teachers, new believers and for the Church elders. 2 small prayer cells that has been started in Lehra Gaga Church. Karnel Singh was delivered from demon possession and alcoholism and from all his evil ways.

Pray for: The new families that are attending Church to grow strong in the Lord. The newly formed prayer cells to grow in number and to function without any hindrances. A new believer, Munish's wife, to rejoin him and to accept the Lord. The Punjabi youth are addicted to drugs, and the Sancian community that sells these drugs to these youngsters should repent and stop their sinful business.

Barnala: Bidhan Hansda & Pansuri Mohlin

Praise God for: 700 people were reached with the Gospel. 10 New Testaments were distributed. 3 Film

programmes and 2 satsangs were held. 2 new families have started attending the Church service. 2 women's meetings and 2 youth meetings were conducted. Kirna Kaur had a successful kidney stone operation.

Pray for: Those who have heard the Gospel to respond positively. Kildeep Singh to be delivered from drug addiction. Dharamveer Singh who is bedridden for a year to be healed. Nisha Kaur's sugar level to be normal. Jyoti Kaur and Ramlal Singh to be healed from breathing trouble.

Haryana

Kalanwali:

Vijayakumar & Jebala

Praise God for: 150 new people heard the Word of God. 7 New Testaments and 100 tracts were distributed. 3 new villages had outreach programmes done in them. One family from Jalalana village responded to the Gospel and started coming to Church. A field level youth meeting was conducted and 20 youth attended the meet.

Pray for: The youth in Kalanwali field to experience salvation and to be supportive in ministry. Harjeet a 2 year old boy who underwent a heart surgery few months ago is diagnosed with a hole in his heart and his to undergo another surgery. God to heal him miraculously. The 21 follow up meetings that were conducted should bear fruit and people should accept the Lord as their personal saviour.



Happy Birthday

MR. JENNIS J.B.

Rajasthan

Udaipur: Ashish Kumar & Savita Devi

Praise God for: God's word reached 70 people and one new village. Three believers were added to the fold, and 30 New Testaments and 4 Bibles were distributed. Sushil Kasota and Bhaira, who are believers, have joined our team to serve as volunteers in ministry. Rekha, who was denied water from the village well because of her Christian faith, persisted. Now the situation is normal and conducive for her, and she has been allowed to draw water. Ramila was delivered from evil spirits.

Pray for: Hakri, who is mentally ill and pregnant, that God should grant her a safe delivery. Kulavanti and Kalibai are blind sisters but are regular to our worship services. Sarmila, who suffered miscarriages twice in the past, is now pregnant again, and the Lord should bless her with a safe delivery and a healthy child.

Uttar Pradesh

Kaimganj:

Ebenezer Sam & Jebarani

Praise God for: 2 new villages were reached and 67 new people heard the Gospel. 2 of them became believers and were added to the fold. 3 outreach programmes and an elders training programme was conducted. Elders of Kaimganj field were gathered, strengthened and trained to face the persecutions against their faith and to remain steadfast. Maya Rakesh of Kampil was delivered from satanic disturbances through prayers. Neelam of Aliganj who had miscarriage for more than 5 times is blessed with a girl baby in 6.5 months through a normal delivery.

Pray for: Martha of Ramapur Dabir village who is repeatedly suffering from satanic disturbances should be delivered. New contacts from Shyam Nagar and Gyar people groups to accept Christ into their lives. An Aliganj believer, Bisamber who is diverting our believers to Punjab for instant healing miracles done by his unbiblical methods. Iyyapur people who were busy in their works due to a Mela festivities to dedicate time for Church worships regularly. Mahesh of Etah to be healed from gallbladder stone.



Happy Birthday

MR. RAMESHWAR DAYAL NIRMAL

Rania:

Mongwai Phom & Nisha

Praise God for: 70 new people were reached with God's Word. 80 Tracts and 25 New Testaments were distributed through the meetings. A chain of prayer with 21 believers taking part with fasting is scheduled to go on till Jan 23rd. Shiva of Alamapur village received a miraculous healing from an infection in the womb when she came to the Church to pray. Barajpure Church celebrated its 9th anniversary of God's faithfulness. The rebuilding of the Church compound wall is finished. Ram Pal got deliverance from demonic possession.

Pray for: The new contacts to whom the Gospel is shared to believe and receive the Lord Jesus Christ. The family of Manju to be delivered from evil spirits.

Moth: Tilak & Emimal

Praise God for: Gospel was proclaimed to 300 persons. 1 village was reached with the Gospel 5

New Testaments were distributed. The people of Piprikalar, Ujyapura, Chouta and Bangri have invited the missionaries to conduct prayer regularly in their villages. A new comer from Rod a new village attends the prayer regularly and he is delivered from bad dreams and has a peaceful sleep now. God blessed the believers with a good harvest and good profit in business.

Pray for: Mulayan Bingh from Parigha village who is opposing the Gospel should repent and accept Jesus Christ as his Saviour. People of the villages Piprikalar, Ujyapura, Chouta and Bangri who are eager to know the Lord more to accept Him as the Lord of their life. Krishna family to be consoled for the cattle which were their only source of income died. The people to confess their faith without any barriers.



Reproach to rejoicing!

Latika Hasdak of Kakna village in Tapan, West Bengal, had previously given birth to a child with two heads. The villagers looked at her suspiciously and branded her as the mother of evil. The missionaries and the congregations continuously prayed for her, and now she has delivered a perfectly normal baby. Praise God!





Madhya Pradesh

Bhagli & Udainagar:

**Wilson D &
Rashmita**

Praise God for: 158 persons have heard the Gospel. A 12 hour night prayer was conducted at Dangrakheda village and 80 people attended it. Dhinesh a believer committed his life for fulltime ministry. 25 believers were strengthened in their faith in the training at Khamat village. In the elder's meet, 22 elders were equipped with the Word of God. Rakesh who suffered a lot due to a serious injury in his hand was healed through prayer. Having open doors to do outreach in many villages and to conduct follow up ministry.

Pray for: Anarsingh from Rajan Nagar village to stop disturbing the ministry. The Deliverance for Hari baba affected by an evil spirit, causing severe outbursts of anger. Thilak to repent of his bad habits and for a character transformation. The upcoming Church services, elder's meetings and follow up programmes to be fruitful.

Khandwa:

Isaac & Seetha Isaac

Praise God for: 1881 new people heard the Gospel and 39 new villages were reached. 19 new people became believers and expressed their faith. 76 New Testaments and 15 Bibles were distributed. 2 new worship groups were started. The testimonies of believers from Siria, Karkoan, Kalwa and Nepa Nagar were video graphed. The fasting prayer meets were conducted in all mission fields without any hindrances. The Lord is authenticating the ministry through miracles and wonders among the people. Kukadam from Chiria village failed thrice to get water from drilling bores in her field. After a faithful prayer she tried again and the Lord provided water. Heralal received healing from a tumour in his neck through prayers.

Pray for: The missionaries and the local Evangelists to progress in faith as they continue to minister zealously. A prayer gathering for missionaries is to be held on January 9th and 10th and for the Lord to bless these spiritual meetings. A vision 2030 fasting prayer is scheduled on Jan 11th to 13th for missionaries, elders and believers and for the Lord to give an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon His people.



Bihar

Raniganj:

Dharmendra Paricha & Madhusmita Pani

Praise God for: Gospel was shared in 11 villages. 150 people heard God's Word. 1 New Testament was given to a contact. Cottage prayers, night meetings, Bible studies were conducted. Got new contacts - Jhulcan Risi, Phulchand Risi, Dhiren Risi, Bhutan Kuswaha and Bechen Risi have heard God's Word. There is a good response and willingness to accept Jesus as their Saviour among 12 villages that the missionaries had visited.

Pray for: A group of people are ready and are willing to openly confess their faith in the Lord very soon. Rajan Devi of Sarsati village to be delivered from demonic possession. Rabina Devi to be healed of some unknown sickness. The upcoming programmes to bring many souls into God's fold.

Jharkhand

Amalagachi: Gajen Champramary & Roshila

Praise God for: Enabling the missionary family to attend the Malto language training. Regular meetings and trainings were conducted, and the Lord healed many sick people. A women's Biblical counselling retreat was conducted, in which many ladies actively participated.

Pray for: The Church elders' families struggling financially to be delivered. The situation of parched lands left uncultivated due to a lack of rain and people migrating to other states for work to change. The harmony amongst villagers in Batankapariya village, Kapil's family in Kalupara village, Silas family in Talmigoda village, Barnabas' and Sunil's family in Bahora village, and Simon and Samuel's family in Godda village are the only Christians in those villages to be witnesses to the Lord. The Lord to bring more Gospel hearers to faith. Guru, who practises witchcraft and brings spiritual disturbances to our ministry. The families of Sunil Pahariya and Rubiya, as they have backslidden from faith, should resume their faith.



Happy Birthday

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

Damni:

John Paul & Vimala Daisy

Praise God for: 273 people who heard the Gospel and 70 home prayer meetings held. 10 outreach night meetings and 5 meetings for the believers were conducted. The regular small prayer groups functioning in 8 places under the supervision of the wives of local evangelists. Surrender Malto, Nahomi Malto and Salomi Malto recovered from snake bite. The Church elders and committee members actively participated in the all night prayers in Kutamu Church. Muteri, Mangswri and Athragoda villages show interest for the Gospel. The Lord blessed the fields of the believers with good yield even though there was no sufficient rain this year.

Pray for: Bothan Malto of Godapuli to attend Sunday service regularly. Duleguru of Koteramu village and Jandaguru of Barigdopuro village are a constant disturbance to the believers. Vinod Malto shows interest in the Gospel and the Holy Spirit should convict him to confess his faith in

the Lord. The believers must actively involve in sharing the Gospel to the nearby people and villages.

Santhal Discipleship Ministry:

B. Sudhaharan & Florence

Praise God for: God enabled the missionaries to contribute to the Church elders training in Patna. 21 youth who had committed to serve the Lord were motivated to remain faithful. Bible study training for missionaries and evangelists of Santhal tribal region was conducted. God used the missionaries in the evangelist families gathering and a Church elders' gathering in Kadwa field. A children's camp was successfully conducted. The believers in Joskuti village were motivated to have a Bible study every Wednesday after their regular prayer meet. Sandeep Kisku a youth of Raksal village an irregular attender in the Sunday Service attended the youth camp conducted at Chottaghagri.

Pray for: The Evangelists who decided to start Bible study groups in 106 places and their efforts should be fruitful. The Church elders of Kadwa field who have decided to read the Bible daily and to have family prayer to be able to stay strong in their decision. The opportunity to find committed youth and leaders to start Sunday school and youth fellowships in all the congregations. The safe delivery of Solomy Hansdak our missionary.



Happy Birthday

MRS. JEYA HELEN ROSE SELVAKUMAR

Barharwa: Krishan Kumar & Shanti Lal

Praise God for: The open doors at Madan Sahi District. 13 new people heard the Good News. Deep, Manoj Ravi Das, Nayan Ravi Das and Sukhni Rakhiya Sen came for the first time to Church and were blessed. The evening prayer in Shri-Kund Gumani and the night prayer in Adaitikur were a blessing. Film programs were conducted in 4 Places Sharmapur Mod, Patna Chouk, Adaitikur and B.S.K Barmasia. Ladies meetings at 3 villages, Bible study groups at 8 places, Sunday school at 4 villages, follow-ups in 22 villages, house visit at 7 villages, Friday fasting prayer at 4 villages were conducted.

Pray for: Suhagni suffering from tuberculosis, Rahel Hembrom from tissues accumulation, Ganesh Ravi Das from digestion issues, Munni Devi from mental problem, Mamta Devi from arthritis and Poonam from eye defect to be healed. Sri Ram whose blood is been transfused every month because of thalassemia to be healed. Buchhan Devi, Main Kumari

and Sakhiya Rai who migrated to other states should be a good witness. Megha to be cured from the operation wounds and her new born baby boy who is admitted in hospital because of abdominal sepsis and mild jaundice to recover soon. Moti Lal Turi Shri-Kund Gumani should stand firm in his faith in spite of the opposition from his own family. Prakash, Kajal Devi, Nirmala Devi, Patasi Devi, Karthik Ravi Das, Vidhyadhar Chand family should be back to the Lord. For Jichho Rani to be acquitted from the Court Case.

Boduwa: Sonpu Singson & Tingneineng

Praise God for: Two batches of Children, 7th and 8th standard attended the Pre-Teen programme in Chota Gagri and 6th standard children attended in Donibichakani and were spiritually edified. All the students in higher classes studying in different colleges in Pakur, Dumka, Sahebganj and in Godda district are doing well.

Pray for: Paulos, our hostel student who is unable to continue his studies due to his father's (Pathras) ill health; who is bed ridden to receive a divine touch from the Lord Jesus. The consolation of our hostel student, Manuel whose mother passed away. God's divine touch upon Baga Saul who is suffering from fits very often. Jaikumar, our Malto hostel cook who is undergoing treatment for a burnt leg to be healed.



Happy Birthday

MR. LAULIN BHUINYA

West Bengal

Jamboni: Ephraim Malli & Prosonsita

Praise God for: 1000 people were reached in 20 villages, and 25 New Testaments and one Bible were distributed. 4 new believers were added to His fold. Women are receptive to the Gospel in Kamanbandi and Uttarsole villages.

Pray for: The Kusumghati villagers, as well as the Kadana Soren family from Baskhana village and the Bibhuti Bhusan family from Anda village, have expressed an interest in accepting Christ Jesus as their Saviour to openly renounce their faith. Mabi Mandi has problems in her brain. Two local evangelists and 2 casual volunteers to come forward to do evangelism. Satyamma Sore, Dunjhaydhan Soren Dhananjay Soren and Sukhlal in Antapati village are opposing the Gospel; they have to be touched by the love of Christ.

Pakuahat:

Ramakrishna & Anjali

Praise God for: The 2100 persons

and 25 new villages have heard the Gospel. The 5 believers were added to the fold at Pindergadia village. 2025 tracts were distributed to the people during the outreach ministry. Due to constant prayers, the Marang Murmu family, which had fallen away from the faith 7 months ago, re-joined the Church. First Fruits festivals went on well at Uttar Karma, Manikpur, Salbona, and Neemdanga congregations. Jetta Hembrom and her family joined as evangelists. Sunday schools have been started in Pannapur, Ulatur, Salbona, Manikpur, and Neemdanga villages.

Pray for: The believers in Pannapur and Manikpur to be steadfast in their faith as they have shared the Gospel with the nearby villages. The people of Gohal Jae village and nearby villages must have a change of heart to allow the proclamation of the Gospel. A significant number of people in contact require recovery from alcoholism. Salbona Kacha Church work remains to be completed. Those families who do not attend worship services on a regular basis should start doing so. The youth should get suitable believers as life partners. The believers who migrate for work to constantly grow in the fear of the Lord. Sujit Kisku, who has been suffering from Kalejar sickness for the past seven years, is still not fully recovered.



Asom Gohpur: Densingh & Kavita

Praise God for: The healing to Lisa, who has undergone 6 chemotherapy treatments and will have to undergo maintenance chemotherapy for the next 2 years. Two new people accepted Jesus as their personal Savior. The Lord healed Khutum of a stomach ailment and walking disability and enabled him to get married to a believer. The Lord protected our believers from snake bites and diseases during the floods. The Lord enabled the missionary family to complete the ministry for 5 years in Gohpur field, duly handing over 14 Churches to Missionary Nathan, and moving to a new mission field, Dhakuakhana, which has been unreached until now. God has provided the missionary family with a small bamboo house in the new mission field.

Pray for: Anita, whose husband abuses her due to alcoholism and who is also possessed by evil spirits, to be delivered. Mahendra, a believer who recently became addicted

to alcohol, and his beleaguered wife Mogu are suffering from loss of vision, probably caused by demonic attacks to be delivered. The graduates to be hired by the government. A Church is to be built in the Gorubeti and Dhondiputha fields. The new missionary, Nathan, must be accepted by all believers and to continue this ministry effectively.



No evil omens against Israel!

This incident took place in Surat, Gujarat. Srikant Moria and Mamtaben are from Bihar. Srikant's grandmother and mother were well trained in witchcraft. He and his wife were also very strong in their rituals. During the lockdown, he lost everything in his business. He, his wife, son, and daughter, along with their dog, wanted to commit suicide. At that time, they met a believer who told them about Jesus, led them to a Church, and they committed their lives to Christ. Having come to Surat, they came to our Church. His mother is doing witchcraft against him, and God enabled the missionary to strengthen them in faith and to guide them. Pray for their spiritual growth and protection.





Happy Birthday

MR. ISSAC ABEL S.

Gogamukh:

Praween Das & Margaret

Praise God for: Lala Masung expressed his faith and joined the Lord's fold. Through personal sharing, God enabled Baneswar, Sombari, Sanjib, Deb Kaman, Koneng, Torun, Koromsing, Purni, Pupe, Ugho, Monoranjana, Nomoti, Dibakor, Lala Misong, Gokul, Joges and Dimeswar to hear the Gospel and to show great interest in the Gospel. The distribution of 5 New Testaments and 360 tracts in the fields.

Pray for: Margaret, the missionary's wife, is suffering from spondylitis and should be healed. Lala Misong's family to accept the faith and be transformed. Our believer's family who lost their 16-year-old son Lohit to be comforted in Christ. The families who are against their own member when they confess their faith in Christ to have a change of

heart. Mohan Pegu, Une Misong, Pormanondo Pegu and Rajib Pegu to be delivered from their addiction to alcohol. Believers William Misong, Rupomoti Misong, Tora Pegu, Nijul Pegu and Rumi who have backslidden from the faith to return back to the Church services.

Jonai:

Sunil Singh & Joy Bella

Praise God for: 720 people heard the Gospel and got 10 new contacts. 3 Medical camps were conducted and 3 new villages were reached with the Gospel. 200 tracts were distributed and 8 Night meetings were held. 7 people confessed their sin and accepted Christ. A Bible study was conducted successfully. Profullo Doly and Joinath Tayung were healed of their sickness.

Pray for: The Lord should provide open doors for His Word in Jalam, Oyang and Jemi villages. Jiten Doley, Joinath Taung, Profullo Doley to receive healing from paralysis. Manoj Doley and Anta Pegu to be healed from depression. Our believers should grow in faith in the Lord.



Happy Birthday

MRS. SHINY JOSEPH
MRS. SUGANTHI SOLOMON

Majuli: Bhagirathi Bisoyi & Lalmani Digal

Praise God for: 80 people heard the Good News and 8 new villages were reached. One believer was added to the Kulichapori church.

Pray for: Probi Taiye from Puronichapori village who opposes the Gospel work to be touched by God's love. Konseng Pegu, and Lokhinath Pegu to receive healing from their sickness. God should protect His children from people who oppose the Gospel.

Silapathar:

Gond Devu Vishram & Randhe Naynaben

Praise God for: 2 new villages heard the Gospel. People of Tongani village who saw the Jesus film to respond in faith and confess their sins. A Church elder's programme was conducted successfully. People of Kathalguri, Akajan, Bormuryaa & Sithalmari villages have slowly started to show interest in the Gospel.

Pray for: Timeswari's mother is suffering from stomach cancer to be healed. 3 families from Sithalmari and Bormurya villages have backslidden in faith to return back to the Lord. Our believers to be strong in their faith and to witness to others in their villages. Our youth to be weaned away from the sinful pleasures of the world. Jagdish Letum to be delivered from his addiction to alcohol. God to provide a few volunteers to help in the ministry.

Jengraimukh (North Majuli): Rabindra Murmu & Selina Marandi

Praise God for: A new field has been opened in Jengraimukh region. 4 new villages were visited and 70 new people heard the Gospel. 5 tracts were given to the people.

Pray for: The missionary suffered a sudden sensory loss of hearing from Dec 21st 2021 to recover soon. A need to get a casual volunteer to help in the ministry. To open worship centres in new areas the missionaries had visited. The Holy Spirit should open doors in Jengraimukh field area which is north of Majuli to hear and heed to the Gospel.



Happy Birthday

MRS. VIJAYAMALAR GURUBATHAM
MRS. DEBORAH D. ROSELYN ARULRAJ

Chhattisgarh

Bande:

Babujee Murmu & Violet

Praise God for: 18 Sunday services and 45 cottage prayer meets were held. 480 people heard the Gospel newly. A seekers camp at Morkhandi village was held. 2 days team prayer for men were held at Hattedkasa Church and for ladies at Erpanar field. Keshau Lekhami's driver was saved from a tractor accident in his field miraculously. Dhasribai Kowachi a believer from Musparsi village was healed from a sickness that made her unable to walk. One new family started coming to our Sunday service at Morkhandi village.

Pray for: The believers from Musparsi village who are persecuted for their faith by their own village people to repent. Manku Naroti at Pakurkal village is creating misunderstanding amongst believers, elders and missionaries. May he be touched by the love of God. Kowachi families

from Eker village, and Wala village, Mattami family from Musparsi and 3 other families from Pipli village who have shown interest to the Gospel to experience faith and salvation in Christ.

Ludeg:

Karunakaran & Elizabeth

Praise God for: 5 new families are attending the Sunday service from Shivpur. God healed Kusum Tugga from Shivpur from Gall bladder problem and Jeya from Kokiakar was healed from Chest pain in answers to the prayer. God protected Rajindrado Toppo from a snake bite. Asish Ekka was delivered from demon possession.

Pray for: The restoration of 7 families in Dadwanara, 8 families in Kuhoopani, and the youth boys in Gatgaon to their faith in Jesus. Believers in Kaidama to be strengthened in their faith. Santhosh and Nirmala who are married for 12 years to be blessed with children. Sumithra Garaibandh to be healed from a breathing problem; Guntu from a mental disturbance; and Nickel Tirkey, who has been affected mentally for 12 years. An open for Gospel in new villages.



Odisha

**Bijatola: Kuna Chandra
Paik & Krutanjali**

Praise God for: The 100 persons who have received the Gospel packets Elders Camp at Suhashila and soul winners' camps at Gondida and Belpahadi were conducted. God healed Durgi Murmu of Gopinathpur from severe weakness and unconsciousness. Believers were blessed with a good harvest of paddy.

Pray for: Sakal and Jairam Naik families, Surai Tudu, Karina Soren, Gopal Tudu, Haihar Murmu, Salge Hembrom, and Harish Tudu to be able to confess their faith in Lord Jesus publicly. The plans to reach out Rairangapur, Bijatola, and Bisoi panchayats with the Gospel.

**Keonjhar: Pratyush Naik
& Marithai Leona**

Praise God for: Gospel was proclaimed in 24 villages for the first time. Sabitri Hansda after a period of one year is attending the Church services. God healed Bibi Munda who had a nervous breakdown. God delivered Maheshwar Munda in Mamlaposi Church from the clutches

of the evil spirit who was wound by the chains in the neck. God healed Bhagirathi Munda, a non-believer, and Bhudhni Laguri who were unconscious for 3 hours, due to satanic attack.

Pray for: The consolation of Kishan family who died and for the family of Budhram whose father died in a road accidents. God to heal Dadia Janka who is suffering from pain in his head, hip and legs after he met with an accident, Satur Munda from kidney failure and Gurubary Munda and Nayami Munda who are affected mentally. Pappun is admitted in the hospital due to one side paralytic attack. Evangelist Sahadev Juang passes blood along with urine to be healed.



Jehovah Jireh!

Rinky, a believer from Prithvi Darvaja of Kaimganj in Uttar Pradesh, is fatherless. She was worried and discouraged about her marriage expenses and was ready to leave her faith in Jesus Christ. The missionaries encouraged her to write down all the expenses to be made on paper and keep them in prayer. The congregation prayed for this as well during the Church service in her house. On November 4, 2022, her marriage took place very well. Her mother shared her testimony that God fulfilled all their marriage needs, and Rinky happily said, "I will take my Bible with me and will be in faith in Jesus forever."





Happy Birthday

MRS. VIJAYA JOYSON

Dhenkanal:
Santu Marandi,
Suresh Malto

Praise God for: Mamita Kola was healed from Chulia congregation was from severe stomachache. Ram Bandra who lost his eye sight for three days was unable to see anything. Believers prayed for him and God graciously restored his sight back.

Pray for: Both the sisters Shilky Soren & Srimati Soren are unable to move or do anything for the last 7 years to be delivered from their bondages. Visiting temples and offering pujas did not help. So finally they have turned to the living God Jesus Christ with a hope of healing. Bino Sundi a ten year old boy too is in the same condition and is in need of healing. Namisha Munda from Balanda Congregation who enjoyed mental healing is now again affected by mental problem. Plans of screening Jesus film in

Kalinga, Bahalpur, Sunia, Rangiapal villages to be fruitful. The upcoming programmes to bring many souls to the Lord.

Rimuli:

P. Sankar & Jelin

Praise God for: Gospel was proclaimed to 500 people. 7 new villages were covered with the Gospel. 4 believers have joined the fold. A worship group was started in Poornapani village. Maansingh who was staying outside his village due to opposition was able to go back to his village. Arpitha's father who opposed to reading the Bible has now invited the missionaries to conduct a meeting in his house at Mathiyasahi village. Sirikia family have donated a land to build the Church to be blessed.

Pray for: A Church to be built in Jamuthi and Arsala villages. The pujari Uthay who is opposing to repent. The people who have backslidden to be restored back to faith in Jamuthi village. The people in Konkana village to know Jesus personally. Jothi Sinu family to be blessed with children. The seekers participating in the Church service -Geetha, Rama, Upanthra of Poorbapani village, Baburam family of Bramandihi village and Raghunath, Ursika and Avinash to stay steadfast in faith.



Happy Birthday

MR. ISAAC DHANASINGH R.

Jashipur:

**Sukinlal & Jeyarani,
Abraham, Arvind Kumar**

Praise God for: 300 people were reached with God's Word and 23 became believers and were added to the fold. 10 Bibles were distributed. 6 families are willing to confess their faith in Christ. The hostel children are doing well in studies and progressing in faith.

Pray for: The missionaries, evangelists and believers to grow continually in faith and to glorify God with their good works. Deviga Soren to be delivered from an evil spirit attack. The mass outreach programmes in 3 new villages must bear fruit. Persecution in Pathigori and Radhanagar villages against the believers to cease. The need for a hostel warden family to take care of the hostel children. Sabuthi Munda, a 9th grade girl suffering from epilepsy to be healed by the Lord. The need of a 4 wheeler to transport hostel children to school.

Rairangpur:

J.Samuel & S. Havilah

Praise God for: 200 people were reached in 4 new villages. 200 tracts were distributed. The 10 believers' families in Sunapura Village endured persecution when villagers rose against the Church worship and broke the wooden fences. The police intervened and the Lord miraculously sorted out the issue, enabling our believers to continue their worship. 2 new families started coming to the Church. New worship services were started at Rampadi and Chandikaman villages where 4 families in each village are attending.

Pray for: David Purthy who has backslidden in faith and started to drink. God should deliver him from this addiction and bring him back to Church. There is a need for the local leaders to involve in ministry, that God should motivate them. There is a need for new Churches to be constructed in Kucheipal and Sunamra villages. The healing of Pitambar Tiriya suffering from a back bone issue and cancer. The Lord should bless Pitambar Gagarai and Jasmi with children.



Happy Birthday

MRS. SELINA MARANDI

Gujarat

Bodeli:

Yesu Babu & Usha Babu

Praise God for: 130 people heard the Word of God and 2 new villages were reached. Sailesh of Dasimala village was delivered from evil spirit possession when our evangelist prayed. The Lord blessed our believers with good harvest in their fields. Kamalesh and Reuben were delivered from evil spirits. Gandhi a believer gave a share of the money he received by selling his goat to the Church. In the same week his flock was blessed with 10 new births.

Pray for: Our believer Tulsi's corn fields, was infested by insects and pests is hoping for a good harvest. A believer's family in Mallu village is beset with many problems of debt and sickness and yet remaining firm in their faith. The Lord should deliver them from their sufferings. Sanita

Ben to be delivered of evil spirit possession. God should provide open doors to proclaim His Word amongst the Tharuvi community in our mission field. Our believers who migrate to other areas to remain steadfast in their faith.

Pipalwada

Girls Hostel:

Pon Augustine & Joyce Shobana

Praise God for: The VBS Programme in our Hostel for 3 days under the theme "needed only one" was conducted. Bethel VBS Team volunteers led the event and children learnt the Word of God in a very active manner. The bus repair work was completed successfully. The completion of the water tank work for storage of water is completed.

Pray for: The 10th and 12th grade students of our hostel to prepare well for their exams sincerely. A staff quarters to be built in the premises at the earliest. The purchase of uniform dresses to be done economically. Children to be protected from the winter weather and those who are sick to recover soon.



Happy Birthday

MRS. PREMALATHA DANIEL THOMAS
MISS. SHANTI MURMU

St Thomas English School, Jhawda:

**Haribabu & Pankajam,
Sathees Kumar & Christy
Jeyanthi, Daniel & Sofia,
Bijulal & Steffi, Albert
Santhosh Raj, Ruth Malto,
Maina, Angel Raj.**

Praise God for: The safe return of children from vacation. The purchase of a 4 wheeler is a blessing for the school community. The 8th grade children got an opportunity to take part in a science exhibition at Taluk level. A new computer teacher Vishal has joined the staff team. The hard work put in by the teachers to take extra tuition classes for Class 10 and 12 students to help them score better marks.

Pray for: 26 tenth graders and 16 twelfth graders who write their board exams this year, to do their exams successfully. The need of a good teachers for Science

and English departments. God's providence to complete the various campus development works that are underway. Children should grow well in spiritual and moral disciplines of life. The Silver Jubilee celebrations of our school to take place as planned for God's glory.

LTI - Fokdi:

Reuben Ravi & Vijayarani

Praise God for: The Gujarati language training course was conducted for 5 new missionaries who have been placed newly. A spiritual training and retreat programme was conducted for 38 home wardens and cooks, and they were rejuvenated in their lives. A senior evangelists' training programme was conducted and 18 evangelists attended. A junior evangelists training programme was also conducted similarly and 29 evangelists took part.

Pray for: The maintenance work to be done in the LTI campus. God's guidance on lesson preparations on "Christian Family Life", Christian Character and Development" and "Forgiveness and reconciliation". The newly elected Gujarat Government should be conducive for the extension of God's Kingdom.



Surat: Mathavaroy & Jebathangam Mathavaroy

Praise God for: 50 new people were reached with God's Word and 25 night meetings were conducted. Pushpaben a believer prayed for her neighbour's husband who did not work for 18 years. The Lord heard the prayers and enabled him to find work. Shamubhai received healing from a surgery after hospitalization in the ICU in response to the prayers of believers. Tarulathaben's family received a miraculous protection of the Lord when a portion of her house collapsed. Deliverance of Anitaben from an evil spirit possession. God's protection over the missionary when she travelled during the nights for cottage meetings.

Pray for: Kiranben's son Ranveer who runs away from home often battling suicidal thoughts to find hope in the Lord. The villages are filled with people who migrate for work and it is difficult to find right volunteers and local evangelists to minister. The need of volunteers

to take care of the children during the worship services and to teach them in Sunday school. Sangeetha from Bihar who is abused by her husband for being unable to deliver a child to be blessed with children soon. Rupaben who suffered 2 miscarriages heard about Jesus through our believer and has started attending Church to be able to conceive.

Dadra Nagar Haveli

Randha Home:
Markus Malto & Sara, Chandrikaben, Manishalakra, Marynengneikim

Praise God for: The safe return of all the children after the vacation. The secretary's visit to the child care centre was an encouragement to the children. A youth meet was held in the campus, and 15 girls participated. Manisha Lakra and Mary Nengneikim Khongsai studied Gujarati and passed the exams.

Pray for: Pratiksha Ben of the 9th grade to recover from a hand fracture. The Lord to take care of our children during the cold winter conditions. The children to grow in faith and benefit from the spiritual nurture provided in the home.



Happy Birthday

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

Silvassa: Davidson Rajasingh & Kanmani

Praise God for: 1326 new people were reached. 2 Bibles were distributed. Sunday school is continuing in 33 places and worship services are held in 44 villages. Bible studies for teenagers and youth are held in 12 congregations. All our believers could harvest a good yield of paddy and gram in their fields. Deepak received healing from his stomach ailments and kidney problems. Ramu, Eshwer and Ashok were protected in a road accident. Nilesh is a new believer from Silli village to confess his faith. Malji was delivered from alcohol addiction for 5 years, when believers prayed for him persistently. 6 people from Patti village have received Jesus into their lives. God protected Januben from a poisonous snake bite.

Pray for: Smitha Ben a widow is unable to walk due to a spinal cord injury. She is poor and has to take

care of her 3 children. Jeswanthi and Gopi are suffering from kidney stones. Chitraben's unwilling husband to receive Jesus Christ as his saviour. Manju to receive healing from a nerve problem and Abel suffering from a lump in his hand. God's power over a demonic sound heard in Silli village disturbing the villagers. Bijili Ben to be delivered from having nightmares.

At the Name of Jesus!

Mariyam Besra, from Tarapur village in Amarapara Field in Jharkhand, is a 9-year-old girl who often gets seizures. Her parents were too worried and tried their best to get her cured, but all their efforts were futile. Our evangelist advised them to come to church for prayer, but they were not willing at the beginning. Then, finally, they came to the Church for prayer. The whole congregation offered prayer for her, and she was healed from fits, but she was possessed by an evil spirit and became mentally ill. As the prayer was going on, she began to vomit. Out of her stomach came empty shampoo pouches, lipstick, broken bottle pieces, bottle caps, pen caps, rusted nails, a cycle key, waste papers, etc. Nearly 12 odd things came out. Through their continuous fasting and prayers, she was delivered from the evil spirit. Glory to God!



Happy Birthday

MRS. NIANG ZANGAI THAWNG KHAN KAP

Maharashtra

Boradi:

Om Prakash & Sapna

Praise God for: 167 new people heard the Word of God and 4 new villages were reached. The silver jubilee programme for the Sitara Mission field was held at Boradi and 2000 people participated and celebrated God's faithfulness. The Jesus Film was screened in Borapani, Kenari, Sitarpada, Junapani and Ambada villages and around 298 people came to see and hear the Gospel. Fasting prayer was conducted with evangelists and believers at Popatipada, Urmada, Boradi, Chondi and Vakapada villages and 57 people participated and prayed. 32 children attended the children's camp held in 3 villages and were blessed. Women's camps were conducted at Kodida, Temba, Budaki Vihir and Umarda villages and 48 women participated. The Lord blessed the Bhajan programme at Pimparani village and Believers training at Salaipada village.

Pray for: Swapna, the missionary's wife, has been suffering from leg pain for the past ten years and has to be healed. Unka battling Cancer, Rathana

from Asthma for the past 1 year, Sunil and Mona affected with deafness, Subhi to be delivered from evil spirit possession and Jyoti from paralysis for the past 10 years to be healed. Elder Khatriya of the Kohida Church to give the Promised Land surrounding the existing church.

Dindori: Alex Prabhu & Priya Getsy

Praise God for: New openings in Lingavne, Palgate, Kolher, Nalagev villages and the people to be receptive to the Gospel. VBS was conducted for the first time in Mohadi, Dindori and Thondalpada villages and 51 children participated. 46 new people came forward to pray upon hearing the Gospel. The Lord should provide for their needs. God healed Santhosh from leg injuries. The Lord healed the missionary's daughters from Pneumonia.

Pray for: The Lord should provide suitable Christian spouses for the girls who are believers. Rajendra, suffering from a skin growth in his eye balls to be healed. A 12th standard girl to recover from an eye and intestinal problem. A new Church to be constructed in Kocharkav village. Gangaram an elderly man to be healed of brain tumor. Saroka to be delivered from evil spirit possession. Many believers with sickness to be healed and their faith established upon Jesus. Rohini a 10th std girl to be delivered from demonic attacks.



Happy Birthday

MRS. ASNATH DEVADASS
MRS. MARGARET MUTHAIAH SAMUEL
MRS. JEYA RUBY SOLOMON
MRS. KIRUBASANAM STELLA ANDREWS

Igatpuri:

Nagarajan & Thilagavathi

Praise God for: 110 new people and 2 new villages - Vaganwadi and Konthiya were reached with the Word of God. Children meetings were conducted in Dhargav, Dhamni, Vihigav villages. Diaben who was admitted in ICU was healed after prayers offered in faith. Leela was healed of her chest pain. Her unbelieving and opposing husband now trusts the Lord because of this miracle. Krishna who suffered for 12 years with swelling in the legs was healed due to prayers. Follow up ministry was conducted in, Mukne, Pagupachawadi, Vanganwadi and Kasera villages.

Pray for: Nivruthi 19 years old who was attacked with iron rods on his head to be healed. Leaders of Vadivara and Mukne villages who oppose the ministry and harass the

believers to have an encounter with the loving God. Dhara's mother in law and husband who oppose her Christian faith to repent. Sanjay met with an accident and unable to work to be healed completely. The faith of Igatpuri village believers to be steadfast as they are not allowed to worship the Lord within their village. Sonali and Sunita who long for a baby to be blessed with children.

Gospel makes beautiful people!

Thoram Veer was from the village of Lusiya in Hansdiha Field in Jharkhand. Because he was mentally ill, he used to attack the villagers by pelting them with stones and attack using iron rods. He roamed around during the night armed with sharp instruments. His wife left her four children and went around looking for famous gurus to get her husband healed. She spent all her money on his treatment. In this situation, the women from the prayer cell introduced Jesus to her. The men from the prayer cell tied Thoram Veer with chains and prayed for his deliverance. God healed him completely. Today, his entire family has accepted Jesus as the Lord of their lives. Glory be to God!



Happy Birthday

MR. JOHN DINESH G.M.

Sithara Region: Sanjeeb Antrap & Swarnalatha

Praise God for: 7 people accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. Savitabai, Gotiram and Shanthilal received deliverance from demon possession. The Lord saved Sonbai from a snake attack when she prayed. 1429 people in 24 new villages heard the Gospel and 7 Jesus film shown. 16 Bibles and 88 New Testaments were distributed. Akkabai was diagnosed with spinal cord injury and who couldn't walk received healing through prayer. Basibai and Surban - bedridden for the past two months received healing through prayers.

Pray for: Janabai who is suffering from leprosy to be healed. The Church construction at Lakadia to begin soon. The required papers and land documents needed for Khaperkheda and Jamphati villages' in order to begin the Church construction work to be obtained soon. Anish to find a suitable

partner. Akash to be delivered from alcohol addiction. Subibi, Sunitha and Rachita to receive deliverance from evil spirit possession. Arthi suffering from cancer and Jyothibai from paralysis to receive healing. The people who heard the Gospel through film shows and bhajan programmes to receive Jesus into their lives.

Khandbara & Navapur: Balaji Netalam & Jagadeeswari

Praise God for: 4 people who have been added to His fold. The youth in 2 places, special house prayer at 8 places, night meetings at Jamda and Kolghar villages meetings were conducted. The Word of God to work among the 800 new people who have heard the Good News. A family seminar was conducted in Bhadwad village. The 2 backslidden believers who have restored in faith.

Pray for: All the believers to attend and be spiritually strengthened in every program held for the believers. The church key leaders of Khandbara and Navapur field to understand the responsibilities in their churches and ministry and to actively participate in the outreach and all other meetings. A land to build a kachha Church in Kolghar village. The salvation of the new families coming to the Church.



Happy Birthday

MRS. BITHIKA BIBHABA PANI

Mandana:

**Godisela Praveen &
Mounika**

Praise God for: 125 new people heard the Word of God and 1 new village was reached. 100 tracts and 20 Gospel portions and 2 Bibles were distributed. 75 people saw the Jesus film screened at Malgoan and Lengdi villages. 10 people attended the new believers meet held at Andrathboida village. A Church elder's training was conducted at Ganur village where 10 elders participated. A Mass outreach was held at Dulgur village and 30 people heard the Gospel. Savita was delivered from an evil spirit possession. Geetha was saved from an electric shock.

Pray for: Sunil to be delivered from alcohol addiction and healed from sickness in his lungs. Nirmala to experience healing from mental sickness. Savan Ganur who suffers from back bone pain due to an accident incurred 5 years ago, to be healed completely.

Pimpalner:

Moorthi & Bharathi

Praise God for: The 6 new villages

and 300 new people heard the Gospel. 350 tracts and 50 New Testaments were distributed to the people. New children participated in the 6 children's meetings that were held. 1 all night prayer, 5 fasting prayers, Ladies meetings and Bible Studies were conducted. Paul a believer was saved from a road accident with only a minor injuries.

Pray for: Govind suffering from a stomach disease to recover soon. He is nervous as 5 of his family members have passed away in the past few years. Lotan and Ratinalal to be delivered from their drinking habits. Paru suffering from anaemia to receive healing. Utham, a backslidden believer to regain his lost faith.

**My presence shall go
before you!**

A group of people started for FMPB carol rounds from Kanangulam to James town area by auto rickshaw in Kaniyakumari District, Tamil nadu. When the auto had passed Kaanimadam, it suddenly lost its balance and rolled down five feet into a canal full of water. But there was no damage, either to the vehicle or to the people inside it. God protected the adults and the young people without any injuries. They successfully completed that day's carol rounds. Glory be to God!



Happy Birthday

MR. JANGKHOLUN TOUTHANG
MRS. STEFFI BIJU LAL
MR. BHARUDE PRATAP MANGYA

Surgana:

Vijaybabu & Devakirubai

Praise God for: 650 new people in 8 villages were reached with the Word of God. 150 Gospel packets and 7 Bibles were distributed. Sunday services were held in 16 places and fasting prayers in 18 places. 30 Bible study groups are gathering regularly. Sakshi an 8 year old girl, bit by a poisonous snake was healed when her parents prayed for her. God provided open doors at Amjar village from where 4 families are coming to Umbachapada Church. Mandha Church believers had a division amongst them due to a local body election. God brought in reconciliation and they now worship the Lord together.

Pray for: Kalwan and Dindori talukas of Nashik district to establish the ministry among the Kukna, Koli, Varli and Marata people groups. The Borigavata Church construction work to progress well. Palson who ministers in Abhona area where God has provided an open door to

be effective. Bharathiben and Savita to be blessed with a child as they remain childless for 7 years. Umesh suffering from cancer and Rathiben from a breathing problem to receive healing. Dhakshaben suffering from migraine to be healed. The family members of Devijabai a retired evangelist who continued to help us was called to Glory to be comforted in the Lord. The local evangelists' training programme should be held to be useful. A 100 member chain prayer to start from January onwards.

Karnataka

Kolar: Samuel Beborta

Praise God for: God enabled the completion of the reconstruction work at Gangatta Church, and He provided the materials in a miraculous way. Enoch, our believer, received a banking job. In the Church elders' training, 12 members participated. One local family has joined as an evangelist in our Kolar field.

Pray for: The salvation of Chikkandahali and Hosahalli villages, for which people should repent and believe. Rani, who has remained childless for 8 years to be able to give birth. The anti-conversion law in the state is not to be misused. The smooth conduct of outreach programmes must be without hindrances, and the persecutors must experience the love of our Lord.



Mundgod:

Sunil Kumar & Sangeetha

Praise God for: The 150 new people were reached in 5 new villages with the Word of God. Continuous Sunday services are going on in the Balabid area, and a fasting prayer was also started. Preethi, who was 7 months pregnant with low blood levels, was healed by prayer. Kasthuri, a believer who was miraculously saved from burn injuries after spilling cooking oil on her hands. The Davendra and Prakash families, are newly attending the Church. Three families showed up for the newly established Friday night prayers. Prithvi, a 4-year-old boy, was miraculously healed of a urinary problem without surgery.

Pray for: Our volunteer Yellappa to recover from a hand problem. Shantamma, 60, whose two children do not look after her love her to get a comfort. The power of the Holy Spirit is required to overcome the dominance of idol worship and black magic in the villages where

we minister. Vishnu and Yindappa are to be delivered from alcoholism. Chandrava's son's healing is in jeopardy, as both of his kidneys have failed, causing swelling throughout his body.

Nidagundi:

Joseph Kirubakaran, Narendra Kumar

Praise God for: 50 new people heard the Gospel and 1 new village was reached. 8 year old Shravani was saved from a snake bite while taking care of her sheep. The Jeep ministry to reach out to villages went on smoothly. Laxmi who was unable to eat food, recovered well through prayers. Our believer Sunil owns a pickup vehicle unable to find business. The Lord blessed him with work offers in response to our prayers.

Pray for: Parvati suffering from a uterine tumour to be healed by God's mercy. Santosh, Sunil, Meenakishi and Susheela who heard the Gospel to respond in faith. Our believer's wife Kavita to accept the Lord as her personal saviour. A few believers who have backslidden to find their faith and be restored. The young missionaries to be blessed with a suitable life partner who will also serve the Lord passionately along with them.



Andhra Pradesh

Rodham: Debodatta Lima & Sonia Rani

Praise God for: The 760 new people were reached, and 1480 tracts and 15 New Testaments were distributed. The safe recovery of Rinama from ICU treatment. An iron rod fell on Indrani's head, but subsequent scanning revealed no serious injuries. Bhagyashree, was able to conceive a child through prayer. Prathush, successfully wrote her LLB exams.

Pray for: Sivamma suffering from a prolonged lung infection to be healed. Raju, Sundarshana, Narshimalu, Sunita, Skama, Nitu, Narshamma, Lakshiamma, Albelama, and Srinivas to receive salvation. Padma needs to recover from a uterus surgery. The Church construction in Rodham, Sanipalli, and Turukulapattanam villages are expected to begin soon.

Tamil Nadu

Anchetty: David Nicholson & Ivy

Praise God for: One person joined the fold. Gospel was proclaimed in

2 villages. Some have decided in the seekers' meeting that took place in Thandiyam village to attend the Church services regularly. After a few miscarriages, Mohan and Shyamala were blessed with a baby girl.

Pray for: The backslidden believers to be restored back to faith. God's healing touch upon Ravi Dhass from stomach cancer, Kavitha from Cancer, Prema from eye problem, Sekar and Chandrasekar from heart problem. The new contacts to experience salvation- Sasi, Bavani's family, Mathaiyan, Chandran, Santhakumar, Vijaya, Arul Jothi, Uther Marthu, and Paramasivam families.

I am the Lord, thy healer!

Rupsingh, from Kalikirat village in Khandwa Field in Madhya Pradesh, suffered a poisonous snake bite when he was working in the fields. He had to be taken to a district hospital located 20 kilometres away. As he was being taken, the poison spread in his body, making him foam at the mouth. The distraught people of the village brought him to the nearby Church in Danda village instead. The Swarthick and a few elders prayed fervently for the dying man. The Lord did an amazing miracle and healed the man, much to the wonder of the people around. Today, the man is completely recovered and working in the fields. Praise our miracle-working God!



Happy Birthday

MRS. SRILATHA STEPHEN JEYASEELAN
MR. PRATAP RAHANG

Tiruvallur:
**Paul Anandan &
Sarah Jothi**

Praise God for: 50 Gospel packets have been distributed. Govarthan, the husband of our contact person Kavitha has heard the Gospel for the first time. 20 persons to accept Jesus Christ who participated in the prayer in Kaka Kandigai, Muthukonapuram, and the 4 persons in Venugopalapuram.

Pray for: Govarthan who lost his job to get a new job. Venkatesh, Rajendran, Adilaksmi, Uma, Mariammal, Mahalakshmi, L.Uma and Kavya in Muthkondapuram, Pavithra, Harishri, Sujitha, Sanjana, Ranjitha of Venugopalapuram, Sonia, Mahalakshmi, Priya, Supriya, Akash, Dhanuraj, Gnanasekar, Shanmugam and Sundar of Krishnapuram to accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

His touch our healing!

Son Bai, from Vahaniyapani village in Boradi field in Maharashtra, was bitten in the finger by a snake while she was collecting crops. Her finger started to bleed and swell. However, she prayed with faith, asking God to heal her and take the poison away. After an hour of prayer, the Lord miraculously helped her to recover completely, and she was healed.

Shame to glory!

Our believer Ramakrishna Durgam's daughter, Soundarya, married Yeshwanth from Marnelly village in Perkabatti village of Jimmalagatta field in Maharashtra. She remained barren for 5 years, and so her mother-in-law, relatives, and village people started to irritate her by making fun of her about her barren condition. The missionaries shared the Gospel with them and prayed for them. A prayer request was also published in the Friends focus. God honoured their faith, accepted all the prayers, and enabled her to conceive. However, she gave birth to twins prematurely in the eighth month. So the babies were admitted to the hospital and taken care of. Now the twins are doing fine. God removed the disgrace, shame, and pain from her and honoured her before all who despised her. Praise be to the Lord

"HOW DO I KNOW IF GOD IS CALLING ME TO BE A MISSIONARY?"

The following practical suggestions will surely help anyone who really wishes to know about the calling of God for a missionary work. When the passion for reaching the unreached people will increase in your heart, call some friends and pray together. The word of confirmation will come from others; will hear that you will well fit for the missionary work. When you hear the songs and sermons, the Word of God will minister to you in a special way. God will shut other doors and until one obeys to His call he/she will not have peace in the depth of the heart. These are the signals from the Lord who loves you and chosen you. Still, if you find difficult to discern listen to the following suggestions.

1. **Immerse yourself in the Word:** Read the word of God with much interest and expecting God to speak to you through His written and revealed Word of God.
2. **Listen to the Holy Spirit:** Be sensitive to God's Voice. Switch on your mind, let your mind be ready and be still to hear His voice, but do not expect for His appearance or vision. Who am I that God has to come before me and show Himself to reveal or prove Himself. Bathe your interest in missions with prayer and Bible study
3. **Look to God** as Sovereign. He is All Powerful God. He never fails us. He never makes any mistake. He often leads by opening and closing doors. God who created you and saved will meet all your needs only when we trust His sovereignty.
4. **Seek the Counsel of matured Christians.** Church Elders, Pastor, a mentor, close Christian friends and leaders, they will guide you.
5. **Read everything about the missions** and biographies of the missionaries that will give clarity in your mind to take decisions.
6. **Get involved in the missions'** mobilization and education program of your local church. **And Throw yourself into active ministry** of the Church and mission agency
7. **Listen to the mission stories** from the field missionaries.
8. **Talk to your missionary** and the Prayer Group Leader about the ministry.
9. **Go for the nearest mission field visit.**
10. **Contact** a missionary sending agency for more information and clarity.
11. **Consider giving a year of volunteer service** in a known mission.
12. **Form a small prayer group** and pray with your friends.

"Then Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'" - 1 Samuel 3:10

Missiologist J. Herbert Kane wrote that a person will enhance the possibility of hearing God's call if he or she has: **An Open mind, Attentive ear, Pure heart, Busy hands and Ready feet.**

- Rev. Dr. E. Rajan



GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL

IS ANYBODY THERE?

to join the rescue operation of saving people
from slipping into eternal damnation

IF YOU HAVE...

- ⇒ A compassionate heart...
- ⇒ a heart to feel
God's heart throb...
- ⇒ burden and concern
to transform communities
from despicable conditions...

YOU CAN SERVE AS A...

- ✓ PIONEER CHURCH PLANTER
- ✓ BIBLE TRANSLATOR
- ✓ MEDICAL MISSIONARY
- ✓ MISSIONARY TEACHER
- ✓ CHILD DEVELOPEMENT MINISTER
- ✓ YOUTH WORKER
- ✓ MEDIA MISSIONARY

If you are born again and called to serve the
unreached peoples... **STEP OUT**

Requirments
Education: Minimum: +2 (Hr.Sec., Junior College)
Age limit: 25 for spinsters
28 for bachelors
30 for families

Opportunities unlimited
await you to reach out and
transform the lives of
peoples groping in
darkness.

Follow me...
I will make you
fishers of people.
- Jesus (Mat.4:19-15V)



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