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**This is the confidence we have
in approaching God: that if we ask anything
according to His will, He hears us.**

(1John 5:14)

Praying With Burden!



Prayer burden is unique and a wonderful God-given gift. It is a spiritual concern born in the heart of God, which is the integral part of Christ's life and it is conveyed by the Holy Spirit to someone whose intercession the Holy Spirit desires to use.

A Spirit-given burden is a special mandate from the Lord.

Christian biography and history records thousands of examples of how God worked, saved, blessed, protected, healed, sent revival, or gave prompt answers to prayer when someone was faithful to such prayer burden, such a call and mandate from the Lord.

Prayer burden is very personal and it is a sacred secret trust we have received from the Lord. We must bear the burden on behalf of the Lord Jesus Christ -or, more accurately, in intercessory partnership with the Lord. It is an indication of the Spirit's priority from us.

Burdens are especially related to the work of God. All spiritual work proceeds from such burdens. Our work will be ineffective if we try to accomplish a work without a burden. God wants our burdens to be articulated. We have to discharge our burden with our words and works so that God can give us a fresh burden. We should be burdened for the salvation of lost souls because the love of Christ and the love of God's truth impel us.

Prayer burdens can only be received from God when our spirits are open to Him. As Oswald Sanders says, "When God lays a burden on our hearts and thus keeps us praying, He obviously intends to grant the answer." So to carry a prayer burden we need to give immediate response and concentrate on it and hold on in prayer until God lifts up the burden from our heart. Having received a burden, we must learn to discharge it faithfully through prayer. If we quench the Spirit and do not release our burden through prayer, we will lose our burden.

When the Lord places the burden upon us heavily we will feel a certain level of intensity and urgency. The more fully we identify with the need, the more deeply we will feel it. The burden for prayer may move us very deeply. We may be moved to very sincere and expressive tears (Ps. 42:3), which can be a very powerful plea to God (56:8). "The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit" (Ps. 34:18).

Praying without burden is like a gun without a bullet. But, when our prayer moves with a burden, shoots up our heart as a cry, it won't miss God's attention. Today as God needs the cooperation of His people on the earth, we need to cooperate with Him through prayer with burden. May there be a way for working out His will!

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

And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins. (Mark 11:25)

“Prayer makes a godly man, and puts within him the mind of Christ, the mind of humility, of self - surrender, of service, of pity, and of prayer. If we really pray, we will become more like God, or else we will quit praying.” - E.M.Bounds

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. (Romans 8:26)

“It is possible to move men, through God, by prayer alone.” - Hudson Taylor

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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.

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FMPB does saturation evangelism among various people groups.

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

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From the General Secretary...

Dear Partners, who are Pursuing Higher Plans,

I meet you through this editorial as the current financial year is winding up and we are geared up to enter into another financial year with newer goals, plans and aspirations. When we look back, our hearts are filled with gratitude for God's guidance, blessings, and provisions for FMPB. What can we give in return to God for His faithfulness and love other than surrendering our lives fully in His altar? It is my bounden duty to thank all the staff, honorary secretaries, prayer group leaders and members for your consistent prayer and support to FMPB's ministry in these 12 months. You stood with us through thick and thin by your unceasing prayers.

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. [1 Cor.15:58]

Cheerful Giving:

I was invited by an Honorary Regional Secretary to visit a supporter's

family on 25th January 2022. To my surprise the sister handed over 9 sovereign jewels for the ministry of God. Two things touched my heart; First one is the giver is the daughter of a prayer group leader and the relationship with FMPB continues through generations and the second one is what she told. She said due to corona some essential expenses have come down and she could give sacrificially to God. The Lord is pleased with the cheerful givers.

Meetings:

The Management Committee meeting was conducted on January 21st and 22nd and the Lord helped and guided us to take many decisions for the growth of the ministry.

On 29th of January, I visited some leaders of the North Chennai area along with the Secretary Tamil Nadu & Pondy Division and the Regional Secretary of North Chennai, to listen to them and to pray with them. The Finance Management Committee was conducted on 5th of February

Hubli Program:

On 31st of January, with Kolathur, Chennai Mobilization team, I went to Lakshmeshwar of Hubli Region in Karnataka to pray and begin the work of the Church-based Training Center. I thank the Kolathur team for organizing the visit with much enthusiasm and vision.

National Planning Conference 2022:

The Lord blessed NPC 2022 beyond our expectations. Due to the pandemic, there was uncertainty in conducting the program. The decision to conduct it in person was confirmed just 10 days before the event which has to be conducted on 12th and 13th of February 2022. Altogether 189 missionaries and prayer group leaders participated in the program and discussed various things related with FMPB and the future ministry and made useful recommendations. The delegates were from various states including North East India. Sitting through the reporting and interaction, with the help of God the following thrust areas were identified to focus in the coming financial year and beyond.

Thrust areas for Mobilization:

1. Taking the vision of FMPB to every Christian in India with the involvement of every supporter of FMPB. The supporters of FMPB must identify the Churches where we do not have a prayer cell or supporters, and then prayerfully approach them to start a prayer cell.
2. Raising new leaders in every prayer group by the present prayer group leaders by praying for the need, identifying young people, training them and inducting them in the ministry
3. Strengthening our supporters with the Word of God

Thrust Areas for Field:

1. To make the field ministry fully indigenised at the earliest, so that the propagation of the Gospel will be geared up.
2. Making the Field believers to root in the Word of God through Bible Study Groups.

Thrust Area for Headquarters:

- Setting specific work goals both long term and short term for every department in headquarters is being planned.

I request you all to pray that the concerned missionaries and prayer group leaders may faithfully work on the thrust areas mentioned and implement them for the glory of God.

Forthcoming Programs:

The National Leaders Consultation is planned to be held in Mumbai. The Bishop of Trichy & Tanjore Diocese along with the Diocesan Office Bearers have planned to visit Malto and Santal people group believers of Jharkhand and attend some meetings. The Headquarters Staff retreat will be held in Kanyakumari from 4th to 6th of March. Please pray that the meetings will be a blessing to all the participants.

Your fellow sojourner in God's Mission



Rev. John Berlin S.

The pinnacle of St. Paul's Prayer



Prayer is the breath of a believer. In the New Testament Jesus Christ is the ideal model for prayer. Lord's Prayer (Mat. 6:9-13) and His High Priestly Prayer (John 17) are some of the examples that can be cited. Apart from Jesus Christ, St. Paul plays a major role in the New Testament. The strong teachings of St. Paul's letter show us his prayer life. He recorded many prayers in his letters. His prayer motivates and strengthens us to do the same. His prayers aim towards the perfection of a believer (2 Cor. 13:9, Phil 1:11, 1Thes 3:9-13, 1 Tim 2:11). Here we see an example from the letter to Colossians. The specialty of this letter is that this is a prayer letter. The first two chapters cover the doctrines and the remaining two chapters talk about the practical life of a believer.

History of the book:

Colossians was written by St. Paul, when he was a prisoner at Rome around 60-62 AD (Acts 28: 16-31). Colossi was a leading city in Asia minor and was close to Ephesus and Laodicea. Presently it is a part of Turkey, but

the city is no more. The city was famous for trade, dyeing and garment production. St. Paul never visited Colossi, so there was no possibility of establishing a Church in Colossi by himself. Most of the historians believe that the Church at Colossi was established by Epaphras, the disciple of St. Paul (Col 1:7).

Reasons for writing this Prayer letter:

Epaphras brought the news to St. Paul (at prison in Rome) and he asked for some advice for the betterment of the Church in Colossi. In the Church there were some encouraging things-

- a) love for the saints (Col. 1:4)
- b) producing fruits (Col. 1:6)
- c) good faith (Col. 2:5)

But there were also some problems like (Col. 3:5-7),

- a) Jew vs Greek misunderstanding
- b) Unholy living
- c) False teachings (heresy).

It almost reflects the present days, and the intention of the author is to solve the problem by nipping it in the bud otherwise that it might become difficult to solve when it has blossomed fully. "Remove the bad tree when it sprouts". So without seeing the congregation, he wrote a prayer letter with deep love and concern for the Church at Colossi.

St. Paul's Prayer:

A) "Fill with the knowledge, wisdom and understanding" (V9).

What is knowledge?

Greek word - *epignosis*, Tamil word - *Gnanam*, Hindi word - *Gyan*.

It means to know all information/truth.

What is wisdom?

Greek word - *Sophia*, Tamil word - *Vivekam*, Hindi word - *Vivek*.

It means common sense- to analyze whether the information is true or false.

What is understanding?

Greek word - *Sunesis*, Tamil word - *Arivu*, Hindi word - *Buddhi*.

It means the ability to apply the principles to any given situation which arises in life.

Why does St. Paul pray that you must be filled with knowledge, wisdom and understanding?

It was because Colossi was filled with the false teachings of Gnosticism and Asceticism.

What is Gnosticism?

- The spirit is good and the body is evil.
- The universe was not created out of nothing and not created by God.
- They believe that they are highly intellectual in thought and life, the special knowledge which enables a man to reach out to God.

What is Asceticism?

- It is restraint from physical desires - Sanyasi life.
- Laws about food and drink - some foods were forbidden (Col. 2:16).

- Touch not, taste not and handle not. (Col. 2:21).
- Observance of special days, festivals, rituals, new moons and Sabbaths. (Col. 2:16).

The Colossi Church was confused with the above Gnostic and Ascetic teachers, and they had doubts about the supremacy of Christ.

So, St. Paul explains with the following verses

- Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God (Col. 1:15).
- All things were created through Him and for Him (Col. 1:16).
- In Him all fullness dwells (Col. 1:19).
- In whom are hidden the treasures of wisdom and understanding (Col. 2:3).

When we read the above verses, we can understand the supremacy of Christ. And they also had doubts about the omnipotent (all powerful - Almighty) nature of Jesus Christ, because the Colossian heresies (false teachers) were saying that something more powerful than Jesus Christ was needed to defeat the demons. So, St. Paul explains with the following verses that Jesus Christ is powerful above all demonic spirits. "Christ is powerful than all the thrones, rulers, powers, principalities and authorities". (Col. 1:16, 2:10, 2:15). St. Paul prays that every Christian must have this Knowledge, Wisdom and Understanding. But today many preachers hide the fact and try to keep the believers in the dark without making them realize and experience these great truths.

B) "Please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work" (V10).

The fruit of knowledge is about good

conduct and good work. Mahatma Gandhi said that “Knowledge without character is meaningless”. Our spiritual enlightenment enables us to walk worthy of the Lord. This is the aim of religious belief throughout the bible. While doing good to fellow humans, we are growing in the knowledge of God. That is the purpose for which God created us (3 John v11). Increasing the knowledge of God is an inward action (Hosea 6:6) and being fruitful in every good work is an outward reaction (Act. 5:16 and 1 Tim. 6:18). Christians must be identified by good words and deeds, not by words alone. Words and deeds are like both sides of a coin. If one side of a coin is damaged, it loses its value. Even when people do evil against us, our Lord commands us to do good to them (Mat. 5:16, 44, Luke. 6:33-35, Rom.12: 21).

C) “Strengthen with patience, long suffering and joy” (v11).

Patience (*Hupomone* - Greek) is the ability to deal triumphantly with anything that life can do to us.

Long suffering (*Makrothumia* - Greek) is the quality of heart and mind which enables people to bear cruelty without any bitterness. It never loses belief and hope in any situation.

Joy (*Chara* - Greek) It is easy to be joyful when everything goes well, but a Christian should have joy even in struggles, sufferings, and any other circumstances. So, this requires spiritual power and that power comes through prayer. There is nothing in the world so practical as prayer. Prayer and action go hand in hand. We pray not to escape from reality but to face it. To do this we need power, Therefore St. Paul prays that the Colossians may be strengthened by

the power of God. The great need in our life is to know the way to solve problems and if that is found our problems will be solved automatically. We should be able to use our knowledge and put them into practice for solving problems. “We need power to overcome the problem and the power comes through prayer”. Our Lord not only tells us to do his will but also strengthens us to do His will (Phil. 4:13).

D) “To share in the inheritance in the Kingdom of God” (v12-14).

This is the gift which is kept by God for us. The Christian inheritance is not won by our own merit, but by God's grace. This letter which starts with greetings, passes into prayer and ends with thanksgiving. We cannot imagine how the inheritance will be, because the word of God says “ what no eye has seen, what no ear has heard and what no mind has conceived” (1Cor. 2:9). The forgiveness of sins and adoption as His children enables us to inherit the kingdom of God.

St. Paul had never visited the Colossian Church. Just hearing about the problem in the Church, he was moved in his spirit and prayed for their spiritual growth and tried to make them inherit the Kingdom of God. This shows that his concern over all Churches, not only the Churches established by himself. So this prayer of St. Paul is considered as the Pinnacle of St. Paul's prayer. This is a good model for us to emulate. Not just praying for our own Church or the Churches established by our organization, but also for all other Churches planted by others (bride of Christ). We are motivated by St. Paul to pray for the Universal Church - the body of Jesus Christ (Eph. 6:18, 1 Tim. 2:1).

Rev. Edwin Selvaraj, Dean - NIM, Jhansi

**Praise
God for the**

National Planning Conference 2022



The National Planning Conference for this year 2022 was held at Gurukul, Chennai on 12th & 13th of February. The theme of the conference is "Pursuing Higher Plans" (Jer.29:11). The invitees' namely full time missionaries, honorary staff, prayer group members and leaders of about 189 persons from across the nation participated in the Planning Conference.



Prior to the Planning Conference, on 11th February 2022 twelve hours of Fasting prayer was conducted from 7am to 7pm. Almost 100 persons joined together and prayed for various concerns of our ministry, nation and the blessings of the Planning Conference 2022. Rev. Sutharsan Thomas, the former General Secretary of FMPB shared the Word of God. The Divisional and Zonal Secretaries of the mission fields brought the prayer concerns which pictured the wonderful deeds of God in the mission fields amidst so many challenges like COVID19 and oppositions. Rev. Prabakara Sarathy, the Secretary of HQ exhorted the participants with the closing words.



Delegates from North Eastern States

On the first day of Planning Conference – 12th February 2022, the singing team of Mr Immanuel, a leader of Saidapet, Chennai moved the opening session with praise and worship. Mr. C. Reginald, the President of FMPB presided over the conference with keynote address. Rev. Dr. Roji Thomas Abraham, a New Testament Professor from SAIACS, Bangalore, brought the Word of God based on the theme Jeremiah 29:11, which enabled the participants to

understand the theme vividly. Rev. John Berlin, the General Secretary of FMPB led the participants to pursue higher plans that challenged and encouraged the participants to own the theme and to implement it in their day to day ministry for the year 2022-23. Then the Division Heads presented their reports with required explanations that enabled the participants to praise God. The participants were divided into ten groups and were able to participate in a brainstorming discussion on the given ten questions, in which one common question to all the ten groups.

13th Feb 2022, the second day of the conference started with a Holy Communion Service and Rev. Dr. Roji highlighted the importance and purpose of 'Eucharist' in his message which was an eye opener to many of the participants. Then the leaders of all the ten groups presented their insights and expectations based on their group discussions. The thrust of the year was projected by the General Secretary Rev. John Berlin which led the participants to sharpen and focus their thinking and action on the theme very clearly. Prayer of Commitment was led by Mrs. Mary Anantha Sekhar, one of the senior missionaries of FMPB. The President Rev. C. Reginald gave the closing word based on the theme that pervaded the hearts and minds of the participants. The conference came to an end with a prayer of Mrs. Sagunthala Daniel, a senior prayer group leader and benediction by the General Secretary.

We are grateful to all the prayer group leaders, leaders of the HQ and the volunteers who tirelessly worked for the blessing of the National Planning Conference 2022. Glory to God!

- Rev. K. Prabakara Sarathy, FMPB Secretary-HQ

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Fallen Corn of Wheat!



Rev. Y Hilkiyah

The Passionate Veteran in Personal Evangelism

(20.02.1938 - 23.01.2022)

Rev. Y. Hilkiyah, the first missionary who proceeded to North India sent by Friends Missionary Prayer Band had his home call on 23rd January 2022, leaving a rich legacy for us to emulate. Born on 20th February 1938 as the second son to the Christian parents Mr. Enoch and Mrs. Thangavadivu in a village called Paruppu Vilai, Thickenamcode of Kanyakumari District [K.K.Dt], lived a very dedicated life for His Saviour Jesus Christ. Unable to go for higher studies, due to his family situation he pursued his study in Hindi language and obtained a Masters Degree in

Hindi literature from Agra University. He was appointed as a Hindi teacher in a Tutorial college and later a Hindi Pandit in Scott Christian High School. He also served as a Hindi teacher in other schools at Trichy and Aruppukottai.

Mr. Hilkiyah naturally had a thin and screech voice in his childhood and because of this weakness he was not much recognized even in the family and in the school. However, his Sunday School teacher motivated and nurtured him due to his sincerity and hard work in studies and his attitude. In 1956 Mr. P. Samuel, the pioneer leader of FMPB led him to the Lord and he was also spiritually nurtured through the Laymen Evangelical Fellowship. On 16th May 1966, Rev. Hilkiyah married Ms. Daisy who was working as a teacher in Kollemcode of K.K. Dist. As a family they prayed to God to get transferred to the same place so that they can live together. God heard their prayers and granted their wish. While in Maruthakulam of K.K. Dt., God blessed them with a son Premsingh on 19th January 1967.

In his workplace, Bro. Hilkiyah met Mr. Navaneether, a drawing teacher [who later led the Gospel Ratham Ministry of FMPB] who joined the faculty along with him in his school. Mr. Navaneether introduced to Hilkiyah the ministry of Friends Missionary Prayer Band and they both prayed together and ministered among the students and others, leading many

into the fold of Christ. As colleagues they interceded for the nation, using the prayer points sent by Rev. Harris Hilton, the first missionary of FMPB, and were actively involved in the outreach ministry in the surroundings. During FMPB Gideonites' Meet at Pannavillai, Tuticorin Dist. Mr. Hilkiah came to know about the challenging life of Scotland missionary John G. Paton who worked among the Cannibals of New Hebrides Islands of the South Pacific Seas. He heard the voice of God calling him for fulltime ministry, through the challenging messages of Mr. P. Samuel and Mr. Emil Jebasingh. Obeying God's call, both Mr. Hilkiah and his wife Mrs. Daisy committed their lives to God to serve as missionaries to North India without knowing each others commitment. Rev. K.S Abraham, the Pastor and the first Mobilization Secretary of FMPB conducted the missionary dedication service of Bro. Hilkiah & Mrs. Daisy on 20th June 1971. As planned by FMPB to start its first mission field at Basti, Uttar Pradesh. Bro. Simon Roberts, the former Associate General Secretary of FMPB accompanied Rev. Hilkiah family in their travel from Tuticorin to North India on 19th July 1971. They reached Basti on 21st July 1971 which is the remarkable day in the history of FMPB when a base was opened to keep her foot in order to extend God' Kingdom in North Indian soils.

Staying in the old building of Ceylon–India General Mission Bro. Hilkiah family started sowing the seeds of the Gospel among the Chamar people group. The Hilkiah couple had the habit of waking up at 4 am everyday and seeking God's guidance for the ministry they had to do on that day. Mr. Hilkiah, jokingly used to say **'Kneelogy is better than Theology.'**

He strongly believed that 'the Word of God won't return void without yielding much fruits (Isa.55:11). So, the unique aspect of the ministry of Mr. Hilkiah is that no one would escape without hearing the Gospel who crosses his path. They should either receive a tract or should share about the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. During his train journeys, he used to go to all the compartments to distribute tracts and share the love of God. He proclaimed the Gospel in schools, Govt offices and even in court premises. A wrong notion about Christianity was prevalent among the Hindi speaking people that Christianity is a foreign religion and Jesus Christ is a foreign God which often become a hindrance to the wide spreading of the Gospel. But Mr. Hilkiah's perseverance and his hard work in the Hindi heartland yielded good results. God, the Holy Spirit touched the life of Arjun Chowbe who was a criminal, thug and murderer. He was the first fruit of FMPB in North India. Rev. Hilkiah never got tired of riding his bi-cycle, visiting many villages to preach the

Gospel. Peter Hariram of Banhut village accepted Jesus Christ and later became a missionary of FMPB.

In 1973, 7th August the Hilkiah couple got a girl child but the baby died within a month. While returning from the hospital with the mortal remains of the baby in a hired van, Bro. Hilkiah even in his grief was distributing the tracts and was preaching the Gospel. God again blessed Bro. Hilkiah family with a girl baby Helina Murial [Mittu] in 1974. Both their children Premsingh and Helina Murial are married and blessed with children. In fact, their elder son family is involved in tent-making ministry and the daughter Helena is a Secretary, for the Board of Nursing Education, NL, CMAI, South India Branch.



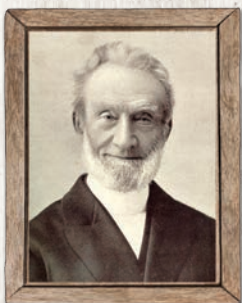
Rev. Hilkiah was a Hindi teacher, trainer of young missionaries and a good counsellor. He was very obedient to the Great Commission of God, passionate and bold enough to distribute the Gospel tracts and proclaim the Gospel among all kinds of people wherever he had set his feet on. His simple lifestyle became a challenge to many and he enjoyed the friendship of all kinds of people

irrespective of their age and status due to his helping and humorous attitudes. The Hilkiah couple did their best as cross-cultural missionaries for more than 32 years laying a foundation to their successors until their retirement in 2003. Churches have been established and many came into the fold of Christ wherever the Hilkiah couple have kept their foot and lit the Gospel light across the Basti area. Even after the retirement they continued the ministry in their native place and also visited many mission fields and encouraged the younger missionaries.

Rev. Hilkiah received his home call from the Lord on 23rd January 2022. His mortal remains were laid down with the hope of resurrection in his native village on 24th January 2022. 'How beautiful upon the mission fields of Basti are the feet of Rev. Hilkiah and Mrs. Daisy Hilkiah who had taken the Good News of happiness, and had published peace and salvation.' We, as FMPB, deeply recognize the great sacrifice of this couple for the sake of the Gospel and for the glory of God that not only became a sweet smelling aroma to God but also made ripples for the young missionaries to take the Gospel to the unreached corners of North India. The rich legacy Rev. Hilkiah has left for us is that the great use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast.

- Rev. Dr. E. Rajan, FMPB

TRAIL BLAZERS



George Muller

A Life of Faith Undergirded by Prayer!

Night was falling over the harbour of Bristol, England, and in the orphanage founded by George Muller and his wife, the children were getting ready for bed. George was working in his study when his wife arrived with alarming news. "We're out of milk," she said. "There isn't enough for the morning oatmeal." George laid aside his pen. This wasn't the first time that money needed to buy food and other supplies was tight. The Mullers took in their first group of thirty girls in 1836, and their orphanage now housed over a hundred. From the first George resolved never to ask for funds from people or to borrow money. He went to God alone for every need, trusting wholly in the Lord's faithfulness and provision.

The pastor rose from his desk and reached for his wife's hand. "Mary," he said, "let us pray." Two orphanage employees joined them, and together they made their humble yet necessary request to God. Tiny, helpless mouths were depending on them for sustenance. "Be assured, if you walk with Him and look to Him and expect help from Him," George reminded them afterwards, "He will never fail you." Someone knocked on the door. Mary hurried to answer, returning to the study a moment later. She handed her husband an envelope. "It's a letter, George. Hurry up and open it." Enclosed was a sum of money, more than enough for the milk. Within minutes, two more letters arrived with money and pledges of support.

Muller was born in Prussia (modern day Germany) in 1805. His father was a tax collector and George would often steal from his father. Not only was young Muller a thief, he was also a gambler and a drunkard. According to Mullers in 1819, 14-year-old Muller on the night his mother died "was out with his friends playing cards at a tavern, and spent much of the next day drinking, unaware of his mother's death." Muller's parents did not know the Lord either, so they had no way to train him in Christian ways.

Young George Muller was sent to Halle at the age of 20 to study to become a Lutheran minister, not because he was a believer, but have a comfortable lifestyle. Despite studying to become a minister, Muller continued in his reckless lifestyle. He often stole from his friends. Muller and a group of his friends went to Switzerland for a summer, through Muller forging their father's signatures. One day, Beta (one

of Muller's friends) invited him to a Bible study that met on Saturday nights. Muller had never experienced anything like it. The students prayed on their knees, sang songs and listened to a message written by a minister. Muller said to Beta on the way home, "all we have seen on our journey to Switzerland, and all our former pleasures, are as nothing in comparison with this evening." That very week, Muller got on his knees and committed his life to Christ. The day was October 31, 1825.

In the spring of 1832, he and his friend Craik, went to Bristol for a visit. A friend offered to rent Bethesda Chapel there for a year if the two men would stay there. Craik and Muller accepted the call. On May 25, 1832, the Mullers settled permanently in Bristol which became his home until his death. In 1836, Muller opened his first orphanage on Wilson Street. At first there were no children and then he realized he and his wife had not prayed for children. Once they started praying, children came pouring in. Muller had to build multiple orphanages, because of the demand. Eventually, there were too many children on Wilson Street.

The neighbours started complaining about the children. Muller knew it was time to start looking for a new place. As usual, he prayed for a future home for the orphans. The orphanage eventually moved to Ashley Down, where there was more room for the children and for the orphanage to grow. Though George Muller was remembered for his work towards orphan children, it is right to point out that he was greatly used in developing his objectives through prayer as well. His work required about \$264,000 a year. 2,100 orphans were at the table

three times a day throughout the year, 189 missionaries were to be assisted, 9000 students in 100 schools, four million tracts and thousands of Bibles to be sent and God miraculously provided all his needs.

At the age of 70, George Muller decided to devote the next period of his life to a world-wide ministry of preaching and teaching, sharing his Christian faith. Leaving the orphan homes under the direction of his daughter Lydia and her husband, James Wright, he spent the next 17 years travelling, during which he toured the United States of America four times, India twice and, on two further occasions, Australia and the British Colonies. In addition, George Muller preached in 42 countries, including China and Japan. It was estimated that he travelled over 2,00,000 miles over a period of 17 years of missionary travel, addressing more than 3 million people.

On March 9, 1989 Muller conducted a prayer meeting at the Church he pastored at Bristol. The next day, March 10, Muller died at the age of 92. A whole procession of orphans who had been impacted by his work and Church members whom he continued to preach even while running the orphanages followed his coffin. After George's dramatic conversion, he became a man of prayer. He knew that God would provide for all his needs and even the orphans' needs. Through the story of Muller, we can learn to persevere through prayer and that God will answer prayers in His timing. George Muller teaches us that faith and Christian ministry go hand in hand through prayer.

- Bro. David Benny



BANGURUSUNI CHURCH HISTORY

FROM THE BEGINNING
TO FEBRUARY 2014
HARICHANDRAPUR FIELD,
UTKAL REGION,
SOUTH EASTERN ZONE,

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Bangurusuni is a medium size village located in the Daitari panchayat of Harichandanpur Block of Kendujhar district, Orissa with a total 279 families residing. Bangurusuni village has a lower literacy rate compared to Orissa. Bangurusuni village is administrated by Sarpanch (Head of Village) who is the elected representative of the village. In Bangurusuni village, most of the village population is from Schedule Tribe (ST). Schedule Tribe (ST) constitutes 72.62 % while Schedule Caste (SC) were 2.18 % of the total population in Bangurusuni village. In Bangurusuni village out of total population, 92.91% were involved in Marginal activity providing livelihood for less than 6 months.

Beginning of Ministry:

The Keonjhar mission field was opened in February 1986. Mr. Fredrick Satya Samuel and Mr. Ruban Samuel were the first missionaries of Keonjhar field. In April 1986, Mr. K Francis & family joined Mr. Fredrick Satya Samuel after Mr. Ruban Samuel moved to another field.

Shyamsunder Munda from Bangursuni village was suffering from ailments (fever and weakness) for 4 years. His brother,

Ramachandra Munda took him to many places in search of healing. Many witch doctors were called who tried their own methods. Also they went to many hospitals and took many medicines. Almost Rs. 50,000 was spent for his treatments but Shyamsunder Munda did not get well. Ramachandra Munda was tired of taking his brother to different places for healing, so he gave up his efforts.

First Believer is Mr. Shyamsunder Munda and the Church elder is Mr. Ramachandra Munda



Mr. Shyamsunder Munda



Mr. Ramachandra Munda

A sister of these brothers was living in Mishramal village (Pandapara block, Keonjhar) some 50 km away from their village. They had heard about some Christians in that village (some FMPB believers). So Shyamsunder was determined to go to Mishramal village and pray for him as a final try. One day he went to his sister's house at Mishramal and he met the Church elder, Mr. Kaanu Munda. The Church elder and the believers prayed for Shyamsunder for a week. God heard the prayers and healed Shyamsunder completely. Because of the miraculous healing, Mr. Shyamsunder Munda accepted Christ and he learnt how to pray. In a week's time, he returned to Bangursuni village enjoying complete healing. His brother, Ramchandra Munda was surprised to see him healed.

There was a belief and practice in their village that before harvesting they would give a hen as sacrifice, failing which would end in death. After accepting Christ, Shyamsunder asked his brother and some of his villagers to refrain from hen sacrifice. He insisted them to pray and start the harvest. So they stopped the sacrifice of hen and everything was good. So his brother, Ramachandra Munda also accepted Christ.

Meanwhile another miracle happened in the life of Mr. Gurucharan of Bangursuni village. His wife was suffering from dysentery and other weaknesses for 2 years. Seeing the miracle that occurred in Mr. Shyamsunder's life, Mr. Gurucharan took her to Mishramal village for prayer. Even though prayers were offered for her, she was not healed. So the Mishramal believers wrote a small prayer in

a paper and sent them back to their village. One night she became very serious, her husband, Mr. Gurucharan took the piece of paper and read the small prayer. That night, God healed her miraculously. So Mr. Gurucharan's whole family accepted Christ.

After a month, the Church elder of Mishramal village who told about Christ to Shyamsunder came to Bangursuni to visit the brothers. During his visit, he taught them how to worship the Lord. Since Ramchandra Munda was a learned person, he started to lead the worship that was started at their house. So all the three families (10 members) started worshipping the Lord. At the very first worship, Shyamsunder and Ramachandra Munda's eldest brother opposed them. He hid their cycles in the jungle and brought his axe and threatened to kill them. Later, one day he chased them out of the house. So the brothers filed a police complaint against their eldest brother. After the police intervention, the opposition calmed down.

Church Growth:

As the worship continued at Mr. Shyamsunder's house, many people started accepting Christ through healing miracles. Mr. Kasab Munda narrates his testimony.



"I am Kasab Munda from Bangursuni village. My father was a Raudia (magician). He used to go village by village doing mantras for

the sick. I always did not like my father's job. Once I went to my cousin sister's house near Cuttack. There I saw Jesus film and since I had studied up to class 10, I was given a Bible to read every day. After coming back to my village, I used to read the Bible sometimes but I did not have any interest towards the scriptures.

As days went by, my dad fell sick. He was suffering from high fever. My brothers brought magicians from various places and we did mantra for my dad. Because I had known little about Jesus, I told my father about the Lord. But my father rebuked me. Finally my father passed away.

After a few years had passed, my mother also fell sick because of the same sickness. My brother told me that calling the magicians and doing mantra does not give any fruitful outcome. So he suggested that I take my mother to the believers (Shyamsunder & Ramachandra Munda) for prayer. I too consented and we took our mother to the believers. My mother was so weak that we took her along with the cot she was lying on. The believers prayed for my mother and to our astonishment our mother was immediately healed. We did not give any coconuts or goats or hens as sacrifice but God healed her. That day we realized that Jesus is the Saviour and Lord.

From that day on I started reading the Bible sincerely and we started participating in the worship at Ramu Bhai's house. When I saw the FMPB local evangelist, Nandhubhai serving the Lord, I got the desire to serve the Lord. My father went village by village doing mantras for the sick. I decided to go village by village proclaiming the gospel. In 2010, I joined FMPB as a local evangelist."

Local evangelist, Kasab Munda:

From the Field History of Keonjhar of Feb 2009 this miracle is narrated. "Mr. Sadhu Munda of Bangursuni was a witch doctor. All of a sudden he fell sick. The skin on his body began to peel off. Even the skin on the soles of his feet got peeled. So he was unable to walk. He was almost at his death-bed. During that time, a believer met and prayed for him. God healed Sadhu Munda completely. He accepted Christ."

As the number of believers increased, the opposition from the nearby villages also increased. On 29.9.2009 the Bangursuni panchayat people captured the few acres of land of Ramchandra Munda & Shyamsunder Munda. But a man from another denomination who had some political influence helped the believers. So the Lord protected the believers' land. In Oct 2009, Ramchandra Munda & Shyamsunder Munda went to clean their land. The villagers of Sukati came & snatched their axes. Such opposition did not hinder the Church's growth.

The Church Land:

The Bangursuni Church land was donated by three brothers, Shri Hari Tiriya, Deepak Tiriya and Ghanushyam Tiriya. They donated their agricultural land for constructing a Church because the number of believers increased. One of the first believers, Ramchandra Munda was also willing to donate his land. Since the land donated by the three brothers was located in the central part of the village, their land was chosen for Church construction.

The Congregation:

The Bangursuni congregation members are from the following villages: Bangursuni (Bonga Chapel, Badaspa, Bondania, Baguthiya), Asanpadi and Neerpani villages. All of them are from the HO people group.

The Bangursuni Church foundation stone was laid in Oct 2011. The believers made all the bricks by themselves and did free labour work. They had to pay for a mason alone. The Bangursuni Church was dedicated to the glory of God by the Utkal Regional Secretary, Rev. T Albin on 27.1.2013. Missionaries, Rev. & Mrs. Samarendra Singh, Mr. & Mrs. Bimal Chandra Murmu, the Church elders and the believers were also present.

The missionaries who served in the Bangursuni congregation are the families

of Ashok Nayak, Haramohan, Samarendra Singh, Bimal Chandru Murmu and Ganesh.

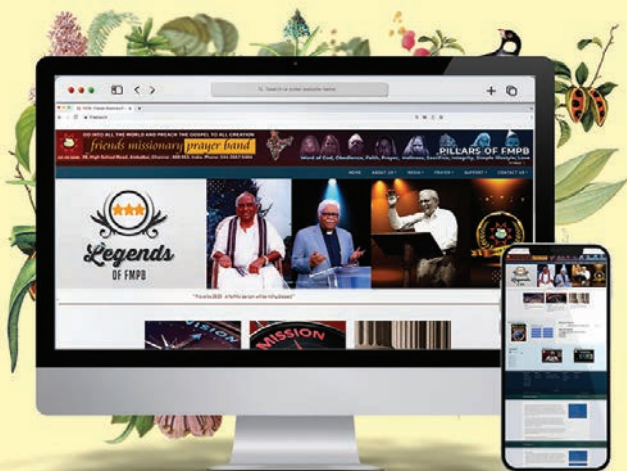
The interested relatives of the believers are contacted and the believers take the local evangelist to the interested relatives' house. With this strategy, 3 congregations have been established thus far at Kalimati, Dhadukani and Miserma.

Prayer Points:

- ✓ For the spiritual growth of the believers
- ✓ For the growth of the congregation qualitatively and quantitatively
- ✓ For the repentance of the opponents of the Gospel
- ✓ For the believers to be involved in the outreach programs.
- ✓ For the socio-economic development of the congregation.

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MARCH
Tuesday

Happy Birthday

Mr. Tinggeu Zeme
Mr. Dalzakam Suantak
Mrs. Surabhi Beero Ashok Nayak
Mrs. Ellah Pamei Zeme
Mr. Binot Sompramary
Mr. Lunkim Tongkam Khongsai
Mr. Ditungbou K.
Mr. Jaybeer Singh
Mr. Letkholun Baite
Mrs. Tingnei Neng Singson
Mr. Dihe S.
Mr. Omprakash Gupta
Mr. Thangvansang G.
Mr. Kuldeep Singh
Mr. Jamkhongam Haokip L.
Mrs. Margreat Singh Das
Mr. Ningthoujam Alon Singh
Mrs. Hoitin Mate Lal

Himachal Pradesh

Anni:

Ginsawm &

Chong Hoi Kim;

A. Sankar & Ruth Mary

Praise: Five persons came into the fold of Jesus Christ and 4 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God enabled us to form a new worship center at Basantapur. Worship services at Neethar, Bhandal and Basanthpur were a great blessing to many. God healed the daughter of our believer Kusum from uterus infection.

Pray: For a place to worship in Suniv village. For our believer Akhil to get a job in electricity office, and Sumesh and Anil to clear their test for jobs. For Church growth to take place in Neethar, Bhandal and Basanthpur villages. For peace to prevail in the family of Shyam Lal. For the deliverance of Sanjay from the possession of evil spirit. For the healing of Shymu Devi from allergy and Bujoru from throat infection.

Desert Blossoms!

In Maharashtra, at Kuntamodi mission field, Chanchili village is known for murder and all evil activities. If any unknown person enters this village, he may usually be killed and his body will be thrown in the hill. But by the grace of God we got a new contact namely Temriya Anthniya Vasave who was sick for two years and not even able to get up and eat. We started a worship group in his house at Chanchili village and prayed for him regularly. God healed him in answer to our prayers. In addition to that, a group of people who are involved in illicit and sinful activities accepted Jesus Christ and glorify God today.



MARCH

Wednesday
Fasting Prayer Day

Rampur: Doujapao Guite & Florence Lamvung

Praise: Two persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 7 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. 40 persons are in touch with our ministry newly. We have obtained permission from the Govt. authorities to conduct worship services at Rampur. Our youngsters understood the importance of the Word of God for their spiritual growth through a seminar program. God healed Sudeshna Negi, the wife of our evangelist Virender Negi from an unknown disease which was prolonged for 14 days and Gangi from deathbed. Many of our believers got healing from Covid'19 symptoms. God delivered Ramki Devi from the possession of evil spirits.

Pray: For the permission to build a prayer hall at Kashapath area. For the new contacts to overcome the hurdles to confess their faith in the Lord. For the backslidden believers Tau, Hetram and Doulat Ram to be restored in faith. For our youth believers Aina Devi, Archana and Nagesh Thakur to

get suitable jobs. For our believers' children Sunny Negi, Urmila and Srijna to excel in their higher studies. For the healing of Chatri Devi of Materni village from hernia, Ghanshyam and Poonam from chronic fever and June Maya from piles.

Thanedhar: Vumbiaklal & Niangkhanman

Praise: Three villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Almost 160 persons eagerly listened to the Word of God during the public gathering. Many backslidden and inactive believers are restored in faith. God blessed the families of Bittu & Sapna, Rajeev and Seema and Sibbu and Radhika with children. God healed our new contact Leelavati of Jalog village from chronic headache. Our small group leaders actively participate in the outreach programs.

Pray: For the extension of our ministry in Nankhari and Narkanda areas. For the land to build a Church at Thanedhar and Kingal villages. For the salvation of Meher Singh, Twari Devi and the parents of our evangelist Harinder Negi and our key contacts Promila and Bimla Mehta who have great influence in their own community. For the healing of Ankush of Rajpur from depression.



MARCH
Thursday

Happy Birthday

Mrs. Jayaseeli Israel Devadoss
Mr. Paul Anandhan R.
Mr. Jeevan Ranjan Mohapatra
Mr. John Samuel A.
Mrs. Prastuta Bati Pani
Mrs. Mercy Elizabeth Sivasankaran
Mr. Thang Chin Lian
Mr. Vanaparla Satishkumar
Mr. Pradeep S., Mr. Khai Min Thang

Punjab

Moga:

**Y. Justin &
Saral Jansi Rani**

Praise: Three persons came to the saving knowledge of Christ and 4 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Our outreach team proclaimed the Gospel in Kache Kili, Jalalabad and Mathoke villages. God healed Gurmeet Kaur from chronic back pain, Babbli Bai Kaur from stone in the gall bladder, Harpreet Kaur of Ajithwal congregation from nerves infection, Karan from pneumonia, Satnam Singh from paralysis, Kalu Singh from injuries due to an accident and Praveen Kaur from piles.

Pray: For the backslidden believers to be restored in faith. For the open door for the Gospel in Ajitwal, Chudchak, Raikot, Kotly, Dharamkot, Bopara, Bhinder Kalan, Kishan Pura, Jagron, Chiddek and Dudike villages. For all the believers to attend the worship service regularly. For the deliverance of the families of Param Singh, Lovepreet Singh, Karam Singh, Manpreet Singh, Latti Singh, Haran, Kala, Chinto, Charanjeet Singh, Gagandeep, Major and Mintu who are under the bondage of alcohol and tobacco. For the repentance of the believers' families of Jagjit Singh, Pram, Mannu, Laddy, Rahul, Sonu Singh, Kesha, Shammy, Mitta, Sunneth, Gurthej and Lucky who are not regularly attending our worship service. For our youth leader Piyanth Singh to take care of the Ajitwal congregation. For Dharamkot congregation to be indigenized. For the salvation of Bappli Kaur, Sukka, Binder Kaur, Gaggu Kaur, Reka Kaur, Arthi, Mathu, Sunny, Jasveer Singh and Jaspreet Kaur who are interested in the Gospel.



MARCH
Friday

Happy Birthday

Mr. John Berlin S., Mr. Thimmesh M.P.
Mr. Kishanta Limma, Mr. Dinesh Maraiya
Miss. Pansuri Mohlin

Batala:

Valvi Netaji & Kalpana

Praise: Seven persons came into the fold of Jesus Christ and 5 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed our believer Jothi with a baby after 5 years of married life. Kotala Baja village is open for the Gospel in answer to prayer. God healed Vicky from jaundice.

Pray: For the spiritual growth of Ashok Sharma, Manju Sharma, Puja Sharma, Tilak Sharma, Soniya Sharma and Punam Sharma who have confessed their faith in the Lord. For the deliverance of Lakhaweedar Koru from the habit of drinking alcohol. For the consolation and healing of Gurvinder whose wife passed away recently. For an evangelist to be placed in this field for the extension of our ministry.

Jaitu: Chittaranjan Tandy & Tejaswita

Praise: Five persons came to

the faith in Jesus Christ. God enabled us to start a small group at Muktsar Road. Ten persons are getting ready to confess their faith in the Lord. Our believer Soniya repaid all her debts in answer to prayer. God healed Sukhjeet Singh of Jeetgel village from mental disorder, Amandeep Kaur and Mander Kaur from infection in the liver. Baldev Singh family of Dabdikhanna village, Binder Singh, Chinder Kaur and Santosh Kaur got deliverance from the possession of evil spirit in answer to prayer.

Pray: For the salvation of the people of Madak, Chaina, Wada Krishanpura and Kothe-Wadinga villages where people heard the Gospel for the first time. For peace to be prevailed in the Babli Kaur family. For the backslidden believers from Goniana, Ambedkar Nagar, Harino and Deliyawali villages to be restored in faith. For the healing of Sonia Rani from tumor, Satnam Singh from deathbed, Guruvinder Singh and Kamaljeet Kaur from fits. For the deliverance of Jaspal Singh, Binder Singh Paramjeet, Mukesh, Kala Singh, Sukhdev Singh, Shemi Singh and Jaskaran Singh from the habit of drinking alcohol.



MARCH
Saturday

Happy Birthday

Mrs. Thangammal Jebaraj
Mr. David Ponding, Mr. Sunil Matthew K.
Mr. Ravi Kumar S., Mrs. Stella David Perumal
Mr. Sambhunath Nayak, Mr. Lubin Murmu

Haryana

Jeevan Nagar:

Aliyakim Jena & Deepika

Praise: Four villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the follow up ministry in 39 villages. Balmiki people are receptive to the Gospel in Rewari and Charkhi-Dadri areas. Our believers' families namely Kala, Angreji of Ellenabad, Golu of Abub-Shedar and Alkan of Shergarh village to be blessed with children.

Pray: For the spiritual growth of the believers. For Bible study and small worship groups to be strengthened in all the centers. For the salvation of the families in Rewari and Suchan areas who are receptive to the Gospel. For the worship at Dabwali sub-centre to be resumed. For small group

prayer groups to be formed in all the villages where the Gospel was proclaimed. For small group meetings to be started in Prem Nagar, Bhangu and Suchan-Kotli villages. For our young believers to get suitable life partners.

Delhi

Patparganj:

P.G. Christopher & Mabel

Praise: God enabled us to start 11 House Churches to nurture the believers spiritually. God healed Anand, Tirupati and Jonathan from Corona infection. Our believer Guddie is blessed with a baby. The Village Church Committee was formulated in the Kalyanpuri congregation.

Pray: For 13 more House Churches to be started in our mission field. For the Church elders and volunteers to lead the believers with burden for the souls. For the healing of Ravi from TB in spinal cord, Elizabeth from TB in the intestine, Sripal from wound in the left hand and Arya from hyper-tension.



MARCH
Sunday

Happy Birthday

Mr. James Arulraj M.

Rajasthan

Kherwara: Devubhai

Bhoya & Jamuben

Praise: Thirty persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ. Our believer Mayben had a safe confinement. God healed Jumali Kavdi from severe stomach pain and Thapu Hakari from leg swelling. Our believer Govind of Rangela village got admission for B.Ed.

Pray: For the backslidden believers Laxman, Raju, Ramesh, Kaduva, Savita of Dabicha village and Naveen of Baldia village to be restored in faith. For the healing of Savita and Anushi from tumor in their legs, Prabhubhai of Suratta village from injuries in the foot, Gundmal of Baruthi village from heart problem, Badi of Barkapani village from mental disorder, Dhula of Laxmanpura from TB and Govind of Gorada village from deafness and dumbness.

Rajasthan Region:

Amir Kant Digal and Nirola

Praise: Two persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 8 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Our missionary Raju Naik's health

is improving. Rai Sikh people are open to the Gospel. 52 hostel children of Alwar home are doing well. Backslidden believer Lalu from Anupgarh was restored in faith. God delivered Rajbala of Paota field from the possession of evil spirits. Our missionary Satya Prakash of Paota field got healing from Covid'19 in answer to prayer.

Pray: For lands in need to build Churches at Sangariya, Anupgarh and Tapukara field. For our hostel senior students of Alwar home namely Kapil, Raja, Ajit, Amar and Vijay to get suitable careers. For the Church elders to take care of their own congregations. For the formation of Church committee in all the congregations.

Udaipur: Ashish Kumar & Savita Devi

Praise: Eight villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God helped us to conduct the wedding of our local evangelist Mohanbhai in Christian way. Sangita got deliverance from the possession of evil spirit in answer to prayer. God healed our local evangelist Anandibhai from Covid'19.

Pray: For the open door to start congregations at Amod, Ogna and Badaliya village. For the backslidden believers of Karel areas to be restored in faith. For building a Church at Makdadey village soon. For the healing of Narayanbhai from leprosy.



MARCH

Monday

Happy Birthday

Mr. Gilbert Williams S.
Mr. Solomon Gnanasekhar J.
Mr. Tong Kho Lun Kipgen
Mr. John Arulraj
Mr. Tongmin Thang Kipgen
Mrs. Lianbiaknemi Singh

Sangaria:

**Paulus Barjo &
Binita Toppo**

Praise: Two villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God enabled us to get a new contact family - Shyamlal & Kiran from Alipura. God healed Baltej Sing of Hathiaawal from stones in the stomach. Suman of Alipura got deliverance from the possession of evil spirit. Om Prakash and Jagdish gave up the habit of drinking alcohol in answer to prayer.

Pray: For our young believers Jyoti of Nagrana, Raju, Rakesh, Kalu and Manju of Dodewala to get suitable life partners. For Lugad Sing and Sandeep to give up the habit of drinking alcohol. For the healing of Praksh Kaur of Nagrana from gall bladder problem, Jagdish Kumar of Shadulsahar from liver

infection and Kulvinder Kaur of Nagrana from chronic back pain.

Uttar Pradesh

Gonda:

**Omprakash Gupta &
Tumpa Chowdhury**

Praise: Our hostel children got blankets as their New Year gift from Rev. Dan, the well-wisher of our hostel. God blessed the Church elders' training for the three fields of Basti, Gonda and BKT. Outreach programs in 3 villages were a great blessing to many. Special educational programs were conducted for the overall development of the hostel children. Our new contact Vidyaram from the Morya community is growing day by day spiritually by hearing the Word of God.

Pray: For the hostel children who are preparing for the board exams. For a breakthrough in the villages namely Sambhutara, Tilkhai, Bhaloo, Kukurbhokua and Vasheeshargary where the Gospel was proclaimed quite often, but only one family came into the fold of Christ so far.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Hamuel Limma
Miss. Rani Uranw

Jhinjhak: Samarendra Singh & Sushmita

Praise: Nine persons came to the saving knowledge of Christ and 12 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Two families from Bahadurpur accepted Jesus as their Saviour. God blessed the Satsang program in Bichuali village and evangelists' training at Bholanagar Church. God protected our believers Augustine of Doboli village, Raja of Rasulabad and Vinod Kumar of Mundera from a fatal accident. Many seekers from Sursashi and Akudiya villages attend our worship services newly. Our Church elders Akhelesh and Ramchandra are bold enough to share the Word of God in the Church and in the neighborhood.

Pray: For the salvation of the people who attended the satsang program at Mayapur area. For the repentance of Ajay Pal, Khusbu, Sheema, Nisha, Reena and Abdesb of Rura. For the repentance of the husband of Sushila who stops his wife from

attending the worship. For the healing of Janaki from brain tumor, Bipin from typhoid, Pushpendra from stomach disorder and Naresh from cancer.

Kanpur Region: Srinivasan & Sheeba G. Chandra

Praise: Eight persons came into the fold of Christ and 44 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the Church elders' meeting at Basti, Rania and Bindki. God enabled us to resume the worship in the Church as soon as Shyam Sunder was released from the jail on bail. God helped us to distribute the Sunday school materials on time this year to all the fields. Due to the influence of Cluster Level Church elders training programs, many Church Elders have committed to do their responsibilities in their own congregations. God healed Yogesh, the son of our evangelist Rajender Babu of Kherge Ka Purwa from paralysis.

Pray: For the blessings of the Church elders' meeting at Bilhour & Tundla areas. For the backslidden believers to be restored in faith. For a breakthrough in the fields of Bhagyanagar, B.K.T, Haseran, Rania, Sikandra and Tundla where there are only a few believers.



MARCH
Wednesday
Fasting Prayer Day

Happy Birthday

Mrs. Vasanthi Stella Emmanuel
Mrs. Ponnuthai Gnanasundari Arthur
Mr. David P., Mrs. Pravati Mani Vinod Kumar

Sikandra & Bhagya: Ponnusamy & Chitra

Praise: Two persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ from Ingwara village and 4 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the cluster level training programs. God healed Nandlal from Covid'19 and Manoj from skin problem.

Pray: For the spiritual growth of the families of our evangelists Ashok Kumar of Dibiyapur, Gurugopal of Mungisapur, Ved Prakash of Sandalpur, Rakesh Chandra of Phaphund and Siddarth of Auraiya. For the seekers namely Sonu of Anantapur, Meena of Jaitapur and Harnipur and Pasaipur villages to confess their faith in the Lord. Peace is to prevail in the congregation of Anantapur and all believers to gather in one place. For the healing of Poopal of Purwamalhand and Ladli of Mungisapur from kidney stone

problem. For our believer Bitouli of Sahebpur to overcome all the hurdles to attend the worship service regularly.

Madhya Pradesh

Pansemal:

Bhangsingh M. Vasava & Yeman

Praise: One person came to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and 3 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the outreach program in 7 villages and many are receptive to the Gospel. Three families newly attend our worship services. God protected Balaram from snakebite. Sonibhai rose up from deathbed in answer to prayer.

Pray: For the salvation of the non-believers who attend the weddings our believers conducted in Christian way. For our new believer Jahalibai who face opposition from her son for her faith in the Lord. For the migrant believers to stand firm in their faith. For the deliverance of Raghunath from the possession of the evil spirit. For the healing of Sukhi from a tumour on her tongue.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Selva Kumar R.
Miss. Promila Soren
Mrs. Sharmila Satheesh

Dhulkot: Issac & Seetha

Praise: One village called Nazrabad was newly reached with the Gospel. God enabled us to find a few new contacts in Dond village where we plan to do the outreach ministry in the coming days. Sangeetha and Kala of Jamnia village got deliverance from their sicknesses during our special prayer meeting on healing. During a family occasion at Kamalkeda, 50 persons heard the Gospel for the first time. Santhosh of Keda village is receptive to the Gospel.

Pray: For our evangelists Subhash and Kendhlal to do the outreach ministry effectively. For the blessing of our outreach ministry in Nagarwadi and Amba villages and the upcoming programs.

Khalwa: Binit Prasad Bardhan & Amojita

Praise: Eleven persons came into the fold of Jesus Christ and 4 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God healed Sakaram of Chikhtalai from chronic fever and Alokilal of Jamdhad village from severe sickness. The family of Ramlal of Dhama was protected from a wild bear and Rambati family from poisonous snakes in the house in answer to prayer. God delivered Chikhalia from the possession of evil spirit. Sukram of Baga Ma who was an opponent of the Gospel, repented and accepted Jesus Christ.

Pray: For the Church to be built without any opposition in a land, donated by our Church elder Sakaram of Chikhtalai. For Mangilal of Garbodi to overcome all the oppositions and to attend the Church regularly. For the repentance of Totaram of Charkha, Suresh and Shyamala of Jamdhad areas to give up the habit of taking alcohol and tobacco. For the healing of our hostel children Vaishnavi and Sagar from Covid'19.



MARCH
Friday

Happy Birthday

Mr. Asir Selvaraj C.
Mr. Praween Das
Mr. Satikanta Parichha

Khargone: Habel Hemrom

Praise: Fourteen persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 12 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God enabled us to start a prayer cell at Begowala village. God healed Nanuram of Nyanagar from vomiting. Our believer Sureshbhai of Ichapur is blessed with a baby. God touched Bharatbhai, an opponent of the Gospel who has confessed his faith in the Lord.

Pray: For the protection of our evangelists from the hands of the opponents of the Gospel. For prayer meetings to be started at Bhingora, Ghati, Gavla, Choti Khargone, Moraniya, Gotaniya and Salkheda villages. For the healing of Sangita from epilepsy and Naval Singh from paralysis. For the deliverance of Reshma, Ladki Bai, Sangita and Rakeshbhai from the possession of evil spirits.

Pal:

Mahendran & Pushpam

Praise: Eight persons came

under the to knowledge of Jesus Christ and 12 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Reena got deliverance from the possession of evil spirit. God healed Naran from death bed and the child of Ramabai from injuries due to falling from the roof.

Pray: For the repentance of the opponents of the Gospel in Palona village. For the backslidden believers Haldiram, Poonthibhai, Jaina, Subash, Ramesh and Kalibhai to be restored in faith. For our believer Ramadoss family to be blessed with a child. For the healing of Narayan from paralysis.

Chiriyai:

Egalaivan James & Beril

Praise: Nine villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God delivered the people of Markadi village from the torment of the evil spirit. Our new seeker Malik got healing from the boil in his neck in answer to prayer.

Pray: For the open door for the Gospel in Kaligram, Rajpura, Rathnapura, Kusumbia, Mankariya, Balhad and Niankadi villages. For the repentance of Sukulabhai who hinders his wife from attending the worship. For the healing of Manoj from deafness and dumbness and Arpitha from nervous weakness.



MARCH

Saturday

Happy Birthday

Mrs. Shiny Kinsly

Udai Nagar (Bagli):

D. Wilson &

Rashmita Parida

Praise: Eight villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Opposition motivated the believers to stand firm in the faith of the Lord. Migrated believers keep up their faith in the Lord in Gujarat.

Pray: For the repentance of people of Thakka community, Anu, Sobharam, Radha Kisan, Bhudiya, Rampura and Sivani villages. For the deliverance of Pravin, Raju, Bhausingh, Teena, Seema and Kesari from the possession of evil spirits. For the healing of Rekhaben of Dharsathpura from kidney stone and Anusha of Khuradia village from paralysis.

Jharkhand

**Amrapada: M. Benhur &
Mary Johnsy Rani**

Praise: Thirty-four persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ. God blessed the outreach night program and 335 persons heard the Gospel for the first time. God protected Kalyan Soren of Kirtha village from a major accident and Antony

Murmu, the son of our Church elder of Dogro Church from a fire accident.

Pray: For the healing of our Church elder Munsu Marandi of Tati Church who is not able to speak or sleep. For the misunderstanding among the congregations of Jorasimal and Batikandoor to be amicably settled. For the salvation of Naresh Hansda of Bardoha, Budisar Marandi of Bhagapada and Sanmuni Hembrom of Bhaga villages. For the spiritual and physical growth of our hostel children.

Baditola:

Jeevan Ranjan & Snigdha

Praise: Thirty-two persons came into the fold of Christ. Church construction at Paharpur, Jhabri and Laraghutu areas are in progress. A family at Kalyanpur village accepted Jesus Christ. Church elders' meeting conducted at Dariyapur village was a great blessing to many.

Pray: For the successful completion of Daldali Church construction work. For the blessing of field level convention which is planned to be held in March 2022 at Daldali village. For a breakthrough in the villages namely Asanbani, Ilaki, Signaton, Kusum and Bhognadih where we have conducted outreach programs. For the healing of Simon Marandi, our Church elder of Lakhipur village from TB and typhoid and Jayanthi Tudu from malaria.



MARCH
Sunday

Happy Birthday

Mr. Hutoi Achumi K.
Mr. Yesuprakash J.

Kaduwa & Santhal LTI: Sundar Durai & Melbin

Praise: Nineteen persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 2 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the Leadership Training program under the title “Spiritual Gifts” and 104 local evangelists were benefited. God healed Paulus Hansdak from a fracture due to an accident and Mary Hembrom from mental disorder.

Pray: For many families to join the worship in all the 39 congregations. For the blessing of annual mela during this month. For the completion of the construction work of LTI. For mass movement to take place in this field.

Pathna: Kennedy Singh & Linthoibi

Praise: Seven persons came to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and 5 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God healed Anjali Murmu from typhoid, Depali Besra and Anita from malaria and

Siril Soren from paralysis. Lands were donated by our believers for building Churches at Domotola, Kokoro, Jhumur Band, Simaldap and Baramasia villages. The congregation at Jhumurband and Kesharo areas are not giving room for the false teachings.

Pray: For congregations to be formed in Bonidangal and Srirampur areas. For the salvation of the families of Samson Maradi and Kristo Tudu of Kheyarbani. Our believer family Kisku & Sunita to be blessed with a child. For the healing of Shilas Tudu from parkinson disease, Bandok Murmu of Mijdiha and Sanjali Murmu from paralysis and our Church elder Emmanuel Amdanda from kidney problem.

Suicidal Tendencies Subsided:

In Karnataka, Narsamma of Ananthapur Region from Chilamathur field, always heard a voice, telling her to commit suicide. An evil spirit in her house always demanded her life. Whenever she is away from home she does not hear this voice. Once she enters her house she felt a force to commit suicide. She came to our Church and narrated her problem to our missionary. Missionary prayed for her and visited her house to offer a special prayer. From then onwards she is completely alright, and she and her family accepted Jesus Christ.



MARCH

Monday

Happy Birthday

Mrs. Elizabeth David

Mr. Vyasu Babu A.

Mrs. Vung ThianChing Thang

Miss. Birari Ritaben

Santal Dumka Region: Kumaravel & Mariyal

Praise: Eighty-eight persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 89 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Many of our believers were healed from Covid'19 in answer to prayer. All the congregations celebrated the harvest festival. God gives open door for the Gospel in many villages of West Bengal.

Pray: For a breakthrough for our ministry in Raneshwar, Nala and Masaliya fields. For the blessing of small group and Church elders' training programs. For the upcoming regional mela program in this region. For the healing of our missionary Prodip Mushary from spinal cord problem and Santoni pani from swollen leg.

Sunderpahari: Daniel Dhana Singh & Suvila Gnanappu

Praise: Three persons came to

the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and 11 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Our believer Manuel Tudu of Manhattan village did not get any bite from the snake which was touched by mistake. God healed Sam Hembrom of Bajiri village from chest pain and Talago Kisku of Chandana village from cerebral malaria, Meru Soren of Kusumba village from bone fracture and Mariyam Murmu of Chandradih village from anemia.

Pray: For the suitable elders to be appointed for the Sarouni congregation. For the healing of Jiyodhan of Rakso village from head injuries due to an accident, Salomi Murmu of Rajabita village from anemia, Baburam Hembrom of Bajri village from dumbness and Rani Kisku of Tessaria village from paralysis. For the successful completion of the Church construction at Kusumba, Sunderpahari and Bariyarpur villages. For reaching the unreached villages namely Maspada, Ambali, Asalipada, Sabaikudi, Dumarthari, Basjodi, Sagarpur, Lauthana, Rogda, Jamdiha, Kalma, Gaichal and Langradi.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Aruna Kingsly, Mr. Stalin Jeeva N.
Mrs. Paran Jothy Lucina Subramanian
Mrs. Angelin Vasanthi Elangovan
Mr. Hijam Kenedy Singh, Mr. Rajan S.

Telo:

Paulraj & Jebe Jothi

Praise: Twenty-two persons came into the fold of Jesus Christ. God blessed the Church dedication at Kordia village. Field level thanksgiving meeting became a great blessing to almost all the 450 participants. God delivered Biti Murmu of Murga village from the possession of evil spirit. God healed Manjili Murmu of Orbatol village from the curse of death in their family and Surai Hembrom of Balsangiaya from malaria.

Pray: For the blessing of field level convention at Dumri village. For the salvation of Bosnia, Berdor, Basko and Baromasia who have heard the Gospel eagerly. For the healing of Marsila Marandi of Kherwa village from jaundice, Rosmila Murku of Patlohara village from nervous problem, Habel Murmu's child, Habel Murmu of Kinduwa, David Hembrom of Pathargata

and Porme Hansdak of Patlohara from paralysis, Hopna Murmu of Kinduwa, Lalitha Marandi of Bagmundi and Benjamin Murmu of Tarapur from fits, Sunil Hansdak of Mangru, Kaleb Marandi of Tarapur and Samson Marandi of Laduganji from T.B.

Jagannathpur:

Ganesh & Sumathi

Praise: Follow up ministry and visiting the believers personally becomes fruitful for the development of our ministry. Three villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God helped us to overcome the situation when the villagers demanded money in view of the death of our believer's daughter who died in an accident.

Pray: For the Church construction in Gudijorda and the compound wall work at Puki Pee to be completed soon. For the repentance of the opponents of the Gospel in Rugudsai, Gadakeshna, Kalaiya and Siresai villages. For our believers of Rugudsai and Soma Purty villages to be allowed to harvest their fields without any opposition due to their faith in the Lord. For our missionary Suresh Malto and other believers who go through persecution in their field.



West Bengal

Balurghat:

Haramohan & Susama

Praise: One person came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 4 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Peace prevails in the family of Santosh Hasdah of Beline village whose wife came back home. God healed Sona and Srimati Hembrom from stomach pain, Rupali from chest pain, Noyoni, the Church elder of Abol village from severe sickness.

Pray: For the protection of the migrated believers. For a breakthrough with the Gospel in the villages namely Munsipur, Basnai, Atkhuri, Letodanga, Arakdarang, Belda, Dangi, Dedgetola, Cokram, Bilpada, Kasipur, Duraldabga, Dundahara, Macwa, Jharai and Maenagar. For the salvation of the families of Bajan Hasdah, Robin Kisku, Manila Murmu from Madarganj, Sujit Murmu from Atkhuri, Suniram of Khatang, Bisunath from Madhopur, Kool Soren from Muminpur, Susan Hasdah from Ajor and Hopna from

Darajpur village. For the healing of Mati Murmu from neck weakness and Sona from uterus infection. For peace to prevail in Debu family of Mulahati village.

Gangarampur:

Dihe & Charani

Praise: Twelve persons came to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and 3 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. The families of Lukiram Baskey and Mongol Hembrom are newly receptive to the Gospel. God blessed the new believers' camp at Belughat and Mass outreach program in Tekuhat and Choguchi villages. For the healing of Talamai Soren from the attack of evil spirit.

Pray: For our local evangelist Patra Murmu to be empowered by the Holy Spirit to do the ministry effectively. For land in need to build a Church at Panapukur village.



Deliverance from Depression!

In Dadra & Nagar Haveli, at Khanvel mission field, Madhuben and Elizaben of Samarvani village were suffering from depression. They always kept themselves aloof without speaking even to the family members due to their worries. We prayed for them and God delivered them completely from their depression and now they as a family glorify God.





MARCH
Thursday

Happy Birthday

Mr. Selvaraj A.
Mrs. Savita Devi Ashish Kumar

Samsi:

Deep Ratna & Mithilesh

Praise: Four villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the outreach program in 10 villages. Bhulai family from Gopalpur village is receptive to the Gospel. Backslidden believers of Sanchia village have come back to our worship service. Believers from Khurial village are growing spiritually. The believers of Wari area meet the needs of their Church and ministerial activities. God healed Sunita Hansda from chronic headache, Jetha Hembrom from sickness and our Church elder Prakash Hansda from falling in the pond due to unconsciousness.

Pray: For the Church elders namely Prakash Hansda and Devashish Soren of Wari congregation, Anil Murmu of Chandpur worship center, Jacob Tudu of Chorolmoni congregation and Simon Tudu of Laskarpur congregation to actively participate in the Church activities. For many families to

accept Jesus Christ in the Toyotola area. For the witnessing life of the believers of Laskarpur. For a breakthrough in the Santhal villages namely Shivtola, Jogiapada and Lapoungtola where Christian programs are not allowed due to the opposition. For the salvation of the families of Hemrom of Wari area, Talu Hemrom of Bagantola and Chandmuni of Ghodatola village who are receptive to the Gospel. For peace to prevail in the families of Sumi Tudu and Lakhan Tudu. For the healing of Talu Murmu of Modipur from kidney problem.



Snake Inside the Grass Bundle!

In Maharashtra, at Boradi mission field, our believer Gangi Bai from Sakaripada village, was cutting some grass for her cattle from a jungle and kept it as a bundle and started doing some other works. By that time a poisonous snake went inside the grass bundle, which she was not aware of. Then she carried the bundle of grass on her head, started returning home. The snake came out of the grass bundle and ran over her shoulder. She was in panic and threw the bundle of grass. By God's grace while throwing the bundle of grass the snake also fell down. She was saved from the snake bite and she glorified God.





Happy Birthday

Mrs. Indramma Daniel Vijayaraj

Itahar:

**Astaban Aditya Kumar
Limma & Manini Kumari**

Praise: Nine persons came to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ from Dakhinal and Gualpada villages and 7 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Our believers attend all the spiritual programs enthusiastically. God blessed the fasting prayer in Banbol, Pankhuri Hutu and Hatmuchda villages. God healed Baha Soren of Ladeya village from deathbed. Sanjay Soren of Chatnight village got deliverance from alcohol addiction in answer to prayer.

Pray: For the salvation of the families of Tambu Tudu of Saruptola village, Suksan Hembrom of Barbaria, Tulsi Murmu of Amati village, Ram Basky, Manjili Soren and Miru Murmu of Kusiymari village as they are receptive to the Gospel. For the Church

elders to actively participate in the ministerial activities. For the small group Bible study to gather regularly. For the healing of Ganesh Mardi of Gualpada village from leg injury, Duli Murmu of Chatnight village from side effect due to tumor operation and Lilputhi Mardi from uterus infection.

Jamboni:

**Ephraim Malli &
Prasonsita**

Praise: Six villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God enabled us to do the mass outreach program through our Jeep Team in Binpur and Belpahari areas. Our believer Dhoniram Mardi of Kistopur village voluntarily comes forward to do the outreach ministry.

Pray: For a new congregation to be formed in Jarda Jhinga Sale village. For the spiritual growth of Bibhuti Bhushan who received the Bible during the Bible study program. For the salvation of Krishna Singh, Ramchandra Soren, Kabitha Hansdak, Gurubari Soren and the people of Dandi Utu village.



MARCH
Saturday

Happy Birthday

Mrs. Renuma Sadangi Deeptilal Mali
Mrs. Delphin Kingsly Livingston

Chhattisgarh

Pratappur:

Danish Kumar & Neetu

Praise: Five villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Bible study group in Baykona and Gangotri gather regularly. Gonds people are receptive to the Gospel even amidst some negative thoughts about Christianity created by a few people.

Pray: For the salvation of the people of Mandle, Baykona, Gangotri, Paknee and Sarhari areas. For evangelists to be placed in unreached places. Our young believers to get suitable life partners. For the open door for the Gospel among the Gonds. For the healing of Anupma and Ansu from paralysis. For the new contact Sarhari and Betel to come into the fold of Christ.

Lakhanpur &

Ambikapur:

Arun Kumar & Sarathi

Praise: Four persons from Lipra village came to the faith in Jesus

Christ and 3 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Many people join the worship at Rattha, Semera, Roy and Sithkalo villages. Worship resumed in Karsura village which was stopped due to opposition.

Pray: For the deliverance of the family of Suklal from the possession of evil spirit. For the healing of Albinush from weakness in the leg. For the blessing of the upcoming mela in this field. For the repentance of the donor of the Church land at Rattha who has backslidden and is disturbing our worship in many ways.

**The Evil Spirit Pushed
but God Lifted!**

In Karnataka, Renuka is an Asha worker who hails from Basavana Bagewadi field in Hubli region. When she was travelling with her husband in a bike, an evil force pulled her from the bike and she fell down and sustained head injuries. She was taken to hospital and was diagnosed with a serious problem in the brain. She behaved like a mental person. She could not do any work on her own. She was brought to our Church and our missionary with believers prayed for her. God heard their prayer and healed her mental sickness. Now she is able to do her work normally. Praise God!



MARCH

Sunday

Happy Birthday

Mr. David Perumal, Mr. George C.R.

Mrs. Puspita Rani Behera

Mrs. Gnana Selvarani Jeeva

Mr. Bimal Chandra Murmu, Mr. Samuel Beberta

Sitapur:

Padvi Somalia Bhai & Mahala Sheela Ben

Praise: Two persons came into the fold of Christ and 3 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Believers from Ashkara and Nowapara congregations have come forward to meet the needs of the local evangelist. God blessed the believers' meeting at Lalitpur, Hardisand, Chathanpara and Tedga congregations. Church dedication at Poksari area was conducted for the glory of God.

Pray: For the seekers of Poksari, Sharedi and Tindupara who are going to confess their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Our believers' family Manbahal & Sukhmani to be blessed with a child. For the plan of building Kaccha Churches in Dumarbhawana, Kurdeg, Vandana, Lalitpur, Tairaidan, Kaljuba and Rattanpur congregations. For a breakthrough with the Gospel in the villages namely Kesala, Bhitawa, Kenapara, Sugama, Midiyakona, Amerakona and Kudarapani.

Bande: Babujee Murmu & Violet Hansda

Praise: Our new believer Dalli Kowachi of Morkhandi village stands firm amidst opposition. God healed our Church elder Keshor Lakshmi from malaria. Manki Kowachi got a safe confinement in answer to prayer.

Pray: For our believer Baburou Norati to get a loan for his business. For the healing of Minabai Norati of Thokajculi village from chronic weakness and Angel Lakshmi's child from malaria.

Odisha

Dhenkanal:

Santu Marandi

Praise: One family came to the faith in Jesus Christ at Chulia village and 7 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. The believers of Balanda reconciled with each other and started to support our ministry. Manisha Sonya got deliverance from the possession of evil spirit in answer to prayer. God healed Narayan of Jaidamdarapur from severe leg pain.

Pray: For the repentance of the opponents of the Church construction at Koragadiya village. For the transfer of evangelists to be done smoothly. For the healing of Sanju Soye of Brahamani village, Nadu Chatar of Raghuabil, Tulsi Pingua of Balanda, Baldev Kola of Sormahatin and Prasant Munda from chest pain and Malti Hembrom of Chulia village from mental disorder.



MARCH
Monday

Happy Birthday

Mrs. Celina Hansdak Kisku
Mrs. Propilla Bosumatary Prodip
Mr. Govindarajan E.
Mrs. Sasikala Venkatesan
Mr. Rajendran J., Mr. Ganesh R.

Jashipur:

Sukinlal & Jayarani

Praise: Nineteen persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 10 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Our believers got good harvest from their paddy fields.

Pray: For the safe confinement of Maina Munda of Tagerpada village. For mass movement to take place among the HO people group. For the Church construction at Kudakhutu village to go smoothly. For building Churches in Kumaribil, Kadakhuruva and Bhurudi villages.

Keonjhar:

Pratyush Nayak & Leona

Praise: One village was newly reached with the Gospel. Milu, a 2 year old baby of Bangarsuni village got deliverance from the possession of evil spirit in answer to prayer. God healed Sombary Godsora from weakness in the leg and Goury of Bangarsuni from cancer in cheek and neck.

Pray: For the believers of Meshraman congregation to build a Kachha Church for them. For the need of manpower for the extension of our ministry. For the completion of the compound wall of the Church at Balisahi. For the healing of Raju Munda of Balisahi area from chest pain and Chandu from nervous problem.

Pallahara:

Basudev Malto & Basanti

Praise: Three villages namely Padhang, Tenali and Igula were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the field level outreach program in neighboring villages. Eight families attend Sunday worship at Mamalaposhi congregation. Young believers take up the leadership and actively participate in the Church activities. Hostel Children who are studying in 6th Std and above returned to the hostel after the lockdown.

Pray: For all the believers to attend the worship service without fail. For the success of the indigenization policy in all the congregations. For our young believers to get suitable life partners. For the healing of Raju, Damburu and his sister Josodha Juang from mental disorder. For the hostel children Zingi Alda, Magdalini Munda, Chandra Munda, John Munda and Daniel Sinku to perform well in their 12th Std board exams.



MARCH
Tuesday

Rairangpur: **Samuel & Havilah**

Praise: Five persons came to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and 5 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God opened the way for the Gospel in Kurla Pani, Rukudasahi, Narga Sahi and Koipur villages. God healed Raja Munda of Kualpani from unknown sickness, Sora Pods of Dholpur village from mental disorder, Dula Sardar from dumbness and Manpathi Banra of Koipur village from weakness in the leg.

Pray: For the consolation of Annanth Birua of Sathjudi village whose daughter passed away recently. For the healing of Hemanti Halda from mental disorder, Busan Murmu from kidney problem and Juba Kunkal from uterus infection. For the safe confinement of Jaga Hembrom who had miscarriages previously.

Rimuli: **Sankar P. & Jelin**

Praise: Fifteen persons came into the fold of Christ in Badiya village and 5 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed

the believers' camp in Konkan village. Sunday worship is going on regularly in Arsala and Raikola villages.

Pray: For the families of our evangelists Ragu Kuntiya, Dilip Lahuri, Ragu Kuntiya, Jegat Biruva and volunteer Jegat Biruva to be empowered by the power of the Holy Spirit in order to do the ministry effectively. For our new believer Gurubari Munda of Arsala village to stand firm in the faith amidst so much opposition from the family.

Gujarat

Fokdi - LTI:

Reuben Ravi & Vijayarani

Praise: God enabled us to arrange training program for our Church elders at Aravali and Satpura regions. God blessed the meeting at Kunthapur village of Bodeli mission field.

Pray: For the spiritual growth of the Church elders, so that they will lead a witnessing life in their respective areas. For our missionary Vijay Babu family to be bestowed with wisdom in order to learn the Gujarati language well. For the blessing of the upcoming elders' training program in Satpura region.



MARCH
Wednesday
Fasting Prayer Day

Happy Birthday

Mr. Sukanto Kumar Singh
Mrs. Nemzavah Thanglal Zou

Pipalwada Girls' Hostel:

**Hari Babu & Pankajam,
Salomi Hansda,
Angel Raj, Gayatri**

Praise: God protected all the other students from Covid'19 though one student was infected by it. The hostel children are doing Bible study as well as their school studies enthusiastically.

Pray: For the protection of all the students studying from LKG to 9th Stds who are held up at home due to the pandemic situation. For the healing of the students who are suffering from vitamin deficiency related diseases, Bone TB, indigestion etc. For the board exam of our former hostel student Slochana who is at present doing MBBS.

Choramba:

**Ramesh G. Christian &
Rachelben**

Praise: God blessed all the programs conducted throughout the month. Rajubhai and Ravjeebhai voluntarily came forward to help

our ministry. God healed Rahel, Raju, Rekha, Bindiya of Butvahan from fever and Ravjibhai from spinal cord problem.

Pray: For the deliverance of Dharmesh from the possession of evil spirit. For Priti, the daughter of our local evangelist to get a suitable life partner. For the salvation of the people of Vanderdev village. For the spiritual growth of Vaishali, Shephali of Khamala, Anjali Bhikhiben, Suresh of Samachali and Sunil and Rekha of Kalibel.

Dadra & Nagar Haveli

**Randha Hostel:
Markus Malto & Sara**

Praise: Our hostel children studying from 9th to 12th Std have been vaccinated and continuing their regular classes. Our students celebrated the harvest festival along with the believers of Bonta village. The families of Salimbhai and Nitinbhai are receptive to the Gospel.

Pray: For all the hostel students to grow physically and spiritually. The regular Bible Study program for the Children to be a great blessing. For the 10th and 12th Std children to concentrate in their studies.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Nirola Digal

Maharashtra

Chopda:

Gopikrishnan & Menaga

Praise: Five persons from Velda and Kanjapada came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 4 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God delivered Narika bai from Kanjapada and Lalitha bai from Bhivkheda from the possession of evil spirit. Our seekers Priti, Khushi and Simon of Kanjapada were healed from chicken pox in answer to prayer.

Pray: For the seekers Jai Bhim people group from Thalner and Amalgoan villages to confess their faith in the Lord. For the spiritual growth of the believers. For the blessings of the upcoming program at Nagpada, Tada and Padseri areas and Elders training in Velda and soul winning training at Kanyapada and Bhatkheda areas. For the healing of Gudibai of Kanjapada from mental disorder.

Dahanu:

M. Shankar & Anandhi

Praise: Five persons came to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and 4 villages namely Vethripada, Dadodapada, Dandikar and Bhahere were newly reached with the Gospel. God enabled us to resume all our ministerial activities after the lockdown. Many people of Dandikar people groups from Baripada and Dandikar villages newly join the worship.

Pray: For the new contacts Vijaybhai, Suddambhai, Lehne Bhai, Devbhai, Rameshbhai and Nanubhai to give up the habit of drinking alcohol completely. For the spiritual growth of Kusumben, Kundaben and Paruben. For our believer Sanjaybhai of Jarlivillage to stand firm in his faith amidst opposition from his neighbor. For the believers of Baripada and Ambesari not to give room for the false teachings. For the backslidden believers from Kainad village to be restored in faith. For the healing of Kundaben from chest pain and Ranjanaben of Kosbad village from leprosy.



MARCH

Friday

Happy Birthday

Mrs. Lhingneih Zou

Gadchandur:

**Paul Albert & Rani
Jessilet, Elisha Daime**

Praise: Twenty villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the mass outreach programs held in Virur and Bhari areas. Two families from Kuchalpur village attended our worship. God blessed the film programs in Rajunagar, Umri, Sonapur and Vaman Nagar.

Pray: For the salvation of Bapurao's family from Shegaon village and the two new seekers' families from Kachapur village. For the healing of our new contacts Rammu Atram of Kolamguda village from fits, Binod Kade of Indiranagar from paralysis and Bably from mental disorder.

Khandesh Region:

M. Vinu & Subila

Praise: Our jeep team reached 20 sub villages with the Good News without any hindrance. Our believers eagerly read the New Testament in Khandeshi Bhili language. Outreach ministry in Jainagar, Dhandra, Punarvasan, Lambda, Nimbhora,

Mohida and Autude villages was done successfully and many have heard the Gospel for the first time. Worship groups were newly started in the four villages of Akkalkuwa field. Church construction work in Dhong village of Khandbara field came up to the lintel level.

Pray: For the Sarpanch of Kalambir Panchayat to give permission to build a Church at Kalabir village of Ner field. For the repentance of the opponents of the Gospel namely Babulal, Pokul, Kailash, Kasinat and Shuklal of Chottu village. For the hostel children to return to the hostel without any hindrance. For the migrated believers to return safely from Gujarat, Pune and Nasik. For Churches to be built in Hajat village of Dhadgaon field and Bharkund village of Molgi field without any problem.

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**Carried by Four but Returned
Home by Walk!**

In Madhya Pradesh, at Dhulkot mission field, Sobharam of Jamnia village was bedridden due to a paralytic attack and he was able to take only milk through a tube. He was carried on a cot by four persons to our Church at Siklia where our missionaries conducted special prayer for the sick people. Sobharam was touched by the power of God and he was healed completely and walked by himself without any assistance. Praise God!

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MARCH
Saturday

Happy Birthday

Mr. Jacob Gnanapandithan
Mrs. Maria Selvi Dharmaraj
Mr. Albert Santhosh Raj J.
Miss. Ching Nei Sian

Sitara:

Sanjeeb & Swarnalatha

Praise: Twenty-one persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ. Four families newly attend our worship services. God healed Somibai of Ghatta village from brain tumor, Gurujibhai of Umarda village from boils on his face and Deepak of Bhorus village from leg infection. Lilabai of Kotary village got deliverance from the possession of evil spirit in answer to prayer.

Pray: For the repentance of Somabhai and Haridas who threaten our missionaries and evangelists. For the deliverance of Namdev of Dubagaon village and Kalibai from the possession of evil spirit. For the healing of Narsingdi, Dev Jadhav, Sukhadev, Sital and Savita from mental disorder, Vasantha from fits,

Ashabai of Bahngaon village from brain disease and Anjali of Budki Vihar village from sickle cell.

Surgana:

Mayilsamy & Yesumani

Praise: Fifteen persons came into the fold of Jesus Christ in Kelipada and Devalthari villages and 3 villages namely Sivramali, Avlimal and Avalpada were newly reached with the Gospel. God enables us to start youth meetings in Kottula village. The families of Rahul of Humbachapada village, Yogesh Wagmare of Banderpada village, Yogitha Govind of Kokri village and Gumbade from Sathgam Bunda village newly attend our worship services.

Pray: For the blessing of believers' meeting in Baripada village and ladies meeting in Kelipada village. For the deliverance of Arthi of Tate Pada village from the possession of evil spirit. For unity to prevail among the believers of Kourtney village. For the Church construction to go smoothly in Borigautta village. For the open door for the Gospel in Avlima, Avalpada and Sivramali villages.



MARCH

Sunday

Happy Birthday

Mr. Moorthi T.

Dindori:

Alex Prabhu & Priya Getzi

Praise: God delivered Kamalabai of Puri village from the possession of evil spirit. Vishu of Thari village was healed from chronic vomiting in answer to prayer. The son of Manjula of Dindori field changed his mind of selling the house in answer to prayer. Our believer Sunitha is blessed with a child through the prayers of our believers.

Pray: For our believer Surekha of Sonjam to stand firm in the faith amidst opposition from her family members. For the healing of Hirabai, Poberta and Meerabai from mental disorder, Pangaj of Thari area from paralysis and Aryan from kidney problem. For peace to prevail in the family of Sonali & Pratik family. The couples Dibali & Poidi, Sarala & Vinayak and Bharathi & Devidoss to be blessed with children.

Dharni Melghat:

**Daniel Marvelraj &
Jebaseeli**

Praise: Two persons came to

the faith in Jesus Christ and one village was newly reached with the Gospel. Our believer Sunita got deliverance from the possession of evil spirit. Ramlal of Dhakarmal village was protected from snake bite. God healed Shanghai's husband from chest pain.

Pray: For the deliverance of Pankaj of Kalar village from the possession of evil spirit. For the backslidden families of Umesh and Raneh of Bawrah village to be restored in faith. For the salvation of Sunil of Kutunga village who is receptive to the Gospel.

Karnataka

Mundargi:

Thanglal Zou

Praise: Our believer Ravi got back his land which was encroached by his neighbor in answer to prayer. God healed Joti from high fever. Our believer's son Dhanraj cleared the competitive exam.

Pray: For Basu and Pavitra to overcome the hurdles of confessing their faith in the Lord. For our believer Devraj to get enough financial support to do his business.



MARCH
Monday

Happy Birthday

Mrs. Jerinah Shimrah

Shiggaon:

Sunil Kumar & Sangeeta

Praise: Five persons confessed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Girjawa was blessed with a child in answer to prayer.

Pray: For the repentance of the husband of Muthakka who stops his wife from attending the worship service. For the healing of Durgesh from fits. For the deliverance of Santhosh and Sabudar from alcohol addiction.

Nidagundi:

Narendra Kumar

Praise: Our believer Mahadevi is pregnant in answer to prayer after many years of married life. God delivered Mahesh from the possession of evil spirit.

Pray: For the salvation of the families of Basavaraj, Bheemu and Renuka who newly attend our worship services. For the healing of our seeker Prakash from nervous problem. For the deliverance of Renukamma from the possession of evil spirit.

Khanapur (Haliyal):

Vinayraj & Shantha

Praise: Ten villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Worship is started in this field and many persons attend the worship.

Pray: For the salvation of our new contacts Mahesh & Uma, Gourava, Bhimsingh, Nagraj, Govind & Laxmi, Vishnu & Rekha, Santhama & Mahadevi families. For the healing of Satguru from the injuries due to an accident.

Southern Zone, Kolar:

Jebaraj Samuel &

Jeya Soundari

Praise: One hundred and ninety nine persons confessed their faith in the Lord in this Zone altogether. God enabled us to develop indigenization process for conducting program with the local fund and to maintain the Churches in 15 places. A few of our missionaries and evangelists were protected by God from major accidents.

Pray: For lands to build Churches in Yelburga, Nidagundi and Mundgod areas. For the opponents of the Gospel in Koliwada village. For the need of local evangelists to extend our ministry in many other areas. For the completion of Church construction at Srinivasapura.



MARCH
Tuesday

Happy Birthday

Mrs. Alice Ranjit James
Mr. John Andrews Sugirtharaj
Miss. Angel E.

Kolar:

Johan Malto

Praise: Two villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Our believer's son Ravi who left the house before five years have come back home in answer to prayer. God blessed the night meetings in Chatra Kodihalli village and women's meeting at Seepur in many ways. Peace prevails in the family of Shiva and they joined together as family in answer to prayer.

Pray: For the salvation of the new people who attend our worship services. For CV to be placed in Gangatta Church. For the healing of Chowdamma from cancer. For the blessing of our ministry in Gangatta and Byrkur areas.

Gowribidanur & Madhugiri: Francis Duraisamy & Jeyanthi

Praise: God protected Ramakka

from a bike accident. Peace prevails in the family of Nagesh and Manjula in answer to prayer. Many people attend our worship regularly. Our believers Gayatri, Gangadevi and Devi got suitable jobs for their livelihood.

Pray: For the unity of the Church elders. For building a compound wall for the Church at Idagur area. For the repentance of Murthy and Vinay who oppose our ministry in many ways. For the healing of Krishnappa and Sathyamma from tumors in the stomach.

Malur:

Kishanta Limma & Pramila

Praise: Five persons came into the fold of Christ and 3 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Our believer Suresh got a ration card after many years of struggle in answer to prayer. God healed Indra from the skin problem.

Pray: For the seekers to confess their faith in the Lord soon. For the blessing of the outreach program. For the salvation of the new seekers who attend our worship regularly.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Konkani Sampathbhai
Mrs. Kshetrimayum Priya Devi Jeewer
Mr. Abraham S.

Vemagal:

Paul Sampath & Rajam

Praise: God blessed the believers' camp and 15 persons were blessed. Our believer Shakina got back her gold ornaments which were missing.

Pray: For the healing of our believers Muniyamma, Adhi Narayanamma, Gangothri, Munilaxmi and Murali from the symptom of Covid'19. For the new seekers' families of Shilpa and Shakina to confess their faith in the Lord.

Srinivasapura:

Hanna Singh

Praise: Two villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Our believer Anjappa was blessed by God in his small business of nursery garden in answer to prayer. Our believer Shilpa cleared the exam to get appointment as teacher.

Pray: For the repentance of the opponents of the Gospel. For the believers to attend the worship

service regularly without any fear. For the healing of Yashodamma from cancer.

Telangana

Asifabad: Rameshbhai Vasava & Sunita

Praise: Three persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 2 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Backslidden believers namely Nilavani, Shankar and Madhukar families were restored in faith. Bagalvahi, Mahagav and Pipadgav are receptive to the Gospel. God healed Durpath Abai from a wound in the stomach and Reshma from leg fracture.

Pray: For the healing of Nitesh from mental disorder, Razabai from eyesight problem, Bhimbai from thyroid problem, Vasanth from liver damage and Lakshmi from sickle cell.

God Spotted his Hideout!

In Maharashtra, at Bagli mission field, Raju from Tempraniya village is an illicit liquor beaver who was chased by the police. He ran and unknowingly he hid himself in our worship center while worship was going on. God touched his heart through the worship and message. He accepted the Living Water Jesus Christ and gave up all his liquor making business. Now 30 people gather for worship in his house. Glory to God!



MARCH
Thursday

Happy Birthday

Mrs. Amirtha Golda Asir
Mr. John Ezung
Mrs. Thoti Gurramvari Hima Bindu Ramesh
Mr. Basanta Guru

Andhra Pradesh

Roddam:

**Debadatta Lima &
Sonia Rani**

Praise: Two persons from Thrukulapatnam village came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 3 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Peace prevails in the family of Narshama after attending our worship regularly. The families of Nagarjun and Chandrapa attend our worship. God healed Mahima from chickenpox, Skaman from chest pain and the husband of Albelamma from injuries due to accident.

Pray: For the deliverance of Ramanji and Srinivash from alcohol addiction. For the spiritual growth of the people namely Naresh, Srinivash, Kavya, Narshama, Iswarappa and Ramanji who are getting ready to confess their

faith in the Lord. For the healing of Nagabhusan from kidney problems. For the consolation of Srinivas whose wife passed away recently.

Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu Zone:

Albin & Vijayarani

Praise: Eighteen persons came into the fold of Jesus Christ. Our believer from Indoor Church voluntarily involve in outreach ministry. Our Church elder Yacobu of Indoor Church actively participates in the Church activities. God protected Ilavarasi Jebastin from a major accident. John Madapan got healing from Covid'19 in answer to prayer.

Pray: For the salvation of Kalaiyarasi of Karapattu Vaiyappan, Laxmanan, Rajan, Siva, Muniraj and Muniyamma who attend our worship regularly. For the spiritual growth of the people who attend small group prayer cell at Kalipatti. For our believer Rani of Guruparapalli to get back her land which is encroached by somebody else. For the families of Sathya, Varathaj, Mekala and Velu to be blessed with children.

Bro. Balaji was born on 31st August 1975 to the non-Christian parents Mr. Gunalan and Mrs Kousalya. When he was studying in Pasumalai Higher Secondary School, Madurai, he had the opportunity to attend a prayer meeting along with his friends in which he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Saviour. His fellowship with the spiritual friends led him to have hope in life and to grow in the knowledge of the Lord. In 1993, he got a job in Chennai and during that time, he attended a mission-vision meet in which he committed himself for the full time ministry. In 2001, he joined FMPB as a volunteer and served in Chengalpattu and Kanchipuram Districts. In 2002, he joined as a full time missionary with FMPB and was sent for one year missionary training in NIM, UP. After the missionary training, in 2003 he was placed in Lalmattia mission field, Jharkhand.

Sis. Jancy was born on 19th May 1976 to Christian parents Mr. George Royal and Mrs. Ruth Vasantha. Her parents nurtured her in spiritual life. She felt the call of God to serve as a missionary. The same time, she got a call for a Govt. job and an invitation from FMPB to attend the interview, God guided her to choose the missionary work and joined FMPB in 2001 and worked until 2003 among the Kukna people group at Silvassa and Ahwa mission fields.

Bro. Balaji and Jancy got married in the year on 18th August 2004 and they were placed in Lalmattia mission field to work among the Santhal people group. Then they worked in Sundarpahadi mission field in 2007; in Kadhuwa mission field in 2019 and currently they are serving in Dhamdhamia mission field, Jharkhand.

This missionary couple is blessed with a daughter and a son. Their daughter Christy Evangeline [DOB: 09.08.2005] is studying in 11th Std and Jabez Jebakumar [DOB: 22.10.2011] is in 5th Std.

Let us uphold this missionary family in our prayers.



**Mr. Balaji Jesudason
& Mrs. Jancy Family**



Women are the Eyes of the Ministry! (Happy Women's Day)



Every year, 8th March is celebrated as Women's Day. Our first-Prime Minister of India Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru recognised the power of women and said that "Women are the Eyes of the Nation". Women constitute almost 50% of the world's population.

Women have contributed much to the ministry of the Church throughout its history.

Women's Wing in FMPB:

"Village life ceased, it ceased in Israel, until I, Deborah, arose, Arose a mother in Israel". Judges 5:7

As per this verse, all women members of Friends Missionary Prayer Band should rise as a mother to bring salvation to our Nation, the Women's Wing is functioning with this purpose.

- ▶ Conducting women's meet in every mobilization district.
- ▶ Giving Special training to women leaders.
- ▶ Encouraging women to visit

our mission fields and pray with the missionaries.

- ▶ Encouraging and giving spiritual nurture through the monthly Newsletter 'Doeborale Ezhumbu' [Deborah, Arose!] to all women leaders
- ▶ Motivating the women to save money through the hundies and give it to the missionary work.
- ▶ Special family counselling time in all the women's meeting
- ▶ Encouraging all the women missionaries in the Mobilization staff to give their shoulder for the extension of the women's ministry, which is so encouraging.

Pray that all the Christian women should open their hearts and homes for the mission and to rise like Deborah for the Lord to build His Kingdom in our nation.

- Mrs. Christy Rajan

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