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**For the joy set before Him He endured
the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down
at the right hand of the throne of God.**

(Hebrews 12:2)



*It is the resurrection of
Jesus Christ that makes
His day of death as Good Friday!
We wish you
a blessed Good Friday and
a happy Easter.*

CROWN WITHOUT CROSS!



FRONTLINE...

Historically there has been a fragile relationship between the two major elements of the Christian faith - the Cross and the Crown. The Cross represents Jesus' incarnation and crucifixion, while the Crown represents His resurrection, coronation, Kingdom and His role as King. They are inseparable parts of the Christian faith.

During His earthly life and ministry, Jesus went through not just physical suffering, it is also about rejection. His own "earthly" family challenged His leadership (John 7:3-5). People from His home town disregarded His identity and ministry. (Mark 3:1-6) Many followers turned away from Him. (John 6:60-71) He was mocked by the spiritual leaders and others. (Matt. 27) He was betrayed by a close friend. (Matt. 26:14) He was rejected, denied, and unjustly condemned (Mark 14:50; Matt 26:69-74).

Moreover, Jesus was confronted with three major temptations (Mat. 4:1-11). **The first temptation** was "Turning stone into Bread." Satan was trying to induce Jesus to question himself, by misusing His power, to turn stone into bread, and virtually to take the Crown without the Cross. But, Jesus did not give place to turn those stones into bread; He fed Himself and was filled with the Word of God.

The second temptation was "Throw Yourself Down." The temptation to gain popularity by performance. Jesus refuses to jump, further quoting from the scripture, "You shall not tempt the Lord your God." Jesus did not have the mind to gain cheap popularity at the expense of tempting God to take the Crown without the Cross.

The third temptation was "Serve Me." Satan showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world and told Him that all of this will be His, if, for just a moment, He will bow down and worship him (Satan). Satan again had failed in his attempt to bribe Jesus with fame, fortune, and power. Jesus was not enticed by the glitter of the world and to take the Crown without the Cross.

Many Christians still today face the same kind of temptations in this world. Many want victory with limited commitment. They want heaven without the Cross. They want the Crown without the Cross. The spiritual writer J.C. Ryle once wrote, "A cheap Christianity, without a Cross, will prove in the end an useless Christianity, without a Crown."

Yes, when the Cross and the Crown stand entwined in our minds as the central theme of the Gospel, then discipleship on the resurrection side without the Cross will no longer be an elective but an essential and natural response. It is an ongoing reminder that Jesus implored each of us to take up the Cross-the Cross that leads us to a Crown of unimagined spiritual blessings during this Lenten Season!

- J.J. Harris (Communication Dept.)

He will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; He will remove His people's disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken. (Isaiah 25:8)

"We are not to regard the cross as defeat and the resurrection as victory. Rather, the cross was the victory won, and the resurrection the victory endorsed, proclaimed and demonstrated."

- John R.W. Stott

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10:9)

"There are no crown-wearers in heaven who were not cross-bearers here below."

- Charles Spurgeon



FRIENDS FOCUS

Our Vision:

Reach the unreached Indians with the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Our Mission:

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

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

FMPB does saturation evangelism among various people groups.

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

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From the General Secretary...

Dear Partners, who are pursuing higher plans for FMPB ministry,

We have just entered a new financial year in which we do not know what is stored for us. How it is going to be, we do not know. In fact, we need not know, because the Lord of Host is going to be with us. He will fulfil His plan for our lives and for FMPB. His higher plans are not to harm us, but to give us a hope and future according to Jeremiah 29.11. Because our Saviour lives, we can face tomorrow with hope and courage. The psalmist says in Psalm 18.30, "This God—His way is perfect; the promise of the Lord proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him." (RSV). Who else other than our God, can give such assurance regarding our protection and future. Having God in our side, with obedience and holiness, we can pursue the higher plans, God keeps our organization moving forward in reaching the unreached.

Executive Committee meeting:

The 209th Executive Committee was

conducted on 13th evening and 14th of February 2022. The guiding hand of the Lord was upon all the members to discuss and take decisions for the furtherance of the gospel in our land. A new Management Committee, Finance Management Committee and Property Sub-Committee were constituted.

Appointments:

As per the norms of FMPB, the appointments of Zonal level secretaries and above are done by the Executive Committee; and the 209th committee appointed senior missionaries in various roles, where earlier missionaries have completed or completing their tenures. The following are some important appointments with dates of joining.

Rev. Augustus Pushparaj - New Secretary for SCAN from 1.3.2022

Rev. Daniel Arulmani - New Secretary for Youth from 1.3.2022

Mrs. Maniselvi - New Secretary for Women from 1.4.2022

Rev. David Ponding - New Secretary for Headquarters from 1.5.2022

Rev. Dr. Harris - New Secretary for HRD from 1.8.2022

Mrs. Mercy Deborah - New Secretary for Communication from 1.8.2022

Rev. Paulraj P - New Secretary for North Eastern Zone from 1.4.2022

Rev. Daniel Thomas - New Secretary for Western Tamil Nadu Mobilization from 1.3.2022

Please remember all the above missionaries and their families in your prayers regularly that the hand of the Lord be upon them to guide and making them to do His will.

Meeting with CSI Karnataka Central Diocese Bishop:

On 18th February 2022, the Secretary South India Mobilization, Secretary Tamil Nadu Zone and myself had a meeting with the CSI Karnataka Central Diocese Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Prasanna Kumar Samuel in his office in Bengaluru.

Field visit of CSI Trichy Tanjore Diocese Bishop and Diocesan Leaders:

CSI Trichy Tanjore Diocese Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. D. Chandrasekaran along with important diocesan leaders visited our Santal and Malto ministries between 25th to 27th of February. FMPB full time and honorary leaders also accompanied the team. The Lord blessed the visit and encouraged all of us through the fruits of the ministry of FMPB.

Meeting with UESI leaders:

The leaders of the Union of Evangelical Students of India visited our office to discuss the renewal of MOU between our organizations. We discussed the ways to strengthen the partnership and further action plans were made.

Bhavani convention:

The Presbyter of CSI, Christ Church Bhavani invited me to speak in their convention on 12th and 13th of March 2022. In addition to preaching in the church; both days we visited a few

FMPB honorary leaders' families and that was a great experience to know the commitment and burden of such leaders and their involvement in FMPB ministry along with their family members.

National Institute of Mission:

I am writing this editorial from National Institute of Mission, our missionary training center in Jhansi. Total 25 missionary trainees are being shaped and equipped for the ministry of God. Your prayers for these young missionaries are very important for their future ministry. God willing we will have our next interview in the month of June 2022. Please pray that the Lord of harvest may send workers into His vineyard in large numbers.

Tamil Nadu state conference:

The Tamil Nadu state conference which used to be held in the third week of May is postponed this year and the same will be held in Bethel Campus, Danishpet Salem from 2nd June to 5th June 2022. The postponement is due to the unavailability of place in the wake of 10th, 11th and 12th Annual exams which will be held in the month of May 2022. Since we are going to conduct this annual meeting after 2 years due to Corona, kindly plan to attend the meeting in large numbers and to mobilize Christians in the ministry of reaching the nation.

Your fellow sojourner in God's Mission



Rev. John Berlin S.

Back to the basics of CROSS & RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST



Jesus gave Himself on the cross, taking the burden of our sins upon Himself and descending into the abyss of death, then in the resurrection, He triumphed over them, took them away and opened before us the path to rebirth and new life.

Historically, Christians use seven major words, based on the Cross to summarize the Bible's teaching about the agony before Jesus died. It helps us to understand how spiritually poor we are by nature and how rich we can become by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1. Substitution:

"Christ the righteous one died for sins once for all, for the unrighteous, to bring us to God" (1 Pet. 3:18). As another New Testament writer puts it, "He laid down His life for us" (1 John 3:16). The Bible tells us that death is the result of sin; so how could Jesus die when He did not have a sinful nature and never committed sin of any kind? The Bible's answer is that in His death Jesus was bearing sin's penalty which He did not deserve but He did in the place of others. In the most amazing act of love ever known, Jesus endured sin's ultimate penalty in the place of even the worst of His enemies.

2. Propitiation:

In the New Testament, the original Greek word for 'propitiation' is sometimes translated "atonement." This is easier to understand, as to "atonement" means to deal with an offence

so that the offender and the person offended can be "at one." This is what Jesus did in dying on behalf of others: "In

this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (1 John 4:10). Jesus showed the cost of being the propitiation for sin when on the cross He cried out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mat. 27:46). As the Bible puts it, "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Cor. 5:21).

3. Ransom:

Jesus said that He had come to "give His life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). His death on the cross was the essential ransom so that God's justice could be satisfied and the sinners in whose place Jesus died are set free.

4. Redemption:

When a ransom has been paid, the captives are set free or redeemed, and this is what happens to those for whom Jesus gave His life. The apostle Paul says that Jesus "redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us" (Gal. 3:13). The ransom price to bring redemption to helpless sinners was nothing less than His death in their place, and He paid it in full, setting prisoners of sin to live freely in a way that is pleasing to God.

5. Forgiveness:

As Jesus died on our behalf, we have not only received “redemption through His blood” but also “the forgiveness of sins” (Ephesians 1:7). In the death of Jesus, the Christian believer is cut loose from the double burden of guilt and debt and is freely and fully forgiven forever.

6. Reconciliation:

By nature and choice, we are all separated from God because of our self-centered rebellion against His authority and our determination to go on our own way. In the death of His Son, God not only punished human sin but also satisfied His own righteous judgment, and in this, He removed the barrier separating him from sinners. This is why the apostle Paul writes, “While we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son” (Romans 5:10) and tells early Christians, “You who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ” (Eph. 2:13).

7. Justification:

Jesus’ perfect life met all the demands of God’s law; He was “holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners” (Heb. 7:26) and His death paid in full the penalty that God’s law demands. This is why the apostle Paul claims, “Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom. 5:1). The justified sinner is brought into God’s favour and family and received as though He had met all the demands of God’s holy law. To be justified means to be made right with God for time and eternity.

Encounters with the Risen Lord:

The risen Christ appeared to His followers in different ways, which demonstrated His care for their uniqueness [Luke 24:36-49; John 10:2-6; 20; 21]. He continues to meet people in distinctive ways today. “God comes to us in various ways, accommodating our pain, fear, doubt, abstraction, and pride,” says John Witte Jr. in his article for Christianity Today.

As Christians, we have so often taken the death and resurrection of Jesus for granted. There would be no Christianity without the resurrection of Jesus Christ because it validates who Jesus claimed to be, namely, the Son of God and Messiah. According to Jesus, His resurrection was the “sign from heaven” that authenticated His ministry (Mat. 16:1-4). The resurrection of Jesus Christ, attested by hundreds of eyewitnesses (1 Cor. 15:3-8), provides irrefutable proof that He is the Saviour of the world.

Another reason the resurrection of Jesus Christ is important is that it proves His sinless character and divine nature. The Scriptures said God’s “Holy One” would never see the realm of death and decay (Psalm 16:10), and Jesus never saw death and decay, even after He died (Acts 13:32-37). It was on the basis of the resurrection of Christ that Paul preached, “Through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through Him everyone who believes is set free from every sin” (Acts 13:38-39).

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is not only the supreme validation of His deity; it also validates the Old Testament prophecies that foretold Jesus’ suffering and resurrection (Acts 17:2-3). Christ’s resurrection also authenticated His own claims that He would be raised on the third day (Mk. 8:31; 9:31; 10:34). If Jesus Christ is not resurrected, then we have no hope that we will be, either. In fact, apart from Christ’s resurrection, we have no Saviour, no salvation, and no hope of eternal life. As Paul said, our faith would be “useless,” the Gospel would be altogether powerless, and our sins would remain unforgiving (1 Cor. 15:14-19). Yes, the Cross of Christ and His Resurrection are the crux of missionary work indeed!

Rev. Hutoi Achumi,

Regional Secretary - Mobilization, Dimapur, Nagaland.

Christ's Unique Death: A Proof of Love Supreme!

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. (Jn.15:13)



Our Lord Jesus Christ has given the unique formula for the very word 'love.' The death of Christ on the Cross was a proof of love superlative. In fact, He showed His love towards us by stretching out His arms on the Cross and gave up His spirit and died. Generally love should be expressed in deed; otherwise it is not a love but just sympathy. A man of God says, "True love is not 'because of' but 'in spite of.'" That means, I love you, not because of all these features, but even without that. Our Lord Jesus Christ ensures His love towards us through His physical suffering and death on the Cross. St. John clearly says, 'This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us' [1Jn.3:16]. St. Paul also says, 'God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.' [Rom.5:8].

During His earthly life, Jesus Christ demonstrated His love to the people around Him in many ways such as identifying with the poor and the needy, associating with the ordinary people, handling them gently during their weaknesses, doing miracles etc. The culmination of His love is expressed in His death on the Cross for the people. Sacrificing one's life is sacrificing all that one has. Yes, Jesus is all love and altogether. He has exhibited the master-piece of love.

In which way the death of Christ differs from the death of others who too die for others and for the common cause of the society.

1. Became Mortal who is Immortal Forever:

When someone gives his life for his friends or the nation or for a common cause, he does not give the life which is undying. He just sacrifices his life a little earlier before his usual death. That's all. But Jesus' death is not like that. Our Lord Jesus Christ is eternal, everlasting and perfectly holy. According to the scripture, 'The soul who sins shall die' [Ezek.18:20]. Jesus Himself told about His life as, 'No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father' [Jn.10:18]. Mortal man has only power to die, but Christ has power to live. Jesus' life is undying, but He has expressed His love towards us by giving up His undying life!

2. No Alternative, But Inevitable:

Generally, anyone can die in the place of others for a cause. A follower can die for the sake of his leader. Of course, there is a chance for escapism when someone decides to die for the common interest. He can even think that he would be saved from the death atleast in the last minute. That's

what is happening in the present common political arena. But in Jesus' case, there is no alternative. Jesus must die otherwise we will die. There is no other way. Jesus was certain that our salvation involved death of Him. Yes, Jesus does not have any alternative. In fact He is the only alternative in the place of our death!

3. Not Indebted, But Paid the Debt:

Generally people die when they are indebted to someone else or for a common cause. To express one's faithfulness to his master or for a cause, one may die. But here Jesus gave His life for the people who are disobedient, who are lower than His status, who have not asked for forgiveness, who are not grateful and to whom He did not have any debt. Yes, Jesus had no other motive in His heart and as He has loved us, He gave His life for us!

4. First and One-Sided Love:

Usually, people die for their family members or friends whom they love. But here Jesus' friendship was all on His side. He called us friends, but our hearts called Him enemy, for we were opposing to Him. He first loved us, but we loved not in return for His love. Jesus was despised and rejected by mankind [Isa.53:3], but He gave His life for the unloving.

5. The Victor Became The Victim:

In general, there is a rule that even if all the criminals escape from the punishment, one innocent person should not be punished. He took the punishment on Him for us. Jesus, the one who was affected by our sins, was punished. If we had not committed any sin, he would not have been affected. Jesus died in the place of us who in fact committed sins against Him.

6. Holiness is His Eligibility to Die:

Generally, one can die for others for any other reasons, but not for some one's sins. Jesus alone can die for the sin of others. Because no one is holy, except Jesus. His death alone brings salvation for humankind. Jesus redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole' [Gal.3:13]. Yes, the Holy One died for the unholy to redeem us from sins, so that we got redemption from our sins!

7. Refused Any Easy Way of Death:

Usually people die for the cause of others, sometimes accept some easy methods. Even the people, who are vindicated to die, would be killed within fraction of seconds without any torture. Many martyrs of Christ, while dying, had the privilege of seeing the glory of heaven and rejoice while dying. Moreover, many of them acquired the love and sympathy of the loved ones who surrounded them. But here Jesus did not accept even the sour wine that may lead Him to a kind of intoxication during His crucifixion. Moreover, He was surrounded by the enemies and even the Father turned His face away from Jesus. As Dr. Sam Kamaleson says, "The Heaven rejected Jesus - The earth also rejected Him. But Jesus fulfilled the Will of God."

Yes, the uniqueness of Christ's death on the Cross is just to love us and to redeem us from our sins, invite us to be unique in our love towards Him and to our fellow human beings. What is our unique response towards the love of Jesus expressed on the Cross, during this Lenten season!

Field Visit

Church Leaders of CSI, Trichy - Tanjore Diocese



On 24th February 2022, we, 13 persons under the leadership of Rt. Rev. Dr. D. Chandrasekaran, the Bishop of Trichy-Tanjore Diocese along with Bishop amma, Clergy Secretary, Lay Secretary, leaders of the diocese, the directors of youth and children departments visited the mission fields of Jharkhand with the help of the leaders of FMPB. On 24th night we reached the mission field at Barharwa, Jharkhand.

On 25th we participated in the missionaries' gathering held at the Community College at Khadi. Rev. S. John Berlin, the General Secretary of FMPB presided over the function and the Bishop shared the Word of God. The ministry of FMPB done among the Malto people group was screened to us. Then we visited the graveyard of FMPB missionaries and understood their commitment, hard work and sacrifice that became the seed of the growth of the Churches among the Malto and praised God for the life of the fallen corn of wheat.

Then we visited the Girls Hostel at Gangopada where the children in uniform welcomed us with traditional singing and dance. Bishop Amma delivered the Word of God in this meeting. When the Bishop Amma asked the children about

their ambition, many of them expressed their desire to become missionaries that showed how they love God and could understand His concerns.

We got the privilege to visit the school and hostel at Pandeni. We also met both the male and female students who live in the interior places of the forest without even the basic amenities at Bedo Pokhriya area. We are amazed at the ministry of FMPB in terms of educating the poor and the needy children.

We visited the upcoming hospital which functions at a building with ample facilities under the leadership of Dr. Willset Chris in Chandikolo village. We realized the urgent need of nurses and the road facilities for this hospital. We thanked God with tears for the medical team who serve the underprivileged people with the power of healing of the Holy Spirit.

On 26th we could see the Santal Mela at Beldiha village and on 27th at Saharjudi village where thousands of believers gathered and praised God. They welcomed us with traditional singing and dance. Bishop Amma delivered the Word of God in the Melas. Separate meetings were conducted for youth and children. We

understood that the new believers' faith in God excelled more than that of traditional Christians, and witnessing of their strong faith, spiritual growth and the Power of the Holy Spirit working among them can never be erased from our memories.

For the first time, we from our diocese had undertaken this field visit. We realized the urgency of the Church and Mission to join together in terms of relationship, prayer and financial support as well as sharing the human resources for the extension of His Kingdom. We praise God for the

ministry of FMPB. We are thankful to the leaders of FMPB, especially Rev. John Berlin, the General Secretary of FMPB for inviting us, the hospitality rendered and for using us in His ministry. We extend our thanks to the FMPB leaders of Trichy who have made this mission visit possible. It is no doubt that this mission field visit has opened our eyes to a new experience and commitment for His ministry. Let His name be glorified!

- Rev. Sutharsan

Clergy Secretary- CSI, Trichy-Tanjore Diocese.

Missionary Biography



**Mr. Konkani Pravinbhai
Lachhubhai &
Mrs. Paruben Chhitarabhai**

Early Life:

When Friends Missionary Prayer Band started the cross cultural ministry among Kukna tribes of Dangs district, Gujarat in 1976, mission fields were opened in Wagai and Halmodi. God blessed the

small beginning; thousands of Kukna people accepted Christ and began to worship the Lord in many congregations. God raised many young people as cross cultural missionaries from the Kukna Congregations in the latter days. It was an amazing thing to see God's hand pouring out immense blessings upon them. One among such missionary families was Kokani Pravinbhai Lachhubhai family. They are from Kuyilipada village of Vyara, Gujarat. Kokani Pravinbhai was born in a non-Christian tribal family on 1st May 1979.

Kokani Pravinbhai's father Lachhubhai was a farmer and his mother's name is Sattr Ben. They earned their livelihood through rearing cattle, poultry farming and agriculture. Due to some sickness Pravinbhai's father Lachhubhai died at an early age. His mother took care of him and also his young brother Girishbhai.

Salvation:

Through the ministry of FMPB missionaries Mrs. Sattr Ben accepted the Lord Jesus

as her Saviour. As most of the Kukna people were illiterate, the responsibility of educating the second generation rested upon the missionaries. FMPB missionaries took many efforts and started the Children homes. One such children home was nurtured by Nava Jeevan Sevamandal, a sister concern of FMPB. Kokani Pravinbhai had an opportunity to study in one of the NSM homes. From 1st Std to 9th Std he was in that home, where he came to know about Jesus, Bible and Christian way of living.

The NSM home arranged a special retreat for all the students in 1994. Pravinbhai who was studying in 9th Std at that time accepted Christ as his personal saviour. From that day onwards, Pravinbhai began to read the Bible systematically and pray to God regularly. Many witnessed his changing life. He used to participate in all the Christian activities of the Church and NSM.

Call to the Mission:

Following that, our Lord had placed a burden in his heart regarding his own village people. He had a burning heart to preach the Gospel to all his relatives and villagers. He was growing in the Lord with the fellowship of the other friends. While reading and meditating the Bible, he realized his responsibility to bring his own people from darkness to the Light. In the next spiritual retreat conducted by NSM for all the inmates of the homes, Pravinbhai was deeply touched by the preacher's message on Isaiah 6:8 which challenged the participants to preach the Gospel to their own people. He responded to the call of God and committed his life

to be a missionary. As he decided to do God's ministry, after his school final in 1998, he joined Gujarat Bible College to equip himself for the ministry. He finished his theological course in 2001. As FMPB preached the Gospel in his own native village and other areas, he was interested to join with FMPB to do the ministry. He was selected by FMPB as a missionary candidate and was sent for one year missionary training at Kachuwa, in UP State. After finishing his training successfully, he proceeded to work among Oravan people in Chhattisgarh based in Tabukkara.

Paruben Chhitrabhai:

Paruben was born on 1st September 1976 in Pardia village of Vyara, Gujarat. Her father Chhitrabhai and mother Idhu Ben became children of God through the ministries of FMPB. When Chhitrabhai was very sick, our missionaries Rev. Israel Devados and Rev. Johnson Barnabas preached the Gospel and prayed for him. God healed him completely, so he came to Christ's fold along with his family.

Paruben was sent to Bethel home, Vyara for education. Paruben, during her stay in the children's home came to know about Christ and His sacrificial love. In 1996 during the special retreat for the inmates of the children's home, Paruben made a definite decision to follow Jesus Christ by confessing her sins and accepting Jesus as her personal saviour. The children's home environment helped her to grow in the Lord day by day.

Paruben read the Bible and meditated on it regularly. She also joined with the

other girls of the home, and prayed for the nation. In 1997, Paruben attended our spiritual meetings held at Vyara, where many servants of God shared the Word of God. A few missionaries shared about their witness and ministry. Paruben was touched by the witness of the missionaries and committed her life to do God's ministry. In the school holidays, she proclaimed the Gospel to other people of her village and conducted Sunday School and VBS for children. She continued her higher studies in college and finished her bachelor degree in 1997. As she was interested to go as a cross cultural missionary, she attended the interview conducted by FMPB and was selected as a missionary candidate. After one year of missionary training, she was placed in Haryana to do the ministry among the women.

Marriage Life:

Parents took efforts and proposed Paruben for Pravinbhai. Their marriage was held on 14th May 2005 in the Quilipada Church. Reception of the marriage was held in Pardipada village as a witness to non-Christians. God blessed their married life and blessed them with two children. In 2006 the first girl baby was born, they named her Prasanna Kumari and in 2009, God blessed them with a boy child Prince.

Church Planting Ministry:

As a family, they continued the ministry in Tapukara field, among Oravan people of Chhattisgarh. They preached the Gospel, village after village. Many people came to know the Lord and joined the Church. Seven congregations were planted and 239 people accepted the Lord Jesus and worshipped in these congregations.

They were preaching the Gospel through night meetings in three more places, where people heard with much interest. Amazingly they learned the Oravan language and preached the Gospel in people's heart language.

Last Days:

On 5th June 2010 Pravinbhai and Paruben were travelling to Parthpara village on a motorcycle with their two children. They saw a passenger bus coming from the opposite direction, while they were about to cross a small narrow bridge. So, Pravinbhai stopped his motorcycle nearly 100 feet before the bridge. Paruben got down from the motorcycle and was standing nearby. The bus which came from the opposite direction, after passing the narrow bridge, due to the driver losing control of the bus, directly hit Pravinbhai, Paruben and their two children. Paruben and Prince died on the spot as the wheels of the bus ran over them. Pravinbhai was thrown away along with her daughter and lost consciousness. Their daughter Prasansa escaped with small injuries. Some people who came for the rescue took Pravinbhai to the nearby Kansabel hospital. The treatment could not revive Pravinbhai and he also lost his breath on 5th June 2010. Hearing this tragic news, all the other missionaries of Chhattisgarh rushed to the spot. This incident shook the family of FMPB. Even though they served the Lord for a very short time, they did what they could do for the Lord wholeheartedly. Their daughter Prasansa is studying in Santhosh Vidyalyaya. Kindly uphold her in your prayers.

- Rev. Dr. E. Rajan

Fallen Corn of Wheat!



**Mrs. Manorama
Duraisingh**

(22.04.1944 - 22.02.2022)

Mrs. Manorama Duraising, wife of Late Mr. T. Duraisingh, the former Associate General Secretary of FMPB went to be with the Lord on 22nd February 2022. She hails from the Christian village, Idaiyankudi of Tamil Nadu. She was born on 22nd April 1944. She studied in the prestigious Sarah Tucker High School and Sarah Tucker College. After finishing her B.Sc and B.Ed, she became a teacher. In the meantime, she also did her MA. God gave her an opportunity to serve as a teacher in the Pandaram Chettivillai Christian Girls High School. Later she was transferred to Sarah Tucker Higher Secondary School, Palayamkottai, where she served as a teacher for

36 long years. The management recognised her work and appreciated her and the Government of Tamilnadu honoured her with the best Teacher award.

Ms. Manorama got married with Mr. Duraisingh on 16th May 1968 and God blessed them with a son named Joseph. Mrs. Manorama Duraisingh as a teacher had plenty of opportunities to share the Gospel with her students. She was an approachable teacher and good counsellor and helped hundreds of girls to know the Lord and to grow in Him. She used to share about the unreached people of our nation and pray with her students and as a result, a few of the Christian students even committed themselves to the missionary work and went as missionaries. She was also generous in giving and supporting many students and the needy people. In fact, she motivated her own brother Jesudoss to become a missionary of Indian Missionary Society.

In the meantime, her husband Mr. T. Duraisingh who was a teacher in the St. John's High School, Palayamkottai as well as the Tirunelveli District Leader of FMPB, in obedience to the call of God on 2nd June 1975, boldly resigned his job and other comforts and joined FMPB as a full-time worker. He became the Promotional Secretary of Kanyakumari and Tirunelveli districts. From 1981, he was in-

charge of the Tamilnadu and Kerala States to mobilize the resources for the mission. He was a stalwart and pioneer in the mobilization ministry of FMPB and later became the Associate General Secretary of FMPB. During his period, FMPB developed its network across the nation through his enormous efforts. Mrs. Manorama Duraisingh also conducted a prayer cell among her own fellow teachers. She also conducted women's prayer cells in Palayamkottai. She was a prayer warrior and regularly attended the Wednesday prayers in the Palayamkottai FMPB office. She was a women leader for FMPB and used to arrange and conduct women's conferences in and around Palayamkottai. She was actively involved in collecting the Christmas gift for the missionaries. Unfortunately, on 5th June 2002, their son Joseph passed away due to some sickness.

Her husband Mr. Duraisingh retired from FMPB on 21st May 2005 and on 4th April 2014, he went to be with the Lord. Even after the loss of her beloved son and husband, she continued to involve in the missionary work, prayer meetings and conducting women's meetings, counselling young girls etc. For a few years, Mrs. Manorama was suffering from the deadly disease - cancer. God enabled her to serve the Lord with her ailments. She received the eternal home call on 22nd February 2022 night. She did what she could do for the Lord Jesus until her last breath. Her mortal remains were buried with the hope of resurrection in Palayamkottai on 23rd Feb. 2022.

Let us uphold the daughter in law Mrs. Annie Packia Rani and her two grand children Juliet Gracy and John Wesley in our prayers.

- Rev. Dr. E. Rajan, FMPB

During these unprecedented times when many public meetings could not be conducted, God helped us to organize Carnival 2022 in Kakinada on 1st March at Craig Memorial Baptist Church. Around 25 Churches took part and put up 35 stalls. By God's grace we received an overwhelming response on that day and people made generous contributions towards the cause of mission among the Malto children. Around 2500 people had participated. Our heartfelt thanks go to God, the leaders of the organization for their cooperation, missionaries who came all the way from Jharkhand to participate in the event and to all the people who came to show their kindness and generosity towards Malto children. May all praise and glory be to God!



- Pas. Sam Benny, FMPB - Hon. Mob. Secretary, Kakinada

KARKHADI CHURCH HISTORY

FROM THE BEGINNING
TO SEPTEMBER 2016

AHWA FIELD
SAHYADRI REGION
GUJARAT
(WESTERN) ZONE

Written by

REV. L. MASILAMANI

Karkhadi Village, with a population of 1434 people in 272 families residing in Dangs District's 15th most populated villages, located in Subir sub district of Dangs District in the state of Gujarat in India. Total geographical area of Karkhadi village is 8 km. The nearest town to the village is Ahwa and the distance from Karkhadi village to Ahwa is 45 km. The village has its own post office and the pin code of Karkhadi village is 394710. The village comes under Garkhadi panchayat. Subir is the sub district headquarter and the distance from the village is 15 km. Karkhadi village has a lower literacy rate compared to Gujarat. As per the constitution of India and Panchayati Raj Act, Karkhadi village is administrated by Sarpanch (Head of the Village) who is the elected representative of the village.

In Karkhadi village, most of the village population are from Schedule Tribe (ST). Schedule Tribe (ST) constitutes 97.70% while Schedule Caste (SC) is 0.07% of the total population of Karkhadi village. Kukna, Bhil and Gamit are some of the people groups



settled here. Out of the total population, 726 workers are engaged in Main Work, 393 are cultivators (owner or co-owner) while 103 are Agricultural labourers.

The Beginning:

Friends Missionary Prayer Band began its ministry in the Dangs District in 1976 by opening the first mission field in Waghai, a small town, in the western border of the Dangs District. In 1981, this ministry was expanded to three more places in addition to Pipalwada field where the field was opened in 1979. The Eastern Dangs District areas were not covered by the missionaries till 1981. So there was a need for a mission field to be opened in the eastern part of the Dangs district.

On 8-5-1981, the first mission field was opened in the eastern Dangs district in the Pipaldahad village by L. Masilamani family. In 1983, they moved to Dolyambar village, an interior village where there was no bus

route. Having Dolyambar village as a base, missionaries reached out to the surrounding villages with the help of native evangelists Sampath Bhai and Bharat Bhai. Garkhadi village is nearly eight kms. away from Dolyambar village. Evangelist Bharat Bhai was living in his village Ahirpada, three kms away from Karkhadi village. One congregation was already established in Jhari village in 1982 and God used evangelists Bharat Bhai and Sampath Bhai and also Jhari Church elder Vadhu Bhai to plant a Church in Karkhadi village. The first believer was Daji Bhai Jana Bhai Valvi. He gives a short description of his own experience to Christian faith:

Daji Bhai Jana Bhai Valvi -

My wife Rudhi Ben was suffering from severe sickness. Even after many years of marriage the sickness was continuing. I took her to hospitals for treatment and spent more on medicines. In spite of this she did not get well. At last I gave up hope of the survival of my wife and I prayed to God saying "Lord, whatever you want with my possessions, wealth etc Lord, you do as you please." Then I went to evangelist Bharat Bhai and asked him to pray for my wife. Finally, my wife got healing from her sickness. From that time onwards we enjoy happiness and peace from God. I joined the Church in the Dolyambar meeting on 26-10-1983.

God brought another family, Hari Bhai family, to faith through the miraculous healing of Hari Bhai's wife. She was suffering from mental illness and was behaving like a mad person. Hari Bhai describes how he and his family became believers:

Hari Bhai Ratan Bhai Ahir -

My original village is Jhad of Maharashtra.



Garkhadi is my wife's native village. My wife's name is Maharu. My wife was suffering mental illness. I had to feed her with much difficulty. I called the shamans and made many sacrifices but she was not healed. Finally Gansu Bhai of my village told me to go for prayer of the Christians. So I took her to Jhari village and told the Church elder Vadhu Bhai about her illness. Then Vadhu Bhai told us that she would become alright and asked us to stay in his home for prayer. He prayed for my wife. Next day we also went to Jhari for prayer. We then started going to Jhari Church for Sunday services. My wife was completely healed. In the beginning we were the only family who were attending the worship at Jhari. Later, we joined the Church in Karadiamba village on 20-10-1984.

The first family was Daji Bhai who belongs to Gamit tribe and the second family Hari Bhai family is from Kukna tribe. They used to go to other village Churches for Sunday services. On their request to field missionary L. Masilamani to start night meetings in their village, in 1984 weekly meetings were started in the house of Hari Bhai. The first meeting was conducted by evangelist Sampath Bhai. Garkhadi village is a big village with many People Groups living in it. Seekers came from all the main people groups like the Kuknas, the Bhils and the Gamits. This meeting was conducted in Hari Bhai's house till a kacha (temporary Church) was erected in 1986. Ghaniamba is a village located on the other side of the

river. God worked in this village also and many attended the Christian night meetings in Karkhadi village. So there was a good and steady Church growth.

Church Growth:

Many sick people attended the night meetings in Hari Bhai's home. God healed them and the number of people attending the night meetings increased every year. The tremendous growth is due to many miraculous healings in answer to prayers for many sick people in Karkhadi and Ghaniamba villages.

Church growth in Karkhadi was accelerated by two missionaries residing in that village itself after 1993 for a few years. Bethuel Bardhan family lived in Karkhadi village when he was given placement for Ahwa field from April 1993 to December 1995. Later missionary D. Abraham also lived in Karkhadi village from September 1995 to June 1997.

Church Construction:

The meeting which was started in Hari Bhai's home, by Sampath Bhai continued in Hari Bhai's house for three years. Thereafter one kacha Church was built and was dedicated on 26-6-1988 by Rev. P. Israel Devadass for the glory of God.

Meetings were being conducted in the kacha Church for five to six years. The number of Christians were increasing in these years. Hearing about the healings people got by prayers new people were coming to faith. Uria Bhai donated his land [40x40]. His family members experienced healing from their sicknesses. To construct this new Church permission was granted in 2003, but the construction work was started in 2007 only. This Church was dedicated in February 2008. Believers worked free of charges. No payment was paid to them. It is

a pucca Church with Asbestos sheet roof. It is 40 feet long and 25 feet wide. The Church was dedicated by the Gujarat CNI bishop Rt. Rev. Malavia on 30-9-2012. Rev. P. Israel Devadoss was also present in the function.

The Day Care Centre was started in Karkhadi village by Bethel Agri Cultural Fellowship in September 1995. 97 children attended the VBS held in Karkhadi Church. Many children committed their lives to Christ in November 1995. The total number of Church members in Ghaniamba and Karkhadi villages is 284. Active members of the Karkhadi Church were 121. These members belong to Gamit, Kukna, Bhil and Varli People Groups.

Missionaries - L. Masilamani family served in this field from 1981 to 1993; Sisters Pushpalatha and Jeya Mary were here for a short term in 1988; Bethuel Bardhan family served from April 1993 to December 1995 and D. Abraham family from 1995 to 2007.

Believers pray for the sick people among their relatives, neighbours etc. When people are tired of not getting relief from their traditional bhagat system, they are open to the Gospel. At that time believers share the Gospel with them and pray for the sick people. Thus new people are brought to faith.

Prayer Points:

- ★ For the number of believers to increase in this village.
- ★ For revival of the Church.
- ★ People to come forward to do God's ministry.
- ★ A big Church needs to be built in the village as the present Church is not sufficient to accommodate the believers.

Fallen Corn of Wheat!



Mrs. Kamala Jimson

(03.08.1948 -
08.02.2022)

Mrs. Kamala Jimson, the wife of our late missionary Mr. Jimson went to be with the Lord on 8th February 2022. She was born on 3rd August 1948 in a Christian family at Pila Vilai, Kanyakumari of Tamil Nadu. Mr. Jimson who joined FMPB ministry on 3rd February 1973 married Ms. Kamala on 11th February 1976. After the marriage, they served in Gaya of Bihar as pioneer missionaries. Then they moved to Punjab and started the ministry, having their base at Bathinda. After a brief period of ministry in Haryana, they moved to Tamil Nadu. After 14 years of ministry in North India, Mrs and Mr. Jimson were placed in Shoolagiri of Dharmapuri district. Then in 1992, they worked in the outskirts of Chennai among the slum people trying to win them for our Lord Jesus. From 2010 onwards Mr. Jimson worked in the Child Care department of HQ, Chennai.

God blessed Mrs. Kamala and Mr. Jimson with two sons - Jim Samuel and Ben Samuel, who are married and now settled in Chennai. Mr. Jimson went to be with the Lord on 11th July 2015 and his wife Mrs. Kamala Jimson was living with her younger son Ben Samuel in Mannivakkam, Chennai. Due to her sickness she was admitted in the hospital during the first week of February 2022. As there was no improvement in her health, she went to be with the Lord on 8th February 2022 and her body was buried in Mannivakkam with the hope of the resurrection. Let us uphold their two sons and their families by our earnest prayers.

- Rev. Dr. E. Rajan, FMPB

Missionary Dedication



Our Missionary Mrs. Niang Khanman from Thanedar field of Himachal Pradesh was dedicated on 6th March 2022 by Rev Thangbiakmuang, the Pastor of EBC, Lamphel, Imphal. Mrs. Niang is sponsored by Mr. Ruata Khuptong & family. This family already sponsors a child from our hostel. We praise God for their commitment and involvement in the ministry of FMPB.

- Rev. P.Thawng Khankap, Mobilization Secretary-Manipur

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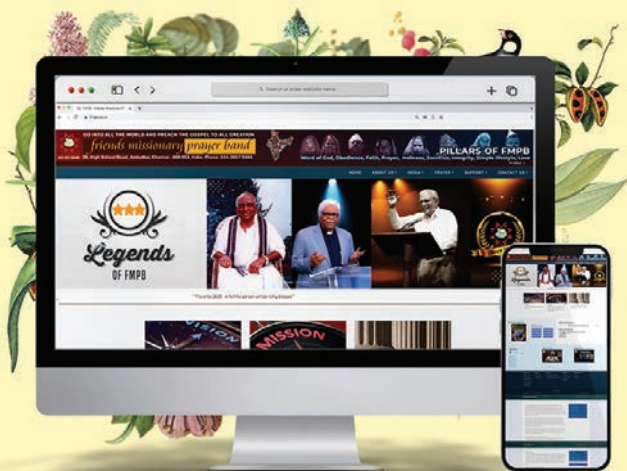
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Mrs. Manna Raja Vidhya Agustian
Mrs. Melody Dimsonting Vaiphei
Mr. Sianlunthang Zou T.

Jammu

R.S. Pura & Akhnoor:

David Ayyanar & Manpreet Kaur

Praise: Three persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 3 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Two families from Banota village are receptive to the Gospel. God healed Anwar of Kot Bhalwal village from chronic leg pain and Suman of Agra Chak village from TB. Our young believer Ritika of Janipur village got a suitable life partner. The believers and elders of this field are helping in the outreach program.

Pray: For the repentance of the opponents of the Gospel in Agra Chak area. For the elders who have taken the responsibility of the Churches to do the ministry sincerely. For the open door to proclaim the Gospel among the Balmiki, Bhagat and Batwal

people groups. For the healing of Kanchana of Rathitanda from cervical problem, Pooja of Badyal village from fits and Sabilal of Agra Chak village from weakness due to Covid'19. For the backslidden believers to be restored in faith.

Narot: Jeewer Joeswa & Priya Devi

Praise: God enabled us to resume the Sunday worship at Saidpur village after the opposition. God blessed our new seekers Ladi and Durg of Saidpur after they started attending our worship service. Our believer Shilpa got a job as professor in a Govt college. Backslidden Billu family of Talor village is restored in faith. God healed Sunina Devi from depression.

Pray: For the Sunday worship at Nagiri village which was Stalled during the persecution to be resumed. For the believers to stand firm and build each other during the time of persecution. For the opening for the Gospel among the Masha people group. For the spiritual growth of Karan family from Karkara village. For the healing of Sandok of Saidpur village from paralysis, Tarsam from tumour, Taniya of Darala village from white patches in the skin and Ghanta from deathbed. For our believer Manisha of Jeniya to get a suitable life partner.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Rajadurai P.
Mr. Jebaraj S.
Mrs. Olive Jennifer Nathaniel Edward
Mr. Senthil Murugan V.
Mr. Rabindra Murmu

Himachal Pradesh

Rekongpeo:

Paplu Paraseth & Kalpana Mallick

Praise: Five villages were newly reached with the Gospel. New contacts namely Nirmal, Manish and Ramesh from Ribba and Powari villages are receptive to the Gospel. God delivered Govind, Ramkumar, Sunteli, Shanti, Sukhmaya and Wangmo from the possession of evil spirits. Our believer Jagat's daughter got healed from Covid'19 in answer to prayer. Our believer Ruban's daughter got admission in medical college. God blessed the fasting prayers which were held in Sangla and Shong congregations.

Pray: For the salvation of Bhagawan Das and his neighbours who are receptive to the Gospel. For the repentance of the opponents of the Gospel namely Kaviraj, Namjial, Jagdeesh, Munna and Maheshwar. For the children of our believers who are appearing for the board exams. For revival to take place in the 7 congregations of the field.

Karsog:

Sumit Kr Tariyani & Thungichbeni

Praise: Five villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Small Prayer Groups gather regularly and many of our believers are blessed. The Prayer group at Baga village was resumed. God enabled us to conduct night meetings and Bible study regularly amidst heavy rain and snowfall. Poonam Bahan, a handicapped believer shares the Gospel and brings many to Christ.

Pray: For the small group prayer cells in Baga, Jaladi, Nyara, Bural and Mummail villages to gather regularly. For the spiritual growth of our seekers - Naina Devi, Hitender and Yashoda. Our believer Jairam to pay back his debts quickly.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Mariammal Paul Solomon
Mr. Daud Tudu
Mrs. Beaulah Muralidharan
Mrs. Jeya Soundari Jebaraj Samuel
Mr. Isaac R.

Jeori:

Jamkhongam Haokip & Irene Lettenmuong

Praise: Fifteen villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the jeep ministry through which many people came to know about Jesus Christ for the first time. God healed Gyandevi from chronic cough and Haridas of Phancha village from deathbed.

Pray: For the deliverance of Jeykanti from the possession of evil spirit. For our believer Konta Devi to get justice on her property issue from the court. For peace to prevail in the family of Uma from Badhal and Surendera. For the protection of Sarita who was left alone with a child in a village where as her husband and all the

villagers migrated to other states for their livelihood.

Punjab

Budhlada:

Sanjib Anand & Prastuta

Praise: Three persons came to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and 2 villages namely Tolewal and Kadail were newly reached with the Gospel. God healed Bitu Singh of Tohana village from liver infection. Backslidden believer Charanjeet Kaur was restored to faith. Our believer Priynaka Rani and Isha were blessed with children in answer to prayers.

Pray: For the young believers of Budhlada Church to commit themselves for ministry. For the healing of Satnam Singh from deathbed, Harbhansa Singh from cancer, Manpreet from jaundice, Gila from eye infection, Harpreet Kaur and Karamjeet Kaur from mental disorder and Gangdeep of Bareta from liver infection. For peace to prevail in the families of Kuldeep Singh, Kindy and Kala Singh.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Gracy Stanley George
Mrs. Gowramma @ Swetha Amarenthiran
Mrs. Anna Roslin Issac Abel

Ahmedgarh Mandi: Rajesh Chaudhary & Sarita Paul

Praise: God enabled us to form an outreach team in Jageda Road in order to involve believers in the outreach program. Sapna Rani of Mini Chopper and Neha Kaur of Jegeda Road are blessed with children in answer to prayers. God healed Sima Kaur of Channa village from cancer. Chhotalal, a drunkard from Gosala area, gave up the habit of drinking alcohol after attending our worship service.

Pray: For the outreach team to bring many people into the fold of Christ. For the healing of Aslok Kumar of Gosala from mental disorder, Paramjit Kaur of Rihida village from injuries in the legs caused by fire and Vijay Kumar of Dalij Road from general weakness.

Barnala: Bibhan Hansda

Praise: Two persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ. Our believer

Gagan's wedding was conducted in Christian way. God healed Kirna Kaur from dengue and Jashvant Kaur from kidney stone problem.

Pray: For the consolation of the family members of Manindar who passed away recently. For the healing of Jaisingh from cancer, Tarshem Singh from Jaundice, Manindar Singh of Kotduna village from tumour in the neck and Ballet Kay from kidney stone problems.

Bathinda:

Pratat Rahan & Rashmi

Praise: Two persons came into the fold of Christ and 5 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Backslidden believers Labba Singh and family were restored to faith. Peace prevails in the family of Labba who gave up the habit of drinking alcohol in answer to prayer. God helped our believers Banta Singh and Sony Singh to return to India from Dubai after much difficulties. Iqbal Singh got healing from hernia in answer to prayer.

Pray: For the salvation of 4 families who are receptive to the Gospel. For Raja Singh family who helps in our ministry to be healed from the sugar problem. For Aman Kaur to stand firm in the faith amidst so many challenges. For the healing of Rajani Kaur from swelling of the liver.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Rama Krishna Aggibada
Mr. Balaji Netalam, Mr. Amarenthiran
Mrs. Jeba Grace David
Mr. Jyoti Ranjan Bordhan
Mr. Lunminthang Baite

Lehragagha:

Issac Abel & Anna Roslin

Praise: Two villages namely Juaar Wala and Barias were newly reached with the Gospel. One family from Chahar village confessed their faith in the Lord. Gobind got deliverance from alcohol addiction.

Pray: For the blessing of the film programs in Balran, Chahar, Chualar and Shekuwas villages. For prayer cells to be formed in Pishore and Khadiyal villages. For the spiritual growth of the new seekers Kurmeet and Kalasingh of Biggarwal village.

Mansa:

Debbrato Biswas & Manna Singh

Praise: Two persons came into the fold of Christ. God protected the life of Gorvindar Kaur during the

confinement though the child was dead. All the wedding needs of Gurpreetsingh were met in answer to prayer. God healed Gurucharan Kaur, Jasveer Kaur, Gurpreet Singh, Kailash Kaur and Ammani Kaur from various illnesses.

Pray: For the consolation of Kucha Singh who passed away recently. For starting small group cells in Ramanadi and Burewala villages. For the healing of Suraj Singh of Makhewala village from chest pain and Kulap Singh from tumour in the chest.

Sangrur:

Naba Hamom & Dulanti Reang

Praise: Ladies meeting for the first time which was held among Lohar people at Anaj Mandi was a great blessing to many. God healed Sheetal Rai from spinal cord problems and Prem from weakness in the legs. Sony gave up the habit of drinking alcohol in answer to prayers.

Pray: For the blessings of the 40 days fasting prayer. For the healing of Gangadeep Singh, Pammy Singh and Namta Kaur from kidney stone problems, Sandeep from tumour in his throat and Renu from jaundice. For peace to prevail in the family of Sukchain and Mahima family.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Sutharsan Thomas Jeyaraj
Mr. Franklin M.Y. Patham A.S.
Mrs. Surjyakanti Udiptakumar Bag
Mr. Godisela Praveen

Fazilka: Jeruel Pani & Jyotsna Rani

Praise: God blessed the outreach programs conducted in 2 villages for the first time. Ram Naresh got healing from a major sickness in answer to prayer. Gattus' wife got deliverance from the possession of evil spirits. Subash is receptive to the Gospel.

Pray: For our new seeker Ram Naresh to overcome the hurdles to accept the Lord Jesus Christ. Puja Rani to be blessed with a child. For the healing of Darshan Singh from swelling of the body.

Haryana

Tosham:

John Davidson & Esther

Praise: Three persons came to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and one village was newly reached with the Gospel. God opened the door for Gospel in Sagarpur village. Dhupsingh was healed from Pneumonia in answer to prayer.

Pray: For the deliverance of the people from Bhiwani, Mahendragarh, Narunaul, Charkhi Dadri and Rewari districts from alcohol and tobacco addictions. For the salvation of the Saesi people group. For the safe confinement of Sumitra who is conceived after 7 years of married life.

Barwala:

Bhorsat Babubhai & Saraswatibahen

Praise: Eleven persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 7 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God used the Jeep Team to proclaim the Gospel in many villages for the first time. Documents are prepared to build a Church at Saniyana village. God healed Anuben from the tumour. Polyben & Parwatiben of Gaibipur village got deliverance from the possession of evil spirits in answer to prayers.

Pray: For the compound wall work around the Church at Gaibipur village to be completed soon. For Bablibhai and Subhashbhai who attend our worship service regularly to be strengthened in faith. For the open door for the Gospel in Shahy, Saniyana, Chamarkheda, Uklana, Samen, Bobuwa, Kharkhada, Hasangarh, Bugana and Gorakhpur villages. For the healing of Amrutlal of Shahy village from heart attack. For the deliverance of Kavitha of Bobuwa village from the possession of evil spirit.



Happy Birthday

Mr. John David Raj, Mr. Pawan Kumar
Mr. Alphonse J.

Kalanwali:

Vijayakumar & Jebala

Praise: Five villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the youth meeting and Satsang program in Takhatmal Road. Sukhpreet Kaur of Odhan village was healed in answer to prayer.

Pray: For the salvation of the people who heard the Gospel for the first time. For the blessing of the Jeep Team ministry. For the spiritual growth of the believers during these Lenten days. For the deliverance of Bhim Kaur, Karamjeet Kaur of Odhan village and Rakesh Kumar of Kalanwali to be delivered from the possession of evil spirits.

Uttarakhand

**Bazpur: Christian
Prakash & Sumitraben**

Praise: Three villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Land problem of our believer- Chotalal family was amicably settled in answer to prayer. We got a new

contact Shamingh through our ministry. God healed Sunil from tuberculosis, Mukharam Singh from Paralysis and Virvati from infection in the blood.

Pray: For the deliverance of Shamsingh Payal and Gurmej Singh from the possession of evil spirits. For the healing of Harishsingh from TB Rani from tuberculosis, Subhas from chest pain, Satrapal from cancer and Sunil from kidney stone problems.

**Nanakmatta: Siva Kumar
& Susila Marak**

Praise: Nine villages were newly reached with the Gospel and 75 persons came to know the love of God for the first time. Sarjeet Kaur, the first believer of Baskar village could buy a tractor for his business in answer to prayers. God healed Satvinder Singh of Deyari village from skin allergy and Vimala Kaur of Ratna Faram village from Covid'19 symptoms.

Pray: For the salvation of Raju Rana of Khatima village. For our believer Baljinder Singh of Deyari village to get the suitable place to open a medical shop. For the healing of Gurnam Singh of Harraiya village from paralysis, Jeshvinder Kaur from kidney stone problems and Malkir Singh of Baskar village from injuries due to an accident. For the deliverance of Surjeet Kaur of Islam Nagar from the possession of evil spirit.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Emmanuel Ranjitsingh S.
Mr. Solomon Jebaraj J., Mrs. Renu Arun Ghanta
Mrs. Binini Gnanam John Dinesh
Mrs. Aniya Josephine Venkatesan
Mrs. Sara Malto Markus

Maldhanchour: Shishupal & Anitha

Praise: Nine persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 7 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the soul winners training program at Mohan Nagar. We got a few new contacts in Patrampur and Kulaghar areas.

Pray: For regular ministry to be started at Kulaghar area. For the spiritual revival in Thari area. For spiritual growth in the life of our new seekers Darshan, Rakesh, Amriwa, Yogesh, Jyoti, Paramesh and Manish. For the ministry expansion in Ram Nagar area.

Rajasthan

Hanumangarh: Selvam & Hepzi; Raju Nayak & Jhansibai

Praise: God blessed our believer's family Raju & Jhansibai with a child. Our believer Harun got Govt

subsidy to build a house of his own and Gumail of Dablu village could buy a tractor for his business. Lakhveer Singh of Saramsar village got healing from malaria in answer to prayer.

Pray: For the consolation of the family of our local evangelist Darshan Singh whose mother passed away recently. For the believers to confess their faith boldly. For the healing of Reena from nerves problem, Sukhdev, Jarodevi and Saroj of Suratgarh village from mental illness, Urmila from unknown disease, Sheela from tumour in the chest and Gurpreet Kaur of New Gunjan village from chronic knee pain.

Declared Dead but Rose Again!

In Andhra Pradesh, at Damalcheruvu mission field, Dr. Muni Rathnam, an RMP doctor was severely affected by Covid'19. His wife is a believer and she admitted him in Tirupati Government Hospital with prayer. After many days of treatment, the doctors declared that Dr. Muni Rathnam had passed away. His wife and all our believers continuously prayed for his life. By that time, a nurse noticed that his leg had some movements. Immediately he was taken to the nearby private hospital and he got his life back. He too confessed his faith in the Lord and now he is a key person for the growth of the Church at Patturu area. Praise God!



Happy Birthday

Mr. Golden J. Inbaraj

Sri Ganga Nagar:

V. Kumar &

Patricia Tamil Selvi

Praise: Two persons came into the fold of Christ in Majiwala village and one village was newly reached with the Gospel. Two persons namely Mukthayar Singh and Kuldeep Singh got new contact during our outreach program at 48F village. Sher Singh and his family are growing in the Lord. Amandeep and Sandeep are ready to confess their faith in the Lord. The families of Jegadish and Durga are receptive to the Gospel.

Pray: For the repentance of Hanuman and Santham of 16S village from their evil practices. For our seekers Manjeet Singh of 17S village and Mukhtiar Singh of 48F village to boldly confess their faith in the Lord. For the healing of Kanti Kaur from mental illness and Shailajah of Dhani village from kidney problem.

Paota:

Satyaprakash & Anjana

Praise: One village was newly

reached with the Gospel. The Bible study program helps our believers to grow in the Lord. Rajendra of Kotputli got deliverance from the possession of evil spirit in answer to prayer. God healed Sumitra from skin infection.

Pray: For all the seekers to confess their faith in the Lord. For the young believers to get suitable life partners. For the backslidden believers to be restored in faith. For the salvation of all our new contacts. Suneel & Rinku to be blessed with a child.

**Anupgarh: Bodar Amrut
& Suvera Martha**

Praise: Five villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God helped us to conduct the Satsang program in SSB and 4A villages. Many people from 05 village received the Gospel tracts enthusiastically. Our evangelist Rajendra got healed from general weakness.

Pray: For the growth of our ministry in this field. For the salvation of our new contacts Malakit Singh, Kulvinder Singh, Surjeet, Kikram, Kaku and Pravin family. For the formation of small groups in all the villages. For the deliverance of Vinod and Babu from alcohol addiction.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Abraham G.
Mr. Channamallappa Angadi
Mrs. Jayanthi Francis

Uttar Pradesh Bundelkhand Region: N. Rajadurai & Prema

Praise: Twelve persons came into the fold of Christ. God enabled our evangelist Banachhia and the believers to stand firm amidst opposition in Udaipur Church. God helped us to conduct the wedding of our Church elder of Bhind field Satyaram's daughter Mahima Dwaria and Abishek at Jhansi in a Christian way. God protected our believers of Samranya field from heavy wind and their house roof from falling. The Congregation at Karrakatta have come back together for worship after a few years of misunderstanding due to a rumour. God restored Akash of Bhind field and led him to lead the congregation after a few months. Jaswant and Priyanka from Meat

Mandi village, Sadhram and Mehendra of Kurar village are receptive to the Gospel. Dabra is coming near to our Lord. Two film shows and night meetings were done here. Outreach programs at Jalpuri and Vishnupuram areas were blessings to many. God enabled us to start a small Bible Study group at Baral village of Moth field. Our Church elder Maansingh of Jamrah village was protected with minor injuries from the attack of the opponents of the Gospel.

Pray: For the evangelists and volunteers not to get involved in politics. For the salvation of the people of the villages namely Jakka, Jatouli, Dikouli, Attri, Chak Bhagirath, Jalpuri, Vishnupura, Baral and Mahelua where outreach ministry was done many times. For the Church elder family Radhe & Anita and Deepak and Sasi of Milgan village to be blessed with children. For congregations to be started in Samthar and Laun villages. For the healing of our evangelist Baldeen from Injuries due to an accident. For the land problem of Shivni Church to be solved soon.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Beril Siromani Egalaivan
Mr. Peter Prabhakaran

Kaimganj:

**Ebenezer G. Sam &
Jebarani**

Praise: Two villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the children's ministry in Azampur, Bahlolpur, Iyyapur, Ijoure, Kampiland Paithan villages. Bible study groups were started in Ramapur and Dabir villages. Our believers namely Vijayalakshmi of Ijoure, Sasi of Aliganj, Hansul of Kaila, Bisamber of Barpura, Rakesh of Kampil and Rani of Prithvi Darvaja share the Gospel among their friends and relatives.

Pray: For the deliverance of our new contacts families namely Manik Chand of Bhatpura village, Guddi, Fatehgarh, Pratap, Shanu, Roshini, Sheetal, Shalini, and Gulabshree family of Noida from the possession of evil spirits. For the healing of Sarvesh

Yadav of Ajampur village and Sanjeev of Kaila village from paralysis, Gulabshree of Noida from chronic headache, Shanu of Chilaka, Momraj of Nagla Umidh, Premchand of Bahlolpur and Om Sharan of Ajampur from alcohol addiction.

Ghatampur:

**Jangkhulun Touthang &
Ngai Thianching Hauzel**

Praise: Seven persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 7 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God enabled us to share the Gospel with the relatives' families of our believers. Pooja of Bawan village and Pooja of Panki village are blessed with children in answer to prayers. Our Church elder Vinod brought many of his relatives into the fold of Christ. God healed Sita from paralysis and Radha from anemia.

Pray: For the new seekers to boldly confess their faith in the Lord. For Ravi and Saajan to grow in the Lord. For the safe confinement of Sharda and Kanti. For the salvation of the relatives of our evangelists.



Happy Birthday

Miss. Suchitra Limma

Bharthana:
**Suresh Malto &
Premlata**

Praise: Nine persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 6 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Our believer Nisha of Tarwa had a safe confinement in answer to prayer. Sashi Shekhar family from Gunauli village attend our worship service newly. God enabled our believer Avdesh from Girdhari village to buy a tempo for his business. In answer to prayers, Aakash Nath of Murcha village got healing from mental disorder and Rameshwak of Karoli from hip pain. Satyawati of Vaisoli village, Kaleshi of Achalda village and Ram Naresh got deliverance from the possession of evil spirits.

Pray: For our believers of the Bakeswar area to overcome

the fear of persecution. For our seekers' families namely Navin Malhosi Kathmau and Kushma to boldly confess their faith in the Lord. For the believers' children who appear for the board exams.

Tundla:
**Pachiyabai Pohnabhai
Vasava & Savitaben**

Praise: One person came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 2 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the new believers' training at Nagla Kalyan village, soul winner training at Thanumai village and ladies meeting at Firozabad area. Bible study programs at Nagla Kalyan, Thanmai, Firozabad and Dhaurasi villages enable our believers to grow in the Lord.

Pray: For the open door for the Gospel in Surela, Nagla Bari and Nagla Nathua villages. For the families of Sanjay, Bhupendra, Bharat Singh of Nagla Kalyan village to stand firm in the faith of the Lord. For the members of the small groups at Halpura, Gayamai and Tundla villages to grow in the Lord.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Lydia Sutharsan Thomas
Mrs. Ahoni Hutoi Achumi
Mr. Christian Prakash S.
Mrs. Jeba Malar Rajan

Moth: Thilak & Emimal

Praise: God enabled us to resume the worship at Samuthar village. God protected our evangelist Babaseen from a major accident and healed Rajkumari from paralysis.

Pray: For our believer Anand who went to Allahabad to keep in touch with the family members as they did not hear from him for the last two months. For the repentance of Ram Gopal from his evil practices. For peace to prevail in the family of Jothi. For open for the Gospel among the Badkori, Chirgav and Poonch More people groups. For a committed evangelist in need to do the ministry effectively in this field.

Madhya Pradesh

Niwali:

Channamallappa & Roopa

Praise: Three villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the outreach programs at Balsamud, Divyanka and Pichodi

villages. Church construction is started in Gholyapani village. Women's mela at Pannali village was a great blessing to more than 45 women.

Pray: For the migrated believers to stand firm in the faith of the Lord. For the blessing of believers' training program at Chatali and Ghodlyapani villages. For the spiritual growth of the people who are going to confess their faith at Kampani, Pichodi and Vankad villages. For a land in need to build a Church at Chatali village. For our evangelist Shriram to do the ministry effectively abiding by the rules and regulations of our organization.



Relying on God Alone!

In Rajasthan, at Sri Ganga Nagar mission field, our believer Mahaveer from SSB Colony is a prayer warrior. He was attending our worship regularly, but for the last two years he did not come to the Church for worship. During these two years, he was admitted in the hospital 6 times and he went through operation 2 times. But he never called us to pray. He himself prayed and was strengthened by God during this period. Because of his faith in the Lord, his two daughters accepted Jesus Christ. His faith in the Lord reminds us of the Word of Jesus, "Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith." [Mat.8:10]





Happy Birthday

Mrs. Hephzibah Jacob Pradeep Kumar
Mrs. Rajam Paul Sampath
Mrs. Kanmani Rajasingh

Dabra:

Satikant Paricha & Sagarika Pradhan

Praise: Seven persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 3 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God enabled all our evangelists and believers to stand firm amidst oppositions. Church construction at Prem Nagar is in progress in the midst of so many challenges. Our new contacts Banti, Urmila, Sardar, Rajesh and Gurudev are receptive to the Gospel. Young believers actively participate in the Church activities.

Pray: For our believers Anil & Rekha and Deepak & Sashi to be blessed with children. For the elder system to be implemented in Prem Nagar Church. For the repentance of Gajraj who drinks alcohol and stops his family members from attending the worship service. For our Church elder Rajkumar

of Simria congregation to find out some means for her livelihood as her husband passed away leaving her and their three children.

Nepa Nagar: **Jubaraj Bardhan & Sheeba Jasmine**

Praise: Four persons came to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and 8 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God protected our believers Sunil and Rupa from a major accident and Kusmabai from miscarriage while cutting the sugar cane in the field. God healed Chittabai of Siwal village from unknown sickness and Yuvraj of Bamlaphat village from stomach disorder. Rakshabai of Badnapur village got deliverance from the possession of evil spirit in answer to prayer.

Pray: For our believers Heeralal & Jhunabai to be blessed with a child. For the safe confinement of Kamlabai who had miscarriage previously. For the healing of Baliram Bhai of Majiojtakis from head injuries caused by an accident. For the protection of our believers migrating to different cities in search of jobs who are going through harassment, ill-treatment, threat, exploitations etc.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Basudev Malto
Mrs. Jeba Theberal Vethamanikam

Bihar

**Eastern Gangetic
Region:**

**Babu Pushparaj &
Rachel Joice**

Praise: Church construction is progressing well in Pichlapada and Jatakunti villages. God blessed our missionary Ravi Rathod family with a baby. Our believer Jogendersada overcame the opposition from his family members due to his faith in the Lord. Deepak family got deliverance from the possession of evil spirit. God enabled us to reach Parihari, Singia, Kabeya, Bibiganj, Choto Bibiganj, Daksimolmari, Masthripara, Asrampar and Pangarpara villages with the Gospel.

Pray: For the salvation of the people of Johratala, Kajal Dighi, Tetulia, Dadiyal, Simoltali, Echahar, Bahudol, Bhula Doonga, Kandahar, Bharatpur, Sukhandighi

and Kumarpur villages. For the repentance of the opponents of the Gospel at Maskan village who create disturbances while conducting worship service. For the open door for the Gospel in Triveniganj and Pipara villages.

Jharkhand

Dhalbhumgarh:

Pramod Kumar & Jashoda

Praise: Five villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God healed many of our believers from various illnesses in answer to prayers. Our evangelists and volunteers are actively participating in the outreach program. The Church construction in the Bakrakocha area is progressing well.

Pray: For the repentance of our former evangelists namely Sunil kisku, Anil kisku, Somay Baskey and Somay Hansda who are hindering the growth of our congregations. For the salvation of the families of Tupa Kisku, Kandra Hansda and Thorpo Besra who are receptive to the Gospel. For the healing of Mahtan Soren from blindness and Raghunath Hansda of Bharudi village from weakness in the legs. For an evangelist family to be placed soon in the Sundardi area.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Kingsly Issac Johnson M.
Mrs. Amutha Kumar Paul
Mr. Srinivasan J., Mr. Densingh R.
Mr. Astaban Aditya Kumar Limma

Barharwa:

**Krishan Kumar &
Shanti Lal**

Praise: God healed Patassi Devi and Josna Devi from multiple illnesses. God provided a place to conduct Sunday worship at the residence of Ravindra. God enabled us to reach Budtalla village through outreach program. Spiritual programs for the evangelists and volunteers became a great blessing to many.

Pray: For the salvation of all the 10 seekers namely Main Kumari, Sudhir Ravi Das, Malti Devi, Patassi Devi, Karthik Ravi Das, Manoj Ravi Das, Pramila, Jagarnath Chand, Sidhinath Chand and Seema. For the breakthrough among the Das community with the Gospel. For the healing of Neeru from ear problems, Bijali Vill from breast node and Nirmala Devi from Asthma.

Pakur, Santhal Discipleship Ministry: Sudhaharan & Florence

Praise: The wedding of Lubin Murmu & Salomi Hansdak who were our believers and then became our missionaries was solemnized for the glory of God. God blessed the evangelists' gathering of Rajmahal region. Bible study programs are successfully going on in many congregations.

Pray: For the blessings of the conventions to be conducted for our believers. For the adult literacy program to be a great blessing to all the participants. For the spiritual growth of our believers. For the Bible study groups to function without any hindrance.



Brewing Palm Tree Liquor was Stopped!

In Maharashtra at Dahanu mission field, Rameshbhai of Baripada village has a good number of palm trees from which he used to brew toddy to supply for the whole villagers. After he accepted Jesus Christ, he stopped the toddy making, and as a result, the villagers came against him and our ministry. They tried to create problems during our night programs. But by the grace of God, they were not able to do anything against us so far. Moreover, the number of people who used to drink the toddy has also decreased considerably. Praise God for witnessing the life of Rameshbhai.





Happy Birthday

Mr. Prabakara Sarathy

Mr. Babu P.

Mrs. Mary Johnsy Rani Benhur

Mandro:

Mirjyo Kisku & Celina Hansda

Praise: Three persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 9 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God healed Pormesol Hansda from Jaundice, Paulus Hembrom from chest pain, Hopo Mai Marandi from cerebral malaria and Masilal Soren from TB. Our believers from the Boarijore area collected three tractors of firewood from the jungle for the convention meeting.

Pray: For the evangelists and elders of the Church to conduct Bible study groups regularly. For the completion of the Church construction at Hariala. For many believers' children to come forward to join the ministry. For the healing of Mohan Besra from TB, Talabiti Tudu from fits, Lokhon Hansda

from paralysis and Surdhani Kisku from blindness. For the deliverance of Dinesh Chandra Himrbom and Binod Marnadi from alcohol addiction.

Bhagaiya & Tinpahar: Jebakumar & Ponlatha

Praise: Twelve persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ. God provided water for the Church construction at Mathan Sahi village. Believers actively got involved in the film show programs and led many to Christ. Sathish, the Vice President of Oravan Samithi donated a land worth Rs.12 Lakhs to build a Church.

Pray: For the missionaries Manish and Rani of Tinpahar mission field to serve the Lord effectively. For the newly married missionaries Nehemiah and Anamica who are placed in this field to learn the language soon. For the spiritual growth of the young seekers Niranjana, Aravinth, Pradeep and Ram. For the wedding of the young believers to be solemnized in Christian way. God to honour the efforts of building temporary sheds for worship at Padala, Gurupatti and Keronthi villages.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Ruban Samuel J., Mrs. Lissy Vavachan,
Mrs. Priscilla Ramesh Velraj
Mrs. Geetanjali Nayak, Mr. John Davidson Selvaraj

West Bengal

Pakuahat: Ramakrishna Aggibada & Anjali Devi

Praise: Fifteen persons came into the fold of Christ at Nimdanga village and 10 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the outreach ministry and many are receptive to the Gospel. God enabled us to move forward in ministry amidst persecution. Nomita Murmu got a safe confinement in answer to prayer. God delivered Dunuc Kisku from the possession of evil spirits.

Pray: For the consolation of the family of Safal Hansdak who passed away recently. For the spiritual growth of the migrated believers' families namely Bapi Murmu of Uttar Karma village, Sujon Hasda of Nimbari village, Komal Murmu of Nimdanga village, Nimai Tudu and Cheetah Tudu of Salbona village and Soilen

Tudu of Muthadanga village. For the land approval to build a Church at Salboni village. For the believers from Kutku people group to stand firm in their faith amidst opposition. For the healing of Chuni Lal Tudu from epilepsy and Sonoti Murmu of Kuku village from uterus infection. For the families of our seekers namely Garon Hansdak of Lotkundi, Basu Tudu of Mandalu, Sunduk Rai of Sorbatipur, Naresh Murmu & Duncu Kisku of Rangamatia, Palton Murmu of Simbda, Raja Hansdak of Lotkundi, Mongal Tudu of Kutku, Shrinath Mardi of Manikpur and Srinath Murmu of Ulatur village to boldly confess their faith in the Lord.



Unknown Sickness Yet God Healed!

In Madhya Pradesh, at Khalwa mission field, Aniket, a 7 years old boy of Maidarani village was suffering from unknown fever for 7 years. As a result, he became very weak and was not even able to walk. His parents tried to save his life by various means and finally gave up. One day, they were led by our believer Sudhir of Khalwa to the Church for prayer. The whole congregation prayed for the child and God heard their prayers and now the boy is alright. The whole family have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. Glory to God!





Happy Birthday

Mr. Mainraj I.

Mrs. Swarnalatha Sanjeeb Andrap

Tapan: Kingsly Livingston & Delphin

Praise: Nine persons came into the fold of Jesus Christ. God opened the door for the Gospel in Jobetola, Amdapur, Mulgram & Dorgatola villages. Our believers Robin Marandi, Dhanai Murmu, Dilip Murmu, Suphol Soren, Sabina Tudu and Philemon Hasdak were healed from various illnesses.

Pray: For the salvation of Jhumri Hembrom, Baha Mardi, Sudhir Soren, Parimal Soren, Sinda Mardi, Lakhida Mardi & Pati Mardi families as they are receptive to the Gospel. For small Churches to be built in Baspada & Nurul villages. For the migrant believers to stand firm in the faith of the Lord. For worshiping groups to be formed in Anantapur, Bhodol, Kalipator and Taosi villages.

Chhattisgarh

Champa:

Vinod Kumar Singh & Pravati Mani Singh

Praise: God helped us to take

incharge of the Champa field. Training program in Oraiyan village strengthened the faith of the believers.

Pray: For the salvation of the male members of Satnami people group who are generally known for their drunkenness. For the repentance of the opponents of the Gospel namely Mailal Kashyav and Narayan Kashyav of Beera village. For our believer's daughter Sujata to get a job in the medical field. For the deliverance of Agni Kumari from the possession of evil spirit. For the healing of Dev Prakash from leg fracture, Sriram from paralysis and Pukhram from thyroid problem.



God, Being Our Helper!

In Rajasthan at Sri. Nagar mission field, while our missionary was returning to his house at night from mission field, accidentally his bike hit on another's bike in heavy traffic. Though it involved both the party's mistake, the other person, knowing our missionary as an outsider, demanded Rs.5000/- for the minor scratches. By the grace of God, a bystander intervened in this matter and settled the issue without paying any single rupee. Yes, our God is an ever present to help in trouble indeed!





Happy Birthday

Mrs. Shantha Vinayaraj, Mrs. Laisamma Babu
Mr. Jahar Sai Panna

Baloda Bazar: Rameshwar Dayal Nirmal & Madhu Kala

Praise: Two villages namely Chuiha and Bhanthagaon were newly reached with the Gospel. God enabled us to reach this field due to transfer and to start our life and ministry with a new beginning. The Church elders' meeting at Hraiha village was a great blessing to many.

Pray: For a breakthrough for the Gospel among the receptive people groups namely Satnami, Sahu, Painika, Yadav, Nisad, Patel, Sabaria, Dangchagha, Kumhar, Kahar, Dhobi, Nai, Devar, Sarthi, Korwa Demar, Sikari and Verma. For two committed local evangelists for this field. For the plan of reaching the places like Sigma, Bhatapara, Baloda Bazar, Palari, Kasdol and Bilaigarh to reach the Gospel. For the salvation of Nawdha Ramanyana and Chouka. For the evil cultural

practices like child marriage, drinking alcohol, divorce etc to be rooted out.

Bhaiyathan-2: Thang Chin Lian & Vung Thianching

Praise: One village was newly reached with the Gospel. God enabled us to find a volunteer – Dinesh Kumar Kindo at Phulpur village for our ministry. Worship groups were started at Chirguda and Pulpur villages.

Pray: For the salvation of our new contacts from various villages. For the release of our believer Vizay of Chirguda who is in jail due to false allegations. For the healing of Dadheram of Pulpur from paralysis. For the deliverance of Turburush of Pipra village from alcohol addiction.



After 18 Years of wanting...
In Rajasthan at Hanumangarh mission field, our believer Kiran of Sureshia village was regularly attending our worship service for the last 10 years and praying for a child with firm faith in the Lord. As she prayed without ceasing everyday for a child, many of our believers used to wonder about her steadfastness. God honoured her faith and blessed with a child. Glory to God!





Happy Birthday

Mr. Arul Mony R., Mr. Thyagarajan P.
Mr. Aravinth Kumar M.

Gujarat

Selamba:

Yesu Babu & Usha

Praise: Five persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 3 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Gomabhai of Khaman village, an opponent of the Gospel, asked our evangelist to pray for his sickness. God protected our evangelist Jaisinghbhai from a major accident. Parimelaben, a non believer from Chitpur village got healing from sickness in answer to prayer.

Pray: For the repentance of the panchayat leader of Cheesekutta village who opposes our ministry. For the healing of Gomabai from sickness. Our new seeker Parsinghbhai family of Murgi village to be blessed with a child.

Ahwa & Dangs

Outreach:

Bidush & Pritibala

Praise: Three families came to the

fold of Christ from Saaimal, Malga and Amsarpada villages. Harvest festival in Amsarvan village and the Thanksgiving meeting in Sundha village were of great blessings to many. God protected Ganpatbhai of Valiyavan village from the bite of a poisonous snake.

Pray: For many of our believers who suffer from the symptom of Covid'19. For the unity among the believers of Motacharya and Vasurna villages. For the healing of Jayeshbhai of Harpada village from urinary infection, Jagdishbhai of Harpada village from mental illness and Chandubhai of Malga village from paralysis.



Growth Amidst Tribulations!

In Maharashtra at Mukhada mission field, Sangeetha from Moranda village is our new believer. After accepting Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Saviour, she had gone through many problems such as skin allergy, meeting with an accident, opposition from family members etc. But she did not give up her faith in the Lord, and moreover she was spreading the Gospel through her witnessing life, prayer and proclamation of the Word of God. As a result, many of her family members and neighbours came into the fold of Christ. Hallelujah!





Happy Birthday

Mr. David Nicholson
Mrs. Jeba Rose Vijayan
Mrs. Bidu Kanti Lima Sridhar Mopideni
Mrs. Hatneikim Letkholun Baite

Surat: **Mathavaroy & Jebathangam**

Praise: One village was newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the women's meeting in Gowtham Nagar and Sachin areas. New contacts Sindhu and Khushu regularly attend our worship service at Sachin area. Sakunthalaben and Rupaliben got deliverance from the possession of evil spirits in answer to prayers. God healed Shivani and Vindyaben from uterus infection, Samirbhai from boils and Sureshbhai from stomach pain.

Pray: For the approval of land to build the Church. For the believers of Bhavani Nagar to stand firm amidst opposition. For the protection of our believers Usha, Nirmala, Sakunthala, Vindhya and Rupal from the haunting of the

evil spirits due to some one casting spell against them. For Sunday school to be resumed in all the centers. For our young believers to get suitable life partners. For the healing of Corinth, our believer's son from kidney problems.

**St. Thomas English
School, Jhawda:**
**Pushparaj & Jothi
Nirmala, Haribabu &
Pankajam, Augustin &
Joyce Sobana, Bijulal &
Steffi, Satheesh Kumar
& Christy Jeyanthi,
Alphonse & Shiny Sneha
Vargees, Angel Raj,
Gayathri, Maina and Ruth.**

Praise: All the students came back to the hostel after the lockdown. Two missionaries namely Ruth and Maina recently joined the faculty team. God enabled us to clear the primary school inspection. Students who have fallen sick got healing in answer to prayers.

Pray: For all the 10th & 12th Std. students who appear for the Board Exams. For the alumni of our school to keep up their faith in their work spots. For the financial needs of the parents of the students to educate their wards to met continuously.



Kadod:
**Ramsinghbhai Vasava &
Urmilaben**

Praise: Five persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ at Magad village and 2 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Many responded to the Gospel during the night meetings at Mansad village. Worship was started at Rampura village. 3 persons have newly joined the worship at Baddi Church. Babaliben, Rekhaben and Virsinghbhai are receptive to the Gospel. Hamanbhai was healed in answer to the prayer of our evangelist Sanjay.

Pray: For the blessing of mass outreach program at Kanarge village. For the salvation of our new contacts namely Madhuben, Rinaben, Sangitaben, Mohitbhai, Tirubhai and Jashubhai. For lands to build Churches at Vihan and Magad villages. For the repentance of Dureshbhai, Atulbhai and Chetanbhai who are opposing our ministry.

**Mansa: Chelladurai &
Kanakanesam**

Praise: God blessed the follow up work at Dhanduson and Damanva villages. The Thakur community of Borij village is receptive to the Gospel.

Pray: For the salvation of Maheshbhai, Nabhubhai, Baldevbhai, Dineshbhai and Dureshbhai. For the lands in need to build Churches at Dhameda and Unava villages. For the healing of Bhavanaben from cancer in the uterus, Ridhiraj from blood cancer, Ranjith from mental illness and Rakesh from fits.



**Can Stiff Hands
Drive the Car?**

In Himachal Pradesh at Rampur mission field, our believer Aman was driving the car while returning to Rampur from his in-law's house along with his wife and mother in law. The road from Sarahan to Jeory is steep and as the three of them set out and traveled about 7-8kms, all of a sudden Aman's both hands and legs became stiff and was unable to move and bend. His wife screamed seeing Aman's condition but just prayed. In the meantime the vehicle kept moving as if someone was driving on the slope. The car hit another car which came from the opposite direction. But fortunately there was no damage to both the cars. Somehow they managed to reach Jeory. Aman had dizziness but the moment they reached Jeory, he was completely alright. One can not imagine any survival after any accidents in the steep hilly area like Himachal with deep gorges. Praise God!





Happy Birthday

Mr. Johnson Tamil Selvan
Mrs. Susan Thomas Matthew
Mr. Sau Bhuinya

Vijayanagar:

**K. Vijaya Kumar &
Susheela**

Praise: God blessed the mass outreach program at Samplaipanva area among the Kathodi people group. Urja Bhaiya of Samlaipanva village was healed from a swelling of the stomach in answer to prayers and as a result 25 people attended our worship. God delivered Jans of Vapur village from the possession of evil spirits. Chandrakala, Nirmala Devi, Kamala, Navada Ram and Jeetu are attending our worship at Samplaipanva village.

Pray: For our casual volunteers namely Prakash, Nanala Bhaiya and Phulchand Bhaiya to be empowered by the power of the Holy Spirit to do the ministry effectively. For Churches to be built at Sigri and Samplaipanva areas. For the healing of Kokila from TB, Ajay from burning sensation and

Hallu of Dabaicha village from eye problem. For the deliverance of Kamlaben and Lakshmiben from the possession of evil spirits. For our Church elder Geetaben of Rajasthani area to get water from her newly dug borewell.

**Dadra &
Nagar Haveli**

Khanvel:

Arul Aseer & Suguna

Praise: One person came to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. The weddings of our believers' children were conducted in Christian way, without the evil practices of consuming alcohol and dancing. Our seeker Narubhai regularly attends our worship service. God enabled us to start women prayer cells in Modgam, Gadcincila and Daslona villages. God healed Kusumben of Umarvani Church and Anilbhai from depression and the wife of Rahubhai from allergy.

Pray: Our believer Kalpeshbhai to pass the police entrance test. For all the backslidden believers to be restored in faith. For Kundiben to be blessed with a child. For the healing of Sahuniben of Chikkaldha village from skin allergy, the father of Nileshbhai from mental disorder and Pavuniben of Daslona village from TB.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Benjamin B.
Mr. Prodip Mushahary
Mrs. Jeba Jothi Paulraj, Mr. Jeruel Pani
Mrs. Madhu Kala Rameshwar Nirmal
Mrs. Emi Backya

Maharashtra

Talasari:

Vijay Babu & Deva Kirubai

Praise: Three persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 4 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God enabled us to reach 600 people with the Gospel in Palghar and Vikramgad areas for the first time. Five backslidden believers were restored in faith. Our believer Madhubhai could buy a tempo for his business in answer to prayer. God protected Vilash Bhai and Santosh Bhai from accidents.

Pray: For the unreached 111 villages where the Gospel has to be proclaimed. For the healing of Yogathaben from paralysis, Ruchikaben from leprosy and

Amruthbhai from mouth cancer. For the deliverance of Rajeshbhai and Kishanbhai from the possession of evil spirits. For the blessing of our ministry in Vikramgad taluka.

Pimpalner:

Baburaj & Mabel

Praise: Five villages namely Mohane, Malachapada, Harpada, Hersane, Hekwari, and Sevadipada were newly reached with the Gospel. God enabled us to proclaim the Gospel through songs to the sugar cane cutters of many villages and they are receptive to the Gospel. 383 persons came to know about Jesus Christ for the first time through our outreach program. A few families attend our worship service.

Pray: For the young believers namely Youvan, Yelu and Rani of Vijaypur village to get suitable life partners. For the deliverance of Pindu of Vijaypur village from the possession of evil spirit. For Rohidas of Pavapur village to walk soon because he could not walk for the last 2 years due to a fall from a tree. For the evangelists to get the burden for souls and for the believers to actively participate in the outreach ministry.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Kanakanesam Chelladurai
Mr. Pon Augustin E., Mr. Sivakumar C.
Miss. Gayathri C.

Mukhada: Nagarajan & Thilagavathy

Praise: One village was newly reached with the Gospel. God enabled us to form a new worship center at Hirapada village and many persons newly attend this worship. God healed Parvesh of Nandgaon village from breathing problems, Babu of Nadugav from chest pain and Nikitha of Raythale from ear problem.

Pray: For the consolation of the family of Sumen whose daughter passed away recently. For the healing of Morgan of Herepada from kidney stone problem, Mangesh Parab of Nadugav village from allergy and Prabhakar of Kozz village from chest pain.

Ettapalli: Arvind Kalusangh & Eju Vasave

Praise: Eight persons came into the fold of Christ. God blessed the believers' camp at Pandegahi

and Paraolgoni villages. Harvest festivals at Pandevahi, Etapalli and Bollepalli villages became a blessing to many. Our believers grow in spiritual life amidst opposition.

Pray: For the blessings of the training program in all the areas. For the repentance of Adve Khando, Raju Gomadi, Sudhakar Gota and Sainu Gota who oppose our ministry. For the growth of our ministry in the Gotta area. For the evangelists to do the ministry with burden for the souls. For the salvation of the people of Madiya people group.

Vadali: Moorthi & Bharathi

Praise: One person came to the faith in Jesus Christ from Andrathbari village and 4 villages, namely Dongargaon, Rarhavad, Aisled and Dhandra villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the children meeting at Vadchil and Ubadaged villages. Sunil of Andrathbari village got deliverance from alcohol addiction in answer to prayer.

Pray: For the salvation of the people who eagerly watched the Jesus film during the outreach program. Our believer Rakesh and Sanjay to get suitable jobs and Rakesh of Andrathbari to get a suitable life partner. For the healing of Ravindra Bhai of Kodkla village from tumour.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Asir Moses Thiyagaraj S.
Mrs. Jyothimani Manoj
Mrs. Idiginala Mounika Praveen

Molgi, Narmada & Vadfally: Bharanidharan & Selvarani

Praise: One person came to the faith in Jesus Christ and two villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the ladies meeting held at Thel, Mattiyabari, Dalbada, Welkhadi, Gigda, Sagi Bari and Bargund villages. Prayer cells were resumed in Thel, Mattiyabari and Dalbada.

Pray: For the salvation of the families of Kissan, Anitha, Raitibai, Tapibai, Bondu and the village leader of Khai village who are receptive to the Gospel. For the repentance of the opponents of the Gospel who disturb the Sag Dibari congregation. For the healing of Vansingh from fits, Roduvibhai, Narpasingh and Khandibai from mental illness and Kalibai of Thalaipada from severe stomach ache.

Boisar:

Basavaraja & Sanmata

Praise: One village namely Points was newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the outreach ministry at Shukhelpada and tracts distribution in Koala, Shekila Pada, Akar, Talavali and Navlishooda villages. Basic training program for the believers at Khare village was a great blessing to many.

Pray: For the repentance of Tulisa Kote who opposes our ministry at Talavali village and the people of Barangay people group who have negative opinions about our ministry. For our believers' family of Vasant and Kailash to be blessed with children.



Abandoned Yet Firm in Faith!

In Himachal Pradesh at Rampur mission field, our believer Radha of Jhakri village was abandoned by her husband with an infant daughter. It is rare to see a divorced wife to remain firm, especially in Himachal cultural context. She raised her daughter Jyoti and now she is doing 1st year B.A. While trying to get admission in the college for Jyoti it was mandatory to produce the bonafide certificate to the college. She had nowhere to approach. Somehow after prayer she sought the advice from some known persons in Rampur and within three days, she could obtain the said certificate. Out of joy and gratitude to God and to the congregation who prayed for her, she gave one month full salary to the Church. God's faithfulness is great indeed!





Happy Birthday

Mrs. Vanmathi Masilamani

Khandbara:
**Balaji Netalam &
Jagadeeswari**

Praise: Eight persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 3 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Bhikan Singh family accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. God opened the door in Bijagaon village for a prayer meeting. Three families attend our worship service at Bijagaon village. Children's meetings resumed in Ghagalpada village.

Pray: For the salvation of the families of Teena Ben, Barkhu Dada, Bangal Ben and Suresh Dada. For the Church construction work at Dhong village to go on smoothly. For the backslidden believers' families namely Kiran, Kailash and Yamuna to be restored in faith. For the open door for the outreach ministry in Kasara, Ranala, Hamsarpada and Sagali villages. For the youth leaders namely Praneeta, Angel, Prashant and Philip to actively involve in our ministry. For the congregations at Nagli, Kolviheer and Boda to be

restored to our organization. For the consolation of the family members of Devidas who passed away recently.

Kunta Modi:
Bidyut Kumar Singh

Praise: Three villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Our believer Sivaji Dada got water from his bore well for his cultivation work in answer to prayer. God healed Remtibai Mokh from chest pain. The believers of Kumbi Pada started attending our worship service that was previously stopped by our former evangelist.

Pray: For the backslidden congregations at Astamba, Selibar and Bhangarpani villages to be restored in faith. For the open door for the Gospel at Astamba, Asli, Padbara and Kundel villages. For the healing of Promilabai from chronic stomach ache.

Karnataka
**Shirahatti: Sunil Data
Kara & Meenakhi**

Praise: Three families newly attend our worship service. God delivered Nagamma from the possession of evil spirits.

Pray: For the husbands of our believers at Srimantagada village to allow their wives to attend the worship service. Our believer Renuka to get a suitable life partner.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Sheeba G. Chandra Srinivasan
Mrs. Selva Merina Manasseh Daniel
Mrs. Lamneiting Touthang

Mundgod: Sunil Kumar & Sangitaa Lalu

Praise: Our new seekers Manjula and Raju confessed their faith in the Lord amidst so many challenges. Our believer Yellappa Hansinmani got his family share of property in answer to prayer. God healed Shilpa from chronic stomach pain.

Pray: For the family of Prakash to overcome the obstacles to attend the worship service. For our believer Nigappa to continue his building contract business without any obstacle.

Gajendragada: Manjya Naik & Ratna

Praise: God delivered Laxman from the possession of evil spirit. Agsappa got healed from paralysis in answer to prayers.

Pray: For the salvation of Basamma family. For the healing of Hansamma from paralysis.

Khanapur (Haliyal): Vinayraj & Shantha

Praise: Ten villages were newly reached with the Gospel in this new field for the first time. God gives new contacts and many are receptive to the Gospel.

Pray: For our new contact Mahadevi to be blessed with a child. For the complete healing of Satguru who was injured due to an accident.

Family Prayer Attracted the Manager!

In Maharashtra at Talasari mission field, our believer Vijaybhai from Bhiladpada went to Ozar area for brick manufacturing work along with his family members. The bricks owner was not a believer. Every day before going to work his family members used to pray. The bricks owner was always watching this. After some days the owner was sick and he was unable to walk. He took treatment from the hospital and magician, but it did not work out. The bricks owner asked our believer to pray for his healing. In answer to prayer he was completely healed. After 10 days, at the final stage of the brick furnace, the house owner had a bad dream that all the bricks were broken and many of them became black in colour and nobody was ready to purchase his bricks. So he called our believer to pray for the bricks. Our believers prayed and God heard their prayers. The bricks came out with thick red colour and with good quality. Because of this, the Brick's owner has become the follower of Jesus Christ. Praise God!



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Nagomi Matthew Jebaraj

Mr. Yesu Babu A.

Mr. Niranjan Pall

Andhra Pradesh

Kuppam:

Paul Kuppusamy & Shyla

Praise: Two persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ. God healed many of our believers who suffered from various illnesses. The financial need of our believer Thilaga of Mallanur to build a house was met in answer to prayer. God honoured the faith of the father of Jhansi of Mittupalli who attended our worship regularly and healed her from fits. Night meetings held in 5 villages were a great blessing to many.

Pray: For the salvation of the families of Srinivas and Soundarya. For the reconstruction of the compound wall of Mallanur Church. For the financial needs of the renovation work of Kuppam Church. For our believers Karthik, Varsha, Asha, Vennila to get suitable life partners. Anitha & Kalaiselvan, Balaji & Mala, Supriya & Rahul to be blessed with children. Our believers Anand, Shyamala and Deva to get permanent jobs. For unity

to prevail in the family of Chenrayan & Sumathi. For the healing of our missionary's son Pranith from post operational infection, Mohit who is not able to walk and speak, Abraham from leg fracture, Saroja from Rheumatoid arthritis and Kishor from the high count of acid in the blood.

Madhanapalli:

Venkatesan C. Crescens & Sasikala

Praise: Purushotam, a non-believer, has opened his house to conduct worship service at Dondoluru village. God delivered Marakka from the possession of evil spirits and she opened her house to conduct prayers regularly at Singirigunta village. God gave our believer Sandhya a safe confinement. Backslidden believers Eswaramma and Lakshmi Devamma were restored in faith. A village called Guvkunta was newly reached with the Gospel. God healed Venkatesh from serious illness and Bharati from sleeplessness.

Pray: For common places for all kinds of people to gather and worship in Denduluru, Singirigunta, Tekulapally and Ammacheruvumitta villages. For the complete deliverance of Kalavathi from the possession of evil spirit. For a breakthrough with the Gospel in Sangadigunta village. For the needed missionaries, evangelists and volunteers to be placed in the places which are open for the Gospel.

Bro. John Dinesh was born on 26th January 1982 as the eldest son to Christian parents Mr. Mani & Mrs. Elizabeth at Manjolai estate of Ambasamudram, Tirunelveli Dt. Even before his birth, his parents committed him for full time ministry, as they were waiting for a child for five years of their married life. His parents nurtured him in spiritual life. As he wanted to become a manager of a company, he successfully completed B.Com. and M.B.A. studies. When he tried to get

a job, God spoke to him from the scripture Jeremiah 1:5 - "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." In obedience to God's call, he committed himself for full time ministry. Then he served as a catechist in Bodenpuram of Shanmugapuram, Nellai Dt. Then he served as Asst-Director in the Gents Wing of Tirunelveli Diocese and catechist at Vikramasingapuram. In the meantime, he got the opportunity to visit FMPB mission fields. He was very much inspired by the song "Manthayil Sera Adukala" [Sheep that are not of this fold] by Dr. Emil Jebasingh annan. So he joined FMPB and served in the Finance Dept of FMPB – HQ for one year and then he was sent for missionary training at NIM, UP.

Sis. Binny Gnanam was born on 8th April 1980 as the elder daughter to Christian parents Mr. Samathanaraj & Mrs. Rajathi at Perunthurai - Teachers Colony of Erode. She was nurtured in Christian discipline and spiritual life even from her childhood. She used to attend the FMPB Annual Conference, Danishpet, Salem. When she was doing her M.Sc [Chemistry] at Bishop Heber College, Trichy, she got the call of God for full time ministry. God affirmed her call through the Bible verse, "You did not choose Me, but I chose you" [John 15:16]. In response to God's call, she joined FMPB in 2003 and underwent Missionary Training at NIM, UP and then she was placed as Missionary Teacher in St. Thomas English School, Pandeni, Jharkhand in order to develop the Malto believers' children.

On 30th January 2008, both John Dinesh and Binny Gnanam were united in Holy wedlock. Then they were placed as missionary teachers in St. Thomas English School, Jhavda, Gujarat. Later they were placed in St. Thomas English School, Pandeni, Jharkhand from 2009 to 2013. Then as led by the Lord, they have been working in the Sithuria and Patharkar mission fields as pioneer missionaries to plant Churches and to do literature ministry among the Puang people group of Jharkhand since 2013.

God blessed this missionary couple with two daughters and the elder one J. Adline Blessy [DOB: 28.01.2009] is studying in 8th Std and the 2nd one J. Allwina [DOB: 23.10.2012] is in 4th Std at Santhosha Vidhyalaya, Dohnavur.

Let us uphold this missionary family in our prayers.



**Mr. G.M. John Dinesh
& Mrs. Binny Gnanam
Family**

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