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***Thank God for this rare Stalwart in Mission
through whom this generation was blessed!***

FRONTLINE...

Deaths... Precious!



No one in this world will say – death is precious. But the Bible says, Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful servants. [Ps.116:15]. This verse is applicable only to His Saints. When we examine the Psalm 116 fully, we understand that it speaks not only about death alone but life too. We are precious to God not only by accepting Jesus as our Saviour and Lord while living in Him in this world, but also by keeping up the faith and finishing our race through death while leaving this world in order to live with Him eternally.

Death of His children is precious to God, because -

1. It is the time of fulfilling His covenant with His children:

In John 1:12, it is written, “Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.” That means, once we accept Him as our Lord and Saviour, we do not have just

‘Creator and Creature’ relationship but also ‘Parents and Children relationship.’ This concern of God involves so many obligations such as caring, feeding, carrying, preserving, examining, instructing, holding, encouraging, strengthening, motivating etc., in this world. Moreover, until we become like Him in His likeness to take us to the shore of eternity, He has deep concern and obligation towards us. But this obligation will attain its fullness only through the death.

2. It is the time of liberating His children from the worldly suffering and sorrows: “In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted” (2 Tim.3:12). Our God grieves over the sufferings we face in this world which is not favourable to His people. When the time of fulfillment comes, He calls back us from this world to Him putting an end for all our suffering. As it is written in Rev.21:4, ‘He will wipe every tear from our eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain.’

3. It is the time of rewarding His children with eternal blessings: St. Paul says, ‘I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness’ (2 Timothy 4: 7-8). Yes, through death alone the time has come to honour His children with His eternal award. When there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents in this world (Lk.15:10), what kind of celebration it would be, when the children of God would finish their race successfully in this world and go to heaven in order to receive the crown of righteousness.

For St. Paul, death is just a farewell; D.L. Moody a Crowning Day. Yes, certainly our God was good to Patrick annan when he lived in this world and even when he departed from this world to enter into His glory. May our Good Lord enable us also to live in this world with Him and for Him by fighting the good fight in order to live with Him forever in eternity – Amen.

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

"The best moment of a Christian's life is his last one, because it is the one that is nearest heaven. And then it is that he begins to strike the keynote of the song which he shall sing to all eternity."

- C.H. Spurgeon

"Earth recedes. Heaven opens before me. If this is death, it is sweet! There is no valley here. God is calling me, and I must go."

- D.L. Moody

"Weep not for me, but for yourselves. I go to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ... there we shall meet to sing the new song and remain everlasting happy, world without end." - John Bunyan

"You have been used to take notice of the sayings of dying men. This is mine: that a life spent in the service of God, and communion with Him, is the most comfortable and pleasant life that anyone can live in this world." - Matthew Henry

Very truly I tell you, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. [John 5:24]

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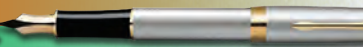
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From the General Secretary...



Dear Elders, Brothers, Sisters and Children

Freedom's three facets

It costs to gain freedom: As we prepare to celebrate our nation's 73rd anniversary of its independence on the 15th of August we remember our freedom fighters who paid for it with their lives or through long periods of imprisonment and torture. Jesus paid for our sins and the eternal consequence of our sins by the sufferings he went through and ultimately through his death on the cross and his resurrection from the dead. To take this message to people who needed to hear it for the very first time many pioneering missionaries have laid down their lives, exposed themselves repeatedly to diseases, borne insults, experienced loneliness, rejection and several such situations.

It costs to preserve the hard won freedom: Safe guarding our freedom calls for alertness and constant preparedness to ward off the enemy's attempts to undermine it. Our soldiers brave extreme weather conditions and hostile terrain to guard our borders. We know how recently about 20 of our soldiers sacrificed their lives to prevent enemy soldiers from crossing our border. On the spiritual front Peter warns us to be alert and of sober mind because the enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to

devour. (1Peter 5:8). In our mission fields, our missionaries work tirelessly to build up the new believers in the faith and to prevent them from lapsing into their former sinful ways.

It costs to realise the fruit of our freedom: Thanks to our freedom from the yoke of colonial rule, we were able to progress as a nation on various fronts. However there is still a long way to go. Like our soldiers in the geographical frontlines we have numerous dedicated people in the front lines of health, education, sanitation, empowerment, policy making etc. who help us realise the benefits of the freedom and independence that we enjoy. In John 10: 10b Jesus says, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" The fruit of our freedom from sin should be manifest in a life fully transformed and lived in a way that honours God. Our socio economic development initiatives and teaching to our believers to ensure true discipleship in their lives are meant to ensure that our believers' lives bear testimony to the abundant life that we can experience in Christ.

Yours in Christ

S. Sutharsan Thomas Jeyaraj



Life & Ministry of Bro. Patrick Joshua

Family Background:

Bro. Patrick Joshua belongs to the 4th generation of a Christian family. In 1880s when Bishop Robert Caldwell was doing his ministry in and around Idaiyangudi, Tamilnadu, a lady from a nearby hut ran towards him and asked him to come and pray for her terminally ill son to die peacefully. Missionary Caldwell entered her house and saw the little boy lying down. He touched the little boy and prayed for his healing. The little boy recovered and the following day his dad took him to the Bishop and asked him to take him as his servant and use him for his ministry work. The Bishop baptised the little boy and named him 'Samuel.' Samuel became the first generation Christian missionary in which Bro. Patrick Joshua belongs to the 4th generation.



*Siblings: Patrick Joshua, Anbu, Jebakani,
Fredrick Jeyaraj*

Bro. Patrick Joshua was born on the 13th of January 1939 to God fearing parents, Mr. Masillamani and Mrs. Parimalam in Colombo, as his father was working in a Polytechnic Institute of Colombo. Due to world war, in 1941, they moved back to their native Idaiyangudi, Tamilnadu. His parents got four children and the first one was a girl whom they named as Jebakani, meaning "fruit of prayer," the second was Patrick Joshua. The passion with which his parents named him as Patrick is obvious. Patrick [AD 396-491] was known as the Apostle of Irish. During his life time, Ireland changed from paganism to 1,00,000 believers. The third one was a boy whom they named Fredrick Jeyaraj and the 4th one was a girl, Anbu.

His mother Parimalam was a prophetess. She started her prayer ministry at her very young age and she used to conduct women's meeting and gospel conventions in the southern districts. She was well known as a woman of prayer and had a great influence among the women of the area in motivating them to pray for the nation to be transformed. She herself would often spend the whole night in prayer, prostrating on the floor.

Spiritual Growth:

In his final year of schooling while attending a convention he committed his life to God, confessing his sins and experiencing God's forgiveness and the newness of a transformed life under the Lordship of Jesus Christ based on the basis of the Bible verse Is. 44:22. His brother Mr. Fredrick Jeyaraj shares about his early spiritual life as follows,

'Patrick annan was the most obedient and hardworking child. Right from childhood he used to listen to his mother and will do all hard work and be a strong support to their family. He was very fond of music. He learnt Carnatic music from Sadhu Rathinam Pastor at his ashram in Thisayanvilai. In those days, due to lack of Christian music in gramophone records, Churches used to play music track that come from cinemas. And it so happened one day at Idaiyangudi also. On hearing this, Patrick annan rushed to the Church and stopped the song and got angry with them. Everyone at the Church was tremendously shocked to see him doing this as they know him only as a very pious and soft spoken person. This incident brought a change among the Churches in playing the right Christian music. During his schooling days, he had very prayerful teachers. He used to go with them to the 'Theri kaadu' (Red Sand Desert) in Idaiyangudi and pray with them for hours.'

Even during his study at elementary school, he established prayer groups. During his college days in St. John's College, Palayamkottai, he also established a Reunion Fellowship through which hundreds of friends joined together

and send the offering for missionary work. While doing his Master degree at Madras Christian College [MCC] at Tambaram, Chennai, he used to gather young people and pray for the nation. He worked among the lepers of Aharam when he was studying in MCC. They sponsored missionaries and sent a professor family to Nigeria as missionaries.

Career & Family Life:



Bro. Patrick Joshua joined the Life Insurance Corporation of India in 1960 and rose up to the position of Divisional Manager and got the award of national gold medal for his achievement in LIC. While sharing about his testimony of early days, he pointed out, "I asked God five things – 5 figured salary, 4 wheeler, 3 bed room house, 2 wheeler – Bullet Motor Bike and a Good family life. God gave me all what I wanted in this world." He married Miss. Susheela on the 11th of November 1964. God gave them four children; Shalom, Jim Eliot, Sabine and Franco.

Fulltime Ministry:



P. Sam, Sam Kamaleson, Patrick Joshua, Emil Jebasingh

From 1964 onwards he began to involve in the ministry of FMPB and took up the responsibility of the Treasurer, an honorary position he held from 1966 to 1977. He was made the Treasurer of FMPB not an enviable job to hold when the mission's finance was almost always in the red. Bro. Emil Jebasingh, as a General Secretary gave the internal infrastructure to this organization from 1967 to 1977; whereas Mr. Patrick Joshua was identified by Mr. P. Samuel, the then Coordinator of FMPB, next to Mr. Emil Jebasingh in order to build the organization further when Mr. Emil Jebasingh left the organization as per the Lord's leading. This role however required him to quit his job in LIC. He took it as God's call to serve full time in missions and gladly put in his papers and joined FMPB in the role of General Secretary on 21st August 1977, a position he held from 1977 to 2000 on a meager salary, a fraction of what LIC was paying him. He was successful in his ministry in this world because of his wife Mrs. Susheela who stood with him in all the ups and downs.

When he was asked, how you gave up the prestigious job at LIC, he humorously said, 'I was just selling 'death' being a LIC officer and now I offer the 'Life' Eternal through Jesus Christ to the people.'

This missionary-minded couple made all the sons to join the full time ministry. His elder son Dr. Shalom Devabalan and his wife are engaged in the translation of Bible. His 2nd son Jim Eliot was a MSW graduate worked for the development of Malto people group in Jharkhand. The third son Franco also works with World Vision at Kolkata.

Role in FMPB:

Bro. Patrick Joshua was a man personified of FMPB's ethos and values. He was a good administrator. Every week, he used to gather information about the financial status of FMPB. One of the missionaries shares, 'Even he had the habit of receiving his salary as the last person after verifying that all the missionaries had received theirs.' After his every field visit he used to handover a list of the needs of the missionaries to the finance department to be paid for.

He was a role model for servant-hood leadership. In the year 1970, during those pioneering years, meeting the financial needs of fast growing Mission from Indigenous funds exclusively was a very great challenge. But FMPB was already dedicated to Indigenous policy. At that point of time, a famous soft beverage company came to know the dedicated work of FMPB and wanted to offer a very large-sum from Overseas as donation. In the executive board, the matter was taken up for policy decision. After a lengthy heated debate on pros and cons the board decided not to accept the offer but to stick to its indigenous policy regarding finance. Finally the responsibility rested with the Treasurer to pay all the bills and missionaries' salaries. Bro. Patrick stood with that policy and commitment for three decades first as the treasurer and later as the General Secretary. He implemented that policy by personal modelling across the entire organization both among the staff and sponsors.

His Sacrifice & Investment for Kingdom-sake: He sold his own ambassador car and gave Rs.16,000/- to FMPB and never

owned a car again. When Mr. P. Sam, the then Coordinator of FMPB offered a car to him for his personal purpose, he sold it and gave to buy five motor bikes for the missionaries of FMPB. When FMPB was in need of Rs. 47,000/-, he gave away all the savings he received from Life Insurance Corporation of India [LIC] when he resigned from it in 1977 as a Development Officer after 17 years of service to this Mission. All jewels of his wife were also given for the needs of the Mission. His four children were studying at this time. Annan's dear wife Sushila stood with him without murmuring.

His wife Mrs. Susheela Patrick entered into glory on 16th August 1994 following the terminal illness of cancer in 1994, which was a great loss for him. His son Jim Elliot following the footsteps of his father served with EFICOR to eradicate the deadly brain fever (Kala Azar) in the Malto mission field and succumbed to it on 1.12.1994. When the death of Jim conveyed to him, he rose from his seat and said, 'Jim has gone to be with God' and sang a stanza of a Tamil song – 'Entha Soolnilyum avar anbinuntru ennai pirikadhu kathukolvar [which means God will not forsake in any circumstances].' His son's funeral was conducted in Bharharwa and buried there in Barharwa of Sahibganj district of the then Bihar. Bro. Patrick with his other sons and daughter had come for the funeral of his son. He said in front of the coffin of his son, "Jim was not dead, but sown and invested for the Malto people to know Christ." He never held back anything for the furtherance of the gospel even if it is his son's life. In spite of all these huge personal losses

Patrick pursued his call and saw the vast expansion of the mission.

He practiced simple-life style. He knew the teaching of Jesus on economics. He used to wear Khaki pants and white shirt. He took very simple food. He travelled mostly by second class sleeper coach in train. He learned to enjoy things without owning them. He did not own anything like a house, vehicle or a big bank balance. He developed a habit of giving things away.



Traditional house of Bro. Patrick Joshua, donated to FMPB

He even gave his own house at Idayankudi to FMPB and lived until his death in a rented house. He never keeps any gift received during the ministry for him. He used to give it to the ministry. He shunned anything that distracted him from seeking the Kingdom of God.

Being a B.D graduate from Serampore University, when there was a proposal to give him ordination, he refused it telling simply, 'I am not called for that.' Whereas because of his concept of Church mission relationship and his influence in the dioceses paved the way for most of the missionaries to get ordination in order to do the ministry effectively.

National Prayer Network:



Bro. Patrick is fondly remembered as a man of deep faith and commitment to the Christian missions. He continued to serve the Lord through the National Prayer Network after his retirement from FMPB and devoted himself to raising prayer warriors around the country by personally visiting and conducting prayer summits, encouraging, motivating and monitoring prayer movement across the nation. His impact, irrespective of the denominational identity was felt both within the Christian circles as well as in the nation. Despite his success and the widespread impact of prayer movement, he remained a humble man, stooping down to the lowest level to plead people to commit themselves to prayer.

His books on Prayer, Discipleship stand out among many. He has the written many Tamil songs in which the following are noteworthy - "Jebam Seididuvom Thesathin Kshemathirkai [Let's pray for the healing of our nation], 'Konjaththil Unmayayirunthal Aneharku Athihariyai [if you are faithful in small things, God will lift you up on many], Manithan Yarentru Ulakil Yaruckum Theriyathu [No one in this world knows what is human being], Satham Kettuu Sitham Seiyya Alaikirareh [God calls us to do His will hearing his voice], Yesu natha enthan nesa (Oh God who loves me), Sonnadai seibavareh (God who does what he has promised) are the

songs that still shake many people and Churches.

His last days:

His daughter Mrs. Sabine Paul took care of him during his last two years. She shares his last days as,

'Six years back my father developed Parkinson disease. During his last moments of life, he asked my daughter to sing songs. As she sang he pleaded for more and thus she sang about 12 songs. He started waving, as if he himself conducted the song during the singing. After the singing, he was just whispering something and when we listened to it, he just praised God, saying hallelujah, amen, thanks to God etc. and then he took deep breath and went to be with the Lord on June 17, 2020, in Chennai.'

His mortal remains was brought to FMPB Head – Quarters and kept from 7am to 5pm on 18th June 2020 and thousands of people paid their homage personally and through the TV and FMPB YouTube channel inspite of the lockdown due to the Covid 19. Then, he was buried at 6pm in the Kilpauk Cemetery with the hope of Resurrection.

He had unshakable faith in God's promises and he was not shaken by negative factors were his special traits. But above all he was a man who walked with God and whose sole purpose on earth was to do the bidding of his dear master Christ Jesus.

*'Well done, good and faithful servant!
Come and share your master's
happiness!' [Mt. 25:21]*

- INF: Mr. Fredrick Jeyaraj
[Younger Brother of Patrick annan]

As far as I'm concerned...

(Unique Principles of Bro. Patrick Joshua)

Bro. Patrick Joshua is a man of principles. It is no doubt that one can pursue research on his theology of life and ministry and can obtain Ph.D. Some of his unique principles are highlighted as follows -



God's love: is so wonderful

Is so high - we can't reach over it
So wide - we can't get around it
So deep - we can't get under it
Therefore we should never doubt on God's love.

Priority: God first - others next, Me not fourth or fifth but last.

Life:

Life is not just pleasure, but life is for a purpose.
Life quickly passes away. We grow old very fast.
People called us child, boy, man, husband uncle, old man - go away old man. So we need to spend our days meaningfully and carefully.

Therefore, do not spend your years in vain, but invest on people and for the Kingdom of God.

Four Stages before committing Sin:

1. Thinking level - Thought 2. Emotional level - Feeling – pleasure 3. Tension level - Struggle 4. Action level - Yielding to sin

One can escape sin upto first 3 levels. We cannot avoid evil thoughts roaming around our head but can avoid bad thoughts having nest in our head.

Towards Opposite Sex:

If a lady comes to you when you are alone, **be alert** you can consider her a sister, aunty, mother and grandmother and also discern whether it can be a devil. So, avoid appearance of all evils.

Character: Name, Fame and Popularity are just a shadow - but Character is Permanent.

Being Christians, to be followed:

All Christian should practice the following three things in life.

1. Rev. 22: 1 - Progressive holy life
2. Colossians 4:2 - Progressive prayer life
3. Genesis 22: 18 - Absolute obedience

Faith: God hears all our prayers, but answers to our faith.

Prayer: Prayer is lifestyle. **Prayer** is not like a gas stove, to burn until gas is exhausted. **Prayer** is fire wood - will quench after some time. Therefore, ashes to be removed and fire to be kindled often. **Prayer** should be made first - not last. People are tying the horse at the back of the Chariot and therefore life is going backward. Like, Horse (prayer) should be kept first and before everything. Prayer **event** should become **movement**. Every believer should give **tithe in timing** and pray daily. Pray and pray, persevere until you get it. **Intercessory prayer** is the God given strategy and the **only way to transform the nations**. Let God's burden be mine and ours!

'A playing man is called 'a player'; a driving man is called 'a driver'; swimming man is called 'a swimmer' tailoring man is called 'tailor' engineering man is called 'engineer' and a praying man, no doubt is to be called 'a prayer' itself.' Are we ready to be called as 'Prayer'? "Pray, Pray & Pray and become Prayer," "Soak India in your prayers" are the reviving terms for prayer.

God will not give everything we ask. If God gives everything we ask for, then we will not be interested to go to heaven.

Mission: Mission is the **bi-product of intercession** and not vice versa. So, give top priority for prayer (Luke 10:2).

Planning: Before planning meeting, we have to agonize in prayer in the presence of God privately inside and organize the system outside publicly.

Giving: Transactional giving - give and take - receive
Transformational giving - give, give and give away everything.

Humility: God is everything, I am nothing.

Fasting: Fasting is not hunger strike
Fasting is not hand twisting God
Fasting is humbling before God (Ezra 8:21)
Informing (expressing) our inability and interceding intensively, telling the need is urgent. By eating and eating people died, by fasting no one die.

Unity: Unity is more important than achievement.

Gift: When people give gift ask God if that gift is for you or given to you, to give it for others.

Pride: God is grieved, when people applaud or praise men because it is He who gives and does everything through grace including the next breath of life. So, do not let people praise you. Any desire for promotion, pleasures, riches or fame will quickly make one a servant of the 'Beast' (Rev.17:18).

Retirement: Growing old is inevitable but growing up is optional, so do not give up.

God permits - God is in control always:

When things go beyond our control and beyond our understanding, remember God permits and God is in control of everything. Job 42:2 "I know that You can do all things; no purpose of Yours can be thwarted."

Burn Bright like Hurricane Lamp:

Hurricane lamp will burn with kerosene, while all the kerosene is exhausted, it will burn bright and burst. Like that, we should also burn bright even if all our energies are gone and exhausted.

Death: We need not fear death, because God has designed already for everyone since the time of birth, from birth to death, everything is already computerized, in His software.

Let us follow his legacy diligently through which we can honour him and glorify the name of God.

Courtesy: Rev. M. Raj. National Prayer Network Ministries

Ministries during the lock down

In Odisha, at Rimuli field, during the lockdown, we asked God for a ministry. God answered our prayers on April 24th with a small number of children in our street, we started a badminton game and we played with the children. It was increasing in numbers day by day now around 36 children are coming daily. Through the game we taught everyday God's word to the non-believers' children.



- Morning 5 o'clock exercise and devotion and 10 am to 11am guitar classes taken in our house and evening film show every day conducted in our house so praise God for giving us the right time to share with them.
- We started some social services in our street like road repair and cleaning and conduct rally for stop of alcohol.
- We distributed biscuit, banana, water and mask to the migrated workers who are coming from Chennai, Kerala and Bangalore passing through our NH road. Labourers go every day to their native place like UP, BIHAR AND TATA via this road.
- When we started this social work, our panchayat leader came and donated 1000 rupees and many people

provided water, bananas and biscuit and one more beauty many youths voluntarily came to provide the food to them.

- Bro. Sankar. Odisha Missionary

From The Bottom of My Heart

About Bro. Patrick Joshua...



Many tributes are pouring in for Bro. Patrick Joshua, with words such as “Great prayer warrior,” “great leader of Mission,” “a humble sweet man of God” “a man on his knees weeping for the nation,” etc. and indeed he was all these and more. We have highlighted few of them that may be helpful for our spiritual life and for the glory of God.

A praying mother's child in an obscure small town became a pillar of Indian Missions. A Life Insurance officer became an agent for the Life Insurance in Christ. A John Hyde of our generation raised a lakh of prayer warriors across India.

- Mr. Ebenezer Sunder Raj, Former FMPB Field Director, General Secretary of IMA and Director of CIM

The words of St. Paul, “for I am already being poured out like a drink” [2 Tim.4:6], is suitable only to Patrick annan today. He had the perfect submission and ruthless loyalty – ‘He got the place in the list of ‘I have given up everything in order to follow Jesus.’

- Bro. Kingsley Arudothaya Kumar, Former Secretary, FMPB Communication Dept, Founder - Serve India Mission

The Friends Missionary Prayer Band was fortunate enough to have Bro. Patrick Joshua annan as its Treasurer and General Secretary for several years. He exhibited the characteristics of Joshua of the Bible in being positive and courageous. There had been times when his extreme simplicity made his co-leaders uncomfortable! **Thank God for this rare breed** which blessed this generation. “O God, give us many selfless and sacrificial leaders like our beloved annan!”

- Bro. R. Stanley, the Founder of BYM

For this great man of God, prayer was not merely a component of missionary endeavour, not merely a strategy for fruitful mission outcome but prayer itself was mission. To him, prayer is not a prelude to action or complementary to action but prayer itself is action.

- Rev. S. Sutharsan Thomas Jeyaraj, FMPB General Secretary

In the early days of FMPB, Patrick annan was closely working with Emil. The time Emil and Patrick annan spent more time on their knees than on accounts and planning for the organization.

- Mrs. Anandi Jebasingh, W/o Dr. Emil Jebasingh

He is a salt to this great movement, FMPB. He had a concern on the peace of missionary families. While dealing with the missionaries, he emphasized the word, 'givenness' [unquestionableness] quite often. He taught us to empathize with the missionaries, instead of seeing them as angels. He emphasized the balance between the movement, ministry and missionaries. He taught how to be a leader during the crisis in a movement. How deep and wide the crisis, he took it calm and quiet and just conveyed it to God. Although he did not give any answer during a crisis, his intention was that God would take care, why should we take the entire crisis personally. Let us also become salt to this great movement.

- Dr. Anand Samuel, Former President, FMPB

For a generation, he showed what it means to be a 'servant leader.' He was consciously building a generation of leaders who are courageous and not just brave, persistent and not just insistent, fair minded and not just broad minded. He understood the importance of prayer and fasting, as a key strategy for transformation of the nation. He was a great visionary and his vision was to touch the whole nation with God's Word and God's Values. Nothing short of this will satisfy him.

- Mr. John Samuel, Former President of FMPB

He can be called as Holy Man. He is a man with a difference. He is just like the prophets Elijah and Elisha. In FMPB, he is zealous, bold and an uncompromising in his principles. Next to God he is my spiritual father, guru, model, counsellor, pastor and the one who led me to walk in His ways. He made leaders and followers. I got the vision of reaching one crore people with Gospel through Him.

- Mr. Navaneethar, Gospel Ratham, FMPB

He gave his life as the purchase price for the Mission. He lived the prayer. Today, the ministry of FMPB spread across the world as Patrick annan gave himself as the corn of wheat. Wherever the people are spiritually sound and being motivated in mission in India, his prayer life and holy life are inscribed in all those places.

- Mr. James Dharmabalan, Vice-President, FMPB

Although he was soft spoken in his message there will be anointing. He toiled for the cause of Jesus Christ a lot [2Cor.11:22], although he never openly declared it.

- Bro. Mohan C. Lazarus, Jesus Redeems

His burden was the revival of our nation within this generation itself. Although, he might have felt it but he didn't see it visibly happening fully, but we certainly believe, it will happen in our time.

- Rev. Emmanuel Ranjitsingh, FMPB - Mobilization, Tamil Nadu & Pondy states

He became famous not through his preaching, but by his life style. He made many prayer leaders not just leaders and made many prayer movements. He disciplined himself for prayer in many ways. We cannot see such a person in this generation.

- Rev. Subburam, NPN

Faith is a spiritual law. Patrick annan proved himself as 'the one who competes as an athlete and worthy to receive the victor's crown by competing according to the rules' [2Tim.2:5].

- Adv. Dharmaraj, FMPB - Hon. Reg. Mobilization Sec., Anna Nagar, Chennai

He is a Commentary and Dictionary for Prayer. His update in his sharing from the platforms reflected passion for the unreached people which inspired many to be prayer warriors and commit for God's Mission.

- Rev. Dr. E.D. Raja Singh Elias, General Secretary, IEM

I have seen him praying for individual missionaries even during his travel in the crowded train by placing his fingers on their names. His oozing prayer burden even during a small conversation, made him tall enough to look for solutions. His appeal and efforts for people of different regions to gather for prayers always affected the thinking pattern of many.

- Bro. D. Augustine Jebakumar. General Secretary, GEMS, Bihar.

A generation that had been mentored by the leaders who were mentored by Patrick annan. For a people of next generation we want to commit ourselves which Patrick annan has set as a very high order. People of our generation will keep in trying the order he set before us will take to the next generation.

- Bro. Prem, FMPB - Hon. PG Leader, New Jersey

No doubt, we count his days in FMPB were the golden days indeed! This challenging life will be remembered in Church history.

- FMPB Friends from Kerala

We, the people of Nagaland are deeply touched by his tireless prayer life and passion for the mission when he first came to the State as the guest speaker for North Eastern State Mission Consultation meeting at Dimapur Nagaland in Nov.2000.

- Rev. Hutoi Achumi, Regional Mobilization, Nagaland.

The departure of Patrick annan reminds me of the cry of Elisha when Elijah went up in a whirl wind to heaven. (2 Kings 2:12).

Firstly, in Patrick annan's spiritual principles, a corporate dimension was very much visible. According to him, a shift from casual spirituality to serious spirituality will be helpful to scale greater heights in mission.

Secondly, he strongly believed that mission would be a corporate venture. According to him, a shift from simple desire to passion is an urgent need to win more people for God.

Thirdly, the principle of losing for God dominated in the life of Patrick annan. His concept of sacrifice was not simply losing but keeps losing. According to him, a shift from 'giving to God' to 'losing for God' will make a big difference in our mission.

Let's pick up the cloak of Patrick annan!

- Rev. I.K. Abraham, FMPB - Former General Secretary

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ECHOES OF EXPERIENCES

(with Mr. PATRICK JOSHUA ...)



Mr. Franco, the youngest son of Mr. Patrick Joshua:

He is a loving and caring daddy. He set high standard of life in faith. He used to say often, we should see a person as a whole; not just about a loophole of a person or a particular thing we hate on a person; but try to see beyond the negative side of the person. He became good friend to us. He used to lead us to the right path and to say, never lose the vision that God has given to you.

He prays extensively and he used to say often, 'pray, the nation is perishing.' When we share the challenges we face in our ministry and family, he used to say "Be Bold."

Ones he came to my house in Gujarat when we did not have a child for five years. The whole night he prayed alone, and said in the morning, God answered the prayer and you will be blessed with a child. He prophesized just plainly and went away. The very next year, God blessed us with a child.

He had always Kingdom Concern. When we demanded white rice and rasam during a family fasting prayer, he said, the nation is perishing and even if one person breaks the fasting, reaching our nation with Gospel would be delayed. He was a highly disciplinarian. He did not give up doing exercise, even while holding the walker and the catheter urine bag was hanging with slight blood stink. He never compromised even in the colour of his dress.

He was so sacrificial. He is the component of giving. He used to say give and give but do not bother whether you get back it or not. He kept all the biblical principles till the end of his life.



Mrs. Sabine Paul, the daughter of Mr. Patrick Joshua:

I want to celebrate my father's life. He was a legend and led an exemplary life. In God's Kingdom, there is no retirement that is what my father believed. He wanted me to shift to Chennai. He used to say, if you would not have come, I would have been bedridden. But, when we made remark about his rigid fasting and excessive travel, he never listened to us; he only listened to God.



Dr. Shalom, the eldest son of Mr. Patrick Joshua:

My daddy was a mighty prayer warrior. He told prayer is a fortress. The more we pray, the more we are protected from the evil plan of enemy. He taught us, prayer is a connection with God 24 / 7; therefore we can connect to God no matter where we are and which situations we are in.

He used to tell us, during FMPB executive committee meetings if there were arguments over certain issues, he would keep on praying to God and ask God to intervene. God would tell him what to say at that instance. He would then tell all the members of the executive committee. They would agree to his point immediately and everyone will become quiet.

He was a worldwide traveler. He visited 44 countries. He left a great impact on every person he met, even on total strangers. The love of God and the ministry that my dad had on this earth will continue to grow and will live on.

Perhaps, he alone practiced the ethos of FMPB fully

For the first time I met in 1984, and even at my first sight of him, I have seen the values of Jesus in Him. Whenever I met him, he used to say, "Go back to ethos." Apart from him, no one is worthy to say this word. I think, he only practiced the entire nine ethos of FMPB during his life time.

- Mr. C. Reginald, the President of FMPB

No Bank Balance until reaching India with Christ

If I recall correctly, in 1980s Patrick annan organized a simple life style conference at Bethel, Danishpet when he was the GS of FMPB and I too attended in which the participants decided not to have bank balance, not to own a house till India is reached for the Lord among many other decisions. He practiced what he preached throughout his life for which we are the witnesses.

- Mr. Jacob Reginald, Munnar

A saint without halo around his head



During our first visit to overseas countries for ministry, at Wimbledon in London, while tried to board train together in a train, I got into the train but he was left out. He does not know even the name of the place and both the tickets were with me and we did not have mobile also. It was not possible to pick him in back. After reaching Wimbledon, I just prayed kneeling on the platform, with tears. He just tapped on my back and stood there. He said, I just got into a train and slept and someone woke me from sleeping in the train and I got down in the place where you are. Only the Holy Spirit guided him to me!

In New York, one of my friends arranged a prayer meeting. While the meeting was going on, one of the participants died. He was taken to the hospital. We just continued the meeting and after one hour of prayer, the dead one came back, alive and shared his testimony. He said: "I died and was taken to the throne of our Lord in heaven by some Angels. Our Lord stood up to receive me. Suddenly two other men entered (pointing to us) just like these two here. They approached the throne and pleaded with the Lord to send me back to earth. They said to Him 'Lord there is great need for people like him, please send him back.' The Lord accepted and here I am standing before you."

What a miracle! If only Anna has not strongly told me not to tell this while he was alive, I would have shouted this incident in every promotional meeting thereafter. Supernatural it may sound. But these three incidents proved to me that this man – so obsessed with prayer – is no ordinary person but a saint approved of God.

- Bro. Hemachandran, FMPB - Former Asso-General Secretary

Face shone with God's Glory

Once we invited him to preach in a Sunday worship service. He came on Saturday evening itself. I went to see him at 10pm with the program list and saw that annan was praying under a picture of William Carey. I went and came back at 11.30pm, still he was praying and I sat there itself and unknowingly slept. He prayed in the whole night and woke me at 6.30am with a fresh look without any tiredness. His face was shining with God's glory like Moses. I felt the presence of God in his life.

- Mr. C.P. Selvaraj, Esther Enterprises, Bangalore

To attain holiness, he is ready to become even a beggar

After the death of his wife, he did not allow even the servant lady to come to his house when he is alone at home. He used to take only side berth in the train and praying throughout night. His strong conviction was, Intercessory prayer alone will change the world. He literally adopted the policy of emptying himself and his Bank balance was only below 1000 rupees. He used to pray, Lord, to make me holy, keep me even as a beggar.

- Rev. M. Raju, Former Field Secretary, FMPB

Walked on the road to Malto remote village

It was a chilly and windy night. Around 6pm some of the children of the Malto hilly village namely Guttibeda were running from the nearby jungle and shouting excitedly that the Madarasis are coming. To our surprise we could see Patrick Joshua Annan who was the General Secretary then. We had no idea that he was coming to the field. After the night meeting and the food offered by the villagers we were shown our bed inside a hut. Patrick Annan was given a coir cot with one shawl to cover and we three missionaries had mat with one blanket to cover. Till late night we could see that Patrick Annan was praying. Around 2'0 clock in the early morning, he called me and told, 'Thambi, it is little colder here.' Then I understood the cold is more than what Annan could tolerate. So, we offered the blanket to Annan which he refused for some time. Then, we convinced Annan that 'we being young and are able to tolerate this cold and we were also having some warm cloth to manage,' he accepted the blanket. I never imagined in my dream even that a General Secretary will walk into the Malto village and happily adjust to such uncomfortable conditions.

- Rev. John Berlin, Field Secretary, FMPB

Made of Same Fibre and Spirit!

"Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so? [Amos 3:3]. There are many things that are common between Patrick and me. We are made of the same fibre and God has put His Spirit in us. I have travelled thousands of kilometers along with him for more than 22 years due to ministry. God enabled us to set high standards for FMPB in the early days. We both always tried to maintain a balance between the personal and ministerial issues. We were together in forming a separate organization called, Nava Seva Mandal [NSM] to help FMPB in the area of social concern due to the uncompromising indigenous principle of FMPB. We involved in building rapport with bishops of many dioceses of North and South India and we played vital role in the integration of our younger Churches with the dioceses.

- Dr. Chandrasekar, FMPB – Former Vice President

Clarity in Church-Mission Policy

Patrick and I always believed, Church is the body of Christ and Mission is the arm of the Church. When new believers were to be integrated with the regular Church we did it very carefully and we used the word 'integration.' Some people mistakenly use the word 'handing over.' Because, our missionaries are the one who trained them and the newly trained believers were continued to be their pastors.

- Rev. Dr. J.T.K. Daniel, Former Principal of Serampore College & FMPB former Hon. General Secretary

He built FMPB as the multistoried building

He was a Mamanithar [Greatman]. He was the one who gave responsibility and equipped us. He trained us and raised the 2nd level of leadership and enjoyed the beauty of it, by sharing the leadership. He was the one who brought all in one umbrella for prayer irrespective of denominational identity. He laid the base for holiness in the family and in the movement. In this way, he built FMPB as a multistoried building.

- Rev. John Kirubakaran, Former General Secretary, FMPB

What a magnanimity!

In an executive meeting, 15 years ago, when we were about to implement a policy after reviewing and modifying it after a long discussion, Patrick annan stood up with folded hands, said, some years ago I did the mistake of not allowing this policy to be modified. He openly regretted for it.

- Mr. Samuel Nirmal, Former Treasurer of FMPB

Visionary who had seen the Malto Diocese even out of nothing

When I was working as a missionary in Northern Bihar, he came to meet us at Debricol. After the worship service along with the believers, at midnight, we were asked to stay in a hut with no electricity and toilet facilities; but full of mosquitoes. It was actually a hut to house their animals. We were not able to sleep there. Patrick Annan told us that the Lord had not given this place to sleep but to pray. So he shared the Word of God and drew our attention to certain vital prayer points. First and foremost, he told us to pray to God that a Diocese like Thirunelveli be established among the Malto. His vision became a reality today.

- Rev. Stephen Joyson, Lay Leaders Training, FMPB

Humility to a great extent

When I went to Danishpet for a planning meeting in late 90's, at lunch time, he was standing in a line; when He saw me, called me, gave his plate and place in the queue and went to the end of the line and stood there. I had no words to explain his hospitality and humbleness.

- Pastor Joy Benny, AP

Bought food only for me!

In one occasion when we travelled together to north India – his proactive gesture of getting out of the train in Jhansi platform and returned to the seat with only ONE plate of Poodi and Subji just for me alone humbled me to comprehend what servant leadership is all about. (He bought only one plate for me because he was fasting).

- Rev. Kaiser

No excuses in God's ministry

During nine years of ministry with him, sometimes I feel very tired after long travels. One day I told him that I have a headache so I am not able to come for the ministry. Annan said "Thambi take a small box and keep your headache inside the box and bring it along with you."

- Rev. S. Jebaraj, FMPB

Koinonia with unknown people

When I was travelling by bus along with Patrick Joshua in Bihar, in very crowded bus, people were falling on us. When I asked Patrick about this, he said with a sense of humour, 'this is the fellowship with unreached people. ['anniyoniyam' [Fellowship] with unreached people].'

- Rev. Dr. J.T.K. Daniel

Warm fellowship even during the cold season!

He designed a life-style for himself without copying anybody else. He had the discerning spirit and while visiting our houses at mission field, he felt the disturbances of the evil spirit and helped us to overcome it through prayer. During his visit in the severe cold season, he jokingly used to say, this is truly called as 'warm fellowship.'

- Rev. Prabhakara Sarathy, Secretary, FMPB - HQ

Pioneer Mission Leader to Manipur

Mr. Patrick Joshua was the first FMPB leader who visited Churachandpur, Manipur in 2002. He changed the mindset of many Christians here. We can well say that signing of partnership agreement [MOU] with Evangelical Baptist Convention 2007 and other organizations in the latter years was the result of his visit.

- Evangelical Baptist Convention, Manipur

Sleeping on floor with newly recruited missionaries!

In 1984, for the first time I attended Gideonite's camp at Dindugul. We stayed in a classroom of a School. To my great surprise I noticed that Dr. Chandrasekar Annan and Patrick Annan were sleeping on the floor on a mat in the same classroom along with people like me who were newly joined as full time staff. It made a great impact in my life.

- Rev. Dr. E. Rajan, FMPB

We are a Movement, not a dead Institution

In a missionary retreat which was held at Barharwa, Jharkhand, all the missionaries were staying in a dilapidated Leprosy Mission Clinic building, the food was cooked in the graveyard adjacent to it and all of us ate sitting in the graveyard. The meeting was conducted on the roadside under a Pandal. At that time one of the missionaries commented which organization will do like this. Over hearing the conversation Patrick Annan immediately responded saying, "That's why we are a movement Thambi, and not a dead institution". He taught me the simplicity by his life and his teachings.

- Rev. Kennedy Dhanabalan, Ex-Executive Director, EFICOR
& Executive Director Designate – Serve Afghanistan

Not an arm chair leader but a brave general

On 29th April 1988, during Patrick annan visit, severe persecution took place at Navagam village of Nandurbar mission field, Maharashtra. He stood along with our missionaries who were beaten black and blue by the persecutors. The shamiana was set ablaze. Patrick annan was tied to a pole and the persecutors were demanding a big amount of money for his life. Bro. Perinbadas' family, Bro. Packianatharaj's family and bachelors - Sarathy, Thiyagarajan, Paul Albert and a few more bore the brunt of arson and violence along with Patrick annan on that day. He was not just an arm chair leader but a brave general who led us from the front.

- Rev. N. Prabakar & Mrs. Mekala. FMPB



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Shanti Ramya Raju
Mr. Manjya Naik, Mr. Raja B
Mrs. Florence Doujapao
Mrs. Jebarani Ebenezer Sam
Mr. Ramesh Kumar
Mr. Krupa Rakshana Barre

Jammu

R.S. Pura:

**David Ayyanar &
Manpreet Kaur**

Praise: Two villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God gave a new way to reach people with the Gospel in this lockdown time and our believers came forward to preach the gospel to their own community. God helped us to conduct the Sunday worship and training programs through conference call. God enabled us to visit our entire believers' house after long lockdown. God delivered Ravi and Neha of Kotli village from the possession of the evil spirit. God healed Aradana of Agrachak from pneumonia. God delivered Deshraj of Kotli from alcohol addiction.

Pray: For a land to build a Church in Chak Harnia village.

For the safe confinement of Neha from Babelena village. For the deliverance of Janvi of Kadarapur, Sakunthala of Gangyal village from the possession of the evil spirit. For the healing of Shubam (19 yr old) of Kullian village from paralysis, Mukthyar Chand of Gangyal from kidney problem and Asha Devi of Chak Harnia village from cancer.

Himachal Pradesh

Anni:

**Donjapao Gnite &
Flawrence**

Praise: Three persons responded to the Gospel. Our believers Jeet and Arjun reconciled with each other through the counseling. God healed Santhosh and Virbhaur from the major fracture of hands and legs. Our believers Pooja and Arjun got good harvest of beans from their farms. Padam and Chandra were blessed with the 5th child. God delivered Muskhan from the possession of the evil spirit.

Pray: For the healing of Phula Devi Khekhhar from Bells Pulsy, as we conduct worship in their house. For our believer Deli who got struck at Nepal during this lockdown to come back safely.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Thawng Khan Kap
Miss. Kumare Bharati Mahadev

Rohru: Johnson Sankar & Jebarani

Praise: All our believers are safe by the grace of God. Road was laid for our missionary to reach his home, as there was no proper road. For the local evangelists – Vikki, Vinod and Sandeep and the volunteers – Vijay and Sharsingh to do their ministries effectively for the glory of God.

Pray: For the healing of our believers Raju from blindness and Harrish from kidney stone. For the safe confinement of Reena and Nisha. For the spiritual growth of Ruph Dhas.

Thanedhar: Vumbiak Lal & Nian Khan Man

Praise: Two villages namely Bamrori and Khuni were newly reached with the Gospel. Our believers Suresh and Shanthi after their marriage started their new life in Christ Jesus. Laxmi of Nagroan village, who is suffering from brain TB, is improving her

health after prayer. The children of our believers cleared their 10th and 12th exams.

Pray: Open door to preach the Gospel in Sathla, Khadahan, Jarol, Samthla, Kholigarh, Kumarsain and Baragoan villages. For the spiritual growth of our new contact of Kingal area who faces so many challenges. For the peace in the family of Bina whose husband has left her. For the spiritual protection of our youth believers as they are not either engaged with their studies or any other.

Believer brought new believers to His fold

In Rajasthan, at Ganga Nagar mission field, our believer Madhuri shared the Gospel to Madhu Nikita during the lockdown period. She believed in the Lord Jesus Christ and prayed for her husband Vipin. As a result he got a Govt. job and they started attending our worship service. They read the Word of God and grow in Him. God bless their family life and now they are very helpful to our ministry. We encouraged them to share the Gospel to their kith and kin as they received it.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Kalpana Mallick

Himachal Region: **Thsangse, Zuchano**

Praise: Eight persons accepted Christ as their personal Saviour and Lord. In Reckongpeo field Khayak singh family heard the gospel and accepted Christ. Inspite of lockdown we were able to conduct worship in Pancha and Kut congregation Jeori field and Kashapat congregation Rampur Field. Around 20 people are ready to accept Christ at Goancha village in Nerwa field. Inspite of unfavourable situation God helped us to do outreach in two new villages Baal Sanarali and Bural in Karsog field. Two villages in Rampur field and two villages namely Bamrori and Khuni in Thanedhar field were reached with the Gospel for the first time.

Pray: A big hall to accommodate all the believers in the worship center of Morrang area. For the salvation of Sunil from Sharkhuldhara village in Nerwa field. For the restoration of the backslidden believer Leela from Rampur field. God to bless

the wedding of our volunteer Karamchand's daughter.

Punjab

Jaitu: Chittaranjan Tandy & Tejaswita

Praise: Twenty persons accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. God protected our CV Kuldeep Singh whose vertebral column had been broken due to a fall. Peace prevailed in the families of Anju Kaur and Mukesh Kumar family, though they experienced misunderstanding for the last 8 months. God delivered Deep Singh and Pankshi from the clutches of evil spirit. God healed Ronki Singh of Jeetgel village from mental disorder.

Pray: For the healing of our believer Veerpal Kaur of Goniana from tumour in the uterus. For the repentance of Bobby, Babbu Singh, Neeta Singh, Mithan, Raju and Paul from the habit of drinking alcohol. For the new contacts Bishan Singh, Jagseer Singh, Rajendar Singh and Jogender Singh to accept Christ as their personal saviour. For evangelists for Jaito and Bazakhana sub center. To complete construction of Church soon at Gumbtikan village. For the spiritual growth of 15 believers who are getting ready to join the fold.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Mangaiyarkarasi
Mrs. Suvila Gnanappu

Barnala: **Krupa Rakshana & Shakena**

Praise: Three persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ. New families are attending House worship in Tapa area. In spite of the lockdown situation, our believers take all the efforts to encourage the other believers through the Word of God and prayers. God delivered Simran and Gagan from the possession of the evil spirits.

Pray: For the blessing of the wedding ceremony of our volunteer Reethu. She is very active in outreach ministry. For the spiritual growth of our new believers Reena, Rinku Raman, Ravi and Shail families. For the deliverance of Vimala and their relatives who suffer from the evil spirits.

UttarKhand **Bazpur:** **Shishupal & Anita**

Praise: Twelve persons came

to the faith in Jesus Christ and 5 villages were reached with the Gospel. Sunday service has been started in Rajpur Sub-center. Harwati, delivered from the evil spirit. Follow up ministry is going on smoothly in villages.

Pray: For the salvation of Kundan, Rajesh and Rajni. To start worship service in Banna Khera and Kelekshera. For the believers to take the Gospel house to house in the villages. For the deliverance of Sheela Kaur and Sundar from the evil spirits.

**When you pass through
the rivers, they shall not
overwhelm you!**

In Chhattisgarh, at Lakhanpur mission fields, when our missionary came back at night after a village meeting. He encountered flash flood on his way. Unknowingly, he tried to pass through it by his bike. In the middle of the flood, he realized the danger and asked God to help. By the grace of God neither the engine of his motorcycle did stop nor he was carried away by pulling currents. Glory to God.



Fasting Prayer Day

Happy Birthday

Mrs. Jyotsna Devi Prasanth
Mrs. Meshram Kalpana Narayan

Haryana

Haryana Region:

Bibhabai Pani & Bihika

Praise: Sunday service started in all the Churches. Follow-up ministry and Bible study are going on well among our congregations. New people group MIRASI is showing response to the gospel in Fatehabad field. Electricity connection was given to Oddhan Church. In Jeevan Nagar mission field, Suresh from Sirsa come to the Lord and through him many new people are coming to the Lord. Sunday Service started newly in Doredam village of Kichha field. Construction of three semi pacca Churches completed well in Maldhanchour field. Four new families who are our contacts are in constant touch with us over phone in Bazpur field.

Pray: To start Bible study and prayer cell in all congregations in this region. For lands to build Churches in Bhuna, Samiana, Abbasahar, Asir, Bazpur fields. Church elders to take the

responsibility of the Church affairs. New contacts to experience the touch of God in their lives. Land to be approved for Church construction in Fatehabad.

**Jeevan Nagar: Aliyakim
Jena & Deepika**

Praise: During the lock down period Suresh family was delivered from 100 evil spirits in Sirsa, now the whole family and his brother's family, totally 14 members confessed their faith in the Church. And this family is growing in Christ by reading the Word of God and witnessing to their relatives. God protected Ruchika, the wife of Sam sunder Evangelist of Dabawali sub center who had fallen from steps in her house and got hit in her head on the wall. God helped us to visit believers nearby in Sirsa, Dabawali and Rania in villages and many were encouraged.

Pray: For the favourable situation to preach the Gospel by visiting the villages as the village heads demand permission letter from heath authorities due to Covid Pandemic. For the salvation of the relatives of Suresh Family from Balmiki People group who show much interest to the Gospel. For the open door to have meetings in congregations and villages so that believers can be strengthened spiritually.



Happy Birthday

Miss. Sudharani Bhai

Ratia: Mintu Kutum & Subhra Bag

Praise: Six persons confessed their faith in Jesus Christ. God healed Malkit Kaur from paralysis and Punam Rani from typhoid. Peace prevailed in the families of Bindar. God enabled us to reopen and conduct worship services in the Church after almost three months of nationwide lockdown.

Pray: For the protection of all the believers who are cultivating in the field. For the healing of Vidya Rani of Digoh village from severe ankle pain, Simla of Sottar village from fits and Sukhman Singh, a 10 year old boy who is suffering from blood cancer.

Rajasthan

Anupgarh: Bodar Amrut & Suvera Martha

Praise: Three persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ. God enabled us to conduct Sunday services in Satrana, Samejakothi and 2 PGM villages. God blessed the Bible Study in Binjor and 13K Vijaynagar and Sakhi villages.

Follow up ministry was done in 20 villages and many of our believers were strengthened.

Pray: For a land to build a Church in Anupgarh field. For the salvation of Mahendra Singh, Satpal, and Babu Family. For the spiritual growth in Satarana congregation. For the healing of Paramjeet from boil, Omprakash from paralysis and Gurutej from wound in the stomach.

Rajasthan Region: Amir Kant Digal & Nirola

Praise: Fourteen persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ. Our missionary Selvam was discharged from the hospital and started walking with the help of walker. Our missionaries started going to the villages in order to do ministry after the lockdown. Our believers got good harvest.

Pray: For the progress of our ministry in the midst of this difficult situation. For the breakthrough among receptive people groups such as; Rai Sikh, Majbhi Sikh, Rajput, Od Rajput, Raiger and Nat among whom our ministry is going on. For Sikar field ministry which has been disturbed in many ways. More of local evangelists. All the hostel children to come back to hostel after situation become normal.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Moses @ Muralidharan
Mr. Narendra Bahadur

Uttar Pradesh **National Institute of** **Mission:**

Edwin Selvaraj & Cindu

Praise: Twenty two trainees are undergoing training (5 bachelors + 12 spinsters + 2 families + 1 married man). They learned Hindi, English & Old Testament, New Testament, Basic Christian Doctrines, Spiritual Formation, and Major Religions of India, FMPB Ethos and Statement of Faith. And now they are studying Anthropology.

Pray: Pray for the health of all trainees and staffs since Jhansi is also coming under red zone of Corona. For the availability of tutors who face hurdles due to the non-availability of public transports. One of the trainees Jingi is suffering from

rheumatoid arthritis for the past two months. For the leading of God to complete the program in time in order to send the trainees to the mission field exposure.

Bharthana:

Suresh Malto & Premlata

Praise: Two Persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 4 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Sunday worship started in four places and small group worship started in five places. God has given us precious time during this lockdown to read His Word and know Him closely and repent from every sin and do His will. Pratap Singh who is a retired Daroga of police Department attends our Sunday worship regularly.

Pray: Sunday worships to be started in Matirampur, Asatpur, Bidhuna, Gunoli and Nawlekapur. For the spiritual growth of the families of Kusma, Phoolsingh from Nangla, Pratap Singh of Bharthana, Satyanarayan of Ajitmal and the people of Morcha.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Andrews Jawahar
Mrs. Hepsibah Andrews, Miss. Vinothini
Mrs. Mahala Shilaben Pahujyabhai
Mr. Dependra Kumar Mandal Nayak

Bhundhelkhand: Rajadurai & Prema

Praise: For our home boys of Bhind who scored very good marks in their 10th English medium board exam. Ashish with 94.3% is the topper in the Good Shepherd Mission School, Bhind; Deepu scored 79.6% and Sonu 72%. Among the five girls four have passed. Our missionaries have started working directly and through conference call Bible study. Mr. Ram Milan has joined as an Evangelist trainee at Jalaun field. Our Lord enabled us to strike a strong deal to purchase Premnagar (Dabra) Church land. Mohanpur (Guna) Church is completed and is ready for dedication.

Pray: The Lord may give us wisdom to evolve new methods to share the gospel during the lockdown period of covid-19. The Bible study groups which are formed (55) in different villages through conference call by our Missionaries and Evangelists to

yield good fruit. For the daughter of our Missionary Mr. Satikant (Jalaun field), Sophia Grace to be healed from Sick-cell-anaemia. For the daughter of our Missionary Mr. Satyaprakash (Dabra field), Sophia to be healed from fits. Schools are conducting online classes but many of our hostel children do not have smart phones and other facilities.

Healing led to become a witnessing believer

In Haryana, at Maldhan Chour mission field, 45 year old Kamladevi of Bhogpur accepted the Lordship of Jesus Christ, one year ago. She had been suffering from skin problem and pus started coming out from her whole body. She went through many medical treatments and everything was in vain. And even some of her relatives forcibly took her to the magicians and nothing worked out. She was on the verge of death and this situation led her to mental depression. During our outreach ministry in her village, they called our missionary and local evangelists for help. They prayed and applied oil for her and within one week she was completely healed and the whole family accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Kamladevi's testimony helped many persons to turn towards Jesus Christ.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Josephin Sheeba

Field Office:

**John Berlin & Leelabhai,
David Ponding &
Santham, Samuvel Anand**

Praise: Small Group prayers were conducted by the Church Elders, Evangelists and missionaries. One of our believers from Devipur village in Lalmatia field (Jharkhand) lost 5 cows due to lightning during rain. But, the State Government has given Rs.80000/- as compensation. Thank God for the protection granted continually to all our missionaries and believers. Except one or two believers, all others are safe. In spite of lockdown and curfew in many areas, our missionaries were able to conduct outreach programs by various methods. The Lord was so faithful to meet all our needs in the field in the midst of so many obstacles.

Pray: For the change of present situation in our country so that once again our believers may be able to gather to worship like previous days. For the indigenization process to be adopted by all congregations in the Mission Field. For all local Regional Church Councils have to grow in three main areas:- 1) Self Administration 2) Self Support 3) Self propagation. For the health of all missionaries, especially pray for Mr. Deeptilal Malli (Cancer), Mrs. Arul Packia Bhai (Cancer), Mr. Selvam (recuperation after the operations). Moreover, pray that the Lord will grant normal health to Mr. Isaac Sam, one of our Casual volunteers who has Brain tumour (Cancer). God to bless all the efforts of our missionaries to have Bible Study Groups in all mission fields. Pray for the Mass Movement among the 'Mirasi' People Group. It seems the population of this group in Haryana is around 65000. For the protection of all missionaries and believers during this rainy season, especially remember those who are in Assom.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Sanmata Manohar Thane
Mr. Omprakash

Madhya Pradesh

Niwali:

OmPrakash & Sapna

Praise: Church construction work is going on well and 85% of the work is completed successfully. Situation is getting normal in the mission field to restart the ministry. God healed Sangeetabai from typhoid and Sunitabai from various kinds of illness.

Pray: For the delivery of Kundan Bhai from the addiction of alcohol. The couple Sai Singh and Babithabai of Khadiknam village to be blessed with a baby. Premilabai to be delivered from the evil spirit. For the healing of Tushabai of Nalianba village from chronic illness.

Bhind:

**Bimal Chandra Murmu &
Chhita Mani**

Praise: Nine persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and one village was newly reached with

the Gospel. God blessed the Bible Study program and many believers grew in the Word of God. Our new efforts of starting prayer cells among the believers give good results. Four persons from Jamuna village confessed their faith in the Church.

Pray: For the spiritual growth of the believers. For the deliverance of Sakhi Srivastar, Prema Gwail and Ruby Jadav from the possession of the evil spirits. For the believers of Gohad area to remain strong in their faith on Jesus Christ.

Pansemal:

Bhangsingh & Yemen

Praise: Five persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ in Panali village. Two persons received the Bible with much enthusiasm. After confessing the faith in Jesus Sapna Bai was not disturbed by the evil spirit and her family members also started believing in Jesus Christ.

Pray: Worship to restart in the mission fields so that new believers will not go astray. For the healing of Dharasingh of Ghatiya village from severe stomach problem and Vikas from asthma.

11 August
Tuesday

Happy Birthday

Miss. Mariyam Murmu

Jharkhand

**Amrapada: Benhur &
Mary Johnsy Rani**

Praise: Nineteen persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ. God blessed the new believers' meeting in Nargi village. God healed Phulmuni Baski of Babudhoha village, Bablu Murmu of Gogali, Paku Tudu of Darigapada and Maku of Morio village from brain malaria.

Pray: For the healing of Babudhon of Viawadi village from mental disorder. For the consolation of the bereaved family of Luki Kisku of Bathandanga village who died during the confinement.

**Damni: John Paul Harris
& Vimala Daisy**

Praise: The foundation work of the Church construction works at Kutamu and Gundegoda was done. God healed Mariam Malto of Danhati from burns due to fire accident, Esther Malto of Gundegoda, Suresh Malto of Pusrukudia Bimola Malto and

Charkes Malto of Tatagebitta from Malria.

Pray: For the repentance of Devadas Malto of Gundegoda village who has started practicing animistic activities. For the repentance of Rama Pahadia (witchcraft) of Tatagebitta village. Sunday service to be held regularly at Sena village. For Jalia Malto and his family members who are ready to confess their faith in the Church. For the backslidden believers Devadas Malto and Markus Malto of Kerukudia and Rameshwar Malto and Daniel Malto of Thamligoda who stopped attending the worship service. For Sundara Malto and Jeidev Malto of Bedogadi village who show interest for the gospel.

**Delivered from the
haunting of the evil spirit**

In Gujarat, at Selamba mission field, the son in law of Subhabhai was staying in the field. When he went to draw water from the well at night, he saw someone already drawing water from the well. He understood that it was not a person but some spirit. The same spirit disturbed him in his house also. When our missionary went and prayed for it, this haunting of the evil was stopped. Glory to God.



Happy Birthday
Mrs. Jyothi Mary Helen Mamgunta
Mr. Mathiyas Malto

Eastern Region Development: Johnson Rajadurai & Vinodhini

Praise: God enabled us to support 530 needy Malto people with food supplements. Government has come forward to support our people with My Garden project. All the children of Devagodda home and CDC are safe.

Pray: Suitable efforts to be taken to revive Malto Churches and Youth. Suitable livelihood program to be implemented for the survival of our believers in the Rajmahal hills. For God's provision for our efforts in integrated farm demonstration, tree plantation, horticulture etc., Government to support our believers in Natural Resource Development. (water shed, pond, land development, tree plantation, cattle breeding etc.). God to raise 500 cross-cultural evangelists and 100 missionaries from the Malto youth to reach out Jharkhand. For our

supportive staffs – Mesa Malto, Baida, Santosh, Budhunath, Joseph, Ruban, Joseph, Johan, Arun, Sunil, Beeme Malto to effectively serve for the Lord. For the healing of the missionary's mother who is affected with 90% block in brain artery.

Malpaharia Region: Hamuel Limma & Ritanjali Karada

Praise: Nineteen persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 10 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God protected Sony Rani from snake biting and she was unconscious for 3 hours. When the believers of Adali congregation prayed for her she became alright. New contacts in villages such as Gordi, Banskendri, Banspahari, Jolo who are coming to Church regularly. From Mohulpahari congregation some backslidden believers are coming to Church after counselling. Mangli Devi an old lady is newly attending Church and a young girl Sonia Kumari believes in Jesus.

Pray: For the malpaharia youth to be grown in the image of God. For the consolation of Sonoa Deherin who lost her husband. Regular bible study to be started in every congregation.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Gnanasekari John David
Mr. Ashok Nayak

Medical Ministry: Dr. Willset & Team

Praise: God enabled us to serve the people. In the month of May we could treat 782 patients. For the recent additions to our team. Stephan Malto (+2 incomplete) for Pharmacy data entry, Ebi Malto (+2) for Office work, Shanthi Ebi Malto +2 for Nursing Assistant, Marium Malto - Cook, Thomas Malto - Night guard and Shanthi Malto GNM Nurse. For the peaceful co-existence of different people group staff. Some very sick patients after healing join the Church.

Pray: For the hurdles to be removed from the hospital construction work. To accommodate the new type of patients and situations. Dedicated nurses to join with us, as we find it difficult to train staff in basic patient care, to give injections and take temperature etc. For the pending Government's certifications to be worked out soon. Need a dedicated person to run around do the work

passionately. Need a Pharmacist soon who is willing to take Jharkhand state registration. Planning to educate some local children in the Medical line. To find suitable candidates who stay faithful to missions.

Bhagaiya & Tinpahar: P. Jebakumar & Pon Latha

Praise: During the lockdown situations, many come to pray with us and 27 families newly show interest to the Gospel. Relief work was done for the people and the people who were benefited show interest to the Gospel. God enabled us to help our believers' families from the Oravan Samiti Fund. God delivered Sabia Ekka from the possession of the evil spirit for which she spent more than Rs. 4 lac for medicines and mantras and through her witnessing life many come to know the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Pray: For the repentance of the opponents of Gurupatti, Devanakudur, Vubender Kuhudur and Dibedar Kuhudur who spread rumours against Christians due to the Corona disease, as though it was brought by the Christians. For the salvation of the people who live in the villages namely Pathla, Didamansak, Dihuder, Mirdha, Nilmyakida and Koornadola.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Charles Chellakumar
Mr. Dhruvaraj Bebart

Littipada:

Vyasu Babu & Sowndarya

Praise: Regional Dhorom Sabha 2020 was conducted in Dumarheed village of Littipada field successfully without any hindrance and around ten thousand people gathered from ten fields and blessed with the Word of God. During Covid '19 awareness program, masks, dettol soaps and ration items distributed to the poor and needy.

Pray: For Suban Hembrom family of Pathria village as every year their family members are dying and they want deliverance and come to the saving knowledge of Christ. For the salvation of Radhamuni Madaiya, the wife of Sirilal Madaiya who is unable to leave the profession of selling alcohol. For the healing of Som Murmu from wound in the mounth, suspecting cancer and Loba Hemrom from cancer.

For the backslidden believers who come back to the Lord. Also pray for Maran Marandi to be healed from Kalazar, Lokhon Marandi from fits, Sanjli Soren from mental disorder and Bado Marandi from chronic illness.

Kaduwa:

Balaji Yesudasan & Jhansi

Praise: Four persons came to faith in Jesus Christ. God healed our evangelist Sunil Tudu from severe malaria. God protected Mukesh hembrom of Bontola Kusma from a major accident. As the Lord provided good rain, believers started the cultivation work in time.

Pray: For the spiritual growth of Rajapani, Bathan and Keirasol who show interest to the Gospel. For the believers of Jordiha village to overcome the situation of paying offering to the local deity. For the youngsters to overcome the evil habits during the lockdown situation. For the model life of Church elders among the believers. The children of believers to be benefited by the book distribution by the Government.

15 August
Saturday

Happy Birthday

Mrs. Hepziba Samuel, Mrs. Jhansi Robinson
Mrs. Magdalene Grace, Mr. Nijwm Muchahary
Mrs. Dulanti Reang

Dhamdamia: Dhrubaraj Bebarta & Pushpanjali

Praise: Eight persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ. For our small group leader Pormila Marandi from Joskuti congregation who is gifted with healing power from God and many people are coming to her and by prayer getting healing. Sunday services were started in all the congregations. God healed our believers Mr Suraj Hasda and Mr Porme Hasda from Bakudi Janum Tola from brain malaria. For the witnessing life of Sunil Maraya and Anil Maraya the Church elders of Chitria congregation who risk their lives during corona virus crisis time, visiting believers for prayer in their congregation bringing believers to His fold.

Pray: For the salvation of Manuel Minj who shows interest to the Gospel. For the healing of Jitu Hasda from Simljuri village who has lost his memory power. For the deliverance of Sima of Chitria village from the possession of the evil spirit. For the backslidden believers to be restored in faith.

Pathna: Kennedy Singh & Haoajm Linthoibi

Praise: Thirteen persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ. God healed Manuel Hembrom from fracture and Ramu Kisku of Kochpara Village from mental disorder. God enabled us to gather the Church elders to motivate them in spiritual life and ministerial activities.

Pray: For the blessing of forthcoming Church committee meeting and small group gatherings. New congregations to be formed in Bonidangal, Sirampur, and Khairabari villages. Congregations in Jhiktiya, Modikola, Taljhri and Amdanda to be strengthened in spiritual life. For the repentance of the opponents of the Gospel.

Sunderpahadi:

Deeprathna & Mithilesh

Praise: God healed Rani Kisku of Tassaria village from paralysis and Sonot Soren of Sagor village from severe pain. God enabled us to keep in touch with our believers through conference call and they were motivated in spiritual life in many ways.

Pray: For the successful completion of Jitpur Church construction. For the healing of Joseph Marandi and JisuMurmu from paralysis. For the growth of Samsi mission field that needs a lot of attention in order to yield fruits.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Mary Sebastine, Mrs. Beulah Rajesh

Bharharwa: Krishnan Kumar & Shanti Lal

Praise: Three persons namely Jay Prakash Shah and Annu and Usha Gupta started attending the Sunday service regular as God blessed Jay Prakash Shaw with a child through our prayer. People are responding to the Gospel when we address their issues Biblically in the context of Covid 19. Karan Kumar Das with his wife came forward to help us voluntarily.

Pray: For Taramuni Devi to be blessed with a child. For the salvation of Usha Devi, Santosh Ravi Das and Baby Devi, Jay Prakash, Annu Devi and Moti Lal families. For Jageshwar Ravi Das, Santosh Ravi Das, Gopal Turi, Shatrughan Ravi Das and Rajesh Ravi Das who are struggling to give up their habit of drinking alcohol. For the salvation of the people of Adaitukur, Padaria, NTCP Kendwa, Juhibana, Hastipara, Bonidanga, Majdeeha, Shivapahad, Jampur, Bishanour, Jeevanpur, Patodajheel, Mohanpur and Bindupara who heard the Gospel many times through various programs.

Ramgarh:

Timothy Senthil Kumar & Muthu Selvi

Praise: Ten persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 12 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Many of our believers have recovered from Typhoid, TB, Mental Disorder, Malaria and Paralysis. Our believers are attending Sunday Services in like 3am 5am and 6am enthusiastically.

Pray: For Abraham Murmu from Chorkata village who is facing opposition by his own village people since he confessed Jesus Christ. Many believers started the drinking habit due to the lock down. For the healing of our believer Surrender of Ronbaihar village from mental disorder.

Pakuria:

Ramesh Velraj & Pricilla

Praise: One hundred twenty five persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ. Our believers are blessed with good rain for their cultivation. God healed Sibani Tutu of Neemdangal from her death bed.

Pray: For the repentance of opponents of the Gospel in Bansbahadi area. For the 16 believers to be relieved from the case as they propagated the Gospel. For Saritha Hembrom who suffer from elephantiasis disease. For the healing of Suresh Soren of Bodgiari village from paralysis.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Ngai Thianching Hauzel

West Bengal

Ganagarampur:

Pramodkumar & Jashoda

Praise: God enabled us to visit the mission field after a gap of two months. God protected our believers Talku Hansda, Hisson Milon Hansda, Soniram Marandi, and Methukisku as they stranded due to the lockdown. God healed Tala Besra from mental disorder.

Pray: For Santu Soren to return safely as he was held up in Delhi during the lockdown. For the safety of our believers Nayan Hansda, Ramesh Murmu, Lubin family and Anando who are in the Pandemic Zone. For the spiritual growth of Santu Soren, Gobindo, Samuel and Bisnu. For the salvation of Muni Hembrom and her two daughters and family members. Lands to build Churches in Barilopa and Baliakhora areas.

Balurghat:

Haramohan & Susanna

Praise: Even during the lock down period believers were attending the worship at the houses. God healed Joseph from mental problem. God heard the prayers of the believers for the cow of Sukul from Amodpur village which was very serious and not able to eat or sleep and healed it.

Pray: For the protection of the missionaries and evangelists as they started their ministry village after village. For the opposition faced by Bhujju Hasdah and wife Putun Murmu of Jhadai village from their son as they accepted Jesus Christ. For Joseph, a new believer who faces opposition from his own villagers for accepting Jesus Christ. For the healing of our volunteer John Murmu from blood dysentery now and then. For the salvation of Milan Marandi from Samnagar and Soroj from Jhadai villages. For our volunteer Khoka to work effectively in his outreach ministry.

18 August
Tuesday

Happy Birthday

Mrs. Geetha Kenneth, Mrs. Melbin Regini R
Mr. Akhilesh Kumar

Tapan: Kingsly Livingston & Delphin

Praise: West Bengal Govt., lifted the lockdown partially and 25 believers are allowed to gather in the Worship service. 5 people are added to the Lord's fold. God healed Lukhi Tudu from dumbness, Swarup Hansdak of Nakdahar village from Epilepsy.

Pray: For Nakdahar Kacha Church construction work to be started. Documents concerning this was submitted to the responsible office. For the new believers to grow in spiritual maturity and lead a witnessing life. For the healing of Deepali Soren from nerve pain in her legs & hands after the confinement; Rimi Marandi of Hossainpur village from Jaundice and Pneumonia.

Chhattisgarh

Champa:

Rameshwar Dayal Nirmal & Madhu Kala

Praise: Two villages namely Korda and Ahilda were newly reached

with the Gospel. Bible study was conducted in Uraiha village and fasting prayer in Dongakohrod village. God helped us to learn Chhattisgarhi language. During the lockdown, we prayed with our believers through conference call. We have prepared power point program and some materials in Chhattisgarhi language.

Pray: For the keen contacts - Raghubir, Mohan, Akadasia, Mukesh, Ashok, Rakesh Sanju and Rakesh Ratre who found it difficult to give up their drinking of alcohol. For the healing of Santram of Tuman village from blindness, Manharan of Pachpedi village from Fits and Manoj kumar of Matiya village from mental disorder. Need of hostel for Satnami's children, in Pamgarh. The hindrance to be removed from Uraiha village to get the Church Land. Our believers Vinay, Jayprakash, Pardeshi, Balram Patre to get suitable jobs in their state itself. Mass movements to take place among the receptive people Groups namely Satanami, Sahu, Painika, Yadav, Nisad, Rohitas, Suryavansi, Devangan, Kashyap, Patel, Sabaria, Dangchagha, Kumhar, Kahar, Dhobi, Nai, Devar, Sarthi, Korwa, Oraon, Rathia, Demarand Pandit.



Fasting Prayer Day

Happy Birthday

Mrs. Susama Haramohan
Mrs. Sushmita Singh

Katghora: Ditungbou & Sanalung

Praise: Seven villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God helped us to conduct our evangelists training program successfully. After many days of lockdown God helped us to conduct a fasting prayer program with our believers at Raha village. We were able to visit most of our believers after a long period of lock down. God helped us to do outreach work in seven villages. We have distributed Masks and Sanitizer to all our believers in all congregations. God healed Bandhan of Sapalwa village from knee pain. Worship started newly in Beisemer village. God helped us to conduct an outreach bhajan in Pachghar, Satrega and Jurali villages. God protected Ritu from lightning although her dress burnt from her waist to leg.

Pray: The following families to be blessed with a child: Santosh and Nandani, Vishnu and Santoshi, Ramkumar and Rambai and Sampat and Chandni. For Mr.

Kartik Tirkey of Amapani village and Mr. Manbharat of Beisemer village to stop their drinking habit. For the blessing of the program in Baisemer village, and God to help us to get new contacts during that time. For the open door to preach the Gospel in Danikundi, Jurali, Pachghar, Sighya, Satrega, Dumarkachar and Ajgabahar villages.

Gharghoda: Kingsley Issac Johnson & Meena

Praise: Nine persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ among whom 7 persons are the first fruits from Sithar people group background. God enabled us to restart the worship services in many places of the mission field. God blessed the Bajan program in 12 places. Thigram Sahu, one of our volunteers gave Rs. 30,000/- as tithe offering.

Pray: For the salvation of the people groups such as Rattia, Sithar, Sarathi, Chouhan, and Sahu. Our ministries to be extended in Thamnar, Lailunga, Shimkir, Saalkarsia, Raikat and Tharamkeikat places. For a prayer room to be built in Sargoda area. For our volunteers Digram Sahu, Sanjyog Sahu whose families to come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

20 August
Thursday

Happy Birthday

Mr. Israel Daniel, Mr. Emanuel Murmu
Mrs. Neeru Ben Soma Bai

Lakhanpur & Ambikapur:

Arun Kumar & Sarathi

Praise: Believers themselves pray to God with faith for their need and praise God in honouring their faith. All the meetings were conducted as usual without any opposition and hindrance. All the stranded believers reached their home safely. Our evangelist Balveer was healed by God. God blessed the people with good rain for cultivation.

Pray: For the healing of Dilip Minj from cancer. For the spiritual growth and holy life of our young believers. Due to heavy rain, the day to day works of the people should not be affected and there should not be spreading of disease.

Ludeg:

David Masih & Nisha

Praise: One person came to the faith in Jesus Christ and six villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God strengthened the faith of our believers through many miracles. God healed Sunny Ram, the father of our evangelist from throat problem.

Pray: For the healing of a girls who is the relative of our Church elder as she is suffering from Corona disease, the mother of our evangelist Elisu Toppo from burning sensation and Peter Tigga from multiple sicknesses.

Pali: Robinson Hasdak & Jhansi

Praise: During lockdown believers received sufficient ration. We could visit our believers and encouraged them during the time of lockdown. Sunday worship and fasting prayer conducted regularly with conference call. Bible study conducted regularly.

Pray: For Mungini wife of our key believer Ganesh in Khudiya to accept Jesus Christ as her Savior. To restart the worship in Chirpani village. For Harivati from Salgi village who is the only person who accepted Jesus, pray that all her family as well as village people may come forward to accept Jesus Christ. For Bhagwan Singh and Suresh family in Gond Kanchanpur and Phaguram in Hardi village to confirm their faith in Jesus Christ. Following people are part of our worship and expressed that they will be joining the Church soon, they are : Swarat Singh (Khudiya village), Sitha Ben (Khudiya), Drapaudi (Khudiya), Manoj (Majhgaon), Nirjola (Majhgaon), Rajan (Majhgaon) Mamatha (Majhgaon), Ganesia Chirpani) Isa Ben (Saraiha) and Iswari (Saraiha).



Girls Hostel, Pathalgaon:

Laulin Bhuinya & Kiren

Praise: Five believers are getting ready to join the Church. Our hostel children who did their 10th and 12th exams got pass.

Pray: Hostel building work to be completed soon. Hostel land disputes to be settled amicably.

Pathalgaon: Balamurugan & Anbumalar

Praise: Two new believers joined in Tatanagar and Pulsari congregations. In two new villages namely Sukpara and Katgona where we have open doors for the Gospel. God helped to preach gospel there and they are responding well. God enabled us to conduct Church elders and soul winners camp in two congregations namely Balupakna and Tatanagar.

Pray: For the repentance of the opponent of Gospel in Ammanara congregation. For the healing of Neela of Pakridap village from mental disorder and Sampati

Ratiya from Dumerbavana from chronic stomach problem.

Rajpur:

Dina Dhana Valvi & Shalila C. Bhusare

Praise: One family accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and Lord. Four villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God delivered Prem Mave from the possession of the evil spirit. The children of all the believers actively attend the worship service.

Pray: For the healing of our believer Mulo from cancer. For the new believer who face opposition from his neighbours for accepting Jesus. For the spiritual growth of the believers.

Sitapur:

Padvi Somalia & Mahal Sujla

Praise: Nine persons accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour and 6 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. God blessed the soul winners program for the believers.

Pray: For the blessing of all the upcoming programs, especially follow up ministry. For the Church construction to be completed soon.



Odisha Keonjhar: Samuel & Havilah

Praise: For the believers who themselves built the kacha Church for Handiponga congregation during the lockdown. For the new families who accepted Jesus Christ from following villages - Bambari 8 families, Phuljuar 4 families, Bangurdi, Kuradhara and in Handiponga 2 families. God healed Visal Munda from mental problem.

Pray: For the healing of Ramsingh of Bambari village who faces some opposition from his own people and they cast a spell against him. For the unity and cooperation among the believers of Bambari congregation who are planning to construct kacha Church. For our new mission field Rairangpur where we plan to concentrate in 4 blocks namely Bahalda, Tiring, Jamda, and Bijayathala. For the believers of Lumbira and

Kathisoren who face opposition from their villagers as they accept Jesus Christ. For the healing of Namuni munda a 10 year old girl from tumors in the knee bones in both the legs, Pradhan Munda and Goma Munda from T.B and Suma Munda, Gurbari Munda, Sonami Munda, Nabitha Munda whose heads are becoming soft like new born children.

Angul:

Pratyush Nayak & Leona

Praise: God healed Sabitry Mirdha from severe knee pain, Susanta Munda from chronic fever, Susanta Gochhayat of Antulia congregation from cerebral Malaria and Viru Gochhayat from boils.

Pray: For the opposition faced by Gopo Gochhayat of Redakhol village from his villagers for accepting Jesus. For the healing of our evangelist Sudhansu Digal who is suffering from swelling in both legs. For our evangelist Sudhansu of Bishnu, and their families and our volunteer Bipin Behera to be empowered by the Holy Spirit to do their ministries effectively.



Happy Birthday

Mr. Ramamuni JBV Prasad
Mr. Venkatesh Waddar, Mr. Ashish Kumar
Miss. Subasini Murmu

Dhenkanal:

Ganesh & Sumathi

Praise: God enabled us to do house visiting every day in believers' villages. 17 came to the faith in Jesus Christ. The wedding ceremony of our Casual Volunteer Jamadhar Laguri went on well in spite of so many oppositions and challenges.

Pray: Our believers who started the cultivation work in time to get good harvest. For the Karadagadia Church construction work to be started soon as it was stopped due to lockdown. For the safe confinement of our evangelist's wife Pragyan Singh.

Jashipur:

Sukinlala & Jayarani

Praise: Sunday Worshipers started in all congregations. God enabled us to do relief work among people suffering due to Covid '19 pandemic.

Pray: For the health and study of our Chakidi hostel children

who have many challenges due to the spread of Corona virus. For the opponents of the Gospel in Simplipal area. For good rain to start cultivation work by our believers. Peace to be prevailed in the family of Dhasorathy Hembrom. Electricity to be provided to Chakidi hostel without any problem.

Pallahara:

Basudeo Malto & Basanti; Chandru Dasar & Shakuntala

Praise: New strategies were discussed with the evangelists and implemented in order to do the ministry effectively during Covid '19 situation. Sunday Service have begun by maintaining social distances. Many confessed their faith in the Church at Kontanadi area. God enabled us to finish the admission process in Pallada Hostel.

Pray: Our new believer Gopi Naik to be strengthened in the faith of the Lord overcoming threats of witchcraft. For Sahadev Juang to do the among his own community with much burden. For the five new persons who accepted Jesus Christ to grow in their faith in all circumstances. For the salvation of Basu Juang of Mamalaposhi village who shows interest in the Gospel.

24 August
Monday

Gujarat

Selamba:

Yesu Babu & Usha

Praise: God protected our migrated believers from Covid 19 during their stay at Surat and Vadodara. During the lockdown, our believers followed the social distancing rule in the worship service.

Pray: For the future of our hostel children who do not avail the facility of Online Classes, and destined to study in the houses itself with the books given by the Govt. For the believers who are waiting for the rain to cultivate their lands. For the healing of Kebuben from thyroid and Nirmalaben of Chuli village from Sickle cell.

Tapi:

Markus Malto & Sara

Praise: God helped us to conduct Sunday services at four places. All believers' families attended the Church service and followed guidelines to safe-guard from this pandemic. God blessed chain of prayer with local evangelists and many started growing spiritually.

Pray: For the believers' families who have not joined in Church

worship during last few weeks to attend when lockdown is being lifted up. Need of rain for cultivation work. For the healing of Amruth Bhai who is still unable to speak after heart operation, during lockdown he didn't go to hospital which put him in sufferings.

**Choramba: Ramesh
Christian & Rachel**

Praise: Fifteen persons who heard the Gospel show interest to it. Believers' children Elisha, Nita, and Asha, Deepika, Ashmita, Vishva cleared 10th and 12th exams with good marks. God healed Mrs. Sunita of Moritha village from elephantiasis disease.

Pray: For the salvation of our new contacts - Rohit, Sangeeta, Seta, Boomi, Disha of Kimdugara Mukesh, Nisha Elisha and Elish. For the opposition faced by our believer Devjibhai and his wife Babaliben from his son Jeevanbhai family for accepting Christ. For the healing of Reenaben from tumour in stomach, Chhanibhai from paralysis, Devajibhai from burning sensation in his body, in Fulvadi and Kimdugara villages. For the healing of new believer Rajubhai's Daughter Ravina and Damuben from fracture in right hand. For the necessary finance to our suwartik Ravajibhai to build his house.



Happy Birthday

Mrs. Esther Abraham, Mr. Sathyappa
Mrs. Poorani Selvam

**Dadra Nagar
Haveli**

Silvassa:

**Akhilesh Kumar &
Kiren Devi**

Praise: During the lockdown we were able to do Lord's ministry without any hindrance. Last month one of our evangelist families and five believers were kept in quarantine for 14 days but Lord saved them from corona virus. God delivered Veerubhai from Falandi village who was suffering from satanic problem and was coughing during the last two months. When we prayed for him one poisoned stone came out from his mouth. Our evangelist and believers' children have passed in 10th and +2 exams with good marks.

Pray: For Khanvel area is sealed due to corona patient and non believers are creating problems

to conduct Sunday service. For our catechist Lakhanbhai from Galonda village who is suffering from teeth cancer for the last four months. For the new believer Dheerubhai from Silli village who is suffering from tongue cancer during the last two years.

Maharashtra

Chalishgoan:

Timothy & Mamatha

Praise: One village was newly reached with the Gospel. One family from Dhasegaon came into contact newly with our ministry. God enables us to conduct youth meetings, Sunday services, fasting prayers, women meeting believers' training and other meetings regularly.

Pray: For the deliverance of Ardik from the possession of the evil spirit. Lands to build the Churches in Bhahal, Hirapur and Bhorus areas. New worship groups to be started at Dhule Shiroad village. For the believers who are in Nagad and Shiroad villages which were sealed down due to Covid '19.



Fasting Prayer Day

Happy Birthday

Mrs. Cindu Edwin

Mr. Gamit Emanuel Kiranbhai

Dhadgaon: Ramesh Babu & Hima Bindu

Praise: Eight persons came to faith in Jesus Christ and 3 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. For the salvation of 6 families in Chisadikadi village who heard the Gospel enthusiastically. God blessed the outreach program in Akrani and Chisadikadi villages. God delivered Kishan of Umkli village from the possession of the evil spirit and his family worship the Lord Jesus Christ.

Pray: For the Church elders to take leadership of the Church. For the successful completion of Goradi and Umri Churches. For our believers Prasanna, Aruna, Padma, Ribka and Ashvini to be blessed with children. For the peace and amicable settlement in the family of Kavitha whose husband left her five years back.

Khandesh:

Vincent Raj & Mary

Praise: God enabled our missionaries to continue

the construction work of the Churches in Viatave, Petle, Malpur, Ambapani, Vadgoan, Kumbhri, Goradi, Godumangali, Vettlibari, Bokhda, Bhadwad, Thel and Mattiyabari in the midst of Covid-19. Kitchen, Store room, Dining Hall and security guard room construction in Taloda home is progressing in the midst of lockdown. In villages, believers continue to glorify His name in their homes. Backslidden believers have been restored in their faith again in Molgi area. Disputes among the believers at Vitave Church solved amicably. New prayer groups have been formed in Rajpur and Kazipur villages. 5 new families have come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ in Nandurbar field.

Pray: To get suitable masons for the construction of Vettlibari Church. For the opposition to be wiped out in building the Church at Bogkhda. For the consolation of the family members of Vasanth Malsing from Sadari village who passed away. Some anti-social elements are using this opportunity to entice the believers to make them drink alcohol telling them that it is like a vaccine to protect from covid-19. For the healing of the daughter of Church elder in Petle area who was paralyzed due the fall and the doctors gave up the hope.



Deccan Region: **Vijayan & Jebarose**

Praise: Sixty six people came to the faith in Jesus Christ. God enabled us to form 12 small groups in fields in order to conduct Bible Study and regular worships due to the present crisis. God blessed the fasting prayers conducted in 11 places. During the believers' camp, 'Church day' of the congregation at Petathada was conducted for the glory of God.

Pray: For the believers and evangelists to grow in the Lord Jesus Christ through the small group fellowship. Church elders to take care of their congregation both spiritually and morally. For the healing of Vandana Uike from paralysis and Vathie and Musi from mental illness. For the conviction of our brother who left our ministry but creating a lot of problems to our ministry.

Karnataka

Khanapur:

Vinayraj & Shantha

Praise: God delivered Parvathi, the wife of Krishnappa from the possession of the evil spirit. God healed Rudrappa and his grand children from severe sickness and Naveen, the son of Sanju from chronic fever.

Pray: For the development of our ministry in Khanapur congregation. For the safety and spiritual life of the Kasamalgai congregation whose prayer hall is under the quarantine.

Siddlagatta:

Kishant Limma

Praise: God fed all our believers and met even their every need during the lockdown. God healed Gandami of Madiwala village from chronic illness and two of our believers from corona epidemic.

Pray: For the spiritual growth of the believers by learning the Word of God and depending God through prayer. Our believers who lost their job due to this crisis to get the suitable alternative job for their livelihood. For the salvation of Ramesh of Chudhanahalli as he shows interest to the Gospel.

28 August
Friday

Happy Birthday

Mr. Edward Jebasingh
Mrs. Vasave Sunita Vechya

Hubli Region: Sunil Data Kara & Meenakhi

Praise: Eight persons came to the faith in Jesus Christ and 4 villages were newly reached with the Gospel. Believers from Shirahatti field started prayer cell in their area and praying every day. Dr. Basavaraj given Room for conducting prayer although he is not a believer, but experienced the healing touch of God when his daughter was suffering from dengue. 7 persons joined the Church by confessing their faith in Jesus Christ in Shiggaon field. God healed Supriya of Gajendragada field who was suffering from deficiency of white blood cell.

Pray: For our believers' children Stephen and Nisarga who prepare for NEET exam. For the deliverance of Savitrai of Shirahatti field and Saroja of Mundgod field from the possession of the evil spirits. For spiritual growth of the 30 believers of Mundgod field who are getting ready to join the Church. Our believer Gourava to get Govt., grant to build her house.

Murderer became man of Protection

In Odisha, at Rimuli mission field, in a village called Mangalpur our missionaries screened the Jesus Film. More than 300 people watched the Jesus film and there was good response from the people. All of a sudden a man called Sunaram Munda came in the midst of the crowd with his bullock Cart and stopped and came to us for prayer. He did not have good name in his village and everyone who saw him thought that he would create some problem. During the prayer to him, he was disturbed by the evil spirit and shouted telling that he would kill many in his family. Our missionaries did not give up praying for him and finally all the evil spirits were chased out from him and he was alright. The missionaries left that place praising God for his wonderful deeds in the ministry. On their way of returning, they met with a small accident and three believers got small injuries. They saw Sundaram Munda's bullock cart in a little distance and when they asked for his coming to that place, he replied that he wanted to protect them from the elephants as they cross that area and helped them to reach their homes safely. Yes, God can change even a murderer to protect His own. Amen.

29 August
Saturday

Andhra Pradesh

Kuppam: Paul Kuppusamy & Shyla

Praise: One person accepted Jesus Christ as her own Saviour. Continuously Chittoor district is in Red zone and Kuppam town became containment zone for Covid 19, but so far God protected us and all our believers in our mission field from Corona virus. In the midst of containment area, all Sunday services were conducted by conference call and all our believers are participating eagerly. The marriage of our believer Sugumar and Sathyapriya from Mallanur, and Kamal and Subhasini from G C Palli, were conducted successfully without any hindrance during this lockdown. We started new worshipping group in Kuppiganapalli and 40 new people gathered for worship, Ganesh opened his house for worship and he is responding well to gospel. God gave healing for the missionary's son Pranith

from scrotum operation and lungs infection.

Pray: Kuppam became containment zone and positive cases are increasing even in the villages. For the new worshipping group at Kuppiganapalli to grow in faith without any hindrance. Our believer Mary to get job in Anganavadi. Believers to be strengthened by God and live closer to God even though they are far from Church. For the safe confinement of Beulah and Nandini.

God is mindful of mentally retarded too

In Chhattisgarh, at Lakhanpur mission field, our Church construction work is going on in Bhahatpara village. During that time, quite often a man called Loganathan was roaming around without dress due to mental problem. He became problematic and shame to the family members. His family members invited us to pray for him to get healing from the mental disorder. Along with the believers we prayed for him and God healed him completely and all his family members show interest to the Gospel.

30 August
Sunday

Madanapalle: Venkatesan & Sasikala

Praise: We were able to see our believers and the new people who are longing for the fellowship of God's servants. People from Pitavandlapalle village called us for prayer fellowship. Last year we shared the Gospel through the Gospel team and conducted fasting prayer in the village, our God answered our prayers as we prayed for that village. They called us like Macedonians to conduct prayers. A prayer cell was started in Tekulapalyam and every Sunday they are gathering at home for prayer. Daily at night they have made it a practice to pray for general concerns. Even during the Lockdown period God helped us to do follow-up ministry in 5 villages. Children class was regularized in Dandoluru village, which was stopped due to the Lockdown situation.

Pray: For the healing of Salamma who got fracture in her hip and she is unable to walk.

For our ministry should not be disturbed due to the Covid '19 since Govt has some restrictions to allow people going from Madanapalle area. Pray for the consolation of Dheena Kumar family who lost their only daughter who was a brilliant girl and preparing for civil exam. For the first time 30 new people listened to the word of God and they should accept Jesus Christ as their personal savior.

Lost and found and riot stopped

In Jharkhand, Masalia mission field, our new believer Ganga Tudu's son Mukesh Tudu was lost while returning from the prayer group at night. The whole villagers came against our evangelist who invited him for the prayer. They created so many rumours in connection with the missing of this boy. The whole village was in chaos. All the believers gathered in a room and prayed for the arrival of Mukesh Tudu. After three days of prayer, he returned home and the evangelists and the believers got relieved from the hands of the angry villagers. Our God is our refuge and strength.

31 August
Monday

Happy Birthday

Mr. Christopher P.G.
Mr. Balaji @ Yesudhasan
Mr. Ranjan Khasala

Damalacheruvu: Prasanth Meesala & Rupa Kumari

Praise: Two Villages Erriganipalli and Irruvaram were newly reached with Gospel and 10 families heard the Gospel of Christ Jesus. Bible Study Groups were encouraged in 4 places namely Ramapuram, Errehpalli Goduguchintha and Damalacheruvu. After the lockdown, Sunday Services have been conducted at Damalacheruvu Church, Patoor Church, Ramapuram Church, Valligatla Church, Goduguchintha Church and V.Kothur Churches. God healed Venkataramaiah of Erriganipalli from Heart Problem and Ramesh of Damalacheruvu from Paralysis.

Pray: For the open door to enter into the villages with the Gospel as the restrictions are increasing due to Covid Pandemic. For the protection of our evangelist's family who live in Puthalapattu area which has been announced as Covid 19 Red Zone. For the salvation of the family of Venkataramaiah from Potukanuma

village, Lokanatham family from Erriganipalli village, Purusotham family from Goduguchintha village and Doraswamy family from Irruvaram village.

Searched for chicken but got Christ:

In Jharkhand at Malpaharia region, in a village called Gordi, there is a man named Kashmir Dehri who suffered mentally often. Recently he became mad and his behaviour became much abnormal. As usual they approached many for recovery. One magician guided him to buy many things for Pooja. One item was country chicken with specific colour. Wife of Kashmir Dehri went in search of chicken to a village called Chainpur. In Chainpur somehow she went in search of chicken to our believer's house. When Kashmir Dehri's wife asked for chicken, our believer enquired, why do they need chicken? Kashmir Dehri's wife told chicken is to give sacrifice for their village deity so that her husband would recover from madness. Our believer in Chainpur said, no need to buy chicken, we will pray for the healing of your husband. Then prayer was offered for Kashmir Dehri. God answered the prayer and did miracle by healing Kashmir Dehri from his madness. Kashmir Dehri now believes in God along with family and attends the Church. Praise God.

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