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Theme for 2009

*Suffering for the Gospel*

2 Timothy 1: 8

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## After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord

Our dear prayer partners,

I am sure you are aware of the passing away of our dear *Annachi*, (elder brother in Tamil) Rev Dr Theodore Williams on December 29, 2009. This is an irreplaceable loss, not only for us in IEM but also for the Church at large. He was a great man, a servant of God, and the Lord accomplished His Mission through him nationally and internationally.

I spent much time looking after him in the hospital. He mentored me. My wife Mercy and I are grieving over this personal loss. Memories of him will remain fresh in our minds till we leave this world. The funeral took place on December 31 and we hope to meet him at the Resurrection.

On New Year's Day, I was gripped with an undesirable but natural fear of the future and had questions in my mind. However, I prayed that the Lord will encourage me. My pastor spoke on the life of Joshua, "**After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, it came to pass that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant...**" (Joshua 1:1)

We need to move forward with the Mission God has entrusted to us. The Bible records that Moses was an extraordinary, faithful and humble man, more than all men on the face of the earth. (Numbers 12:3) Probably Joshua would have felt, "we need to keep moving on... but we do not have the servant of the Lord with us." Moses was called by God to be a leader and initiator. He was vested with exceptional talent and ability. He was God's mouth piece to the people. ("You shall speak all that I command you." Exodus 7:2) Joshua might have despaired saying, "How can I do this without Moses?"

The Lord continued to speak to Moses' successor as well. He is no respecter of persons and no one is indispensable.

**The Lord spoke to Joshua.** The Lord continued to speak to Moses' successor as well. He is no respecter of persons and no one is indispensable. How was Joshua encouraged after he lost his leader? I see 4 specific orders given by the Lord to Joshua.

### 1. Arise, go over this Jordan.

(Joshua 1:2 “Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan.” The mission cannot be accomplished if we are not willing to move on. The Lord reminded Joshua and ordered him to “Move on.”

“Moses has finished his race, fought a good fight, now therefore, you move on, proceed further into the Mission. You need to prepare the people, motivate them, give them direction and move ahead so that they may follow you.” Though the era of great men of God might be over, we who are alive should not forget that the work of the Lord has to be completed, therefore we need to stand up and move on. We need to possess the land. We need to extend the territory of the kingdom of God. No man can stand up against us because as I was with Moses, I will be with you.

When God unfolds His plans to us, we may lack courage and the strength to believe God. Those who believe God whole-heartedly and move ahead with the little light God gives them will accomplish great things for God.

**2. Be strong and of good courage** (v 6) The Lord revealed His plan to Moses and commanded him to plunge into the work. Moses offered excuses. When God unfolds His plans to us, we may lack courage and the strength to believe God. Those who believe God whole-heartedly and move ahead with the little light God gives them will accomplish great things for God. Dr Williams had the strength and boldness to stand up and proclaim the vision and burden God has put in His heart in any place or among any people. The Lord will never fail to keep His promises. When our motives are in tune with God, He will honour us. Annachi's motto was, “Him that honours Me I will honour.”

**3. Commit yourselves to the principles of Moses** “Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:7) Joshua was forewarned about the dangers ahead of him. The Lord was saying, “I gave you a leader and he laid certain principles which he handed down to you. There will be temptations to deviate from those teachings.” Paul reminded the believers that they should stand firm and hold to the teachings (2 Thessalonians 2:15, Titus 1:9). The secret of success is the way that we stick to the core values and principles that godly leaders have laid for us. As a leader, I need to safeguard this. Annachi was unique in laying down principles for IEM and

later when he initiated IMA, his desire was to bring standards in Indian Missions as well.

**4. Don't depart from the Word (Joshua 1:8)** "Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth." The centrality of the Word of God was reiterated to Joshua. The book of Law should be given its first place. Apart from reading it, he was encouraged to meditate on it day and night. We are proud of Annachi and the foundations he laid, based on the Word of God. If this Mission has stood the test of the storm and the flood it is because of the importance which was given to biblical truth. Every activity and initiative is tested by the Word of God so that we may be careful to do everything written in it. We believe that IEM will be prosperous and successful as long as we do not depart from the Word. We are committed to producing leaders, believers and prayer partners who study, preach and practice the Word. Annachi emphasised that IEM should not consider churches to be milking cows, only expecting to raise funds from them. On the contrary, we need to impart the Word and make them mission-minded on the basis of the Word. Funds will come as long as we are faithful in teaching the Word.

My dear prayer partners and supporters, I was encouraged by these thoughts which God gave to Joshua who also stood on the verge of an uncertain future. Please pray that leaders of IEM will continue to emulate the legacy left behind by Rev Dr Theodore Williams. On January 15, IEM completed 44 years. We praise and worship God for His faithfulness to us as a Mission.

This year we want to see 173 new Worship Groups (WG) formed. Through our goal 250 new WG by 2011, we were able to form 77 WG till now. Please pray that our efforts will fruitful.

This month we focus on our ministry in Chinoor mission field, where new WGs were formed.


We begin a new Bible Studies on our theme "Suffering for the Gospel, by the power of God." During the Lenten days this month, shall we humble ourselves to seek the Lord through broken and contrite hearts?

In closing, I want to thank all who stood by us in prayer during the passing away of our dear Annachi.

Yours in His joyful ministry,

**P John Wesley**

## Not the End of An Era

hen an outstanding personality passes away, the media declares that, “an era has come to an end!” This rattles me no end. If a man or woman lives to be famous only during his or her lifetime, what a colossal calamity indeed! What a waste of a life. No doubt, King David served God in his own generation; yet what he said, sang and did lives on till this day. Likewise, many spiritual giants of the yester years left their mark on the sands of time and continue to speak to us even today. Indeed, their lives are a celebration of what God can do with people who are totally committed to Him. Our beloved Annachi too, lives on, not just in fond memories alone but more so in the fact that he lived life to the fullest, loved God and His people dearly and left behind a legacy, not made with silver or gold that perishes, but with the Word of God which lasts for all time.

This is what happens in our mission fields as well. Our missionaries invest their lives in people, building them up in the most Holy Faith. They “grow” potential leaders, teach them to stand on their own feet and challenge them to take care of their own people. So, when our missionaries leave the mission field, they leave behind a lasting legacy that lives beyond their time.

Our ministry in Chinnoor, Andhra Pradesh, spans around 30 years. Many missionaries sowed the seed, some watered, others manured and harvested ... and God gave the increase! Many worship groups were formed and continue to be formed. Earlier, our missionaries did it alone; today mature believers carry on the good work ... and God continues to give the increase. And so, the era of God’s people does not come to an end; it will continue till our Lord returns in glory.

A special pull-out in the centre of this issue is a keep-sake on the life of Rev Dr Theodore Williams. May his life challenge and encourage us to live beyond our time!

Timothy Austin



## Join with me in suffering

*(Contrary to the popular belief among many of our non-Christian friends that Christianity is a religion where you will always have everything going well and nothing can go “wrong”, we find that the Bible honestly warns that those who bear the name of Christ will suffer! In fact, our theme for 2010 talks about this. Taking the lead, our General Secretary, Rev P John Wesley begins with the apostle Paul’s invitation to, “Join with me in suffering...”)*

**O**ften, people who are habitual smokers tend to voluntarily offer cigarettes to fellow travellers. I experienced this many times. When they do this they are saying is, “Please join with me in the pleasures that I am enjoying.” No one would dare say to us, “Please join with me in my suffering.” Paul had the courage to invite his spiritual son Timothy to an experience which has an eternal perspective.

Paul did not hesitate to ask others to join him in what he was going through for the sake of the Gospel. In Romans 15:30 he declared, “I urge you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to **join** me in my struggle by praying to God for me.” Is it not a good model for us to who are labouring for the Lord? Should we not remind others, to join us in the trials that we go through as we work for the Lord?

When we try to understand Paul’s heart, 3 aspects help us understand why he was bold enough to ask Timothy to “Suffer for the Gospel”

1. Christian suffering is not a dilemma, it is a **DELIGHT**
2. Christian suffering is not a deficiency, it is a **DECLARATION**
3. Christian suffering is not a deadend, it leads to a **DESTINATION**

**Christian suffering is not dilemma, it is a DELIGHT**

“That is why, for Christ’s sake, I **delight in weaknesses**, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” (2 Corinthians 12:10)

“If your law had not been my **delight**, I would have perished in my affliction. Trouble and distress have come upon me, but your commands are my **delight**. (Psalm 119:92,143)

These verses portray the positive side of hardship and suffering.

There are numerous writings on human suffering. In the midst of such controversial thoughts, the genuine question is, “Should a Christian suffer?” As children of God, should why can’t we enjoy a trouble free life? The Bible affirms that suffering is part and parcel of a Christian’s life.

How can weakness, hardship, persecution and difficulty be a delight? Here are 3 reasons

**1. It is for Christ sake.** When we look at Christ, we have no option but to understand that He went through hardship for our sakes. Should we not suffer for His sake?

**2. The strength to face these sufferings is given by the Lord.** We cannot face suffering in our own strength. Even if we try we will fail just like Peter did when he stated that he would not disown the Lord in any circumstance. We need to draw the strength from the Lord.

**3. The Word of God our to be our single point of reference when we go through suffering.** We need to be encouraged by the Word every moment if our struggles are to be turned into delight.

Joni Erickson Tada met with an accident in 1967 and was paralyzed from her neck downwards. However, she used her tongue to question, pray and plead with God to perform a miracle in her life. She started experiencing God in her dilemma in a beautiful way. When I met her in Bangalore in 2004 she said to me, “I rejoice in my weakness because I

experience God’s abundant grace. One day I will stand on my own feet in heaven and wouldn’t need this wheel chair.” Only those who are strengthened through the Scriptures in the midst of suffering can look at difficulties with a different perspective. Others would continue to complain and murmur about everything. They may look at suffering as a punishment and drudgery. From the life of Paul, I am trying to understand the concept of delighting in weakness and persecution. Yes, I want to take every trial that comes in the ministry as a delight.

**Christian suffering is not deficiency it is a DECLARATION**

**“I know whom I have believed”** In 2 Timothy 1:12 Paul says, “Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed.” Is Christianity a perfect religion? Is believing in Christ the best way to follow? If so, then, why should believers go through suffering? All these are legitimate questions. However, there are 4 reasons why Paul made these powerful declarations.

**1. Not ashamed of the Gospel** (Romans 1:16) I am not ashamed of the Gospel. I am proud of the Good News I received. I am glad that I got it because it is the power in my life. I lived a powerless life prior to my confrontation with the Gospel.

**2. Not ashamed of the one in whom he trusted** I know the Lord personally, I have believed in Him and have received Him as my personal Saviour. I have experienced the kind of person He is. I might be

suffering and in prison. This is not a problem because He is faithful. When He is guarding my interests why should I worry? So I will not be ashamed to exalt my Lord (Mark 8:38)

**3. Not ashamed to be the prisoner of Christ** In 2 Timothy 1:8, Paul admonishes Timothy not to be embarrassed by the fact that his spiritual guru is in the prison. Paul had not gone into the prison because he was guilty of any crime but purely for the sake of the Gospel. It is not because there was a defect in the faith which Paul was calling others to follow. Jesus had already predicted this and warned His disciples not to lose heart.

**4. Not ashamed to handle the Word of God.** (2 Timothy 2:15) Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. The use of the Word of God in every given circumstance will deliver you from all doubt and fear. So why do we get discouraged? It may be because we are not practicing what we are preach!

The only way to pass through suffering with a clear consciousness is to know Christ in an intimate way. Paul's affirmation and declaration reveals the depth of his knowledge of Christ. The second letter of Paul to Timothy was written to "his dearly beloved son" shortly before his martyrdom so it contains the last words of this great apostle. Earlier on he had said that he wanted to know Christ. Now, just before his death, he says that I know whom I have believed. Look at his utmost confidence in God!

**Christian suffering is not a dead-end it leads to a DESTINATION. "I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."** (Acts 9:16) This prophetic word was given to Ananias about Paul. I am sure that the two met, he would have told Paul that God was appointing him to work for Him and the job description was to suffer for Jesus' sake. If the initial intention of appointment was to make people suffer, I do not think anyone would want to take up such jobs. However, Paul knew this very well. Suffering did not become a stumbling block or dead-end experience for him; rather it became the path which led him victoriously toward the goal. Therefore, as he determined to follow Christ, his goal was, "I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his **sufferings**, becoming like him in his death" (Philippians 3:10).

He consistently encouraged people who came forward to follow "The Way," warning them about the circumstances and consequences that they would face. His intention was that no one should be unsettled by these trials. He said "You know quite well that we were **destined** for them." (1 Thessalonians 3:3)

When he travelled on his missionary journeys, he was strengthened the disciples and encouraged them to remain true to the faith. His one point sermon on Christian leadership and discipleship was, "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," (Acts 14:22) He was not conducting "Power-

Evangelism” but “Suffer-  
evangelism.” Oh Christian workers,  
let us be faithful in warning believers  
to be prepared to face suffering and  
hardship as they reach out to the  
unreached. Effective evangelism  
methods should include topics like,  
“The joy of suffering,” “Right  
attitude in suffering,” “Blessings of  
suffering.”

### Finally Brethren

Paul’s philosophy was that believing  
and suffering are two gifts from

God. “For it has been granted to you  
on behalf of Christ not only to  
believe on him, but also to suffer for  
him.” (Philippians 1:29) Even Peter  
echoed this by saying, “However, if  
you suffer as a Christian, do not be  
**ashamed**, but praise God that you  
bear that name.” (1 Peter 4:16)  
Peter gave a new meaning to the  
name Christian. If you want to bear  
this name we better be proud of  
“Suffering for the Gospel by the  
power of God”

*The General Secretary and Missionaries of*  
**INDIAN EVANGELICAL MISSION**

*cordially invite you to join as we Dedicate and Release*

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*Joseph & Omana Soundararaj*

*on February 10, 2010 at 10 am  
at Bacheli, Dantewada District, Chhattisgarh*

## Obituary



We regret to announce the passing away  
of Mr Nilang Babu Amin, 58, beloved  
brother of Mr Shailesh Amin, Associate  
Central Secretary for Church Ministries  
(North India) passed away on January  
12, 2010. Please uphold his wife Mrs  
Usha Kiran and their 2 children in your  
prayers.



# Trophies of His Grace

*(There is great rejoicing in heaven when one person turns to the Lord! Each one of course is a trophy of His grace. In Chinnoor mission field, these precious believers have truly tasted of the Lord's goodness and live in the ambit of His power. Listen to them carefully and offer a word of thanks to our God. These testimonies were sent to us by Rev Jeevan Pratap, Field Secretary, South Central Zone.)*

## From Drunkenness to Usefulness



I was a drunkard and never bothered to work. I did not care for my family and was very disobedient. For 2 long years, a church elder shared with

me about Jesus Christ. In time I realised I was a sinner and accepted Jesus as my personal Saviour. Soon after, I left my bad habits and tried to live a God-honouring life. I dressed properly and people began to respect me. Now I care for my family and we are growing spiritually. I have openly confessed my faith in the Lord and am regular at church.

**-Attela Ankiah**  
Rapanpalli

## Decided to Follow Jesus

I rebelled against God and my family. I was addicted to alcohol and nurtured an illicit relationship in a girl even though she insulted me many times. One night, I attended a



worship service in our village. I heard about Jesus and understood that I was a sinner in need of a Saviour. I believed in Jesus and He changed my life. We started experiencing peace and joy in our family. I have decided to live for Christ.

**-Pottala Paul**, Rapanpalli

## A Walking Miracle



When my wife was seriously ill, we worshipped idols and consulted many doctors, all in vain. She was unable to walk. One day a man shared the

Gospel with me. When I went to church that Sunday, Pastor B Solomon and few church members conducted cottage prayer meetings. They prayed for my wife who was unable to walk. We started taking her to the church in a bullock cart. By the third week she walked to church. We accepted the Lord as a family in 1999. God is taking care of us and we are grateful to God.

**Mallaiah**, Bubberchilka

### Healed and Happy



I suffered from fits and AIDS. I approached many goddesses hoping to find respite. Finally, I heard about Jesus

Christ through Mr Madhukar a local church elder. He took me to Pastor Solomon. When I attended church the following Sunday, I was totally healed. I accepted Jesus as my Saviour. My family is very happy now and I am actively involved in the church.

**Jimidi Sammaiah**  
Devulavada

### Delivered from addiction



I was fed up with life. My wife had died a few years after marriage. I was lonely and got addicted to liquor. I lost all my money

and my health was deteriorating. I used to sell grains to buy liquor. Once, I heard about Jesus when I visited my relatives. I put my trust in Him and He healed me completely. I had no desire for liquor, I am living a new life given by Jesus Christ. Please pray for me as I prepare to openly confess my faith in the Lord.

**Akudori Rajanna**, Rapanpalli

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## Supporters Christmas Gathering: Bangalore

### Beyond Expectation

The IEM Church Ministries team in Bangalore organised a Christmas gathering at St John's Church, Bangalore on November, 21, 2009. To our amazement, over 450 prayer partners and supporters attended. The meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Nirmala Vasantha Kumar, pastor of St John's church. Our Communication Secretary, Mr Jenny Christopher welcomed the gathering. John Charles Wesley and his team led the congregation in singing lovely Christmas carols.

A few missionaries enacted a skit to show how interesting and trying it is for a missionary to share the Gospel, one of them even shared her testimony. A powerpoint presentation reflected on God's faithfulness to the Mission during 2009. This was followed by a special song by the IEM Headoffice team. Our General Secretary Rev. P. John Wesley delivered a meaningful Christmas message. Many committed their lives to the Lord. Missionary D Jayaseelan offered a word of thanks and the meeting came to an end with prayer and benediction by Rev Jayanesan, the assistant pastor of St Johns. All the participants were served a tasty dinner.

**D Jayaseelan and IEM Church Ministries team,**  
Bangalore Team

# Building God's Kingdom

*(Cross-cultural missionary work is exciting! However, it takes a lot of courage, concern and constant prayer to live and work in culture which is distinctly different from one's own. Like many others, our missionaries **Rev YD Thamby Raj and his wife Sulochi** deliberately decided to plunge into the deep, fully aware of the perils along the way. God broke barriers and bound people in the chords of His love. Read on...)*

## Breaking New Ground    Testing Times

In 1980, we arrived in Chinnoor with our 3 month old daughter to serve as cross cultural missionaries. Chinnoor mission field is located in Adilabad district of Andhra Pradesh, bordering Maharastra, Madya Pradesh and Orissa. Initially, we struggled with difficult climatic as well as living conditions. The seasons were distinct. While we used boiled rice at home, only raw rice was available in Chinnoor. We hesitated to buy the vegetables in the market. Later, raw rice and those strange vegetables became our favourites!

We focussed on reaching out to the Nethakani, Madiga and Manappu people groups which belong to the Schedule Caste clan. After a year of language learning and studying local culture, we started ministering to children by conducting Good News clubs. Gradually their parents turned to the Lord. The first Worship Group started in our rented premises. A church building was constructed in 1987.

Our second daughter was born in the Bheemaram village. The very next day, she became seriously ill. Her stomach was swollen and doctors advised us to take her to a town hospital. A little later, her body turned black and she stopped breathing. We cried out, "Lord we are telling non-Christians that you are the living God. Make us your witnesses through this child. Your Name should be glorified!" God proved Himself and healed her. It was a great testimony in the hospital.

In 1986, we faced the anti-people movement. They tried to send us out and even stopped the church construction. The Lord gave us courage to stand firm. Our sovereign God fought for us and we secured permission from the district collector to complete the construction.

## A New Thing

After our theological studies at South India Biblical Seminary, we returned to Chinnoor. The Lord of the Harvest promised, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making

a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.” (Isaiah 43:19) We earnestly claimed this promise.

We formed Gospel teams in the church. Every Sunday evening, this team will accompany the missionaries to minister to nearby villages. From 1993, God moved in a mighty way and people responded readily to the Gospel. Miracles and deliverance from demon possession were witnessed. Believers actively witnessed to their relatives.

### Extending Borders

In 1996, a bigger church building was constructed. A few worship centres were divided so that the believers need not travel long distances to worship the LORD. We started Sunday worship services in Baperchilka, Asnad, Errguntapally, Gangaram, Dugnapally, Suddala, Lingampally, Nagampet, Sarvaipet and Abbaipally villages. Each Worship Centre caters to people living in 5-7 villages within a radius of 7 -10 kilometres. Many people accepted the Lord as their personal Saviour.

### Time to Train

We conducted teaching programmes for keen believers as well as Short Term Bible Schools to develop young

people. Leadership Training Programmes for church elders and Teachers’ Training Programmes for Sunday School and VBS teachers were also conducted. These programmes were run in the church building only. So the Mission built a building for training programmes. Through these programs we trained the evangelists for ministry. And so far we have appointed 10 couples as full time evangelists in various centres of the field.

### Barriers Broken

We found it difficult to begin Income Earning projects in the field. However in 2007, we started a hostel with five boys. Further, the believers themselves are all round testimonies, in terms of health, habits, wealth and witness. The people who accepted Christ first hail from Nethakani, Mannappu and Madiga and Lambada people groups. Later, people from the shepherd, fisherman, Padmasali, Goudu, Puduga sangam, Manne and Telugu Koya groups also accepted Christ. What is most exciting is to see many groups worshipping the Lord under one roof! This was unthinkable earlier. Now we have believers in 120 villages. This is truly God’s workmanship.

I took you from the ends of the earth,  
from its farthest corners I called you.  
I said, ‘You are my servant’;  
I have chosen you and have not rejected you.

Isaiah 41:9



# Praise and Prayer Calendar

*(Our God is in our midst! Through our God, we shall do valiantly! God enabled our missionaries to accomplish great things during the months of December and January. Indeed, He did more than we could ask or imagine. In answer to prayer, many people were ushered into His kingdom as the Gospel was preached fearlessly in all our mission fields. Thank you for praying. The good work must continue, so please pray us through February 2010 as well. Even as you do this, God will honour your commitment to His cause!)*

## 1 Kullu, Himachal Pradesh

### Praise God

For the 3 new Worship Groups which were established in the Manali area

That 1 new Worship Group was established among Kulluis in Lag Valley and Kral Valley, 7 and 16 kilometres from Kullu Church respectively

For our missionary Rev A S Ayo who served the Lord for many years in Kullu and retired in December 2009

For protecting our missionaries, evangelists and their families during the severe cold of the winter months

### Pray

That one new Worship Group will be established among the Lahauli

people in Kullu before the end of March 2010

For our missionary Mr Yoke S Rumnong who now assumes responsibility of the Kullu Church

## 2 General Secretary

### Praise God

For strengthening Rev P John Wesley as he coordinated the funeral arrangements of our founder-General Secretary

For protecting his family during his long periods away from home

### Pray

That he will be enabled as he carries out the decisions of the Administrative committee which met last month

For protection and travel mercies during February

### 3 Dharmasala, Himachal Pradesh

#### Praise God

For the people who responded positively to the Gospel message during December and January

#### Pray

That our missionaries will be able to master the Tibetan language during 2010

That our missionary Ching and her daughter will be kept healthy as they have just returned to the mission field in January

That God will protect the whole family from evil influences as they work among the Tibetan people

### 4 Dehra Dun, Uttarakhand

#### Praise God

That the construction of a temporary worship centre in Chandmari was completed in good time. This shed can house 80 people

#### Pray

That God will grant wisdom to our missionaries as they venture into a new ministry among the Gorkhali people in Doiwala and surrounding villages from March 2010

That the tailoring centre for women in Jamunwala which was started last month will give us more opportunities to minister to women in this region

That the work among the Gorkhali people in Nayagaon will make good progress this year

That the Worship Groups in Indira Nagar and Jamunwala will grow steadily

That a good piece of land will be purchased for a church building in Chandmari village

### 5 Rev Dr Theodore Williams

#### Praise God

For using this mighty man of God for over 5 decades in our beloved land of India

For the people from across the globe who were impacted by his ministry

#### Pray

That the vision, mission and commission that he fiercely adhered to will continue to shine brightly through IEM's leaders and missionaries

### 6 Raxaul, Bihar

#### Praise God

For healing our missionary Sukaniya Kacchua in answer to the prayers of many

For the effective Bible studies which are conducted regularly at Trivani and Bela villages on Wednesdays and Thursdays

For the good support given to our missionaries from Emmanuel Hospital Association's (EHA) Duncan hospital during programmes like seekers' meeting, believers' get-together, medical camp and so on

For the 40 children who attended VBS and come regularly for the coaching classes conducted by our missionaries

For the new openings for ministry in Basatpur, Birishing and Gudra villages. The people are happy to listen to the Word of God

That our missionaries could distribute medicines and administer injections to 2 seriously ill people

#### Pray

That the 6 new believers will grow spiritually and witness to their own people

For the funds needed to construct a prayer shed in Triveni

That our seekers Duboliya and Lazmanawa from Tilkahani village will accept the Lord as their personal Saviour

That many more seekers will join the Bible study in Duboliya village

That the tuitions given to needy children will open the doors for ministry in their villages

That more motor cycles will be provided for our missionaries' use in the field

· **Pray** for the **IEM Board** which meets today to appoint new missionaries besides deliberating on other issues concerning the Mission

## 7 Utraula, Uttar Pradesh

### Praise God

For the 2 believers who openly confessed their faith in the Lord on December 6

That seeker Sridevi of Sugaunagar was healed and delivered from demon possession

For healing our missionary Lawrence from Typhoid

That 3 children were dedicated last month in Pedia church

### Pray

That Neelam, a 14- year old girl will know the Lord's deliverance from demon possession in Sonaha village

That our missionaries will be able to start a new Worship Group in Bisnepur village in Balrampur

That a land will be procured in Utraula for the construction of a church building

That the believers will grow spiritually

That seeker Durgesh from Reteina village will be healed from paralysis which has troubled him for over 2 years

## 8 Mahishbathan, West Bengal

### Praise God

That the free tuition classes given by our missionaries will lead to more openings for ministry

For the 30 children who attended the VBS programme at JN Kutti village

That our missionaries were able to translate some songs into the Rajbanshi language

That basic Bible training was given to new believers

### Pray

That many young people will turn to the Lord as a result of our missionaries' ministry

That the contacts who received tracts may know the Lord personally

That the believers will grow in the Lord and face opposition fearlessly

That those who witnessed the Jesus film will respond to the love of Christ

## 9 Papumpare, Arunachal Pradesh

### Praise God

That Sunday school classes were started in Emchi and Romo Doimukh and are being attended by around 40 children

That as a result of a believer's retreat at Lekhi church the believers' faith was strengthened

For the 13 precious young people who dedicated their lives to the Lord after the youth retreat

## Pray

For the 5 believers who are ready to openly confess their faith in the Lord

That the construction of Hoj church will be completed soon

That our missionary Morien Maring will have a safe and normal delivery

That our missionaries Rachel and Subola will be kept in good health and learn the language quickly

## 9 Church Ministries, Andhra Pradesh

### Praise God

For the good response to the challenge of missions during the Andhra Pradesh State Convention last month

For the churches which came forward to support missionary work

### Pray

That our missionaries will be able to conduct follow up work in new areas of AP

That Andhra Pradesh will settle down after the recent unrest

## 10 Hamiltonganj, West Bengal

### Praise God

That our missionaries were able to concentrate on 9 villages every week

For the 2 believers who were able to openly confess their faith in the Lord

For the people who were counseled by our missionaries and are gradually turning to the Lord

### Pray

That 46 keen seekers will turn to the Lord and follow Him wholeheartedly

That a worship centre will be constructed at Lothabari village soon

That 2 more worship sheds will be built in three years

That local leaders will be selected and adequately developed

That 2 Worship Groups will be established by 2011

## 11 Coochbehar, West Bengal

### Praise God

For enabling our missionaries to spend quality time with the believers

For the 5 seekers who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ

For opening the doors for ministry in 2 villages

### Pray

That our believers will grow in faith amidst hindrances of all kinds

That our missionaries will be able to develop local leaders in 2010

That 2-wheelers will be provided so that our missionaries can reach out to larger areas in Tufanganu sub-division

That one more missionary couple will join the team

## 12 Community Development

### Praise God

For the fruitful partnership and timely help rendered by CMC, Vellore and for Dr Jachin and Mr Timothy Velavan who are preparing the materials

For helping our missionaries to adjust and cope with their new set up in Hosur

For helping the children to make good progress in their studies

For God's protection and his provision

## Pray

For the preparation and production of modules and teaching materials by CMC

For the training programme which will be organised this year

That partnerships with like-minded agencies involved in community development will be forged

For the need of equipment and furniture to speed up the work

## 13 Kheri, Uttar Pradesh

### Praise God

For the blessed visit to the field of the Khasi Jaintia Presbyterian (KJP) team in November

For the hostel children who excelled in their monthly tests

For believers Rajesh and Kewal who are ready to openly confess their faith in the Lord even though their parents are threatening to excommunicate them from the village

For the provision of a laptop for the Bible translation ministry

### Pray

That Rajesh and Kewal will stand firm in the faith after they openly confess their faith in the Lord

That a land will be purchased to construct a prayer shed in Bankati village

That the Harvest Festival in Kiratpur and Bankati villages will be conducted successfully this year

That funds will be made available to run the hostel and provide for the needs of the children

That we will be able to purchase a land and construct a church building for Tharu children

That I Thessalonians, I & II Timothy and Titus which are being consultant checked will be ready for printing soon

That Komla of Dhianpur village who is possessed by an evil spirit will be delivered

## 14 Robertsganj, Uttar Pradesh

### Praise God

That our missionary Pranicharan who was asked by the people to leave Rajdhan village is now building a good relationship with them

That our missionary N Dounel could escape unhurt when a group of people tried to attack him in Murkundi village

### Pray

That the seekers who are keen to learn from the Word will grow spiritually and make definite commitments to Him

That our helper Mahinder who is suffering from Tuberculosis will experience the Lord's healing touch

## 15 Khammam, Andhra Pradesh

### Praise God

For the peace that is prevailing now in the Koya churches

For the 4 new Worship groups started in Kattmeernaru, PG Kothur, Koundiamkukti, and Kommugudem during this financial year

For Gospel outreach programmes being conducted in Mogarakuppa, Pendalapadu, Kommunaru, Rajiv Nagar, Voddalacheruvu, Pethemidi and Bayyaram areas

For the 11 believers in Uppusakka, 18 in Lankalapally and 2 in

Jaganathapuram and in Bonagiri areas who openly confessed their faith in the Lord

That the church building was dedicated in Jaggaram village in November

For the 3 Koya families who want to become full-time evangelists

### Pray

That the goals of the team for 2010 - 35 new Worship Groups, 280 seekers, 12 evangelists and 36 helpers will be successfully accomplished

That our missionaries will be able to strengthen the local leadership at the church level

That the plans to do evangelistic work through the Koya Society will be carried out

## 16 Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh

### Praise God

For the openings for ministry in Selimabad and Dakeli villages

For one seeker who experienced the Lord's healing and has shown a keen interest to know more about Jesus

That through the tuition classes in Haswa village, we were able to establish more contacts in the new villages

### Pray

That our seekers Suresh and Anand may openly confess their faith in the Lord

That the seekers in 6 villages will grow in the knowledge of God and accept Him as their Lord and Saviour

That Ramesh, a 4 year old boy who is unable to speak will be healed by the Lord

## 17 Mayurbhanj, Orissa

### Praise God

For the 2 new Worship Groups started in 2 villages in Panaposi. Eight families are regularly attending in Hardgutu

For protecting our hostel missionary wardens Ms Premlata and Ms Karimunisa who are serving the Lord in the midst of danger

For His provision of all the needs for the hostel during the past year

That many attended the Jungle camp in spite of the persecution at Kandamal

### Pray

That a hostel girl who plans to do her nursing in Bhilai will know the Lord's provision of all her needs

For the 9 evangelists who are serving the Lord in the villages

That the believers remain strong in the Lord despite fierce opposition

## 18 Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

### Praise God

That one Worship Group has been started among the Araku people

For the 12 local helpers who are ably assisting our missionaries in the villages

### Pray

That the 31 believers who openly confessed their faith in the Lord will remain firm and testify among their own people

For funds to rebuild a church building which had collapsed recently

## 19 Bastar, Chhatishgarh

### Bison Horn Madiya

#### Praise God

For our contacts Lakmal and Sunni, Suku and Gagri in Ithhagudem village and Lingu and Idume in Rimmagudem who are listening to the firm foundation lessons

For the new contacts, Mangli from Ithhagudem and Buudri from Varum who are strong in the Lord

For the 200 Madia people who listened to the Gospel at the Mandua Methodist church

For the 2010 Madia Calendar which was produced so that people will be able to read the Scriptures every day

That seekers Nande from Munchapara and Palo from Gudem are willing to listen to the Gospel

#### Pray

For Bimal, an elderly man who is willing to gather people every Saturday to listen to God's Word  
That literacy classes will resume soon

For Lakmal, Pakli, Somru and Aythi who have come forward to openly confess their faith in the Lord

For the provision of a suitable house in Kamad village for our evangelists

That Palo and Nande will turn to the Lord

For the successful printing of the Madiya New Testament

## 20 Shibla, Maharashtra

#### Praise God

For new local helpers Bheem Rao and Laloo

For the new openings among Telugu and Kolam people

For the 7 believers who openly confessed their faith in the Lord last month

That Suresh who once tried to commit suicide later turned to the Lord in Matharjun village

That Anandram who had backslid has since returned to the fellowship

For enabling our missionary Thole Veonah and family to live among the Kolamis and build up good relationships with many

#### Pray

That the local leadership in the Kolami will be strong

For the spiritual growth of the believers

That the missionaries' house near the Chepralla church would be renovated soon

That more local leaders will get involved in evangelistic work

That our evangelist Rakhunath who was ailing will be touched by the Lord

That our evangelists Mr. Bheema Rao and Kesav will be effective in the ministry

## 21 Bible Translation

#### Praise God

That the Garasia New Testament in Devnagari and Gujarati script is being widely distributed among the Garasia people

That the Bison Horn Madiya New Testament is in the final stages of production

#### Pray

That the Garasia and Koya people will master the Scriptures in their own language and teach their children to do the same

That the Bison Horn Madiya New Testament will be dedicated soon

For more missionaries to opt for Bible translation in future

That the translation of Acts and Philemon in Tharu language will make good progress

For the translation work on Acts, Matthew and Romans in Bhatri

That the checking of 2 Corinthians and 1 & 2 Thessalonians in Korku will be completed soon

For the first draft of John and Colossians in Ho language which is now in progress

## 22 Chitradurga, Karnataka

### Praise God

For the 9 believers who openly confessed their faith in mid July, 2009

For the 6 tailoring trainees who successfully completed their tailoring course

### Pray

For the provision of funds to purchase a 2-wheeler for our missionary Ananda Kumar in Donnehalli

## 23 Krishnagiri, Tamil Nadu

### Praise God

For the 9 believers who openly confessed their faith in mid July, 2009

For the 17 believers who attended the leadership meeting in October, 2009

For the 3 boys and 5 girls who joined our hostels in 2009

For the steady development of local leaders

For local leaders Ruban Murgesan who ably lead the Worship Groups

For the 15 believers who comprise the Velahalahalli Worship Group

For Rajendran who completed his B.Th and joined as one of the staff of the boys' hostel

### Pray

For our missionaries James & Prabha who faithfully render pastoral care for the believers in Eriyoor

That our hostel children will excel in their studies and be witnesses among their own people

## 24 Hosur, Tamil Nadu

### Praise God

For the 4 believers who openly confessed their faith in the Lord in mid July, 2009

That the 10 tailoring students will persevere and complete the course successfully

For the construction of the Doddaganapalli church which started on August 3, 2009

### Pray

That our missionaries will be kept in good health

## 25 Outreach Training Institute, Mugalapally, Tamil Nadu

### Praise God

For strengthening our residential missionary staff as they handle the affairs of the Institute

That the In-service Course revived our missionaries and led them towards making a recommitment

For the completion of the multipurpose hall and God's provision through His children to this day

## Pray

For the construction of a new dormitory in the near future.

That our staff will use their gifts effectively in the Institute

For a new 4-wheeler in OTI as the old ones are difficult to maintain

For the ministry in the villages around OTI

That our campus workers will know the Lord as their personal Saviour

That more people will attend the Worship Service at Attur and 'Perumalpalli villages

## 26 Lakhnadon, Madhya Pradesh

### Praise God

For the fruitful harvest granted to our believers

That our missionary Akhui is learning the language quickly

That our believers have begun witnessing among their own people

That Santhakumar and Saroj who are poor business people have started tithing

### Pray

That more people in Sunvara, Kekda, Bamanvada, Malanvada and Khamaria will accept Christ

That more people will turn to the Lord and new Worship Groups will be established

For more openings in Tilwara, Charagaon, Dongaria, Khahani, Naunia, Khani Vada, Pattom and Lakhnadon villages

That more missionaries will be added to this field to meet the growing demands in new areas

## 27 Personnel Department

### Praise God

For the 12 missionaries who were accepted by the Board in July 2009

For the 12 new people who were appointed as Candidates Under Training

For the 31 candidates who are being trained at OTI now

For enabling the new OTI staff team to quickly understand their roles and conduct the training programmes efficiently

For helping us to train missionaries from 6 different organizations

### Pray

For our missionary D Devagnanavaram who is being treated at CMC, Vellore

For senior missionary Mr P S Thomas is also undergoing treatment at CMC Vellore

## 28 Church Ministries, Karnataka

### Praise God

For the new openings for ministry in Bangalore and Kolar

That our new supporters will remain faithful in their prayer and financial contribution to IEM

### Pray

For our missionary Paul Khude as he leads the team

**“Prayer is the power-house that turns impossibilities into possibilities”**

# Building Bold Believers to Be a Blessing

*(Miracles do happen! Believe it or not, people in remote villages of India turn to the Lord in simple child-like faith and let God make the impossible possible. This down- to- earth testimony of our missionaries K I Joseph & Ammukutty speak volumes of God faithfulness to those who choose to obey Him wholeheartedly.)*

## Obedience Honoured

**W**hen we were transferred to Asnad, a remote village 58 kilometres from Mancheriyal, we found that the roads were bad and the transportation facilities very minimal. To make matters worse Joseph had a severe asthmatic attack due to dust allergy. In the midst of this, God assured us saying, “I have chosen you and sent you to Asnad! Do not be afraid!” Almost immediately, an elderly orthodox Hindu man offered us a room. Then he began to watch the way we lived and what we did. One day, he asked us to pray that his fields will yield a good harvest. “If your God answers your prayer, I will donate land for your church,” he said. We prayed and God answered. The farmer got much more than he expected! He happily gave us 3 *guntas* (approximately 3,300 square feet) of land for the church.



## Prayer Answered

The land was located outside the village, next to a pit which had been dug 50 years ago. Of course the pit was empty. However, when we began construction, we had heavy rain so the pit was used as a storage tank. When we reached the basement level, the rain stopped and the pit dried up! We prayed and the Lord



sent a heavy downpour. In fact the pit became a mini lake and we were able to complete the construction of the church building in time!

## Backslidden Believers Back to Christ

Chinthan Posam, his wife Laxmi and their 3 children from Ponnaram village responded to the Gospel. Opposition from relatives and sickness forced them to worship idols. They sold their lands and

Our missionary  
Joseph with  
believers



became very poor. Deep within Posam knew that Jesus Christ was the true and living God. In time, they returned to the fellowship and have recovered all that they lost. Now they are firm in the Lord!

Palli Sadavalli is the first believer in the Asnad church. Ten years ago, a piece of burning coal fell into his right eye and he lost his vision. In 2004 he turned completely blind. His relatives said it was a curse from God because he believed in Jesus. They advised his wife to commit suicide along with his daughters. Finally we sent him to Hyderabad for treatment. Doctors said tha the

optical nerves in both eyes were dead. He was very discouraged and all of them decided to commit suicide. For 3 days, they did not eat anything. On the third day, we were led by the Holy Spirit visit them. When knocked, his wife said, “No sir, we are ready to commit suicide because God has no mercy on us. With 3 daughters I can’t live and work. We have no sons. People are mocking us.” We told them that suicide is not the end. We comforted and prayed for them. At 1.30am, a light shone on his face. When he opened his eyes, he could see! Joyfully, he got up and praised God. They decided to fast every Friday. He has returned to work and is a great testimony in Asnad and surrounding villages.

**Our Vision** is to develop local leaders. We want our hostel children to grow in their knowledge of God besides helping them to stand on their feet. We want to lead exemplary lives in their own churches

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**Testimony: Ammukutty Joseph**

## From Death to Life

I was a sickly child right from my birth. In fact my spleen was enlarged and doctors advised my parents to put an end to my misery by poisoning me. My parents refused. I lay bedridden for 4 years and was taken to many hospitals. I was healed through prayer and turned to the Lord at the age of 10. After my studies, I got a job in the Public Works Department, Mumbai. I faced many problems and even tried to commit suicide by throwing myself before a fast moving train. The Lord saved me and that night, I asked for forgiveness. In a vision, saw a man walking towards me saying, “leave everything and follow me, I will make you fishers of men!” I shared this in my church in Mumbai. After some time I resigned from my job and left Mumbai to serve the Lord.

# Rugged Road to Reaching the Unreached

## Saved to Serve

**J**n 1993, a young man went to harvest his crops. Suddenly a snake bit him and he vomitted and foamed at the mouth. Everyone around him was sure he would not survive. However some believers brought him to me that night and I prayed for him. The next morning he was well! From then on, he came to us every Saturday and we taught him about the Lord Jesus. Today, Prabudhas is an IEM evangelist.

## A Tract Attracts

One day we went Janagam village for street preaching. Our Sunday School children enacted skits and distributed tracts. One girl called Rajakumari, who was distributing tracts found that a 15-year old boy was refusing to accept a tract. Boldly, she put one in his pocket and ran away.



Missionary Suguna  
leading Sunday School



Our missionaries  
Solomon & Suguna

That Sunday, the boy came to the church and said he wanted to know more about Christ. Every Saturday he attended our training programme where I taught him how to preach. Today, he is a pastor in Andhra Pradesh. The little girl too is a missionary today. Another boy called Jeevan Prakash asked for a Bible even though his mother did not want a Bible in the home. Today, he is an IEM evangelist!

## “Barrenness” to Blessing

When we were missionaries in Royallapally, we visited Sirisa, a village located 5 kilometres away. No one listened to us or bothered to take our tracts so we returned disappointed. A few months later, we visited again with our Sunday school children who sang action



A Christmas Programme

songs and danced enthusiastically. Suddenly, the people threatened us so we left the place along with the children. We did not want them to get hurt. During the Christmas season we visited yet again and enacted a Christmas drama. Once again the response was hostile. Clay balls and mud were flung on the stage and we had to leave in haste.

The following year, we travelled to Sirisa on our 2-wheeler to conduct a prayer meeting in a home. To our dismay, when we prepared to leave, we found that someone had punctured

the tyre! We had to use 2 bullock carts to return home - one for ourselves and the other for our 2-wheeler.

One day, Rajanna from Sirisa village was brought to us by one of our believers. Since his first wife could not bear children, he married again and discovered that his second wife was also barren. Both of them decided to commit suicide... until they met our believer. They came to the church and both of them were shaking and shouting during the service. After the service, my wife and I prayed for them and they were delivered from demon possession. They accepted Christ and in a few months, his wife brought forth a beautiful baby boy. Eight families accepted Christ. One believer Muthiya is conducting a prayer cell in Sirisa every Friday. From “barrenness” to blessing!

**B Solomon & Suguna**



A believer sharing his testimony

## From His People ... To His People

*(When somebody shared the Gospel with him, they would have never imagined the dynamite they were igniting! Right from the word go, our missionary B Solomon has literally been on the move, making monumental strides towards reaching his own people with Gospel of Christ. Here's his story, straight from his heart!)*

**IEM Outreach:** *Tell us about how you came to the Lord.*

**Solomon:** My family belongs to the Yerukala tribe and we are Hindus. When I was 12, I heard about Jesus and understood that He is the Saviour of the world. God spoke to me from Acts 4:12 and I accepted Him as my personal Saviour. I shared this Good News with my relatives and some of them also turned to the Lord.

**IEM Outreach:** *What or who inspired you to become a missionary?*

**Solomon:** I attended Sunday School where I heard of Hudson Taylor and his commitment to serve the Lord in China. In this way, God helped me to

commit myself to work among my own Yerukala people.

**IEM Outreach:** *What about your journey into the IEM Family*

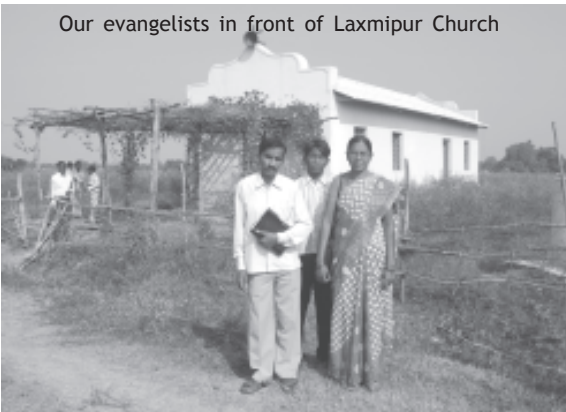
**Solomon:** After completing my secular education, I went on to do my BTh. It was then that God renewed my vision and burden me to reach the unreached. I heard about IEM ministries and joined IEM in 1990. My first mission station was Chinnoor. From there, I moved to Royalapally and now I am based in Bheemaram in Chinnoor field. We built churches in Royalapally, Bubberchelka and Narsingpur villages, thanks to the generous financial contributions from our IEM prayer partners. Now we are constructing a church in Bheemaram.

God willing we plan to buy buildings in Arapelly, Bhoorugulapally, Kistampet and Dubapally villages and construct church buildings in Narvaypet and Srirampur.

**IEM Outreach:** *Great, but are you doing this all alone?*

**Solomon:** Oh no! We can't do it alone! We have our evangelists to help us.

Our evangelists in front of Laxmipur Church





**IEM Outreach: *Who are these evangelists and how are they nurtured?***

**Solomon:** Evangelists are local church members who are interested in evangelism. We nurture them by conducting special classes every Saturday where they are taught from the Bible - from creation to Revelation. Currently we have 10 such evangelists. They lead cottage prayer meetings and are involved in street evangelism, tract distribution and so on.

**IEM Outreach: *What are the methods you adopt to reach people with the Gospel***

**Solomon:** We use megaphones when we go street preaching. Most villages do not have electricity so these battery-operated gadgets come in handy. We also visit every home in the village and encourage the people to have faith in God. Our children dance, sing songs while a few believers share their testimonies with the people and I preach the Gospel. During the Christmas season, our children are trained to present dramas. The film Karunamaydu (Ocean of love in

Telugu) is also screened. Our major difficulty is transportation. We use bullock carts to move around.

I would like to share some of incidents that happened in my life during my ministry.

**A believer who was bitten by a cobra was healed and now is a local**

**evangelist in IEM:** in the year 1993 the young man went to his field to cut crops. During that time a snake bit him and they did not know what to do because, he was vomiting foamed saliva. Everyone in the field said he would die but some believers took him and came to me in the night I just prayed for him and the next morning he was well and healed he came to me every Saturday and we trained him and thought him of the Lord Jesus Christ. His name is Prabudhas and he is one of the local evangelist in IEM at present.

**A Boy who accepted Christ:** One fine day we went to a village called Janagam and many more places to do street ministry and we took Sundays school children to do action



Kolattam dance by believers' children



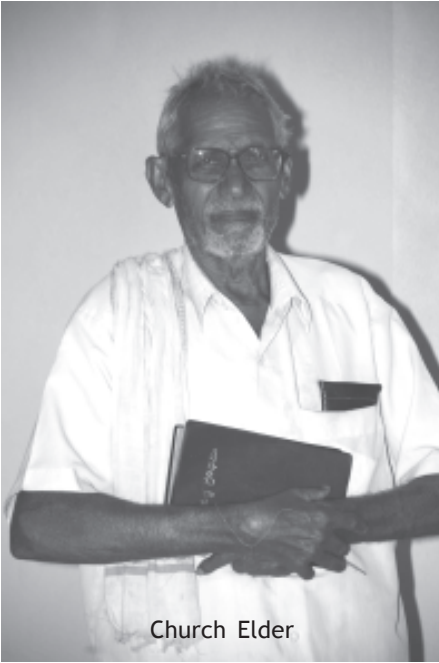
Believers  
worshipping in a  
growing Church

work as a Missionary. At that time me and my wife went to preach the Gospel no one gave an ear to us or get ant tracks form us we returned disappointed. After few months we again went to that place with Sunday school children to sing action songs and dance so that people

songs and small dance to attract people and gather crowd to spread the Gospel. We were distributing tracks in one fine village called Janagam in that village one Sunday's school child named Rajakumari while giving tracks to everyone a boy of 15 years was not getting the track so she kept it in his pocket and ran outside the house. Then we returned to our own place and that Sunday he came to church and said he wanted to know more about Christ and from that day he came every Saturday and was trained well by me to preach the word of God and now he is working as a Pastor in Andhra Mission and even the little girl is doing missionary work and another boy wanted a new testament from us and his mother said he was not going to enter the house if he gets the Bible and but still he took the Bible and reads it and he also started coming every Saturday and he too is working as a local evangelist in IEM his name is Jeevan Prakash.

**Few incidents which happened in Sirisa:** This village named sirisa is 5 km away from Royallapally we were

would gather and were could share the word of God. But to our disappointment they chased us and threatened us we ran with the kids because we did not want the children to get any pain or hurts. The next time we went in the Christmas season to put Christmas drama in that particular village. But to our disappointment the drama went on in the middle the people of that village started to throw clay balls and mud on the stage and we had to leave the village it was cold and the children were afraid and said we would go home. Then after that the next year we went to a house with our vehicle (Bike) and we conducted a prayer meeting and after that we wanted to return home they made the wheel puncher and we then have to travel in that cold night in bullock carts one for the bike and one for us. Then one fine day in that village a man named Rajanna did not have children for many years and so he married another woman and she to did not bare children they decided to take poison and die. One believer in that village stopped them and asked



Church Elder

them to come to church on Sunday they thought this would be their last trial and would die if not cured or if his wife would not give birth. They came to the church and both of them were shaking and shouting while the service was going on. After the service I and my wife prayed for them and the evil spirits left them and they asked us were they were? They accepted Christ and his wife also gave birth to a handsome son and through this 8 families accepted Christ and the believer Muthiya is taking prayer cell in Sirisa every Friday.

**A Political Leader who accepted Christ through a missionary child:** the man named Madhuniya he was a head of the village and in Telugu dhesam Party. He had 4 wives and he divorced 3 of them at that time he had a quarrel with a man who falsely

put a blame on him he took an axe to kill the man but in an accident the axe fell on his shoulder and they put Madhuniya in Jail for 2 years in warangal. During that time when he was depressed and discouraged we conducted a picnic in that place and he was invited and he heard the Gospel and during that time my daughter geetha was ill with high fever. Uncles and auntys who attended the meeting prayed for her and she was healed incident was watched by him and he accepted Christ as a personal Saviour. He had peace of heart when he went home he said about his change and people rejected him. During that time his wife was ill with fever all his relatives came and worshiped other God's but she was not healed and then he prayed for his wife and she was healed. And the next morning she accepted Christ and in that village 5 families accepted Christ as personal Saviour. And once in a week prayer is held in the village.

**Church Construction in Narasingapur:** we sent John Mark and his wife to serve the Lord as a local evangelist. They had such difficulties that the people in that village were not willing to give them house for rent. In one year they changed seven houses because of the difficulty in providing a house for rent. They faced a hard time staying in this village and at present they have built a church with the help of Bheemaram church and IEM's support and we are trying to buy land in Kaspally and we preached the word of God in such small villages around Narsingapur.

## Trusting the Unknown to the Known

*(To verbalize one's faith is not quite the same as putting it into practice. It's easier said than done. When it comes career prospects, young people tend to know more about their future than anybody else, including God. However, those who put their trust in God know that He does all things well! In this article, Dr Benedict describes the struggle he went through before letting God have His way. Today he works with Emmanuel Hospital Association and is based in Bihar. Dr Benedict's father is a longstanding supporter of IEM.)*

**O**ne aspect that causes suspense in everyone's life is one's own future and I was no exception. What can bail us out of this anxiousness? Money? Job? Family members? Friends? It's a question that can crush us or make us soar like eagles.

From my childhood, I had always dreamt of being a software engineer. My inspiration was Bill Gates and I was so obsessed with my dream that I made my e-mail ID using the yahoo.co.uk extension. I was crystal clear about my future. But after standard 10, when I had to choose my course of study, I did not know what to choose. My parents asked me to prayerfully decide. But I was so afraid, whether God will lead me to take the Biology course. After much deliberation, I prayed and God led me to take Biology. I encouraged myself saying that after studying Biology, I can still pursue my dream. But as I studied further, God began changing me slowly. He gave me a

burden to go as a medical missionary. I prayerfully and submitted myself. I cleared Christian Medical College, Vellore entrance test but not the interview. I was broken and angry with God and decided to do my engineering. I didn't care any more about the burden God have given me. But God in His own way helped me get admission in a medical college in Pondicherry. I thought that this was an accident in God's plan of action. Have you ever thought that God is not in control of your life? Have you ever thought that you are the wrong person in the wrong place? Well... I did!

God moulded me in Pondicherry. It was as if the Master Sculptor had taken up a project to shape me. I got involved in the student ministry there and strengthened my college fellowship group. As the years went by, I matured in faith. Now, when I look back, I know why God closed some doors for me. It was not an accident but a well designed plan -

the plan of my Maker. If you think that your future is going against your dream, do not panic or be anxious. Just heed to the Master's tender voice. He wants to lead you to green pastures which He has set apart for you. Just obey to His voice.

After my studies, I worked in my college as a junior doctor and that was when I heard about a hospital in Jharkhand and saw a documentary about it too. I felt God was calling me to this place. But I had various challenges before me. The first question I had was, "What about my future?" God spoke to me through the life of Abraham - His was an uncomfortable calling to an unknown land at a ripe old age, with an illogical promise by a God whom he hardly knew But he took a step of faith and God blessed him. He learnt to entrust his future to God's hand. I did the same that day.

The next question was, "Why me Lord?" This question was not a humble question; rather I wanted to escape. I didn't know the language. I would have to get adjusted to new food habits, a totally different culture, a lack of basic facilities (electricity and easy

communication), being away from family and my comfort zone. I would have to wait a little more to pursue higher studies. God spoke to me through the life of the Good Samaritan. When the Samaritan saw a person in desperate need, the years of hatred, rivalry, cultural barriers, possible scorn from his family and fellow Samaritans, financial liability started fading and he went to the extent of sacrificing the original purpose of his journey. This made me take a step of faith (and I thought sacrifice) and now I am in Prem Jyoti Community hospital for the last 6 months, working among a tribal group called MALTOS. It has not always been a comfortable journey but I am able to feel the grace and peace of God. Now I realize it's a calling and a privilege and not a sacrifice.

As I look at the desperate needs of North India, I feel God is calling more and more young people like us to build His kingdom. God is calling young people to invest their life for His kingdoms' sake. If we do not heed His calling, we will lose the privilege, but God's work won't be stopped or reduced. Are you ready to heed His calling?

## **IEM conducts programmes for young people.**

### **Here are a few of them**

- State level Youth camp
- Happy evening programme
- Young Leadership Training Programme (YLTP)
- Training In Missions (TIM) Camp
- Short exposure in the mission field

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# The Way to a New Worship Group

(Cross-cultural missionary work should lead to the formation of new Worship Groups. Forming new Worship Groups cannot happen overnight. Even as the Holy Spirit enables, missionaries go through the grind, grim as it may be and literally “give birth” to a fledgling group of people who are keen to grow in the Lord. Our missionaries Sathiaraja & Jenita broke the language and cultural barrier to speak to the hearts of the people and lead them to Christ. Here is their story)

## Language Barrier Broken

**W**hen we came here we did not know the language so we could not talk to people. By the grace of God we learnt the language and are able to focus on the church planting ministry.

We began by teaching the people how to share worship messages in the church. Then we took them to new villages to share gospel now in our absence they are able to contact worship service.

## Our Vision

- A church should be planted in every village
- Local leaders to lead the local church
- All believers should share the Gospel with their own people
- Young people should be equipped and motivated to get involved in their churches

## Standing Strong in the Storm

Rajpabu and Rajitha are new believers. Before they accepted the Lord, they performed poojas before their gods and goddesses. Now that they were Christians, their family members vehemently opposed them.



They were not allowed to participate in any family function and were chased out of the house. If Rajpabu and Rajitha can stand for Jesus in spite of all the pressures from their family members, why can't we stand for Jesus and bring souls to Him.

## Ankaiah Acknowledges Christ

Ankaiah was the first person to respond to the Gospel through our ministry. He was a drunkard. He would beat his wife and 5 children. We were introduced to him by our believer Lachaiah. He said, “I do not have peace of mind!” We shared Gospel and said,

“If you accept Jesus Christ, He will give you peace.” From then on, he resolved not to drink. We prayed for him and returned. When we visited him the next day, his face was bright. He said, “I will accept Jesus

Christ.” Now Ankaiah attends church regularly Through his witness, the entire family members came to the Lord

When Lachaiah from Rapanpalli village accepted Christ, his son opposed him. Even though he did not attend

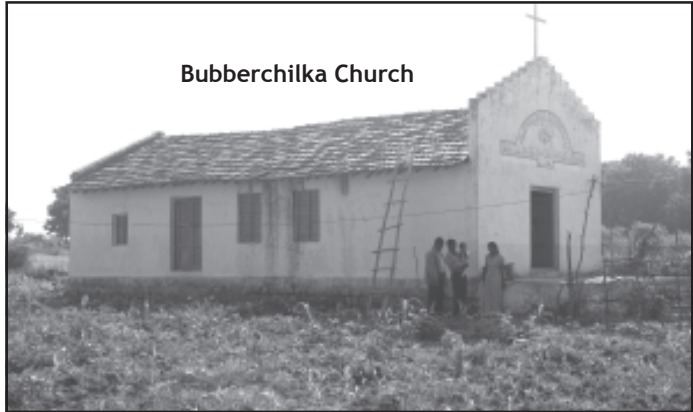
the worship service, he was a secret Christian. When we visited his village, we encouraged him to be a firm Christian and witness for Christ. After observing his life, many people came to the Lord. When we visited his village, people accepted Jesus Christ and we formed worship group in this village. Now 25 people are attending the worship service and 2 local leaders were developed.

### **Sathiaraj Shares...**

I arrived to Chinnor field as a bachelor in March 2006 and worked with Rev Y D Thamy Raj. I was able to learn the language in 3 months. After marriage, my wife Jennita and I moved to Bubberchilka village. The people accepted us. Now 80 people attend the worship service.

### **New Worship Group**

God opened a way for ministry in Rapanhalli village. Our believers would join us every third Saturday for evangelistic outreach. God answered our prayers and one person came to the Lord. Gradually more join in people started to accepted Jesus Christ when we came here only one believer was their. Now by God’s grace, 20 people have accepted



Bubberchilka Church

Jesus Christ. We formed worship group in this village and began nurturing 15 children in Sunday school.

### **Consolidating the Good Work**

Twenty people are waiting for baptism. Two local evangelists are looking after the Royalapalli and Sirisha Worship Groups. They need your constant prayer support.

### **Good tidings to every village**

We presented the Christmas event in 10 new villages. About 400 people eagerly watched the programme. Our dear brothers Stephen Daniel and Augustine Mark came our field and witnessed these programmes. They shared Gospel and encouraged us and our believers.

### **Holding on Faith**

Mariamamma is a 75-year old believer, the first one in Bubberchilka village. She is a diabetic and had a wound on her leg. Doctors said that her leg had to be amputated from knee. Her family members told her to leave Jesus and do some poojas. She declared, “Even if I die, I will live for God.”



## Readers Respond

*(We receive encouraging feedback from our readers from time to time. This helps us to feel the pulse of the people and cater to their needs. Here are a few samples)*

The latest issue of IEM Outreach is excellent

- **Mr. Kumar Doss**, Bangalore

Your magazine is helping me to improve my theological knowledge. Please send it regularly

- **Mr A. Anil**, Kolam, Kerala

I came to know about your magazine through friends, it is very encouraging to my soul

- **Mr. Anaparthi Vasu**, Kolam Kerala

I am an Indian and I love my country and I love IEM. I want to pray for the needs of IEM. Please send me your magazine

- **Mr J Basumatary**,  
Itanagar Arunachal Pradesh

I am very thankful to you for sending me the magazine regularly without fail. This helps me a lot for spiritual growth

- **Mr Kunal Pradhan**,  
Udayagiri Orissa

Please continue to send the Outreach magazine and furnish the testimonies of IEM missionaries from time to time

- **Mr D B James**,  
Chennai, Tamil Nadu

I am a teacher from Andhra Pradesh. Please send me your "Bhoodiganta Survath" Telugu magazine, send some old copies too

- **Mr G Chinabbai**,  
Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

I came to know about IEM through my cousin and would like to know more about your ministry. Please send me your magazine

- **Mr Anayomali Yobin**,  
Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Thankyou for sending me your IEM magazine regularly, I look forward for it as I pray for all the ministries.

- **Miss Kezia Benjamin**,  
Mumbai, Maharashtra

*Do keep writing to us! We take every letter seriously and make sincere efforts to understand your needs. Please let us know well in advance when you shift residence so that we can make sure you get the magazine without a break. Sometimes, magazines return to us undelivered because no forwarding address is given at the post office. Kindly help us help you!*

## A Village full of Believers!

**Y**ou need to travel for over 4 hours from Chinnoor to reach our missionaries Suganthi Sudheer Naik & Nirmala who are based in Udhampur, a small village consisting of 40 families. The good news is that all 40 families believe in the Lord! On Sunday, all the families congregate in the church and are joined by other seekers and believers from villages as far as 25 kilometres away from Udhampur.

Sudheer and Nirmala hail from far away Ananthpur district of Andhra Pradesh. In fact, they themselves belong to the Lambada community among whom they work. In 1995, Sudheer joined as a Short Term Worker. In 1999, he went into hiding because of the fierce opposition to the preaching of the Gospel. The Lord, in His own time honoured his servant. Various developmental projects undertaken by CBN and Joshua Vision, India helped the people understand that our missionaries were there to serve them, not to exploit them.

Maria (name changed after she turned to the Lord) loves the Lord dearly. Once she'd taken her sheep to graze deep in the forest. Suddenly she saw a baby rabbit, picked it up and put it into the folds of her sari. When she returned, she found that all her sheep were missing. The following Sunday, she poured her heart out to the church who actually wept and prayed with her. The following day, all her sheep returned. Not one of them was missing! Praise God!



### The Jeevan Jyothi Boys' Hostel, Chinnoor

Twenty handsome boys, taken literally off the streets are now enjoying the benefits of education in our vast campus in Chinnoor town. However, their building is very small and other facilities are minimal. Yet these budding blossoms, aged between 5 and 15 are excelling in their studies. Some of them are rank students.

All these boys have sponsors. The Mission takes care of all their needs. We also need funds to build a proper building with basic toilet and bathing facilities. They cannot play games like volley ball and so on because the equipment cannot be provided. Would you help us help them?

### Holding the Fort in Chinnoor

Our missionaries Manohar & Nirmala are looking after the Chinnoor home church. As a result of their ministry, new leaders are in charge of the affairs of the church. Young people meet in homes regularly and are encouraged to participate in the activities of the church.

God is using our missionaries to nurture the believers and encourage them to reach out to their own people. Do uphold them in prayer.