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Theme for 2010

Suffering for the Gospel

2 Timothy 1: 8

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The General Secretary's Thoughts

Our dear prayer partners who love and pray for IEM regularly,

I am happy to meet you through this letter once again. The Psalmist declared in 119: 68, "You are good, and what you do is good" realising who God is. We have come to the 10th month of the 10th year of this century. Our hearts need to be filled with praise to God.

As followers of Jesus Christ, what is our dream? What are we looking forward to? Do we have a big picture? Are we walking in depression and despair? Are we inspiring others to follow Jesus? Paul made affirmative statements and edified others in Christ, in spite of his suffering for Christ.

Paul said in 2 Timothy 1:12, "That is why I am suffering as I am, yet I am not ashamed." He looked at suffering as a credit and recognition from the Lord. He was not discouraged or disappointed. Why? First, he had the **conviction that God was in control**. Sitting in the prison cell, he was convinced that God would guard him (v12) and take him forward. As a child of God, Paul understood that nothing happens to him without the knowledge of God - His hardship, trials, shipwreck, sleepless nights, hunger, glory, honour, dishonour, bad report,

good report, the sincere love and kindness that he received from different circumstances. He was sure that he could never handle circumstances alone. So he handed every situation into the powerful hands of God. Child of God, are you discouraged because you are denied your privileges just because you are a Christian? Never forget that God is in control!

Secondly, Paul **constantly fanned the flame of the gift of God. (v6)** Paul encouraged and reminded Timothy of his faith life in Christ, which had been given to him as a good deposit. The sound teaching of "faith life" becomes very important when, a person wants to live a godly life in Christ, especially when persecution is inevitable. We need to keep this fire burning in our hearts. The burning bush experience should draw us closer to God to see God and His purposes. One has to constantly check whether we are growing in the Lord, in faith and in the knowledge and the love of God. Like new born babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in salvation. My faith should be deeper than yesterday.

Thirdly, Paul **compared sufferings always with eternal glory**. Paul endured everything so that others might become

partakers of eternal glory, which he was sure to receive, (2 Timothy 2:10). As humans, we compare ourselves with others, the things that we possess and the experiences that we go through. If my neighbour lives in luxury so should I. If my colleague gets a promotion, so should I. What should we compare? Are the priorities and choices

of my life based on eternity and eternal values? Let us be more eternity conscious and less earthly conscious. Every day with Jesus is sweeter than the day before!

Fourthly, Paul **concentrated on finishing the race and receiving the crown**. What is gripping our attention? Is it the present struggles and trials or the future glory? Paul as a person was just like us. He went through trials, rejoicing in the Lord. This was possible because his focus was not at ground level but heaven bound. He was longing for Christ's appearing and wanted to meet him along with the saints (2 Timothy 4:7,8). How I wish, that each of us will live like Paul, concentrating not just on the earthly blessings but on the crown, and life with Christ. If we live such lives, we will be ready to meet our Lord any time.

Please come with me to see the big picture recorded for us in Revelation 7:9ff, "...I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could

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count, from every nation, tribe, people and language standing before the throne of the Lamb of God. An elder asked, "who are they and where did they come from?" The same elder replied, "These are they who have come through great tribulation." Though there could be different theological interpretations, the point is that these people qualified to

be there not because of any worldly achievement. The highlight of their lives was marked by the sufferings and trials they went through. What really matters in eternity is, "**How much we suffer for the Gospel?**" So why do we need to shy away from suffering for the Gospel?

Mrs. Selina Mohan Doss who completed her service in the Mission had gone through trials of various kinds. She committed her life to serve the Lord before marriage and the Lord fulfilled her desire by providing a man who had same aim in life. Both of them voluntarily moved to the mission field to live among the Korku people of Maharashtra, leaving their secure city life. She lost her beloved husband, Mr. Raja Mohan due to lung cancer. On her sixtieth birthday, she said she had no regrets. She never sat and worried about her future since her concentration and comparison was eternity. Now she is directly under the President's rule!

Selina played a vital leadership role in IEM over the past many years. We praise God for such people. We thank her for her valuable contribution and relentless service. Though retired, she will continue to serve the Lord through IEM. Please uphold her children Becky & Vijay and Stephen in your prayers.

We are looking forward to the National Convention in Mairang near Shillong, organised by Mr GP Kharchandy, our Hon State Secretary, Meghalaya. Apart from thousands of local people, 800 delegates from all over the nation are expected at this convention. Please pray for revival and renewal of lives.

I rejoice every time when I get an email, text message or phone call, informing about people who publicly confess their faith in the mission fields. I have also been receiving news of the formation of new Worship Groups as well. Please pray with tears that our missionaries

will reap a great harvest so that 250 new WG by 2011 will become a reality.

This month we focus on IEM's Bible Translation and literacy ministry. This is one of the core competences of IEM. We praise God and proudly announce that IEM was one of the first Missions to start Bible Translation and Literacy projects. IEM initiated over 16 Bible translation projects. While people speaking 150 languages are eagerly waiting for the GOD'S WORD, IEM is geared up to play a major role. We are thankful for the partnership we enjoy with Wycliffe India and International, The Seed Company, SIL, SAG and the Bible Society of India. We also thank the Churches and prayer partners who are faithfully supporting this ministry.

With loving regards,

Yours in His joyful ministry,

P John Wesley

Want to be Bible Translator?

Has God put a burden in your heart to serve a needy community? Do you have a flair for languages? Do you want to teach the uneducated to read & write? Invest your time and skills in the efforts that are timeless, to produce the Word of God for the people who never had, in the language of their heart in which they understand best!

God is watching, People are waiting,

When are you plunging?

When God calls He enables !

Bible Study:

Rejoicing in suffering

(Continuing on our theme, our missionary Mr. John Mathai explains why a believer should suffer. While suffering seems hard to endure for the present, we look to our future reward as disciples of Jesus. So REJOICE!)

“In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.” (1 Peter 1.6 -7)

Have you ever seen anyone who likes to suffer, especially when it is undeserved? The answer is an emphatic “NO”. No one wants to be rejected or persecuted. Generally people have a great desire for comforts and want to enjoy all the luxuries in life. Christians are no exception. As children of God we want to have a trouble free life. We expect that everything will go smooth in our lives if we follow Christ. But the Bible honestly warns that those who bear the name of Christ will suffer! Our great example is Jesus. Jesus suffered and was crucified. His disciples also suffered persecution and died for the sake of Christ. In the New Testament we see that as the number of believers grew, persecution also started and many were killed. We claim to be followers of Christ, but when difficulties come in our lives we are broken.

There is suffering in this earth because we live in a sinful world. The apostle



Peter mentions about 2 types of suffering in 1 Peter 2:20. **Worldly suffering**, that is, suffering for doing wrong. We suffer because of our sins and our mistake or because of our immaturity. The second is **Godly suffering**, that is, suffering for doing good. Sometimes God allows us to go through suffering. We should endure it patiently without retaliating. Peter gives us an important lesson in 1Peter 2:19-25, that it is commendable in God’s sight when we bear unjust suffering or when we suffer for doing good.(Matthew 5:10,11) We may find many reasons behind suffering but in all these God is working His great purpose which we sometimes fail to comprehend.

In the above verse, the apostle Peter encourages us to rejoice when we go through suffering. The Bible gives the account of some people who rejoiced when they were beaten up! We read this in Acts 5:40, 41. Peter and the apostles

were brought before the Sanhedrin and they had them flogged. But the apostles rejoiced because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the name of the Lord.

Peter gives five reasons why we can “rejoice” when the suffering comes.

1 Suffering is temporary

We know that the suffering is only in this earth and will last “only for a little while.” (1Peter 1:6) When we meet our Lord, there is no more suffering for us. In 2Corinthians 4:17, the apostle Paul describes suffering as “momentary.”

2 We are participating in the sufferings of Christ

1 Peter 4:13 asks us to rejoice that we participate in the sufferings of Christ so that we may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. In other words our sufferings are not merely our own. They are also Christ’s. This is a reason for rejoicing because it means we are united to Christ.

3 Suffering is painful but also purposeful

Suffering produces godly characters like Perseverance, Endurance and Maturity. Romans 5:3-5, James 1:2-4 Like gold is refined in the fire, our faith also has to be refined (1 Peter 1:6). The hotter the fire, the more impurities are burned off, and the more precious the gold becomes. So it is with our faith. The “fiery trials” (see 1 Peter 4:12) through which God puts His saints purifies our faith, so that when we stand in His presence in His kingdom, our faith will be found to be genuine and precious, resulting in praise, glory, and honor to Him. Believers pass

through the testing fire of God’s judgment—not because he hates us, but because he loves us and desire our purity. Pruning is painful but it makes us more fruitful. (John 15:2)

To help us in our spiritual growth

In the church history we see that the Church that suffered the more have become strongest church. Even now we know that the countries which are closed for the gospel are witnessing more strong and growing church. **The apostle Paul writes in Colossians 1:24** how his suffering benefited the Church. Suffering also opens the way for gospel. Acts chapter 16 we read the account of Paul and Silas who were put in prison. But their suffering opened the way for the Jailer and his family to accept Christ in their life. In Paul’s life he suffered lot and many places his suffering made opening for the Gospel.

To discipline us

In Hebrews 12:7,10,11 we need to endure hardship as a discipline. God disciplines for our good that we may share in His holiness. It is not pleasant, but painful. But when we are trained by it, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace.

To test us- that our faith may be proved genuine

The trials and tribulations of life prove not only the genuineness of our faith, but they strengthen and purify our faith as well. We will grow to maturity in our faith, James 1:2-4. God wants our faith to grow, and suffering is one of the best stimulants to that growth. The intended result of suffering is attained when our

faith is tested and proven genuine—that is, the glory of God. (2 Corinthians 1:5-9)

According to Peter, suffering is closely related to faith. It is a test which exposes false faith and reveals the genuineness of true faith. Our Lord spoke of this in the parable of the sower:

“And other seed fell on the rocky ground where it did not have much soil; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of soil ... And in a similar way these are the ones on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy; and they have no firm root in themselves, but are only temporary; then, when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately they fall away” (Mark 4:5, 16-17).

4 Suffering brings Gods blessing

In the context of 1 Peter we must say that the innocent suffering of the saints is to the glory of God. This is a truth many Christians find hard to accept. But God has plan when he allows suffering in our lives and he will change it to blessing. The best example from the Bible is Job’s life. He lost everything. But he took it as God’s plan

and the result was God blessed much more than what he had.

5 Suffering result in God’s praise and glory

We learn from 1Peter 1:7 that God is glorified by faith, by the faith of those who trust in Him and it will “result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.” Peter also tells us that if we suffer as a Christian, we should not be ashamed. Instead, “praise God that you bear that name.” (1 Peter 4:16)

We are called to suffer

1 Peter 2:18-21 says that we are called by God for this purpose because Christ suffered for us. That is why apostle Paul warned the believers in Christ, “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) Jesus Himself taught thus: “If anyone wants to come after me...he has to carry the cross (Luke 9:23). The Bible affirms that suffering is part and parcel of a Christian’s life. So we should not be surprised when suffering comes our way, because it is not a surprise but a plan. It is not something strange, but God-ordained. 1Peter 4:12-16. Suffering is the means to attain greater joy in glory- glory that lasts forever. Our suffering is momentary, but glory is eternal.

CORRECTION

In the IEM Poster released in the month of August we have incorrectly mentioned Vkhuga Sema’s wife’s name. Her correct name is Rebecca. We regret the error.

ATTENTION

We will be producing the double issue of IEM OUTREACH for the month of December /January 2011. Kindly bear with us and we count on your continued support

Reveals the TRUTH

*(Can you imagine a Christian without Bible or a church where the Bible is not expounded? Very difficult indeed because the Bible is the basis for our faith and practice. Yet there are many people who cannot read God's Word in their own language simply because it does not exist! Many of them might hear the Word and forget it once they leave the church. **Mr. John Mathai**, our Bible Translation Secretary helps us understand IEM's role in revealing the TRUTH to the people who've never read it.)*

In the Hands of the People

he Bible is the most powerful and effective tool for evangelism. Unless the Word of God is translated into the language of the people group we work among, the believers cannot grow in faith and the Church will not be strong. It is the Word of God that enables people to know God fully and grow in their walk with Him.

Bible Translation and Literacy ministries go hand in hand. The Literacy ministry enables the believer to read the translated Word of God fluently. Therefore these ministries strongly support the Church planting ministry.

Around 30 years back, IEM felt led to initiate the Bible Translation and Literacy ministries. God enabled us to complete and dedicate 4 New Testaments. They are Garhwali (Uttarakhand), Koya (Andhra Pradesh), Garasia, in both Devnagiri and Gujarati scripts (Rajasthan and Gujarat) and Bison Horn Madiya (Chattisgarh).

Partnerships

During the early years of our ministry, missionaries who were involved in

Bible translation had to do everything manually. They had resources. So, the completion of the New Testament would take 20-28 years. This discouraged our missionaries because results were slow in coming. Now, we partner with different organizations and Missions by which we get equipment, training, technical support, software and hardware. These speed up the translation and production process. We also seek help in typesetting and printing of New Testaments as well as recording of New Testament in the audio format. On the other hand, our Bible translator missionaries reciprocate by teaching linguistics. They also go as translation and linguistics consultants to other Missions.

Latest Developments

* We have started another project this year in *Puroik* language in Arunachal Pradesh. Our missionaries Vikunga Sema & Rebika are learning and analyzing the language.

* **Projects currently in Progress** 7 New Testaments, 2 Old Testaments, 2 Literacy projects, Scripture-in-use programmes in Garasia and Bison Horn

Madiya languages(New Testaments in these languages were released recently).

Future Focus

* New Bible translation projects.

* Church based literacy programmes where native youth are trained as literacy teachers. They will run literacy classes in future

Overview			
S.No.	Language	State	Missionaries
1	Koya	Andhra Pradesh	Dr. Devagnanavaram / Jerin
2	Garasia	Rajasthan & Gujarat	Dinesh Patel & Vickie
3	Madiya	Chattisgarh	Joseph Soundraraj & Omana
4	Korku	Maharashtra	Sam Sukumar & Surekha
5	Bhatri	Chattisgarh	Kirivasan & Mary
6	Durwa	Chattisgarh	Selvi Michel (Recently restarted)
7	Rana Tharu	Uttar Pradesh	Ganasehekaran & Mrs. Sheeba
8	Hadothi	Rajasthan	Senthil Kumar & Kanagamani
9	Lambada	Andhra Pradesh	Ananda Rao & Premalatha
10	Puroik	Arunachal Pradesh	Vikunga Sema & Rebika
11	Ho	Orissa	John Mathai & Elizabeth
12	Kotia	Andhra Pradesh	Justus Sathia Singh & Malar
Progress			
Language	Stage of Translation (Books Completed)		
Koya	NT completed, OT in Progress		
Garasia	NT completed, Scripture in Use in Progress		
Madiya	NT completed, Scripture in Use in Progress		
Korku	Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, 1 Corinthians, Colossians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, 1 Peter, 2 Peter,		
Bhatri	Mark, Luke (in Progress Acts, 1Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, 1 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, Hebrews,)		
Durwa	Mark, (recently re-started the project) Rana Tharu Mark, Luke, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus,		
Hadothi	Language analysis done. Translation is going to start		
Lambada	Genesis to Ecclesiastes & all Minor Prophets		
Puroik	Analyzing the Language		
Ho	5 OT books, Mark, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, Philemon, (in Progress - Acts, Matthew, Luke, John, Acts, Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, Hebrews, James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter,)		
Kotiya	IEM helped to complete the project		

First Faltering Footsteps

*(Your calling and commitment to Bible translation is clear. You've landed in the mission field. Where and how do you begin your enormous task? Watch how our budding missionary Bible translation team **Vikugha Sema & Rebika**, tackled this testing time. They arrived in Seppa, East Kameng district, Arunachal Pradesh on April 17, 2010 to translate the New Testament into the Puroik language)*

Problems Plenty!

Finding a proper language teacher was tough. We had to wait for 2 months before we could begin learning the language. During the third month, God provided 2 language teachers. Since Puroik tribes are scattered in 4 districts each having 5 distinct dialects of the same language, we found it hard to decide which dialect we could start with. Finally we chose a dialect which was understood by all sections of the community, scattered across Arunachal Pradesh.

In the process of learning the language, we came to know that there was no particular term for "God." With the approval of the local people, the term "God" was substituted with the term "Creator."

Method used in learning the language

God placed us in a strategic place, right on the roadside. Even though we do not have running water, toilet and bathroom facilities, we are able to interact with the people by offering hospitality and building friendships. In this way, we have built deeper relationships with the people,

increased our contacts and enlarged our knowledge of the people's culture, belief systems and practices.

Our Dateline

January 2011 - Complete phonology write-up

May 2011 - Form a Bible translation committee representing different district and different existing Christian denominations

January 2012 - Finish the grammar write-up

January 2013 – Begin actual translation

In Conclusion

Language learning is interesting and fun, full of opportunities and challenges because it is one of the best ways to reach the entire community with the message of Jesus. Continue to pray for the Puroik (*Sulung*) Bible translation Project.



Step By Step

(Bible translation is a step by step process. You can't "jump the gun" to reach your target. Each step depends on the other and follows sequential pattern. Mrs. Victoria Patel, who, along with her husband Rev. Dinesh Patel, translated the New Testament into Garasia language. When you read her step by step article, you will be challenged by the enormity of the task. Yet, in spite of hurdles, they went through the grind successfully. Here's her account)

- * Read the book or portion several times and study it using good commentaries
- * Understand the background, main theme/s, local situation, what the writer intends his audience to understand
- * Translate into the receptor language or get a good speaker of the language to do a first draft after doing the exegesis of the passage with the mother tongue translator
- * Conduct a Comprehension Test with native speakers
- * Key in the first draft
- * Check draft with source text (RSV is recommended) if translator does not know Greek
- * Do a back translation into a free English version, marking words and grammatical categories
- * Consultant looks through each verse and makes questions
- * Translator goes through this and answers each question
- * Consultant checks accuracy with translator and native speakers



- * Corrects draft, revises it and checks it once more with (reviewers), teammates and elders in the church
- * Check key biblical terms with key leaders from the language area, covering men and women, educated and non-educated
- * TRIAL print
- * Dedication - Invite people from churches and organizations in this language area
- * Have sessions on how to use these portions as individuals, families and in churches
- * Encourage feedback
- * Since each book is translated one by one over several years, the translator might want to have a REVIEW CHECK to ensure consistency:

*Update Back translation in English and give/sent to a consultant who has never seen your work before.

*Consultant looks at BT and makes questions wherever corrections or changes may be needed (going through the complete translation verse by verse)

*Face-to-face checking with consultant and/or native speakers (each book was review checked by a consultant other than the consultant who did the first consultant check)

*Changes and corrections made

* Went through entire KBT list with consultant

Paratext Checking for consistency

* Check parallel passages

* Check all section headings and cross references (to see if the same genre is used)

* Check introductions; footnotes and glossary

* Check consistency of spellings, proper names, punctuation, indenting of Old Testament quotes and quotation marks (first and second level)

* Read through entire New Testament with a few native speakers, verse by verse, to see if they stumble or hesitate anywhere

* Check that verse, sentence, phrase or word with them and other speakers before finalizing the manuscript

*Take a print out of cleaned up draft and give at least one or two fluent readers of the language to read through and give feedback in writing

*Then go through entire NT verse by verse with source text (or RSV)

* Go through KBT with elders of the church and finalise (this can be very hard and lengthy)

* Go through each KBT in New Testament using toolbox KBT to check that we have translated the right meaning according to context and to make consistent

* Choose pictures and insert in the right places, put captions for each picture and reference. (Check if permission is needed for using pictures and do the needful)

* Decide on cover page, contents, overall introduction to the New Testament, and title for the New Testament

The manuscript is formatted, converted into a PDF to be given to the publishers for printing

*Decide on publishers and copyright issues with your leaders (this should be done at least 6 months before reaching this stage, to avoid delays) and printers, cost and dedication and distribution plans. **All by His Grace!**



Praise and Prayer Calendar

*(We have arrived at the tenth month of 2010! Great is God's faithfulness! God has answered and continues to answer the prayers of His people. By standing with us, you have played an important role in our lives. These are days of great activity, both in the Field and Church Ministries services of IEM. Do pray that God will use our missionaries, local leaders and believers to prepare the ground for the advent of the Gospel message in the hearts of souls hungering for the Gospel. Since this is a combined issue, we have praise and prayer points to take us through **October and November 2010**)*

October 2010

1 Kullu, Himachal Pradesh

Praise God

For the successful Kullu Church convention from July 23-25, 2010. Members from 6 Worship Groups established by IEM participated

That many believers recommitted their lives to the Lord Jesus and decided to actively share the Gospel with their friends, neighbours and relatives

For helping our missionaries to conduct the *Masih Mela* in Shalwar Church from August 14-15, 2010, after a gap of over 25 years

That many non-Christians heard God's Word for the first time

That 3 believers openly confessed their faith in the Kullu church during August & September 2010

Pray

That the believers who want to openly confess their faith in the Lord will be strengthened by the Lord

The believers in the 2 New Worship Groups in Fozal and Babeli will grow in

the Lord and be faithful witnesses for Jesus

· **Pray for the Tamil Nadu State Youth Camp** which begins **today** and concludes on October 3, 2010 at **Thanjavur**. **Pray** that the young people who attend this camp will return transformed and be willing to allow the Lord to work in and through their lives. **Pray** that the speakers will be anointed by the Lord and also that all the needs of the camp will be met.

2 Bathinda, Punjab

Praise God

For His protective care over our missionaries during the hot summer months

That the programmes in the churches are effective and productive

That more children are actively involved in the activities of the their churches

That our missionary Shyla Christie who underwent a medical procedure at CMC in September will recover fully and be

able to resume her ministry in the mission field

That believer Buta Singh, who is studying in Bible College will be kept in good health

That Self-help Groups (SHG) accounts will be opened in banks quickly so that our believers will be helped

That the new contacts and seekers will accept the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour

That the believers will grow strong in the Lord

A Pastors and Supporters Get-together will be held today at **Ahmednagar**, Maharashtra. **Pray** that the Lord will use our church ministries' personnel to enable these dear people to stand with the Mission through their prayers and finance

3 Dehra Dun, Uttarakand

Chandmari

Praise God

For the good health granted to our missionaries to carry out their tasks effectively

For the good response from the village-folk to the preaching of the Gospel

Pray

For 3 believer sisters who are now in Outreach Training Institute(OTI), training to be missionaries

That our missionaries will be effective in their efforts to reach out to new villages with the Gospel

Indiranagar

Praise God

For good health and protection over our missionaries and believers in spite of

the cloud burst which left many dead in Uttarakhand

That a prayer fellowship cum Bible study was started every alternate day on the Book of Genesis

That all the children who attended the Sunday School are really blessed through the ministry of the Word

Pray

That a seeker Ganesh Thapa, aged 23 will surrender his life to Jesus

That our weakest students Sanjhana, 8 and Deepen, 11 will be interested to do well in their studies

* **The Commonwealth Games** begin today in New Delhi. **Praise God** for this opportunity to meet with and interact with athletes and officials from most of the Commonwealth nations. **Pray** that the massive outreach programme to present the Gospel to these sportspersons will yield eternal results. Our missionary Rev MG Daniel's son Jebin is participating in the outreach programme

4 Abu Road, Rajasthan

Garasia

Praise God

That the worship service in Nichilaghad which stopped in August 2008 has been restarted

That the Vagur worship Group is progressing steadily

That the 12 children in the Danta hostel and 25 in Mount Abu are improving not only in their studies but also in their knowledge of the Bible

That our evangelist Joseph and his family looked after the hostels in the absence of our missionaries

That the Garasia songs were recorded on CDs through Trans World Radio and distributed to the people

That new missionary Mr. Rasing could join the missionary team from August 2010. He is learning the language

Pray

That the monthly special meetings conducted in Dhabavalivav village will impact the people for Christ

That Mrs. Sheela Amin's medical ministry in Danta and Garasia regions will be blessed by the Lord and benefit the people

5 General Secretary

Praise God

For using Rev. P. John Wesley at various conventions during September, in spite of his back problem

For protecting his family during his long periods away from home

Pray

For the Lord's sustaining grace in the coming months, especially during his hectic schedule

For wisdom to lead the Mission under the direction of the Lord

6 Nasik, Maharashtra

Praise God

For His protection over our missionaries during the rainy season

For His marvelous healing touch on our missionary Mr. Bose Kuriokose after his piles surgery

For adding new believers in Banderpada, Shirsha, Bhej and Bhavti Churches

Pray

That the hostel children will not suffer much because of new government education rules

That all the field programmes like children's meetings, Elders' meetings and Evangelists' meetings during Diwali holidays next month will be fruitful

That our ailing believers will experience the Lord's healing touch in their lives

7 Church Ministries, Andhra Pradesh

Praise God

For granting our church ministries' missionaries good health and strength as they travelled to various churches for ministry last month

Pray

That the whole Andhra Pradesh Church team will continue to enjoy close fellowship and encourage each other in the ministry

That the Lord will strengthen our Area Secretaries, supporters and churches as they faithfully pray for and support the ministry of IEM

That some of our supporters who are unwell will experience the Lord's all-sufficiency in their lives

8 Balrampur, Uttar Pradesh

Praise God

For 5 believers who openly confessed their faith on August 27, 2010 at Juwathan village

For the good response to the ministry of the Word in Kamdi and Jonar villages

For delivering a contact, Mrs Manju of Kamdi village from demon possession

For missionary Mr. Suknath Badiak who recently joined the Utraula missionary team

Pray

That Mrs. Sunita (evangelist's wife) who is in the family way will have a safe delivery

That our missionaries will be able to begin a hostel for our believers' children in Balrampur

That church buildings will be constructed in Utraula and Balrampur

For our missionaries who are prayerfully planning to start a fellowship in Utraula town

The Regional Convention begins today in Trivandrum. Rev. P John Wesley, Rev ED Rajasingh and other missionaries will be ministering God's Word. **Pray** that the Holy Spirit will move among the people in a wonderful way and that God's Name will be exalted

9 Chitradurga, Karnataka

Praise God

For the 17 believers who openly confessed their faith on July 17, 2010

That the situation in Chitradurga is calm now after the recent surge in anti-Christian activities

Pray

That our missionaries will be granted wisdom to work together and wisely answer those who falsely accuse them

That the 17 believers who confessed their faith in the Lord will grow spiritually

10 Golaghat, Assam

Praise God

For His guidance in the ministry thus far

For the new and old areas which are opening for ministry here

Pray

For the positive response to the Gospel from the Ahom people in Golaghat district

That many contacts, seekers and believers will come together to form a Worship Group

That God will grant our missionaries the wisdom and sensitivity to serve in some difficult areas

Tamil Nadu Church Ministries: Pray today for the **Missionary Dedication** at Home Church, Nagercoil

Krishnagiri, Tamil Nadu – Pray for the believers who will be openly confessing their faith **today** on the banks of the Krishnagiri Dam. **Pray** that they will be firm in their faith and be vibrant witnesses for the Lord among their own people

11 Chinnoor, Andhra Pradesh

Bheemaram

Praise God

For His protection over our believers from disease during the rainy season

For the 2 new families who are coming to the church in Bheemaram and Rasingpuram

That more children are interested to attend the Sunday School

Pray

That believer Mr. Nathaniel who broke his leg recently will experience the Lord's healing touch

That believer Mr. Rajbabu who is suffering from Jaundice will recover soon

For believer Mrs. Radha will be healed from her severe headache and ulcers

That a church will be constructed for Yerukala people

That our missionary will experience healing from his severe back pain

12 Digod, Rajasthan

Praise God

That Mr. & Mrs. Babulal Bairwa from Itawa village heard the Gospel and are interested to follow Christ

For the open door in Renodiya village to proclaim the Gospel. Now we have a regular Sunday worship service here

For Mr. Sonukumar who is helping our Bible translators in their work

That the first draft of the Gospel of Mark in Hadothi language is in progress

Pray

That Rinku, Sathu, Ajay, Hariprakash, Bhubanes, Gajendar and Monu from Digod village will be willing to accept Christ as their personal Saviour

That Babulal Bairwa and his wife will grow strong in their faith

For Mr. Mahaveer and Mr. Hemraj from Renodiya village who are willing to accept Christ as their personal Savior

For Mr. Suresh who is possessed by an evil spirit in Prempura village

For openings to proclaim the Gospel in Getha Ganesganj, Ayana, Doli, Badod and Dipri villages

13 Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

Kotia People

Praise God

For the 18 helpers who are willing to be involved in the ministry

For a believer who is studying in Vijayawada Bible Seminary, training to serve the Lord among his own people

That a new church building was dedicated at Billaput village recently

Pray

That the new seekers and 18 helpers will grow in the Lord

For funds to construct a church building in Pimpolguda after heavy rains destroyed the old building. Right now, the people gather in believers' homes for worship

For our missionary Kanagarathnam who is moving to another mission base for ministry

14 Church Ministries Kerala

Praise God

For our supporter, who in spite of his own ailment, has sacrificially contributed Rs.1,00,000 towards the missionaries' medical aid fund

For the Lord's healing touch on our missionaries Mrs. Mini Thomson and Mr.C.P. Varghese, who suffered setbacks in their health

For the good response to the IEM musical evening in Trivandrum

Pray

That more new supporters will be identified as a result of the Regional convention which concluded in Trivandrum on October 10, 2010

That the **IEM Sunday** organized on the third Sunday in October at

Mavelikara region will challenge many to get involved in missionary work

That our church ministries' missionaries will be able to plan for an IEM Convention in Palghat region in November

That we will be able to identify 5 new missionary supports before 2011

*** The Andhra Pradesh State Youth Camp** begins from today at Hyderabad. **Pray** that the young people from all regions of the state will enjoy the ministry of the Word through His servants and desire to be used by the Lord in the places where He has planted them

15 Administrative Services

Praise God

That the construction of the Bargur Girls' Hostel in Krishnagiri district will be starting soon

For the faithful service rendered by the staff in the head office and other offices of the Mission

Pray

That our plans to construct a second floor at the head office will come to pass

For good health to carry out the day to day tasks assigned to the Administrative Secretary

*** Orissa Church Ministries: Pray** for the Orissa State Convention which begins today at Bhubaneswar. Pray for special anointing on the speakers, Mr Shailesh Amin and Rev. G. Sasikumar. **Pray** for the arrangements and financial needs

16 Bastar, Chattisgarh

Bible Translation : Batri

Praise God

That a church building construction is now in progress and will be completed and dedicated soon

That Matthew's Gospel has been translated into Batri language

For the new contacts in Rathakandi and Jamguda villages

Pray

That the translation of Ephesians and John's Gospel which are now in progress will be completed soon

Tamil Nadu Church Ministries: Pray today for the Area Secretaries and Supporters' Retreat at Tirunelveli

17 Bastar, Chattisgarh

Bible Translation : Bison Horn Madiya

Praise God

That our missionaries will be moving to new areas where churches have not yet been planted

Pray

That the Lord will grant our missionaries the wisdom to prayerfully locate new villages where churches need to be established

That the distribution of the Bison Horn Madiya New Testament will be done effectively as more and more people discover new truths from the Written Word

* **The Dusshera Mela** begins **today** in **Kullu Town**. **Pray** for our missionaries as they embark on a special Outreach programme to reach the thousands who will throng this place. A bookstall outside the Kullu Church and a 7-day evangelistic thrust in the church based on the theme – “Jesus Christ is mankind’s priceless treasure” are a part of this effort. **Pray** that many will respond to the love of Christ

18 Bastar, Chattisgarh

Literacy : Bison Horn Madiya

Praise God

That our missionary Rajkumar could teach the Literacy Principles course for one month for those who were being trained for Bible Translation and Literacy ministry in various languages

That Ebenezer Rajkumar was enabled to prepare the 2011 Madiya calendar and make it print ready. She was also able to type new songs for the Madiya song book

Pray

For the printing of the song book, literacy primers, fluency building materials and Madiya calendar 2011

That our missionaries were able to choose the right villages for an evangelistic thrust around Geedam area

That the Firm Foundation Course will be translated in Madiya

19 Mayurbhanj, Orissa

Praise God

That our missionary, Miss. Premlatha’s surgery was successful. She is on the road to recovery

For our evangelists who are tirelessly working among their own people

Pray

For one missionary to take care of the Ho mission field along with 10 Evangelists

That our evangelists will lead by example

20 PRAYER DAY

On this day, all our missionaries, both in our mission fields and offices will set aside their work in order to spend time at the Lord’s feet. Would you join us please?

Praise God

For helping our missionaries to work tirelessly towards the establishment of New Worship Groups throughout 2010

For the strongholds of Satan which are being broken down, in answer to the fervent prayers of God’s people

Pray

That we will continue to carry forward the light of the Gospel in places where no believers or churches exist

That our new missionaries will adjust to their new work environment quickly and make contact with the people

21 Chinnoor, Andhra Pradesh

Praise God

That 25 boys were able to stay and study well in the hostel during the last one year

That our missionaries could send 2 boys and 2 girls to Vijayawada Bible seminary for training

That the new Worship Groups in Nagaram, Bedhampalli, Racherla, Suraram, Mallumpetta are progressing well

That 12 believers are ready to openly confess their faith in the Lord in Mulakalapeta

Pray

For a young seeker lady, Rajamoni who divorced her husband and now is mentally disturbed

That the Government will grant free land for a Christian cemetery

That an evangelist will be located in Neelwai and Remanapalli

For a family to cook food for the hostel boys

22 Outreach Training Institute, Bagalur, Tamil Nadu

Praise God

For the encouragement and prayer support received by our missionary candidates during their church ministry programme in June 2010

For the second phase of the missionary training programme which is now in progress in OTI

Pray

That the 20 missionaries who reached their respective mission fields on or before July 27, 2010 will use their skills and knowledge effectively

That the Lord will comfort the family of Mr. Varghese, one of our OTI staff whose mother passed away recently

That our missionary staff, Mrs. Esther Rajamoni will recover completely after her hip replacement surgery

For our missionary staff Mrs. Evangeline Robert who is recovering after surgery

23 Khammam, Andhra Pradesh

Praise God

That our missionaries could send 6 boys and 4 girls to Vijayawada Bible seminary

That a new Worship Group was started at Edippalagudem on June 20, 2010

That 15 believers are preparing to openly confess their faith in the Lord

That our missionaries Rev. Stanley & Sudha have moved to MP Banjar to care for the girls' hostel there

Pray

That believers Poyam Ravi and Ramadevi who are suffering from kidney stones will experience the Lord's healing touch

That church buildings in Gorregutta, Muttaigudem, Gattumalla will be completed soon

That a land will be purchased and a worship shed constructed at Bollerugudem

That the need for a church building in Pullaiahgudem will be met

That the 8 girls who join the girls' hostel this year will adjust well with the 41 girls who are already there

24 Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh

Praise God

For believer Ankama who is recovering after a paralytic attack

Pray

That our believers will be wise yet gentle when they deal with government officials who oppose them

That our missionary Mrs. Jyothi Shadrach who is suffering from backache will experience the Lord's healing touch

* **Tamil Nadu Church Ministries: Pray** today for the **Missionary Dedication** at Mandaram Pudur, Kanyakumari district

25 Koraput, Orissa

Kondh people

Praise God

That the Bible studies for local leaders every Saturday is progressing well

That 6 lessons from the Firm Foundation lessons have translated into 'Kuvi' language

Pray

That the 40 believers who are waiting to openly confess their faith in the Lord will be granted the mandatory affidavits from the local government officials

That the radio program in 'Kuvi' language will begin soon

For plans to start a children's hostel and training center for Kondh people

26 Chikaldara, Maharashtra

Praise God

That after a long gap, the Worship service has begun in Semadoh village - two families are regular

For using our missionaries, Mr. Sam Sukumar and family to counsel families in Badnapur Worship Group and foster unity

For he have been working here by our partner agencies – World Vision, EFICOR and SISU

Pray

For replacement for our missionary Miss. K Leela who has been transferred to Church Ministries, Kerala

That God will fill our missionaries and evangelists with His wisdom and strength to work more effectively

For a revival to break out in Chikaldara

27 Church Ministries, New Delhi

Praise God

For the good response from our supporters

For new openings for ministry in new churches and families

For all our Area Secretaries who are so committed to to serve the Lord through IEM

For God's protection over our missionaries during the recent epidemic in Delhi

Pray

That more Christians will offer to serve the Lord as Area Secretaries

That our missionaries will enjoy good health during the winter months

28 Andamans

Praise God

For His provision of new clothes for 16 girls of Jivan Jothi Girls' hostel in Diglipur through our supporters in New Delhi

Pray

That funds will be provided for the construction of a temporary shed for worship cum missionary accommodation in Nimbutala Jetty

That the 2nd Youth Leadership Training called "Timothy Camp" at Kadamtala will be a blessing to young people

For the Newtons as they prepare the needed material for this camp

* **The 45th IEM National Convention** at Mairang Town in the picturesque state of Meghalaya begins **today**. Mairang is a historically significant place because it was here that revival broke out for the first time in the North East. **Pray** that those who attend will be challenged to wake up to the fields which are already white unto harvest and obey the clarion call to get involved in missionary work.

29 Lakhnadon, Madhya Pradesh

Praise God

That Mr. Shanta Kumar from Khamaria village is interested in following Christ after reading the New Testament

That through the believers in Khamaria there is a new opening in Pathari village as well

That Mr. Santhosh gave up his drinking habit after attending the Sunday Worship Service at Sunwara village

For Mr. Pranicharan Basumate, a new missionary who has joined the team

Pray

That Mr. Santhosh will be totally healed from epilepsy

That our new seekers in Ganeshganj and Poria village will decide to follow Christ whole heartedly

That Mrs. Soraj will be granted a safe delivery after a series of miscarriages in the past

That our helper would become a capable evangelist

That God will grant wisdom to Mr. Pranicharan Basumate to learn the language and understand the peoples' culture

30 Finance Services

Praise God

For the funds He provided during the first half of the current financial year 2010-11

For the good health enjoyed by the staff members of the finance services

Pray

For the internal audit which is now in progress

That the inflow of funds will gradually increase

For new staff to join so that some key tasks in the Finance Department may be carried out

31 Lambadi Bible Translation

Praise God

That the translation of the Old Testament from Genesis to Song of Solomon has been completed except Psalms and from Hosea to Malachi

That our missionaries Rev. G S Ananda Rao & Premalatha desire to see the task completed soon so that it can be used in Banjara churches

Pray

That our missionaries will experience the Lord's healing – Rev Ananda Rao has severe shoulder pain and cannot write for long hours

That one day the entire Bible will be in the hands of the Lambada people and that they will grow strong in the Lord

November 2010

1 Church Ministries, Manipur

Praise God

That the first IEM State Youth Convention which was conducted at Imphal from June 11-13, 2010 was attended by 250 young people, of which 150 accepted Christ and the rest were restored from a backslidden state

That in the midst of unrest and a steep rise in prices, the Lord protected and provided for all our missionaries in the recent past

That 3 new churches came forward to support one missionary each

For the fruitful Supporters Retreat at the Tangkhul Baptist Church, Imphal from September 2 & 3, 2010

For the Missions conference with the Sadar Baptist Association from September 16-18, 2010

For the fruitful Missions seminar with the Rongmei Naga Baptist Association (RNBA) on September 28, 2010 at the Tamenglong Town Baptist Church

Pray

That the ministry in Ukhrul and Tamenglong districts will bring glory to the Lord and many will turn to Him

For plans to sign Memorandums of Understanding with 4 new supporting groups

That the preaching engagements of the entire team will be anointed by the Lord

That God will intervene and stop the spread of the unrest in Manipur

2 Udampur, Andhra Pradesh

Praise God

In Udampur 10 believers are getting ready to openly confess their faith in the Lord

Pray

That our missionaries will be kept in good health

That more avenues for ministry will open up in the days to come

3 Dehra Dun, Uttarakand

Nayogoan

Praise God

That our believer Manoj Kumar is looking after the ministry among children

For the 2 believers who are getting ready to openly confess their faith in the Lord

Pray

That the believers will stand firm in faith and witness for the Lord

That the Gospel will spread to various areas of Nayagoan because of the witness of the believers

Doiwala

Praise God

For enabling our missionaries to courageously carry on the ministry for God's glory

Pray

That Anil Thapa and 2 other families in Lachiwala will turn to the Lord

For the Lord's healing touch on our missionaries Mr. & Mrs. R. Wilson

4 Dangs, Gujarat

Praise God

For the new Worship Groups in Temburungarta and Lahan Dabas

For the 2 boys and 2 girls from the Dangs hostel who did well in a competitive exam

Pray

That Mr. Soniya, an elder from Motidabas who met with an accident will recover soon

That our church leaders Mr. Vaman Pawar and Mr. Sakaram will be ordained in the coming days

That the Shantinikethan Ashram(hostel) will have people to care for the children

5 Church Ministries, Andamans

Praise God

For healing our Area Coordinator in Port Blair, Mr. D. Rajkumar after his recent eye surgery

For our supporter Mrs. Navamoni Ethiraj who recovered from her recent sickness

Pray

That Miss. Leena will be granted admission in a Nursing college

For the missionary convention this month during which Bishop. Taranath Sagar will be sharing the Word

6 Nasik, Maharashtra

Praise God

That Mr. Praveen P. Barde has joined the team of evangelists in Borgaon area

For the 11 hostel children in Borgaon village who are improving in their studies

For Miss. Suman and Miss. Ellu who completed their GNM nursing course and are now doing their internship at Umri Christian hospital

Pray

That the Lord will provide for the believers who migrated to other places in search of a livelihood

That funds will be made available to construct church buildings at Jamniyavangan and Mangilidhar villages

That our missionary Mr. Bose Kuriakose will be completely healed from his ailment

That the evangelists who are located in different villages will serve the Lord faithfully

That believer Mr. Kanthilal who joined Bible college will recover from Typhoid quickly and move to Nagpur to continue his studies

That the 3 girls who enrolled in the GNM course in Nasik from Pandita Ramabai Mukti Mission (PRMM) hostel will pursue their studies faithfully

7 Belamandal, Andhra Pradesh

Praise God

For evangelists and helpers who are growing in the Lord

For the new people in villages Dublipuod and Dhabadi who have decided to follow Christ

Pray

For the people who oppose the Christians – they have started their weekly teaching programmes in many villages.

That in spite of all these hindrances, the Gospel will spread and people will know Christ

That those who oppose the ministry and bring false accusations against our missionaries and believers in Shibla will turn to the Lord

That the church in Matharjun village will grow in the Lord

That the Marathi Worship Group in 2 villages will grow

8 Personnel Services

Praise God

For His grace to carry out the responsibilities entrusted to us

For the appointment of 18 new missionaries after their completion of the training in July 2010

For the 12 missionaries whose services were confirmed after a 1-year probation

For 27 missionaries who could attend the Mentoring Training Programme from September 20 – 22, 2010 at Chennai

Pray

That God will raise more labourers to join IEM as missionaries to fulfill its God given vision

For the 21 Missionary Candidates being trained at OTI and 15 Candidates Under Ministry exposure

For all the team members of the Personnel services as they schedule programmes for our missionaries in the coming months

9 Church Ministries, Karnataka

Praise God

For the 2 new missionaries who were dedicated recently

For the 7 new missionaries' children's support which was raised

For the members of the Steering Committee which was formed to coordinate the Missionaries' Convention at Kolar Gold Fields (KGF)

Pray

For preparation for the KGF Missionary Convention scheduled from January 7-9, 2011

For the health of our missionaries' parents who are old and needy

10 Balrampur, Uttar Pradesh

Praise God

That the believers are growing spiritually. Some of them are ready to openly confess their faith in the Lord from Chandana village

That our missionaries were able to admit 2 children of our believers (Ashish Kuldeep & Aklesar) in the hostel

For the new Worship Group in Badariya village, Utraula

Pray

For the Lord's healing on Sachin, aged 4 who has epilepsy. His parents regularly attend church

That God will continue to use our evangelists Mr. Abhay Kumar, Mr. Keshov Parsad, Mr. Ramasarei and volunteers Mr. & Mrs. Gudgi to bring many souls to Christ

That regular worship services will begin soon in Kamdi & Jonar villages in Balrampur

That those who were not able to openly confess their faith in the Lord will be able to do so soon

*** Koraput, Orissa: Pray for the Leadership training camp today for Khond believers**

11 Koraput, Orissa

Kondh People

Praise God

That believer Pokiro has started a new Worship Group in Narayanapatna

For the 5 newly appointed helpers

That our new missionary, Mr. Prabath was able to join the Kondh missionary team

Pray

That our missionaries will enjoy good health as they serve the Lord faithfully

12 Tamil Nadu Church Ministries

Praise God

For helping the Steering Committee and our missionaries to conduct the Tamil Nadu State Convention successfully from August 20 – 22, 2010 at Coimbatore

For the 5 Area Secretaries who join the team after being challenged at the convention

Pray

That the follow up programmes after the State Youth Camp last month will be effective and yield long lasting results

That the following beloved people will experience healing from the Lord: Mr. ET Sunder Singh,

Mr. Sam D Arputharaj, the father of Rev. Ravi Kumar and our missionary Rev. M Soundarrajan

For more Mission Coordinators to be appointed within the next 6 months

For the Christmas programmes scheduled during November at Tuticorin, Trichy and Coimbatore

13 Digod, Rajasthan

Praise God

For contact Mrs.Sampathsingh in Itawa village who is eagerly reading Gospel tracts

For granting our missionaries good health to carry on the ministry

That Mr. Sathu from Digod village who had opposed our ministry earlier is now helping our missionaries in Hadothi Bible translation work

Pray

For Mr.Jagdismhavar from Badod village who heard about Christ and received the Hindi New Testament

For our missionaries who are prayerfully considering moving to Renodiya village in order to reach out to the children there

For His protection over our missionaries' 2-month old son Master Abiel Morris who has to get used to severe heat and rain in the village

For revival in Hadothi land

14 Church Ministries, Orissa

Praise God

For the 150 women who attended the meeting at Jharsuguda when Mrs. Victoria Patel shared the Word

For enabling our missionaries to schedule mission related programmes in Berhampur, Balasore and Jharsuguda

For the 4 new missionary childrens' support

Pray

That effective follow up programmes will be organized after the ladies' meeting and State Convention

That those who made commitments will be firm to their decisions

For the need of more Oriya speaking missionaries to join the team

15 Khammam, Andhra Pradesh

Praise God

For the 2 new families who are attending the worship service in Pathamarudipaka

For the 4 new people who are attending the worship service in Kamalapuram

Pray

That the Boy's hostel building which is leaking badly will be repaired soon even as funds are made available

For land to construct church buildings at Nakiripeta and Chinthrialagudem villages

For a Worship Shed in Anandapuram village

16 Chitradurga, Karnataka

Praise God

For answering the prayers of our missionaries

For believer Miss. Manjula who will be getting married to a believer from Bangalore

That believers Mr. Devaraj and Mr. Chandrappa were able to secure good jobs in Chitradurga

That 120 people were able to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the IEM Chitradurga church on September 9, 2010

Pray

That a seeker Pushpa will be able to attend the Worship Service regularly in spite of opposition from her parents

That believers Miss. Sarvamangala and Miss. Neelamma will find suitable, godly life partners

That believer Mrs. Manthamma will secure a nursing job

For believers Mahesh, Suresh and Kantharaj who are doing professional courses

For a worship shed to be constructed at Bachabornahati

That the ministry of our evangelists, Mr. Manjunath and Mr. Umesh will be effective

17 PRAYER DAY

Praise God

For yet another opportunity to sit at the Lord's feet and express our total dependence on Him

For the freedom we have in our land to worship the Living God

Pray

That even as we are involved in His Ministry, we will not forget HIM who is our all sufficiency!

That as a result of the prayers of God's people, great things will be accomplished in our mission fields and indeed in every aspect of our ministry for His glory

* **Tamil Nadu Church Ministries: Pray** today for the Area Secretaries Retreat at Madurai

18 Outreach Training Institute, Bagalur, Tamil Nadu

Praise God

That those who attended the Evangelists' Training Programme at OTI decided to share the Gospel with their "Neighbours"

Pray

That Mrs. Radha, one of our OTI workers will restore her broken relationship with her father in law

That Mrs. Sujatha, another worker's husband will be delivered from his addiction to alcohol

19 Koraput, Orissa

Khond people

Praise God

For the addition of a new member to the missionary team

That a New Worship Group was formed among the Khond people

For God's grace and guidance in the ministry

For providing 2 Evangelists and 5 Helpers

Pray

For a suitable house for our missionary, Mr. Prabhath

That the material given to us by New Tribes Mission will be translated soon

* **Tamil Nadu Church Ministries: Pray** for the Tamil Nadu Planning meeting from today till the 21st at Oddanchatram

20 Chitradurga, Karnataka

Baramasagara

Praise God

For enabling our missionaries to enjoy good health as they serve the Lord faithfully

Pray

For the establishment of new Worship Groups at Huliyalu and Alekallu

For contacts Lohith and Thippakka who are interested to listen to the Gospel

For contact Gangamma's son Thippesh to be released from his bondage to alcohol

That contact Umesh and his family will turn to the Lord

21 Chitradurga, Karnataka

Donnehalli

Praise God

For 4 believers who openly confessed their faith in the Lord and are growing spiritually

Pray

For the new contacts in Donnehalli and surrounding villages to know Christ

That the Worship Groups in Chukkanalli, Madanaikanalli, Basappanahatti, Bennahalli will grow and the believers will share the love of Jesus with others

That the Sunday Worship service at Donnehalli will see many more contacts attending

22 Krishnagiri, Tamil Nadu

Poovathy

Praise God

For the new openings for ministry

Pray

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

For Ratnam and Mary who are waiting for God to choose their lifepartners

That Mr. Krishnamurthi and his family will stand firm in their faith

For the ministry of evangelist Mr. Ruban Murgesan

23 Hosur, Tamil Nadu

Praise God

That believer Nagammal's calf which was dying has recovered in answer to prayer. This is a big blessing for this dear sister

Pray

For Rajamma, Krisnamma and Mathu who are getting ready to openly confess their faith in the Lord

That Muthu will know the Lord's healing touch on her

That the believers at Sonepuram will maintain the cleanliness of the church

24 Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

Kotia People

Praise God

For the 6 new families who have joined the church

For the 13 fruitful years of ministry of our missionaries Mr. Thanzulum and Mrs. Linda in Araku valley

That our believer Mr. Kespo who was hospitalized for nearly 16 days is now much better

That our believer Mr. Bikari who was in serious condition was totally healed

Pray

That the Borampalem Church construction will be completed soon

That our believers who were ill because of the torrential rain will experience the Lord's healing

For funds to complete the church buildings at Kuthangput and Pimpulguda villages

* The **IEM National Prayer and Planning Meeting** begins today at OTI and will conclude on November 27, 2010. **Pray** for our leaders as they deliberate over pressing issues concerning the Mission

25 Communication Services

Praise God

For enabling the Communication team to bring out the magazine regularly

For our Regional Editors and their teams who work tirelessly to maintain schedules and accuracy in translation

Pray

That the new publications- **Moments With the Master** (a devotional) and **The Touch of His Goodness** will find wide acceptance and benefit all those who read them

For funds to publish more books

26 Bible Translation Projects

Praise God

That all our Bible Translation teams are working to complete the New Testaments in their respective languages in spite of tight schedules

For the provision of gadgets to speed up the translation work

Pray

That our translation teams will be kept healthy as they are involved in an important task

That new Bible translation teams will come forward to translate the Scriptures into new languages

27 New Mission Fields

Praise God

That the fields are already white unto harvest

For the openness in our country to the preaching of the Gospel

Pray

For more labourers to move into the harvest fields

For more supporters to sponsor the ministry and the new missionaries

28 Andamans

Praise God

For the blessed Seekers' Meeting, Community Sports, Believers' Family Seminar and Retreat at Kadamtala, Billy Ground and Diglipur respectively

For God's protection upon our missionaries' children from poisonous insects and sicknesses during the rainy season

Pray

For a committed missionary couple or single lady to serve among children in the Hostel and Nursery School in Diglipur, North Andaman.

For God's healing touch upon a genuine seeker Mr Sukumar Das, who is paralysed. He is eager to openly confess his faith

For believers Mr. & Mrs. Laxman who are ready to go for Bible Training and serve the Lord among Telugu Fishermen

29 Mission Support Staff(MSS)

Praise God

For using our MSS who perform essential jobs on a daily basis, like a well oiled machine

That more office staff will opt to become MSS

Pray

That the training programme for MSS at OTI will be held soon

For the families of our MSS to be kept in good health

* **Pray** for our central leaders as they deliberate during the **Administrative Committee** for 2 days beginning today at OTI, Bagalur, Tamil Nadu

30 Christmas Outreach

Praise God

For yet another opportunity for our missionaries and believers to present

the Christmas message in their respective mission fields during the month of December

For the eagerness among the believers to give their time for Christmas programme practice as well as to reach out to their own people

Pray

That as a result of the Christmas programmes, many contacts and seekers will respond to the love of Christ

That our believers will resolve to practice persevering prayer in their homes and fellowship

Professionals & Supporters Gathering: Bangalore City

The IEM Church ministries team in Bangalore organized professionals & Supporters get together.

1. Professionals meet: The meeting was held at All Saints Church Bangalore on July 31, 2010. Professionals' meeting was new experience to us. The meeting opened with prayer by missionary Rev. Rajasingh Elias. The Songs & worship led by Mr. Charles Wesley and team. Missions information shared by Missionary Rev. Jackin Isravel & team. Missionary Rev. Rajasingh Elias interviewed children from Krishnagiri Tribal Girl's Hostel. Their testimonies and Skits touched many lives to involve in missions. Rev Isaac shared Karnataka Church Ministries needs. Mr. Patrick (one of our supporters) challenged on witness in work. Prof. Karunaharan (St.John's College, Nellai) delivered challenging message. Missionary D.Jeyaseelan offered word of thanks and the meeting ended with prayer by Dr.Theodore Srinivasagam.

2. Supporters & prayer partners meet :The meeting was held at St.John's Church, Bangalore on August 1' 2010. To our amazement, over 250 prayer partners and supporters and friends attended from Bangalore city. The meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Nirmala Vasantha Kumar. As Mr. Solomon Swami Doss welcomed the gathering, the worship led by Mr. Charles Wesley. Three of our supporters shared their experience with IEM. The Scripture portion read by Mrs. Princess Franklyn (St.John's High School Principal) .Pro. Karunaharan shared the word of God. Many committed their lives to missionary work. The meeting came to an end with prayer and Benediction by Rev. Sathyanathan.

We thank God who gave us the wisdom to conduct these meetings. And also we are thankful to all our supporters, prayer partners and friends

D. JEYASEELAN & IEM Bangalore team

Why Read? Why Write?

(Teaching a non-literate person to read and write is not as easy as A B C! It's a long drawn process and demands undivided attention, undiluted commitment and uninterrupted availability. So before you read this article, ask the Lord to give you a heart of thankfulness for the ability to read and write and a commitment to pray for our missionaries who are there on the mission field, trying to make people read and write. Here's a challenging article by our literacy missionaries [Mr. Rajkumar & Mrs Ebenezer Gnanakumari.](#))

Did you read the newspapers today? What about your Bible reading this morning? Reading has become an integral of our lives. We admit our children into preschool at two and a half. At 5 they begin to read and grow in an environment surrounded by books, newspapers, magazines, Bibles, spiritual books and so on.

Literacy among tribal people

Most tribal people's mother tongue is different from the state language, which is the medium of the school they study in. So when their children go to school, they do not understand the school language and their home environment does not encourage studying (no electricity, need to do household work like shepherding, caring for siblings and so on). Gradually they lose interest and drop out of school.

In the tribal areas, illiteracy, ignorance, drunkenness and poverty go together and thrives on each other. So if we address the issue of illiteracy appropriately, the other evils will reduce. Literacy and education informs people of many things. That gives self-confidence to otherwise timid people and makes them productive.

Literacy among the Christians

When non-literate tribal people become Christians, they do not know about the Lord. To be glowing witnesses for the Lord, they ought to read the Bible in a language they understand.

These days, people oppose the Gospel because the number of believers are growing rapidly. If these new Christians are taught to read and write, they will be better equipped to face opposition by informing the concerned authorities of the atrocities done to them. They will also know how to counter false propaganda like, "tribal people will lose government benefits once they become Christians."

Role of Literacy in Church growth and Evangelism

"The people of Berea were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, and they listened eagerly to Paul's message. They searched the scriptures day after day to check up on Paul and Silas, to see if they were really teaching the truth."
Act 17: 11 (NLT)

We see that the people of Berea studied the Scriptures daily to know whether Paul and Silas are really teaching the



truth. What is the result of this careful study of the Word?

The church grew in number. "As a result many Jews believed, as did some of the prominent Greek women and many men." Act 17:12(NLT)

The believers caught the vision of evangelization and a member of this Berea church went as the Lord's worker. Several men travelled with Paul. One of them was Sopater of Berea, the son of Pyrrhus(Acts 20:4)

If we want this to happen in our mission fields, it is not enough to translate the Scriptures; we must enable them to read the Scriptures.

The New Testaments have been printed and distributed in the Koya and Garasia languages. In February, 2010, it was published in Bison Horn Madiya as well. Now the people should be taught to read.

Challenges

When people are non-literates for generations, it is difficult to sustain their enthusiasm even though they might be interested initially. Further, even if they enroll, some might find it difficult to pick up. Their slow progress discourages them. So the dropout rate

is high. Literacy classes can be conducted only during summer when they are free from their field work. Even highly motivated people who pick up very well, stop coming to the classes once the monsoon sets in. Students who do manual work in the day time, may be too tired in the evening to attend night literacy classes. Further, because of special church meetings, marriages and so on, students are irregular to the classes. This is another factor which contributes to the low degree of progress.

Finding teachers is another hindrance in some villages. In Killepal, which is an interior village, literacy classes were going well. Most of the students were in their teens. A good teacher from another village was teaching. Suddenly he stopped teaching and left the village. Classes stopped midway.

Rays of hope

Four girls from Kurenga village attended our literacy camp. Now they lead the singing in their church and read Bible portions in front of the church. **Sudru**, a Christian man from Mandua village attended the literacy camp in the same village. He learned to read and attended the fluency building camp. He would read the Gospel of Mark while tending his sheep. **Sonmati**, a girl from Baganpal village attended the first literacy camp and learned to read and write. It was a joy to watch her signing the marriage register at her wedding with Sondar, our evangelist. Now she can read from the newly released Madiya New Testament. She also reads Hindi fluently. **Somaru** a boy from Raikot village attended the literacy

camp conducted in the Mandua village. He learned to read and write though not fluently. His mother said that even after the camp, he would sit and practice reading late into the night. He also went to a local Bible school.

Radha and **Budhram** are two men from Raikot village. They attended the evening literacy classes initially in the Kakkipadar village and later in their

own village. It was a joy for us to hear them reading from the Madiya New Testament in the recent literacy class final day programme.

Literacy work is challenging but rewarding. Will you pray that the challenges be overcome? ***Is there anybody who can come out and invest their lives for this noble cause?***

Bible Translation- A Significant Step to Success

Four New Testament Books in Rana Tharu!

 Our New Testament books – I Thessalonians, I Timothy, II Timothy and Titus – in Rana Tharu tongue were dedicated and released at Najhoula Public School, Najhoula Village, Uttar Pradesh on July 16, 2010 at a seminar for pastors from the Rana Tharu field.

North Zone 2 Zonal Field Secretary, Rev. Lawrence Gangte conducted the programme while the actual dedication and release was performed by the Associate Central Secretary for Bible Translation and Literacy, Mr. John Mathai. Mr. Baddhal, the first believer baptized by IEM missionaries, received the first copy.

Pastors working among the Rana Tharu people were present on the occasion, representing 8 different organizations from India and Nepal. The guest speakers were Rev. Dinesh Patel, Associate Central Secretary for Field Ministry North and Mrs. Victoria Patel who had translated the New Testament into the Garasia

tongue. The message was about the value of God's Word in the life of a believer and in the church. The participants were inspired to know the role of God's Word in their personal and public lives through Rev. Dinesh's powerful exhortation.

Mrs. Victoria Patel urged the participants to make use of the translated Scripture, giving the basic difference between a literal translation and a meaning – based translation. She used the example of Titus 1:1-3 from the Hindi and the Rana Tharu translation to illustrate the point. In addition, she presented some anecdotes from her experiences in the Garasia field, showing how the unread Garasia believers had gained a thirst for Scriptures in their own tongue.

Mrs. Patel suggested that the pastors use a model Scripture in use programme that was encouraging and easy to achieve. She exhorted them to use Mark's Gospel and the New Testament books in preaching and training believers to read, memorize and teach the Scriptures to others.

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Why So Long?

(Bible Translation is a time-consuming exercise. The technology available today cannot replace the need to toil tirelessly to study and present the Word as unblemished as possible to the people who are waiting to read God's message of love. Our Korku Bible translator Mr. Sam Sukumar answers the question, "Why so long?" Read on...)

A Definite Call

To be a Bible Translator, one needs to have a specific call from God. Unless He enables and empowers, it is impossible to give the Word of God to the people who need it. Normally, one does not need a literary background to translate into an unwritten language.

Steps, Stops and Struggles

While translating into a particular language, the impact and influence of neighboring languages should be minimal. If this is not done, it will be difficult for the translator to find suitable words in order to ensure accuracy, naturalness and clarity of the language into which he is translating. In any case, it normally takes a minimum of **3 years** for a translator to learn the language and understand its intricacies. It is a **continuous process** even for a mother tongue translator to understand his language. Further, the translator needs to undergo various training programmes to help him to speed up the work and achieve the desired results. These are necessary but they take time.

Language barriers

Learning a language, culture, analyzing sounds and grammar take considerable

time as well. Exegesis (*understanding the context of the text in its original language and expounding it appropriately*) involves careful study and drafting. Finding suitable language helpers is another delaying factor. In fact, developing language helpers (normally local people are used to hard manual work) who can patiently spend time with the translator is a challenging task. Illiteracy is another factor.

Health and Human Interruptions

The missionaries' health, family problems slows down the translation process. Sometimes, field situations are not conducive. For example, anti Christian elements make life difficult. Unforeseen situations like non-availability of accommodation, lack of proper electricity to power computers,



lack of machinery, failure of machinery can pose a huge problem.

At times, the missionary can get distracted by setting his priorities incorrectly. For example, when he gets involved in teaching, he might lose focus when people praise him for his great knowledge. Improper scheduling can take its toll as well. Add to this, team- work related problems can stop or slow down the work.

Finalization Pressures

People are important! The translated portions need to be village checked. To do this, people should be available.

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The session included a display of materials related to a Church – based literacy programme in which pastors from Nepal showed a keen interest. A special mention goes to the Regional coordinator of AFAO who permitted the use of his school premises for the programme.

A complimentary copy of the released

What about colleague-checks and back translation processes which are time consuming. After completing all the processes of translation, the manuscripts need to be sent for consultant checking. Often consultants are busy and so it takes time for them to complete their work. And then, the countdown...final checks and last minute corrections.

In ideal conditions, it might take **12 years** to complete the translation of the New Testament. Given the various “speed breakers” listed above, it could take anywhere between **20-30 years!** Please uphold us in prayer.

books was distributed to each participant and many purchased extra copies for their own churches. A sumptuous meal followed.

All glory goes to God who granted us clear weather on that day. We pray that these 4 T books would equip the Rana Tharu churches to accomplish God’s purposes in the lives of believers and others.

D. Gnanasekaran & Sheeba

The Story of Church – based literacy in Rana Tharu Field

Humble Beginnings

Bibles and song books were conspicuous by their absence at Sunday worship services in churches of the Rana Tharu field. Only the missionaries and their families had the ability to read and use them. Although we published the Gospel of Mark and Good News booklets in the Rana Tharu tongue in September 2007 and urged the believers to read the Word, they could not as they were illiterate.

A Christmas tract was published giving the Christmas story and a New Year promise. Even though the believers received God’s Word in their own tongue they could not read. They requested the missionaries to teach them to read. However the missionaries thought that teaching adults through the Hindi alphabet and words would not be feasible.

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Evangelism and Church planting

(How does Bible translation impact people for Christ? Much can be said about this. In this article we present to you the views of 2 of our Bible translators who have distinguished themselves, not only by their achievements but also by their lives. They are Mrs. Victoria Patel who along with her husband Mr. Dinesh Patel completed the Garasia New Testament and Mr. Kirivasan and his wife Amirthamary are involved in translating the New Testament into Batri language. Read on...)

Kirivasan: "Motivated us to stay back"

Bible Translation is a long term commitment. One cannot leave the mission field for any reason after beginning the translation. In spite of persecution, God enabled us to continue the ministry. Otherwise, we would have been transferred to some other field or asked to take up some other ministry.

Victoria Patel "An entry point for church planting and evangelism"

IEM's work in North Gujarat began with medical missions. This was an entry point in a very orthodox area. However, the medical work was confined to the hospital. In 1980, IEM sent a Bible Translator and because of the nature of translation work, she moved to a village, lived with the people, studied and analysed the language. This became an entry point among the Garasias and for years it gave us a hidden identity as "linguists" and not "converters." It was an entry point into the hearts of many Garasias who became friends just to teach us the language. They were not threatened to be with us, even though we were "foreigners" and "Christians." Our first believers from different villages were our language helpers and assistants.

Kirivasan "Checking first draft helped to us develop relationship the people"

The Bible cannot be translated within the four walls. Only the first draft can



be done without the help of others. Other stages of Bible translation involve

people. So we made many short visits to villages where we checked translated first draft portions. While checking, we explained every passage and shared the Gospel. Few showed interest because most people did not want us in the village. After we printed the Gospels of Mark and Luke, we gave a few copies to the people. Most of the people were amazed to see their language in the book form. Even they asked, "Can our language be written?"

Victoria Patel "Language is Important"

Bible translation makes people understand the importance and value of their language and opens their minds to a God who cares. In the Garasia community, women are treated like vegetables. Often husbands use the neuter gender to refer to them! While checking the story of the woman's mite, one helper broke down. I tried to her to calm her down and she said, I want this Jesus who cares for such a small offering and even appreciates a widow in front of Big men! Here was a woman who found the Lord because of Scripture translation!

Reflections: Mrs Selina Mohan Doss

I Trusted God

(It's tough to encapsulate 60 years of one's life in a few feeble words within the confines of a page or two. But our Personnel Secretary, Mrs. Selina Mohan Doss managed to answer a few queries posed to her on her sixtieth birthday, September 16, 2010. With retirement from the Mission round the corner, one would normally look nervously into the future. Not so with Selinakka, as she is affectionately called! "I trusted God one hundred percent..." she declared, before stepping into "full-time" ministry. Now she steps into retirement, fully trusting the same God. In truth, there is no retirement from serving God. That's what she plans to do. Read on...)

When I stepped into the IEM Head office after my husband's death, I was filled with sorrow. I still remember the arms that were put around me, especially Barbara's words of affirmation, "I am also sailing in the same boat, welcome to our fellowship!" My sixtieth birthday ought to have been celebrated with my family first, but here I am celebrating it with the family of God.

God's call came when during a camp conducted by Mr. Trevor Locke. God spoke to me from Romans chapter 10. Joining IEM was not really my choice. I had an open-ended commitment. God has been faithful from the start till this day and everything has been a miracle.

I trusted God one hundred percent as a pastor advised me not to put one foot in one boat and another in a different boat. I always counsel my colleagues to trust God and put both legs in one boat. Otherwise, it will not work. I trusted God for everything – health, protection and supply of my needs. He took care of it all. I say this for the glory of God that I did not trust in human support, not even my brother and sisters, only God.



A friend, Uncle Swamikanu advised me not to live alone in Bangalore but God protected me. Whenever I sleep at night, I commit myself into God's care and have a peaceful sleep. God protected our house even when my son and I inadvertently left the door open. God protects the boundaries of the widow says the Scripture.

At my husband's funeral I said, "One of the soldiers has fallen but the battle will continue." Satan tried to defeat us as a family. He thought that with my husband gone, I will not continue and my ministry will collapse. One soldier has fallen, but the ministry will go on. It was a battle and I was in the battle

field. I took it as a challenge. Many pastors prayed for me and God gave me the strength to put Satan to shame. I fought the battle till this day with the armour of God. Wherever God led me He would put His words in my mouth. He gave me wisdom to counsel people during the recruitment of workers.

I received the love, help and cooperation from all my friends and relatives and God enabled me to have good relationships with godly people. I have never planned my ministry. As as I

always say, "its God's ministry." I will do it wherever He opens the door and my services will always be available primarily for IEM wherever God wants me to serve Him.

I am grateful to all the General Secretaries and all those who lent me their support, especially Dr. Diana Srinivasagam, Thangam Swamidoss, Silvia, Christina, Lisha and Rajan. I also appreciate the cooperation from other departments. Thank you!

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While preparing a 3-year programme plan in 2008, my wife and I were led to make a goal statement of faith that all our believers would gain literacy by March 2011. We then planned to launch Adult Literacy classes through the mother tongue after discussions with our literacy personnel and missionary team.

Literacy work was started here with the help of Brother Harold Rajan and Brother Rajkumar who conducted the Writers' Workshop I and Teachers' Training in November 2008. In summer, 2009, 2 villages saw a beginning in pilot literacy classes. There were 11 learners and 3 learners respectively in two classes and 4 believers acted as teachers.

Huge Benefits

Some of the believers said, "I want to become literate in order to read the Word of God and know more about Him. Others said, "I want to equip myself with God's Word to reach my own people for God. Some of the students of the literacy classes began attending Sunday worship and Bible Study classes."

It was an awesome sight to behold some believers taking notes during the Bible study. One mother expressed, "My daughter could not be sent to school when she was small. Now God Himself has given her the opportunity." Another said, "He goes to school but does not know anything. Now he learns a lot. Small children who were poor learners in the Hindi medium school, found the mother-tongue literacy classes interesting and showed improvement.

Now even pastors and believers from other churches have been motivated to begin literacy classes in their villages. In the Writers' Workshop. II a few more big and small books in Rana Tharu were produced.

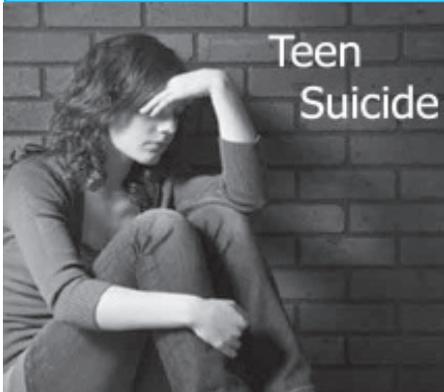
Pray that

- All Rana Tharu believers in the Kheri district will be literate by 2011
- Every centre will have committed teachers to run the classes
- God will help Mr. & Mrs. Tia Jamir to take charge of the literacy programme.

Sekhar & Sheeba,
Tharu Bible Translators

Youth Ground Zero

The End of the Road?



He was a budding professional, with fantastic career prospects. He also had a steady relationship with his classmate who was just 19. Something went wrong and he ended his life...

She scored over 92 percent yet she was looked down because she didn't do as well as her elder sibling, she burnt herself to death...

Haven't we read and re-read such pathetic stories in our newspapers? And it's increasing every day. Here are some facts which might make you sit up jolt us up.

Suicide is the second highest cause of deaths among adolescent and adults (15-34 years) worldwide and a major public health problem. Every year 10,00,000 people

commit suicide. Attempted suicide is 20 times higher than completed suicide. Nearly 90 to 360,00,000 people attempt suicide every year. Every 3 seconds one attempted suicide occurs. This

represents a massive loss of productive years among young people.

In India the suicide rate is 10.8 per 1,00,000, whereas it is 20.9 and 48.6 per 100,000 people in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry respectively (five times the national average and two and half times that of Tamil Nadu)

This was the highest suicide rate in India, according to reports in 2007. Christian youth who come from respected believing families have attempted suicide as well.

Studies done on suicide and attempted suicide have identified the following reasons:

family problems, unemployment, alcoholism, low academic performance, verbal abuse and health related problems.

Though problems prevail in most families, the younger population is highly vulnerable to suicide and suicidal attempts. The reason could be their inability to bear failures, shame, anger, humiliation, hopelessness, and fear of rejection by others.

Suicide is a dreadful sin in God's perspective. But this is totally preventable. Death is inevitable, but when we live for God and His purposes, life takes on new meaning and is filled with hope and promise, even beyond the realm of death. We need to be very sensitive and alert to signals and help troubled youth to connect to the right source where they can get answers to their pressing questions...

Are we concerned? Shouldn't we act before another life is snuffed out?!!

- Contributed by a medical student