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Holding on to faith

1 Timothy 1:19

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General Secretary's thoughts



My dear 'Outreach' Prayer Warriors,

With my hands lifted up and my mouth filled with praise to our Lord,

I write these few lines. Many of you told me personally that you regularly read the "General Secretary's thoughts." I praise God for the monthly Outreach magazine which connects you to us and in turn to our Master, Christ Jesus, the greatest Missionary!

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support. The IEM Board and the Annual General Body which met in July went through the audited income and expenditure statements of the year 2008–09 and were amazed to realize that all the basic needs of the Mission were met. We ended the year with a small deficit of Rs 14 lakhs. Thank you supporters! You gave liberally and sacrificially. We value and respect you, not because of the amount you give to IEM but for your active partnership and overwhelming burden. I feel like meeting each of you individually, to hold your hands and express my thanks. Believe me, I really mean it. While the world reels under recession and grapples with economic problems and layoffs, you have stood with us like a rock by not reducing your giving or prayer support.

We praise God for Mr Prem James, the outgoing Chairman of our Board. He was an awesome support to me and to the Mission. He is a man of vision and humbly carried out his responsibility with Spirit-filled discernment. Our new Chairman, Rev O S Mawroh is an experienced pastor in the Khasi Jaintia Presbyterian Church and a powerful Christian leader in Mehalaya. He has been associated with IEM for many years and has visited many IEM mission fields. When I first met him in Shillong, I was greatly encouraged to see his vision for extending the Kingdom of God through missions and evangelism. We praise God for such people whom God has given us to hold key positions in IEM. At this juncture I also welcome the new IEM Society Members.

My heart bubbled with joy during July and August as I received news every week of believers publicly confessing their faith in different mission fields. In our new mission field in Raxaul, Bihar for example, the Lord enabled us to see the first fruit, right on the Indo-Nepal border. I was reminded of the verse in Acts 16:5, "**the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers.**" Dear prayer warrior, please intercede before the Lord of the harvest, that He should make the churches strong, grow in number daily and not occasionally or annually, and to give us fruit for our labour.

In 2 Timothy 2:2, Paul advised Timothy saying, "You have heard me teach many things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. **Teach these great truths to**

trustworthy people who are able to pass them on to others.” As we aim to establish 250 New WG by 2011, we are committed to develop local leadership in all our Mission fields. We believe that this is the need of the hour. We need to spot and select, persuade and prepare them to take up the responsibility of the churches we plant. This issue focuses on our Local Evangelists.

We praise God for the ministry of the Word by Rev Dr Theodore Williams at the Tamil Nadu State convention in Madurai and the National Convention in New Delhi. While a report of the Tamil Nadu convention will be featured in this issue, the National Convention report will be carried in October. However, I must highlight a remarkable event. We produced and released the Garasia New Testament in the Devanagiri (Hindi) script. I thank Rt Rev Sunil Kumar Singh, Bishop of CNI, Delhi, Rt Rev Samuel Sunder Singh, Bishop of the Methodist Church, Delhi Conference, Rev Dr Richard Howell, General Secretary, EFI, Dr B K Pramanik, General Secretary of the Bible Society of India, Dr VK Williams of the Karen Williams Charitable Trust, and Mr John Kurien, the India Director of Wycliff Seed Company who were present during convention. It showed the rapport and solidarity of churches and organisations with IEM.

We acknowledge the meaningful partnerships we enjoy with all denominational churches in the North-East India. This month, IEM State conventions will be held in Shillong, Meghalaya and Imphal, Manipur. Please do uphold these events in prayer. Let each Christian be mission-minded!

Finally, here is a thought on “holding on to faith.” It is having courage like Paul when confronted by the love of Christ on the road to Damascus. In response, he asked God, “What am I to do, Lord?” He knew very well that the Almighty God was speaking to him. No one would dare ask this question to God unless they put their complete trust in Him. We may not be sure of what God is going to say to us. It might be about our career, our future, our children, or even our obedience. We need to love God and have faith in the God who called us. Only then we will be ready to do what He wants us to do. **Are we willing to ask God in faith, “What am I to do, Lord?”**

The world is yet to see what God can do through a person whose heart is totally committed to God. May God bless you all.

With loving regards,

Yours in His joyful ministry,

P John Wesley



The Great Baton Exchange

It's good to meet you page to face again! I have reason to believe that each one of you have been upholding us in your prayers because we have weathered many a storm over the last one month. God has been and continues to be our one and only Jehovah Jireh!

At the time of writing, our country is facing the onslaught of an awful pandemic. The H1N1 virus is causing havoc among our people. When news of the virus wreaking havoc in other countries broke out, we were assured that India is tough enough to meet the challenge head on. Now our hearts are filled with fear. Clear sign of the Second Coming...

“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world... and then the end will come.”(Matthew 24:14) Over the last few months, the IEM leadership has been talking about the establishment of 250 New Worship Groups by 2011. In order to meet this God-ordained goal, the Mission is focusing on equipping and energizing *Rajya Sevaks*. (Local Evangelists) They know the Truth. They have understood and appropriated the message preached by the Truth. Further, they know their own people; they understand their need to know the Truth and they also have instant and easy access to their people because they speak their heart language. In this issue, we examine the prominent role played by the *Rajya Sevaks* and how our missionaries are involved in teaching, training and tending these fledgling leaders. We urge you to uphold these pillars of the emerging churches in our mission fields.

Thank you for appreciating the inclusion of the Missionary Biography and People Group Profile features in our magazine. We hope these will inspire young people to look beyond their “boundaries” in order to take hold of what God has in store for those who walk in obedience to His will.

May God lead you victoriously through the glorious uncertainties of September!

Timothy Austin

Coming Next Month...

A full photo feature and report of the IEM 44th National Convention (August 13-16, 2009), New Delhi. God used His servants, Rev Dr Theodore Williams, Rev John Wesley and our missionaries mightily. Many made commitments to accept the Lord as their personal Saviour as well as to serve the Lord full time.

Faith Tested

(Persecution and suffering is part and parcel of the Christian life. Unfortunately, not many understand this because of wrong teaching. God allows trials in our lives, not because He likes to torture us. In fact, His purposes are far more lofty than we can ever imagine! So, before we point our finger at God and say, "Why me?" lets find out why God has counted us worthy to pass through these. Mr Joseph Soundararajan, Zonal Field Secretary, South East Zone throws light on this.)

Purpose and Preparation

The Apostle Peter wrote his first epistle to "Gods chosen people", who were scattered through the northern part of Asia Minor in order to encourage them because they were being persecuted for their faith. He begins by reminding them of the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ whose death, resurrection and promised return brings them hope.

With this in view, he urges them to accept and endure their suffering with confidence because this tests the genuineness of their faith. He goes on to warn them of even harder times ahead. Then he declares that suffering protect the believer's faith and purifies their souls.

This is the backdrop for Peter's admonitions outlined later in his epistle. It traces the believer's past, describes his present and "predicts" his future.

Past, Present and Future

Sometime in the Past, we arrived at a junction in life's journey, where God intervened and we accepted His plan of salvation. Because of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus

from the dead, we have a hope(I Peter 1:3).

Our past sets the stage for our Present. Because of the hope we have as God's Elect, we are strangers and sojourners in the present world. "We are God chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood"(I Peter 1:2 RSV). The Trinity is involved in our salvation. We are expected to live lives of obedience to Christ.

Our Future is bright because we have an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade, kept in heaven for us. (I Peter 1:4)

Having said this, Peter talks about the trials we are facing. He underlines that suffering for the believer is important as it will result in great glory on the day of our Lord's return in the future. He outlines the valuable lessons we will learn because of our suffering. As believers we ought to live **Victoriously in the midst of Hostility.**

Our trials are a testing process for our faith. I would like to draw out 3 principles from 1 Peter 6-9.

- a) Purpose of Testing
- b) Process of Testing
- c) Product of Testing

A Purpose of Testing (verses 5 and 7)

Our faith is tested by the trials that come to us. There are two purposes why our faith needs to be tested

i) We are protected and shielded for the future salvation. "...who **through faith are shielded by God's power** until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time." (v 5)

ii) **More valuable than gold**(v 7). When gold is purified, it is put through the fire. As a result, it's value increases. Much more, when our faith is tested by trials, it emerges victorious. Although we may not see the blessing when go through the trials, we will definitely understand God's purposes soon after. Trials are stepping stones for our future glory for us(v 7b) The New Living Translation reads, "So if your faith remains strong after being tried by fiery trials, it will bring you much praise, glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world." Trails are blessings in disguise. So as we go through trials, let us focus on our faith in God rather than on the pain.

B Process of Testing (v 6, 7)

The process of testing makes us strong. It never destroys us. The duration of our trials is only for a short period. Verse 6 says, "In a little while." The trial may look long-winded because of its intensity and the frustration and humiliation we go through.(v 7) Pet

In James 1:2-4 we read, "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance." In the well known daily devotion, "Stream in the Desert," the author explains the process by which gold is purified. The ore is kept in a vessel and heated gradually. The goldsmith continuously stirs it until he is able to see his face in it. Only then he cuts off the heat. In the same way, God wants to see His image in us.

C Product of Testing

Verse 7 describes the finished product! "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.** "

Only when the impurities in gold are removed, it is ready to be formed into expensive ornaments of various shapes and sizes. Further, people can "trust" purified gold. When we go through painful trials, our faith rises to great heights brings in its wake an element of trustworthiness. Once a pastor counseled a patient, who was a believer. He said, "Be encouraged that the Lord has counted you trustworthy. He has trusted you with this sickness." Once we have passed through trials we are able to encourage others when they pass through similar experiences.

James advises, "you know that the testing of your faith develops **perseverance**. **Perseverance** must finish its work so that you may be **mature and complete, not lacking anything.**" The trials are the acid test of our faith and character.

Peter points out that our trials will result in praise glory and honor when Jesus is revealed.

Finally...

Because of our past, present and the future, trials and difficulties make our lives more meaningful and profitable. People who do not know the Lord do not know the meaning of the long lasting comfort in their trials. Let us not give up our faith. When even the Author and Finisher of our faith had to endure the Cross, what about us? May God help us to fix our eyes on the great Goldsmith, even as He never takes his eyes off us as he purifies "His gold."

A Part of God's plan

*(Local evangelists play a vial role in today's ministry scenario, particularly in the areas of the interior where missionaries cannot go. The selfless devotion and hard work of those servants of God has been paying rich dividends in terms of souls won and set free from bondage, as sister **Premlata Das** describes here.)*

The darkness is being removed by the shining of God's awakening light in the areas where the "HO' people dwell. The evangelists are coming to do God's work with unity, love and sincerity and it makes our hearts rejoice.

There are nine local evangelists for the fifteen churches and they work under the guidance of Ruben Bandio who completed theological studies and a few years of ministry.

They have a busy schedule which they carry out in a disciplined way. There is weekly fasting prayer and a Local committee meeting each month. The weekly, monthly and yearly programme is planned and responsibility assigned to each person. They cooperate with one another in planning the outreach programme, visiting new villages and arranging meetings for new believers, seekers and family retreats for couples.

Some are sent for Bible training to other institutions after being trained they train others, and thus give rise to second line leaders. They divide into small groups for visiting new contacts and often cycle for 45 km at a

stretch with much hardship they visit families who are isolated for their faith and help them in plugging their land and other tasks.

In addition they arrange annual youth retreats Ladies' meetings and jungle camps. They also systematically conduct Sunday worship services in fifteen churches.

Ruben Bandio remembers how he was troubled that many in his village were not coming to the faith. He just walked around the village praying for God to bring the villagers in His fold. As a result people possessed by evil spirits began coming for deliverance. Now they worship the living God and new villages are opening up with churches being established.

These local evangelists have more freedom than missionaries as they are accepted by their own people more readily.

We questioned the feasibility of staying back in the field at times of opposition. We wanted to remain in their midst instead of deserting them in ominous times. This is the only way to show solidarity with those people.

These precious local evangelists need much prayer for their health, protection and basic needs to be met. Though they are not very educated, they have proven to be effective instruments in God's hands.

Equipping Local Evangelists

“Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, to all the souls you can, in every place you can, at all the times you can, with all the zeal you can, as long as ever you can” - John Wesley

*(The Lord Jesus chose 12 disciples from varied walks of life. None of them were super men. One betrayed Him, another denied Him and the rest ran away when He needed them the most. Knowing fully well that this was how they would behave, Jesus invested His time and energy to mold and make them into what He wanted them to be. His efforts paid off! Today, the Gospel is spreading rapidly to the far corners of the globe... and it started with them! Our Associate Central Secretary for Field Ministries, **Rev Dinesh Patel** examines what goes into training the Local Evangelists to stand on their feet.)*

Vision

The vision to develop and train Local Evangelists emanates from the command of our Lord Jesus who declared, “Therefore go and **make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and **teaching** them to obey everything I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:19-20). Accordingly, we missionaries desire that our Local Evangelists take the Gospel to their own people, make them disciples and eventually teach them to stand on their own.

Their background

First, we need to understand the background of the people. How do we do this? Even as we minister to the people we can identify those who have a desire to serve the Lord. They could be the only believer in their family or a second generation believer. Some are well educated while others might not. A few might have gone through Bible college training while others might not have had that privilege. Keeping this in mind, we should understand the kind of training for each individual.

Training Segments

There can be 4 stages of training

In the first stage basic subjects related the strength of their faith are taught

- a) Call and commitment
- b) Personal experience with Lord Jesus (Born again experience)
- c) Quiet time
- d) Importance of prayer
- e) Importance of the Word of God
- f) Life style of a servant of God,
- g) Importance of sharing the Gospel
- h) How to give testimony, how to share the Gospel.

In the second stage, the Local Evangelists will understand

- a) How to study the Word of God
- b) How to prepare a message
- c) How to prepare Bible studies
- d) How to prepare and lead a home study group or a Sunday meeting
- e) How to preach or take a Bible study

The third stage aims to build the confidence of the Local Evangelists. Therefore, they will be taught

- a) Methods of preaching and teaching (theory and practice)

- b) Basic Bible doctrines
- c) At Bible College
- d) How to handle complex situations

The fourth and final stage will consider a wide range of subjects

- a) Importance of social and economical upliftment/ agricultural development

- b) How to conduct literacy classes
- c) How to handle church issues, booking keeping and maintenance of registers
- d) Knowledge of government programmes, NGOs and other social welfare organizations
- e) Introduction to other churches and organizations

We are happy to invite you to take part in the following events

Meghalaya State Convention

Date: 18th - 20th September 2009

Venue: Smith Presbyterian Church

Speakers:

Rev P John Wesley
and Missionaries

For Details:

Mr. G.P. Kharchandy
Honorary State Secretary
Meghalaya, Dorkha Lane,
Mission Compound, Shillong 793 002.
Cell No +919436702528

Manipur State Convention

Venue: Union Baptist Church, Ukhrul

Date: 24th -27th September 2009

Speakers:

Rev P John Wesley
and Missionaries

For Details:

Rev. Khaling Mocha
IEM, Shalom Villa, New Checkon, Imphal, Manipur - 795 001
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EMPOWERING LOCAL EVANGELISTS

Jonathan Chavan

Introduction The four strategic initiatives to plant new churches is in full swing in our Mission fields. Among them “**Increasing the number of Local Evangelists** [Rajya Sevaks]” is the 2nd strategy. Looking at the present scenario in our tribal fields, and the presence of a missionary in a mission field is at stake, and the mission history reveals that the contribution made by the Local Evangelists is significant in building the local church, as a mission we have been deliberating over this issue of developing and empowering the Local evangelist and we strongly feel this is the relevant and timely strategy for church planting. Therefore we need to develop the Local Evangelists to take care of the local churches.

The definition: “Local Evangelist” is the one who is full time or part time worker, paid fully or partially by the local church. He should have a helper at least for more than two years. He works in and around his own areas assigned to him. He must have gone through some kind of training from the field like STBS and so on.”

We need more Local Evangelists

- Presently we have 68 Local evangelists in different Mission fields

- In 16 mission fields we do not have a single local evangelist
- 16 fields each have less than 4 local evangelists.
- Our final goal is to hand over the total responsibility to the locals
- They will be more effective to work amongst their own people.
- Less financial burden on mission, no need of language and culture learning.
- They are easily adjustable in the village
- Missionaries from within India are not coming for the missionary work as before.
- Most of the work in most of the mission fields is practically being carried on by the locals. Missionaries mostly play like a manager’s role wherever local evangelists live and work.

How Local Evangelist is connected to Worship Group? Where 7-10 persons who have accepted the Lord Jesus as their personal Savior and Lord will regularly worship. This worship takes place in a house, in front of the house or even under a tree. The elder or local Evangelist [Rajya Sevak] leads the worship. He will be picked up and trained to take the responsibility of the worship group.

I would like to dwell on, “**Increasing the Rajya Sevaks**”, Just to quote two examples , Mr. Manna, the Rajya Sevak who works in Korku field lives in extremely interior village called Awaghad [The word ‘Awaghad’ in Marathi means tough or difficult] about 35 km from main road. This

road most of time is cut off during the rainy season. Only the daring Korkus walk on this road alone or in small groups due to tigers, bears. There is no shop, no water, and no medical facilities. No other than Korku can replace Munna! What will happen if local leaders like Munna are not developed and if missionary have to leave the field for some reasons?

Secondly, Ho mission field of Orissa, more than 10 years the Rajya Sevak's team is carrying out the ministry through all up and downs without the physical presence of missionaries. They give general leadership, leadership in the church, they pastor the church by conducting baptisms, funerals, marriages and so on, they teach the church, and they organize field events. Brother Reuben Bandiya one of the local evangelists has got ordination and now he is a Pastor as Rev Ruben Bandiya! Similar things are happening in Dangs field and should happen in other fields also.

Kairos for Rajya Sevak [*Kairos* (an ancient Greek word meaning *right time or opportune moment*)]. Looking

at the present scenario in our tribal fields, and the presence of a missionary in a mission field is at stake, and the mission history reveals that the contribution made by the Rajya Sevak is significant in building the local church, as a mission we have been deliberating over this issue of developing and empowering the Rajya Sevak and we strongly feel this is the relevant and timely strategy for church planting. Therefore we are developing more Rajya Sevaks in all the mission fields. Rajya Sevaks need to be cared and trained adequately.

What is your involvement? I thank God for each missionary who did their best and as on August 2009 we could plant 60+ New Worship Groups! Also we would like to see in the next couple of years we will find, train and appoint 100 local evangelists. 250WG is not the end goal but a beginning! We request you to join us in expediting the momentum and fulfilling this God given vision by prayer and financial support for Rajya Sevaks?

We welcome our new Society Members who will be serving between July 2009 – 2014

Dr. V.K. Williams

Mr. John Amalraj

Mr. Justin Kyte

Rev. C. Beima

Rev. Kuruvillea Chandu

Mr. C. Stephen

Mr. Andrew Bhagyanathan

Mr. Ashok Charles

New Delhi

Pune, Maharashtra

Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Saiha, Mizoram

Luknow, Uttar Pradesh

Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu

Bangalore, Karnataka

Bangalore, Karnataka



Oh! That They May Know Him!

Geographical Location

Fulani are an ethnic group spread over many countries in the African continent including

Mauritania, Senegal, Guinea, The Gambia, Mali, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Benin, Burkina Faso, Guinea Bissau, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Niger, Chad, Togo, the Central African Republic, Ghana, Liberia, and the Sudan. They are a minority in all these countries except Guinea where they account for 40 percent of the total population. Fulani are traditionally **nomadic** shepherds across the vast hinterlands of Africa and are also traders in some regions. **Origin**

History reveals that between the 17th and 19th centuries, the **Fulas** and others took control of various states in **West Africa**. These included the **Fulani Empire** founded by **Usman dan Fodio**, **Fouta Djallon**, **Massina** and others.

Language

The Fulani people speak the **Pulaar** or **Fulfulde** dialect. However, depending on the country they live in, the dialect differs both in terms of vocabulary and name.

Clothing

Traditionally, Fulani wear long colorful flowing robes, modestly embroidered or

otherwise decorated. Women use Henna around the mouth, resulting in a blackening around the lips.

Culture

The Fulani have a rich musical culture and play a variety of traditional instruments including drums, *hoddu* (a plucked skin-covered lute similar to a banjo) and *riti* (a one-string bowed instrument similar to a violin), in addition to vocal music.

Religion

Fulani folk are almost one hundred percent **Muslim**. There are, however a sprinkling of secret believers.

We need to pray that these few faithful people will stand firm in faith and be powerful witnesses among their own people.





Praise and Prayer Calendar

*(India struggles to cope with the vagaries of weather - the uneven distribution of rainfall during Monsoon 2009. Some regions received heavy rain while others received none. Even as you uphold us missionaries in prayer during **September**, please pray that our farmers as they struggle to make both ends meet. Even as we double our effort to establish 250 New Worship Groups by 2011)*

1 Kullu, Himachal Pradesh

A S Ayo & Wungreiwon, Yoke
S Rumong & Yofeeca, Luke V
Titus, D Paul Surendar

Praise God

That the believers of Kullu church are generously giving towards the Lord's work. Right now they are supporting 3 ministries besides contributing to the ministry of the local church

For the regular attendance at the Sunday services in Hindi and Nepali as well as the special programmes during the week

For those who attended the Annual Convention from July 17-19, 2009.

For the 40 children who attended the exciting children's camp from July 20-22

For the youth who were challenged to make a commitment during the summer youth camp from July 29-30, 2009. Young people from Kullu, Shalwar and Rikhly attended

Pray

That the missionaries, Local Evangelists and Elders will continue to be a source of

strength and encouragement to the believers and seekers

That through the witness of the believers, the people in the surrounding hills may know the living God

That many more Worship Groups and churches will be established in the surrounding villages

That the Kullu church will be able to send out missionaries as well as support other ministries through prayer and finance

2 Manali, Himachal Pradesh

Naresh Lal & Shantha

Praise God

For the young people who organized and participated in the Youth programme in church

For granting our missionaries good health and strength to carry on the ministry

Pray

For the believers who openly confessed their faith in the Lord

That the believers will grow in the Lord and witness for Him wherever He plants them

For our missionaries' ministry in the hospital

That the church will be granted wisdom as they plan for the outreach in and around Manali

Prayer is the exercise of drawing on
the grace of God. - Oswald Chambers



3 Church Ministries, Tamil Nadu

A. Dayavaran & Rachel, Sunder Raj & Helen, Y D Thambiraj & Sulochi, Chitrarasu & Rosamma, K. Duraisingh & Rebecca, C. Thomas Edison & Sheela, J. Rajaiah & Stella, VE. Ravikumar & Grace, Indrira Jacqueline, M. Soundararajan & Kanta, A Edwin & Getzie, Nelson Dhinakaran & Shobana, Devapaularaj & Latha, Jeyasekaran & Rethinam

Praise God

That a family in Tiruchirapally has come forward to construct a Worship Shed in our Jalpaiguri mission field

That one new Area Secretary was added to the team after the Retreat at Trichy. The response was very good at the Retreat

That the IEM Youth Meeting at Coimbatore Methodist Church was attended by over 50 young people

For the good response during the IEM Tamil Nadu State Convention at Madurai from August 7-9, 2009

Pray

That the preparations for the Youth Camp at Tuticorin from October 2-4, 2009 will go on smoothly. Over 400 young people are expected to attend

That many more Area Secretaries and Mission coordinators will join the team

For our missionaries as they make efforts to conduct effective follow up programmes after the Tamil Nadu State Convention

4 Bathinda, Punjab

Rakesh Kumar & Neeta, Sunny & Bindu, Satish Christie & Mary Shyla, Stephern Joseph & Bindhu, George Mathew & Shirley, Samuel Thiek

Praise God

For protecting our missionaries from the effects of the severe summer heat

For the 3 new contacts that have been established last month

For guiding our missionaries to visit 40 new target villages

That in answer to prayer, our believer Raju and his wife were blessed with a baby girl

That a seeker Amarjeet who was oppressed by evil spirits and bed ridden for 8 years experienced sweet release and now attends the worship service

Pray

That our contacts will respond positively to the Gospel message rather than be drawn away by material blessings

That our missionaries will conduct a systematic follow up of the villages visited last month

That our missionaries will be able to see new openings for ministry in new villages

That the medical ministry will be developed in this region

That the young believer girls will be able to find suitable life partners

That our missionaries will find a suitable house for worship

That our missionaries will be able to achieve the goal of establishing 10 new Worship Groups by 2011

5 Dehra Dun, Uttarakand

Basheer Sheikh & Annamma, Ratna Rai & Nirmala, Raisang Wilson & Nimreiwon, Thang Nei Mum, Serto Aimol & Romila, Suraj Majhi & Poonam, S Hau Swam Thang

Praise God

That the Vacation Bible School(VBS) programme was well attended

That believer Rakali and her daughter Urmila were able to openly confess their faith in the Lord recently

That our missionaries were able to screen a film show and conduct a ladies' meeting successfully

Pray

That the children who attended the VBS will put into practice all that they have learnt

That a piece of land will be located and purchased for a church building

That our believers Mrs. Kamala Thapa and Mr. Janga Bahadur will experience the Lord's healing touch

That those who confessed their faith in the Lord will be rooted and grounded in Him

That the new seekers will make definite commitments to Him

That our missionary Basheer Sheikh will experience the Lord's healing

That the Gorkhali people who saw the Jesus film will accept the Lord as their personal Saviour

6 Field Ministries Central Office, Nagpur, Maharashtra

Jonathan Chavan & Shalini, Felix John & Omana, Cheriya Chen & Rosamma, Ashok Todasam & Aruna

Praise God

For helping our Central Secretary for Field Ministries Rev Jonathan Chavan and his team to carry out their tasks as unto the Lord

For granting the team safety in travel as they visited many mission fields to counsel and encourage our missionaries

Pray

That our missionaries will continue to keep the vision to establish 250 new Worship Groups by 2011 ever before their eyes as they serve the Lord in their respective mission fields

That our missionary Felix John's son Eby will be completely healed after his recent set back in health

7 Papumpare, Arunachal Pradesh

Jam Za Kap & Haukhan Nian, H Vikugha Sema

Praise God

That a church building which was dedicated on June 14, 2009 in Satang village.

That 6 mothers were able to successfully complete a 2-month literacy class at Satang village

For 3 theological students who successfully started their 2nd year of study from June

Pray

That the believers in Satang will stand firm and grow in the Lord

For the 5 local people who have been chosen as Local Evangelists in Satang Baptist Church. Their names are Mr. Nabam Taring, Mr. Nabam Tahang, Mrs. Taba Meli, Mrs. Taba Yepu, Mrs. Nabam Napung.

8 Robertsganj, Uttar Pradesh

Bandhela Vijayakumar & Praneetha, Hastu Ramnag & Taramani, Nehhao Doungeul & Hatkim

Praise God

For the new contacts

Pray

Pray for brothers who listen to the good news to continue, let the spirit of God may speak to them to confess their faith openly.

Pray that the Spirit of God intervenes in these brothers' lives, they may get free salvation.

Pray for ministry of Bhijura village.

9 Raxaul, Bihar

Ningthoujam Joychandra Singh & Aguiniao, Andrew, Siku Kachua & Sukanya

Praise God

For the free tuition classes in Raxaul, attended by more than 20 children. This is a good point of contact

For the 5 believers who openly confessed their faith in the Lord on August 5, 2009

Pray

That the believers at Triveni, Belapur and Singhasini will grow in the Lord and be vibrant witnesses among their own people

That our missionaries will be kept healthy and strong as they serve the Lord in extremely warm conditions

10 Jalpaiguri, West Bengal

C S Joseph & Mariamma, Moly Banerjee & Sima, Pishang T Maring & Anita, Imlongtosu Chang & Naro, Rachel Chinthem Tuboi

Praise God

For the good progress made by our missionaries in reaching new villages with the Gospel

For those who were healed of their diseases in answer to prayer

For the contacts who responded to the Gospel message

Pray

That funds will be available to build a church building in place of the existing worship shed

For the contacts and seekers in 7 villages that they will respond to the Gospel

That the believers will be strong in faith especially during tough and testing times

That our missionaries will be kept in good health

11 Coochbehar, Jalpaiguri, West Bengal

Eric Basumata & Bironi, Aimson Mavei & Delimond, John Kashyap

Praise God

That our missionaries have resumed tuition classes for children as a point of contact with the local people

For His protection over our missionaries during the rainy season

For the 2 people who came to know the Lord recently through the ministry of our missionaries

Pray

That through the tuition classes our missionaries will be able to impact the parents with the claims of Christ

That as a result of the exemplary life of a believer, brother Bhaben, many will turn to the Lord

That those who witnessed the Jesus film will know the Lord

That Mr. Nuren Layak who was paralyzed for the last 6 years will know the Lord's healing touch and in turn touch others through his testimony

12 Lakhnadon, Madhya Pradesh

Satyajit Desai & Sanyogita, Vetharaj, Besii Mao

Praise God

For the new people who are coming to Christ in Sunvara, Khamaria and Bamanwada vilages

That our believer Mohan secured a job in a Government school

Pray

That our missionary Satyajeet and his family will be kept in good health

That the Local Evangelist training programme will be successfully conducted this month

That more missionaries will join the field

*** One-day retreat for the supporters and well wishers in South Chennai today**

Praise for this opportunity to encourage our supporters and pray for them

Pray that our supporters in Chennai will be challenged to do more for the Lord through the ministry of IEM

13 Chhatarpur, Madhya Pradesh

Kunal Paricha & Anupama

Praise God

For His protection over our missionaries and believers over the last one month. The situation is still uncertain

Pray

That the lawyers who are defending our missionary Kunal will stand for the truth and not trouble our missionary

That 2 believer boys will be granted admission in Bible college

That Daulatt Sahu's family will experience the Lord's peace in their home

14 Balrampur, Uttar Pradesh

Shibu Mathew & Sija

Praise God

For enabling our missionaries to reach out to 4 villages- Berihari, Piparti, Beiria and Tilkahani with the Gospel

That the children's coaching classes at Champak, Beria Tola, Singhasini and Pokharia are going on well and the parents are very happy about their children's progress

For the fruitful and progressive partnership with Ducan hospital

Pray

That our seekers will turn to the Lord and live exemplary lives

For plans to screen the Jesus film in new villages

That a seeker Sita Majhi who has been barren till now will know the joy of having a baby

15 Utraula, Uttar Pradesh

Milton Robert & Evangeline, Lawrence Gangte & Wunglianman

Praise God

For the 5 people who openly confessed their faith in the Lord on August 1, 2009

For granting our missionaries and their children good health as they stay in the mission field

Pray

For the need of Rs. 2000/- to admit an orphan baby girl Ismita in the Gorakhpur hostel.

That our missionaries will be kept in good health

16 Hadothi, Rajasthan

Senthil Kumar & Kanagamani
D Sakaram & Pagidi Posu

Praise God

For the good health enjoyed by our missionaries after their accident in answer to the prayers of hundred of our supporters

That our missionaries are encouraged and strengthened to serve the Lord at any cost

That our missionaries were able to travel to OTI for the Missionaries' training course

Pray

That our ministry team among the Hadothi people will be strengthened

That those who heard the Gospel will respond to the claims of Christ

17 Amravathi, Maharashtra

AM Bijoy & Jaisymol,
Sam Sukumar & Surekha, Pranab
Kauri & Rashmi Rekha, K Leela

Praise God

For helping our missionaries to conduct revival meetings in Makhla in July

For the fruitful Local Evangelists' meeting on June 30, 2009.

For the good openings for ministry in some villages

Pray

That the seekers will take a bold decision to follow Christ

That budding Local Evangelists Laxman and Sateesh will blossom for God's glory

18 Shibla, Maharashtra

Sudhar Mavli & Ruth, P D Venonah & Elizabeth Vaveinai

Praise God

For the new Worship Group established in Chirpoud village

For the 5 new seekers who are attending the Worship Service at Shibla

Pray

For our missionaries as they establish new Worship Groups at Landagi, Valvat and Pipalshenda

That our believers in Bela and Shibla will grow spiritually

That a believer Sunil will experience the Lord's healing

*** IEM Orissa State Convention at Cuttack begins today till the 20th**

Praise God

For the good response from the local churches

For the committed Steering Committee members and volunteers who worked hard to ensure that the Convention was successful

Pray

For our Orissa State Secretary and the team as they plan follow up programmes

That we will be able to place church ministries personnel in new areas

19 Bonagiripally, Andhra Pradesh

K S John & Asha, Kishore Paul & Jagdeswari Mercy

Praise God

That a believer Shanthi was miraculously protected from snake bite

That another believer Singi Reddy Mallaiah was saved from death due to an electric shock while both his bulls died instantly

Pray

For a believer Hasthu Ram as he plans to serve the Lord

That the Lord will comfort the family of a believer Manthamma whose husband died recently

That new missionary Swaroop who joined the team will adjust quickly to the new situation

20 Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh

Shadrach Daniel & Jyothi

Praise God

That the new academic year has begun well for the 11 Chenchu hostel children

That simple women believers are standing firm in their faith in spite of opposition

Pray

For the preparations that are in progress for the Chenchu field convention in October 2009

That the 11 hostel children grow in the fear of the Lord

21 Khammam, Andhra Pradesh

Jebakumar & Crowni, Samson P Prabhakar & Sandhya, G Narasimha Rao & Sunandha, D Prabhakar & Susheela, D Devagnanavaram & Vanitha,

Vineet Kumar Masih & Ranjana, Eswar Rao & Usha, Victor Samuel & Priscilla, N Vetrivel & Gladys Nesakumari, Stanley Tatpati & Sudha, Miss Rebecca, Sushanthi Hembram, Salikutty Joseph, Vimala Kumari, M M Sosamma, Mary Yesudial, Jerin Magdaline

Praise God

That our missionary Sallikutty was able to return to the mission field on August 13, 2009 after her treatment for cancer

That the church building construction at Jaggaram was completed

That young Koya believer girls Savitiri, Lashimi, Sailja, Sujatha are eagerly helping in the ministry at Patha Maredupaka, Anandapuram, Chelempalem churches

For the encouraging visit of IEM board members, General Secretary and other leaders to the Koya field

Pray

That the Koya farmers will be blessed with good rains and a good harvest

That the compound wall of the girls' hostel in MP Banjar will be completed soon

That more Local Evangelists will be appointed as the ministry expands

*** The 23rd AP State Youth Missionary Camp at Srikakulam from today till the 23rd**

Pray for a spiritual awakening among the young people and that they in turn will challenge others to be involved in missionary work

22 Communication Services

Mr Jenny Christopher & Vijayakumari, Mr. Stephern Daniel DC & Christina, Mr Timothy Austin & Alice

Praise God

For production of the Song book, *"Come Let Us Sing"* as well as *"Home Sweet Home"*

For the provision of funds to produce these books

For our Regional Editors who work tirelessly to produce the vernacular editions on time

Pray

That the publications, *"Amazing Grace"*, *"Following in His steps"* and *"Servants of the Cross" volume 2* will be completed soon.

That the team will be kept in good health as they serve the Lord here

23 Church Ministries, Andhra Pradesh

A. John Mark & Sheela, Subbaraiyudu & Thangamani, Suvarna Raju & Beulah, G. Daniel & Suvarna Gideon Vijay Kumar & Vijaya, M. Paul Augustine & Ratna Prabha, R. Shalem & Victoria Rani, Warangal R. Benjamin & Salome, N. Vijay Kumar & Victoria, Sirish Kumar, John Douglas & Jyothi

Praise God

For the smooth leadership transition in Andhra Pradesh Church Ministries

Pray

That we will be able to raise 10 missionary supports in the coming month

That every church in Srikakulam will be fired up to get involved in missionary work

24 Krishnagiri, Tamil Nadu

Esther Gnanamani, James Raj & Prabha, B B Raja & Shanthi

Praise God

For helping our boys and girls in our hostels to do well in their studies

For helping our missionaries to settle down in their new areas of ministry

Pray

That the construction of the girls' hostel at Bargur will be completed soon as funds are made available

That our missionaries will be kept in good health

* IEM Manipur State Convention begins today at Ukhrul

Praise God

For the churches which have come forward to conduct this convention

Pray

That the financial needs of the convention will be met

That all the participants will be challenged through the ministry of the Word

25 Hosur, Tamil Nadu

Jackin Isravel & Jaya, Amiyanand Nag & Anna Mary, Mahendran & Jaya

Praise God

For the 54 women who participated in the Women's Retreat

That our believer Saral who was suffering from an eye problem was completely healed in answer to prayer

Pray

That Paul, Mark, Nancy and Mary who openly confessed their faith in the Lord will stand firmly for Him

For Rajamma, Kungum Rani, Pratap and Thar as they prepare to openly confess their faith in the Lord in December

That the family of our believer who was the head of the gypsy community will be comforted as they grieve over the loss of their loved one

That the mission field will be blessed with good rains

That the construction of the community hall cum church at Dodda Goudar will be completed by December

26 Church Ministries, New Delhi

MG Daniel & Rosamma

Praise God

That the 44th National Convention was a great blessing to all who attended

For the churches and prayer groups which have come forward to support the ministry of IEM

Pray

For Rev MG Daniel as he coordinates the follow up programmes in the coming months

That doors of opportunity will open for ministry in New Delhi and surrounding areas

That new Area Secretaries will be appointed to strengthen the team

27 Andamans

Akhai Haokip & Lois, Paul Newton & Chella, Sreedhar Stephen & Susheela, C LumdemoKikon & Athunglo Lotha, David Vaiphai & Vungkhannuam

Praise God

For helping our young people to conduct the VBS and Good News Clubs regularly

For protecting our missionaries during the monsoon season

Pray

That those who attend our regular programmes for ladies, youth and children will know Christ and seek to follow Him

That one of our young people who is struggling spiritually will experience spiritual deliverance

That our young people Masidas & Kalaiselvam who are studying in hostels will be witnesses among their fellow students

28 Church Ministries, Orissa

Cuttack Satyaranjan Soren & Shino, Prasanta Kumar Roul, Bhubaneswar

Ashish Kumar Nayak & Sunita Roukela
Sushoban Naik & Jyothi

Praise God

That in spite of the unrest in Khandamal and other places, churches are responding to the challenge of missions

For keeping our church ministries personnel and their families in good health in the extremely hot conditions

Pray

That new Area Secretaries will be appointed in hitherto untouched regions of Orissa

That many young people will be challenged to serve as missionaries even in their own state

29 Chitradurga, Karnataka

Shibu Isaac & Smitha, Manjunath & Hannah Joyce, Anand Kumar & Maria Malar

Praise God

For the 9 believers who openly confessed their faith in the Lord on July 17

For Laxman, our believers son who desires to serve as a missionary after

his Bible college training

Pray

That the Women's Retreat which was conducted earlier this month will enable the believing women to find their niche in God's mission for India

That believers Miss Manthamma, Miss Shashikala who completed their nursing will be able to find suitable jobs

30 Church Ministries, Karnataka

Paul Khude & Leena, Mulato Chishi & Kashini, G Issac & Esther, Alice Peter, Anand Isaiah & Roshini, D. Jeyaseelan & Daisy

Praise God

That many Christians attended the Garasia New Testament Thanksgiving Service at CSI Wesley Cathedral in Mysore on August 2, 2009

That those who responded are eager to get involved in the ministry of IEM

Pray

For our Church Ministries' Associate Anand Isaiah as he conducts follow up programmes in Mysore on a regular basis

Thank you IEM Board Members and Society Members

We record our thanks and appreciation to the following members who served on the IEM Board and the Society

Name	Position	Year
Mr. R. Selvakumar	Hon. Treasurer Society Member	2004 - 07 2004 - 09
Dr. Manojkumar A Macwan	Board member Society Member	2007 - 09 2004 - 09
Mr. D. N. Rajaiah	Board member Society Member	2008 - 09 2004 - 09
Dr. Ashok Chacko	Board member Society Member	2008 - 09 2004 - 09
Mr. Sumant Dhalwani	Society Member	2004 - 09
Mr. Subash Chandra Sona	Society Member	2004 - 09

A Report of the Tamil Nadu State Convention

The temple town of Madurai welcomed delegates to the IEM Tamil Nadu State Convention from August 7 - 9, 2009. The searing heat did not dampen the enthusiasm of the people as they



gathered to listen to God's Word and be challenged by reports from our mission fields. The

local steering committee led by Mr. Jeya Prakash and our local coordinator Rev. Duraisingh, IEM Associate Church Ministries Secretary ably guided the Steering Committee to do their best to make the convention a grand success for the glory of God. Four hundred delegates from outside Madurai and 300 from the city attended. Messages by Rev Dr Theodore Williams and Rev P John Wesley challenged many to make commitments to the Lord as well as to get more involved in missionary work. Our missionaries Joseph Peter and Sheela spoke about their experience in Khond field while Mrs Omana Sounderaraj shared about the need to be involved in Bible Translation work. Both these reports were inspiring. Rev Ramesh Elanchezian and Rev Jackin Isravel also shared about the ministry in their mission fields. The choreography presented by the Bargur



Girls' Hostel was very exciting and every one enjoyed the presentation. The MUF came forward to support Ruben and Sadhu our Local Evangelist from Mayurbhanj field, Orissa. They were dedicated during the convention. New publications in Tamil, "Servants of the Cross" Volume I and the "King Calls" were released during this convention.

We praise God that the Tamil Nadu State Secretary, Rev Anand Dayavaran and other Associate secretaries worked hard together during the Convention for the glory of God. Many committed themselves for full time missionary work.



Welcome "Home"

We warmly welcome the following Board and Society members into the family of IEM. They are Christian leaders in their own right and are determined to see the Gospel reaching every person for whom Christ died. We know that their contribution to the Mission will have far-reaching consequences on our ministry.

New IEM Board for 2009-2010

Rev O S Mawroh, Shillong, Meghalaya - Chairman

Mr John Amalraj, Pune, Maharashtra

Mr Victor Jayakaran, Chennai, Tamilnadu

Rev Robin Paul, Bangalore, Karnataka

Dr James Martin G, Coimbatore, Tamilnadu

Dr K S Devanand, Secunderabad, Andhra Pradesh

Spent in the Master's Service

(A moving testimony about the way God raised up a young man from a remote village to serve Him as a fine Local Evangelist. He serves God in the area of Thogudem along with his devoted family. Making many sacrifices to carry the cross of Christ, Chandram's life is challenging witness to all.)

Chandram who hails from the village of Kodisalagudem was born around 1963. as he was not in good health, his mother took him for a cure to a witchdoctor and also to a local goddess. These methods were of no help to him. One of his relatives spoke to him about Jesus and introduced him to some missionaries in a place called Lankalapally.

Chandram was healed after the missionaries shared the gospel and prayed for him. This event led him to believe in the Lord, although his parents did not do so. As a young believer he suffered much persecution for his faith. However he received encouragement and fellowship from his believing relatives. The missionaries also taught him God's word. He grew in the Lord and took baptism in 1984. He also began participating in ministry.

In Pullaigudem where missionaries were in acting a Christmas play, many were found to be possessed by evil spirits sent by witchdoctors. The missionaries prayed and drove out the evil spirits. The missionaries prayed and drove out the evil spirits. On witnessing this, Chandram

received inspiration to redeem his own Koya people from bondage. Therefore he decided to become a full time worker.

The missionaries sent him to a Bible School in Shamshabad which was nearly 350 kms from his village, He was helped by IEM and spent four years there from 1988 to 1992, He was able to complete the certificate course. Every summer during the four years of his study he came to the Koya field. He turned into a mature worker and also married Dharamma, the daughter of Dyam Potemma in 1993.

The IEM missionaries sent him as a full time local evangelist to Thogudem. It was a lonely place in the interior with few believers. Chandram and his family were willing to live there and continue the missionaries' work.

They shared a hut with the Potte Muthamma family two kilometers away. The church hut was in Reddygudem where the believers came for worship. In 1994 when the only doctor was at Lankalapally, Dharamma delivered a baby boy.

At first Chandram had a salary of only Rs 150/- but now in 2009 it is Rs 2100. They lacked nothing as God was faithful Dharamma got a teaching job at a school in 1998. In 1996 they were blessed with another baby boy. IEM helped in building a semi-pucca church building next to the church hut. They

began conducting church services in the small place. The hut leaked in the rainy season. The believers helped them to build a fence around the church land. One of the elders wanted to beat Chandram for rebuking him but God protected Chandram. He was also able to purchase a motorcycle for the ministry.

They have been faithfully doing the ministry since 1993. there now three worship centers at Thogudem with more than 200 believers. There are

gospel witnesses in 13 villages. Dhanamma helps her husband in the ministry along with her job. The elder son is in the tenth standard and the younger in the eighth. Both boys have studied in a Christian hostel from the first standard onwards.

Chandram accepted IEM's plan of 250 worship centers. He desired to plant three in Thogudem and increase the number by 2011. it is his aim to develop good leaders for the area, before moving from there.

Obituaries

Our former Chairman, Mr G Suresh Kumar's father **Mr Sambasiva Rao** was called Home on July 23, 2009. He was 80. We are grateful to the Lord for granting him a long and fruitful life. May the Lord comfort his family during this time.

In His time, the Lord chose to call Home our beloved brother **Mr Hiram Raju** from Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, who served the Lord through IEM for 26 long years as an Honorary Area Secretary. A college lecturer by profession, brother Raju was instrumental in organizing State conventions and other meetings for IEM in Guntur and surrounding areas. On behalf of the IEM family we convey our heartfelt condolences to his wife and 2 children.

On behalf of the IEM family, we express our deepest condolences to the family of our Area Secretary, Mrs Chandra John whose husband passed away on August 10th, 2009. Kindly uphold Mrs John and her family as they grieve over the loss of their loved one.

We also regret to announce the passing away of the wife of Mr Daniel Arundoss, Area Secretary in Chennai on August 11, 2009. We covet your prayer support for this dear family.

Mr N Sashtry, aged 76, father of our Church Ministries Associate Mr N Vijayakumar, church ministries' Associate in Rajahmundry went to be with the Lord on July 17, 2009. His investment in missionary work is evident in the fact that he gladly allowed his son to serve the Lord through IEM. We praise God for His life and offer our condolences to his grieving family.

We regret to announce the passing away of **Mrs Sukheli Aye**, the beloved mother of our missionary Mrs Kashini Chishi (church Ministries, Karnataka) on August 5, 2009 at Dimapur, Nagaland. She was 79. A mother of 6 daughters and 2 sons, Mrs Aye was an able Women's leader in her church. She loved the Lord dearly and lived an exemplary Christian life. Kindly uphold the family in prayer during this time of grief.

"Let my heart be broken with the things that God's heart"

- Bob Pierce

The Miracle of a Changed Life

(Suriyam, a young lad, came to the faith from a background of superstition and darkness. God raised him from a young believer in Bolligattu village to the ministry of part time local evangelist for the Jamedar Banjar Church. He now serves there along with his family)

Suriyam was often sick as a teenager, His mother took him for a cure to the witch doctor and ganesari, (a possessed woman). She took him to Hindu temples but his illness continued.

One of his uncles, Ramudu, believed in the Lord Jesus and was saved from death. He encouraged Suriyam to believe in the Lord as well. He took him to some missionaries, Rev & Mrs. Devadanam, who prayed for him and gave medicines.

As a result, Suriyam was healed and became a strong believer at the age of fifteen. He immediately left smoking and drinking. He was the first early believer in the whole Koya field.

He would attend the worship service and all church meetings. He was eager to read the Bible, but unfortunately he could neither read nor write,. He began traveling to Lankalapally and Ankampalem to learn reading and writing.

In 1984 he took baptism. In addition he completed the 3 year summer short term Bible

school of the Koya field from 1988-1990. He also took a one-year Bible course with the help of missionaries in the year 1992-93.

From 1990 onwards he began helping in the ministry. He conducted worship services at Thogudem from 1990-1992. He also helped the missionaries voluntarily from 1993-2004. He would travel to and fro in his bicycle with his wife and did the ministry without expecting any payment.

In 2002 he became a paid worker with a salary of Rs. 7/- day. In 2004 he joined as a part-time local evangelist and was given the Jamedar-Banjar church to care for.

After working hard in the fields he would cycle to Jamedar-Banjar with his wife. IEM paid him Rs. 900/-.

Five years later there are 240 believers in Jamedar-Banjar church. At present Suriyam is paid Rs.1200/-. He married his uncle Ramudu's daughter Lashmi in 1992 and they have two sons now. The elder son is mentally retarded and is cared for by Lashmi's father.

Suriyam's dream is to bring many souls to the Savior in his lifetime. Being the local evangelist of Jamedar Banjar he wants to bring the entire village to the faith. He is aiming to plant another two churches.

Local Shepherds

(Missionaries are likened to the scaffolding of a super structure. Laying the foundation, building, strengthening and supporting are some of the primary tasks they carry out. Once the building is completed, the scaffolding will be dismantled and used elsewhere. However maintenance and repairs to the building should be periodically carried out by people who know the structural plan and are concerned for the “welfare” of the building. In the purview of the local church, these people are called Local Evangelists. Our missionary in Kullu, Pastor Yoke S. Rumnong explains...)

Understanding the Context

Which expression is more accurate, “The Local Evangelist and the Local Church” or “The Local Church and the Local Evangelist?” In our context, both are correct. The first expression, gives us an idea that the Local Evangelist (LE) was first appointed before the Church was established. However, the second expression, suggests that the Local Church (LC) was first planted and then the Church appoints its own Le(s).

An Undivided Link

No one can deny the close connection between the LE and the LC especially when the LE is fully supported by his LC or Worship Group (WG). We are witnessing this right here in Kullu Valley, Himachal Pradesh where my family and I are presently based. The LE receives full financial support from our Church and the outcome of this sacrificial act is immeasurably great. The believers “own” the evangelistic ministry as well as the local evangelist. This was quite evident. Every believer in the Church is proud of their ability to back their

own evangelist. The LE on the other hand, develops a special love for all the believers as his supporters. They share the same background so they find it easier to understand each others joys and difficulties. These similar experiences help a lot in strengthening their relationship which is vital for the local expression of the Church.

The Support Formula

Prior to the appointment of the LE in Kullu, we received written guidelines from our Mission leaders on matters related to the appointment of LE. The essence of these guidelines conveys that the Local Church should eventually undertake to take on the full financial support of their Local Evangelist. This is wonderful! This will reduce the LCs dependence on the missionaries and the Mission. If followed diligently, this will eventually lead the LC towards the ultimate goal of church growth which is Self-Supporting, Self-Governing and Self-Propagating. In other words, the LC/ WG cannot become local in its truest sense until it is supported by the “local money,” governed and propagated entirely by the local people.

The Future Perspective

The missionary, no matter how long he stays in the mission field is

A Word from the New Chairman



Dear brothers and sisters,

I had the privilege of attending the Annual General Meeting of the IEM at the Social Service Animation Center, Vijayawada on the July 17, 2009. In this meeting I was nominated as the Member of the Board for 2009-2012. At the Board meeting that followed, the Chairman Mr S Prem Kumar James proposed my name as the new Chairman and it was unanimously accepted by the Board for the year 2009-10. Therefore, I had to humbly accept this responsibility.

Initially I was nervous. I knew only 2 people well- our General Secretary Rev John Wesley and my friend Mr CR Cajee. I recalled the words spoken by Jesus, "You did not choose me but I chose you, and I appointed you to go and bear fruit" (John 15:16).

I also remembered the words in Hebrews 13:5, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." With these promises, I assumed the responsibility as Chairman. I knew my own limitations but the Board assured me of their cooperation. I am thankful to the outgoing Chairman Mr. S Prem Kumar James, the General Secretary and the other members for entrusting me with this awesome task.

I pray that God will lead me in this new leadership position of the IEM and that we will work together as one for the glory of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and also for the extension of His Kingdom here on earth.

I humbly seek the cooperation of the Head office in Bangalore, the State offices and those who are involved in the ministry of the IEM.

God bless you

Rev OS Mawroh

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considered as "originally from outside" by the local people. On the other hand, the LE is always a person "originally from here." Eventually, the LE is the right person to be the Local Pastor (LP) tomorrow. The acceptance of the LE today increases the respect

for the LP tomorrow and the accountability due from the LE today is the accountability received from the LP tomorrow. Thus, the support, training and building up of the LE today will lay a foundation for a strong LP in the future.

Our Former Chairman Writes...



In Gratitude

Dear Prayer Partners and Friends of IEM.

I thank God for giving me the privilege to serve on the IEM Board and as its Chairman till recently. The Board and the Society are integral part of the functioning of IEM. God has brought in many people with various skills to help in the management of this great Mission which the Lord has raised.

We welcome Rev O S Mawroh from Shillong who has taken over the reins from me as Chairman. He brings with him a wealth of experience as Secretary of the Synod and Presbyterian Church of India, the Moderator of the Synod as well as the President of the North East India Christian Council.

IEM is constantly looking at ways and means to make the ministry more effective. One such move is to have at least 250 New Worship Groups by 2011. Sixty three have already been planted so far. Please pray that this vision will be fulfilled for God's glory.

On July 18 2009, many of our Board and Society members were privileged to visit the Koya field. In one meeting, a young girl stood up with tears in her eyes said, "we people (Koyas) were living in jungles, without proper clothing or food. Thank God, IEM missionaries came here many years ago and made us human beings and told us about who Jesus is?" This young girl has now finished her B Sc in biotechnology and wants to serve the Lord.

We praise God for every missionary and staff of IEM who work so diligently to make Jesus known to people who are yet outside His fold. Please continue to pray and support this work so that as a result of your involvement, His church will be built up in India.

With kind regards,

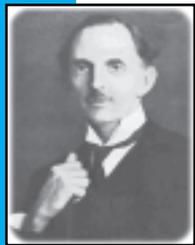
Prem James

Director - Interdev

Prayer Concerns

Kindly pray for **Mrs Ruth Lancaster**, the daughter-in-law of our Overseas Associate in the UK. Ruth picked up an infection during an overseas trip and this led to the mal function of both her kidneys. At the time of writing, her condition has improved slightly but she has a long road to recovery. Please hold the ropes for her family- husband Andrew and the children.

Eby John, 24, the eldest son of our missionaries Felix John and Omana, based in Nagpur Maharashtra was bitten by a poisonous snake last month. When we asked people to pray, a host of people did battle on their knees for the life of this young man. God heard our prayers and after an extended stay in the hospital, He graciously brought our missionary child through the valley of the shadow of death. He has since been discharged from the hospital but still has a long way to go. Please pray for his parents and brothers as they continue to trust the Lord to sustain Eby as he picks up the strings of his life yet again.



No Sacrifice Too Great For the Saviour

(If T20 cricket was in vogue in the nineteenth century, he might have been bought by one of our cash rich teams of the Indian Premier League (IPL) and made his millions. But

CT Studd focused on a higher calling that sent him overseas to, first to China, then to India, later to Sudan and eventually to Congo. His missionary career was studded with sacrifice and suffering! But his determination to live by faith resulted in people turning to Christ, especially in the dark continent of Africa. Read on...)

From Cricket to Christ

CT Studd was privileged to be born into a Christian family. His father Edward Studd, was a wealthy businessman who

came to the Lord through the ministry of Evangelist DL Moody in 1875.

In fact, DL Moody had a great and godly influence on CT Studd as well.

Studd was known for his cricketering exploits. He captained the Eton cricket team and was known as England's best cricketer in 1882. Putting aside personal ambitions, he set his sights on China.

Off to China

In 1885, CT Studd and 5 others set sail for China as part of Hudson Taylor's China Inland Mission (CIM). In China Studd matured as a Christian and his commitment to the Lord deepened. He married fellow CIM missionary Priscilla

Stewart and they embarked on a life of faith.

Then to India

Ill health forced the couple to return to England in 1894 and after he recovered they decided to take the Gospel to India. There they worked in a pastorate where their four daughters were baptized. One of those who witnessed this was none other than Amy Carmichael of Dohnavur.

His frequent asthma attacks pressured them to return to England after 6 years and later, made his way to the

Sudan in Africa. God spoke to him about his mission to the entire unevangelized world. After 2 years of intense labour in Nala, he returned yet again to England because of his weak heart condition.

In Congo For Christ

In 1916 he proceeded yet again to work in Congo along with 8 new missionaries including his daughter. The Mission thrived under his able guidance and thousands became followers of Christ. In 1922, the

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Meet our Society Members



Mr A Vijayasundaram works as a Placement Trainer. However the Lord is using him to minister His Word in many churches, house groups and youth meetings. He has served the Lord as a Area Secretary for over 20 years and has actively participated in IEM Conventions and other meetings.

He and his wife Regina are blessed with 2 daughters who are working in reputed companies.



Mr. R. Selva Kumar retired from ISRO Bangalore as a scientist. After accepting Christ as his personal saviour in 1966 in a EU Camp, he started involving in VBS and Sunday School ministries. For 10 years he was also involved with FMPB and other missionary organisations. He then became an Area Secretary in IEM and served for 10 years. Later served as Hon. Treasurer, Board and society member. His contribution to IEM was greatly appreciated.

He and his wife Ida blessed with a son and daughter who are both software Engineers.



Dr. Ashok Chacko who is the General Secretary of EMFI gave his life in a YFC meeting at Pune while he was doing his MBBS studies. He received a call for missionary work after attending a EMFI National Conference in 1978. Later he worked in IEM mission field in Danta for 3 years. He served as a board member and been an instrument in taking the mission forward through his experienced

contribution.

Mission expanded to other mission fields in South America, Central Asia under the title World Evangelization Crusade(WEC).

His Star Studded Crown

After 12 years away from his wife he met her for the last time just before she she went to be with the Lord. This episode spoken to African Christians. They realized the depth of his sacrifice for them. His health deteriorating rapidly and 2 years later, he entered into the Lord's presence in 1931. Today CT Studd may not be remembered for his cricketing laurels. On the other hand, one might not be

able to count the number of stars on his crown when we meet him in heaven!

Thus said CT Studd...

“True religion is a very practical thing if we do not adulterate it.”

“Funds are low again, hallelujah! That means God trusts us and is willing to leave His reputation in our hands.”

“The best cure for discouragement or qualms is another daring plunge of faith.”

“If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him.”

Tragic, Yet Triumphant

(Brother D. Arul Doss(Thanjavur) has been involved with IEM ministries since the last 36 years as Area Coordinator and various other positions. His testimony presented here is a tremendous challenge for all who would wish to be faithful in God's service under all kinds of adverse circumstances.)

Preach the Word. Be prepared in season and out of season II Timothy 4:2. Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus; II Timothy 2:3

My life has been full of challenges since the day of my birth. God enabled me to join ministry since the age of eighteen years. Today I am 76 years old. As a family we prayed and got involved in the IEM ministry since 1973, and have been so for 36 years.

I joined IEM as an Area Secretary in 1973. my wife too joined as an Area Secretary in 1981. From 1984 onwards I was appointed as Honorary Associate Secretary for Church Ministries, and I concentrated on Madurai and six other cities as Honorary Associate Secretary from 2004 to 2009. At present I have been focusing on Thanjavur and its surrounding areas. From 1992 my wife was an Honorary Area Secretary and coordinator till August 2002 after which she passed on into glory.

I served as a member in Board and Society from 1984 to

1987. My children and family members have been involved with IEM ministry. Although I worked as a Cooperative Society officer for the Tamil Nadu Government and my wife was a senior grade teacher, it was never a hindrance to our Outreach Ministry. Our three girls and one son, have all been active in IEM ministry in one way or other.

We visited Bharu in northern Gujarat where our IEM National Convention was held. We visited several spots in Andhra Pradesh in 1982. I attended the All India Congress of Missionary Evangelical Conference in 1988. Along with my wife and third daughter, I visited Pachamalai field in Trichy District in 1991.

My health began to deteriorate from 1988 onwards. My wife also fell sick at this juncture. Several of our close family members left this world one by one during this time. Despite this I faithfully continued to send the money which I collected since the last 36 years. It was a challenge in our life and to all honorary and full time missionaries to abound in the Lord's work.

My aim in life is to fulfill the command found in Luke 1:74b - 'To serve Him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

Koya Field News

1. Vacation Bible School at

Uppasaka: God is interested in little souls, He enabled us to conduct VBS at Uppasaka for which four churches children 60 to 70 members attended for this songs, devotions and VBS lessons really enriched all of our 70 children. Local teachers, children missionary and elders team actively participated in this three new children first time attended VBS (non-Christians). Senior children decided to walk in God's holiness in this VBS. Praise God for this.

2. Youth Camp at Jeevan Jyothi girls home, Banjar : Praise God, By God's grace, we could conduct youth camp for whole Koya field from May 3rd to 5th 2009. god the Spirit moved in this camp-youth touched by Spirit's voice in many ways. At the time of feed back one girl who got seat in M.Sc (Bio-tech) want to give up in spiritual life. God touched her life at camp and she rededicated for God. 80 to 90 youth attended this camp. Singing was very interesting, sessions touched many youth to turn to the Lord. We praise God for this camp. Camp was sponsored by UPFC upperroom Prayer fellowship, Hanamakonda, AP pray for them too.

3. Parents Meet At Our Girls Home: **Pray:-** We Could conduct parents get-together for our girls home children. 30-35 parents attended. Rev. Stanly and family shared God's word on role model Christian, parenting and

discussion enlightened their problems to build a Christian parenting home.

4. Hostel News - Pray:- God brought new children to the home this year, we have prayed God to bring his plan filled children to come and grow at home. Two children of 10th class excelled in their board exams with 2nd and 3rd divisions respectively. God provided high school tutor for the home. Please pray for primary school tutor which is very essential.

5. English Medium studies at home - Pray:- we are planning to send our home children in English medium studies. Two got admitted in local school. Pray for future plan to continue English medium studies for our poor and needy Koya tribal children from UKG onwards. Pray that PRMM and IEM will venture this programme for children up liftment in all areas. Pray for needed funds for above new project that is God bringing to our hand.

6. Five children sent to Vocational Courses at Marsapoor:- Pray:- Lord want to see young girls to get trained in Vocational courses of class 11 and 12 with Nursing, Lab Technician and Commercial accounting at Marsapoor. We thank our Area Secretary Bro. Deva Raj and Jyothi Nivas, Narapur for helping our Koya children to get trained in Vocational courses every year since 2004. One girl named K. Aruna now serving as Govt. nurse. We praise God for this. Pray for them.

Missionaries' Medical Aid Fund

The IEM is committed to provide for the medical needs of our missionaries and their children. With rising medical expenses, it is becoming increasing difficult to meet these needs, especially those needing major medical intervention.

We invite to you prayerfully consider earmarking your contributions to the Missionaries Medical Aid Fund. Kindly send your cheques/DDs in the name of **Indian Evangelical Mission** and send it to Indian Evangelical Mission, 38 Langford Road, Bangalore 560 025. Thank You!