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EDITORIAL

Change in every sphere of life is a universal phenomenon. Our world is changing, our attitude towards life, morality, ethics, religion and beliefs are changing. Gay marriages, abortions, which were once taboo words, not to be uttered in public, are now debated openly in parliaments, and many countries and states have given their consent to it and legalized it. The sins of Sodom and Gomorrah have become the virtues of our present generation. Integrity has sunk down to its nadir, right from the foot path peddler up to the highest rungs of judiciary are not left untouched. This includes a number of our church leaders who were before considered sacrosanct.



However we must remember that nothing extraordinary is happening. This had to happen, the word of God has clearly indicated this, “But know this, that in the last days.....come to the knowledge of the truth” (2 Tim. 3:1-7). The end time is fast approaching. We have to wake up and tighten our belt for battle, because Satan is very busy as he knows his time is short.

The question now arises, that if change is inevitable, and we cannot stop this all round fast degradation of society, what can we do? Dear brothers and sisters the work that we can do is first to, keep ourselves righteous like the Lotus flower in the murky pond (Rev. 22:11) and next to follow the unchanging mandate of the eternal God “go ye into the world and preach the gospel.....”

We should remember that a mandate issued is not optional; we have no option but to follow the commandment of our Lord. If we are complacent or indifferent (Hagg. 1:2) we will have to answer one day for this negligence. Let us pray that when we meet the Lord, as surely we will one day, we may not see this writing on the wall “MENE MENE TEKEL

Yes brothers and sisters, pray that we may not be found wanting.

Dr. B. Walters

President's Message



A prophetic word to the End time Indian church.

(A Summary of the Message given at Mission Expo 2008, Kottayam on 9-9-08)

OUR CHANGELESS MANDATE IN A CHANGING WORLD

In the last 78 years of my life I have seen vast changes happening around us in the field of technology, in our moral and ethical standards, in our nation, in our culture, in our standard of living, in our spiritual standards, in the weather pattern etc. Many of the changes we see are good; but many are not so good. Friends, never forget amid all these changes, we as Christians have a mandate from our Master which has never changed.

A- CHANGING WORLD

a. Corruption in our nation increasing.

As I was preparing this message, I read the front headlines in *The Times Of India* on August 6, 2008, "Never before have so many judges come under scrutiny for alleged acts of corruption". Supreme Court of India commenting on the corruption in our government says, "Even God cannot save this country ... We are fed up with this government". Another headline says, "Rs. 7 crores of fake currency notes seized from a SBI Chest in UP and 70 lakhs missing probably removed as they were also fake currency". A total of over 180 crore are being screened by a RBI team. As our nation continues to sink in corruption what is the hope for the average millions in our country?

b. Corruption in Christian churches increasing.

The church is no better, with our court cases, false accounts, hiding of collections, favoritism, corruption in church elections, canvassing, amassing wealth by leaders in their own names and in the names of their relatives, and with the moral standard of our youngsters deteriorating. Things, we were once ashamed to talk in front of our parents and other seniors are now common jokes in the family, public discussions, in meetings, radio, TV, video and Internet. premarital sex, abortion and divorce are increasing.

c. Nature giving strange signals.

Recently as I was listening to TV news, a news alert came, that there appeared in the cloud near Arunachal Pradesh two large eyes looking down to the earth. I watched those two eyes for about 25 minutes. There were different comments by the TV people and spectators. Most of them said someone wants to speak something from the cloud to the earth below. Scientists tried to explain it away; but the scientists also have several unanswered questions these days about the sudden increase in global warming, the change of weather pattern, increase in air and water pollution, increase in ocean level, the sun shrinking, appearance of UFO etc.

d. War clouds are gathering.

With N. Korea and now Iran trying to amass nuclear weapons and the fear of Pakistani radicals joining hands with Al-khaida and Thaliban, we are now at the brink of a Third World War which could be the end of the world. Both League of Nations and UN have failed to bring peace on earth. Jesus said, "When you see these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws nigh". He rebuked the religious teachers of His day and said "... Hypocrites, you know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times" (Mt. 16.3).

e. Churches have compromised on their mission

The church in India is not taking its mandate seriously. All believers are given only one mandate, "Go and preach to all the world and make disciples". In the history of the church in India, most of the waves of revivals were short lived because they were not followed by obedience to Christ's mandate. Instead we boasted on the sacrifices of foreign missionaries of each one's denomination. Yes indeed, the Lutherans, Basel Mission, CMS, LMS, Methodists, the Baptists, The Alliance, the WEC, the Moravian missionaries, Salvation Army with their leaders like William Booth, Martin Luther, John Wesley, etc. all have done a lot of good and sacrificial work.

But what did their followers do to take the gospel to the unreached? In many cases, we are sitting on the properties of the missionaries and fighting court cases. Perhaps the latest movement of the last century was the Evangelical and Pentecostal movements. Today if we are honest to ourselves we have to admit, they also are now settling down into materialism, fighting, and maintaining dry traditions. We should never forget **as fire can exist only by burning, churches can exist only by revival, and revival can continue only by missions.**

Consider Kerala, where we boast of the coming of St. Thomas in the first century, and also Bengal, where William Carey the Father of Modern Missions established all his main work. They are now ruled by atheists? Truly we must admit, we gave only lectures and wrote articles and books on the sacrifices of our pioneers, but we, were not willing to follow their path. Now is the time when someone must stand up and sound the alarm! Remember in spite of all the changes around, God and His mandate has not changed. His command is to the whole church with the whole gospel to the whole world.

Now, for a better understanding of the problem, look at the following facts on the growth of Christianity in different countries and. compare it with that of India.

Dr. Patrick Johnstone gives the following statistics in Operation World based on his research up to year 2001, to which I have added some statistics from 10/40 window and few other sources.

South Korea: First Protestant church was planted in 1884. Today Christians are 31.67%, and they have sent 12,000 missionaries to 56 foreign countries.

Indonesia: Dutch Protestants came in 1500s. Today, 16% are Christians. They have sent 3,000 missionaries to 22 foreign countries.

USA: Gospel came 400 years back with the settlers. Today 84.5% are Christians; 60,200 missionaries are working in 220 countries of the world.

Australia: Gospel came 400 years back with the coming of Europeans. Today 67.5% are Christians; 4,388 missionaries are working in 134 countries

New Zealand: Gospel came with European explorers in the 17th century. Today 61.7% are Christians. 1,836 missionaries are serving in 114 countries

Brazil: Christianity came with European explorers in 1500. Today 91.4% Christians 4,754 missionaries in 100 countries.

China: Nestorians came in 635 AD. But the main growth of Christianity came in the last 100 years of persecution, first by the Boxer Rebellion and then through the Maoist persecution. In this 100 years church grew to an estimated 100 million. Church in China now comprises 9% of the population. Some 28,000 people come to Christ and are baptized every day through the ministry of mostly teenagers.

But look at India and its surrounding countries:

India: Government census says Christians are 2.4% ie in a span of 2000 yrs and our nation continues to live in spiritual darkness. Until recently there were incidents of widow burning, throwing infant girls into river Ganges and human sacrifices to please gods.

Bhutan: 0.46%.(secret Xns) Our next neighbour lives in demonic bondage and has one of the highest infant mortality rates. The only Buddhist kingdom.

Afganistan .02%,

Myanmar: 8.70% Much persecution of Christian minorities, deprived of gov't help. Karens who are mostly Christians are specifically targeted.

Nepal: On the other hand our northern neighbor and what used to be the world's only Hindu kingdom declared democracy in 1990. From 4 Christians in 1952 Nepal has 750,000 Christians today after passing through 40 years of royal persecution. All this started with 4 Kerala boys who decided to walk to Nepal on faith in the early fifties.

Sri Lanka: 7.62 % Buddhist nation, Thailand. 1.62%,

One thing is clear from this list, where there was persecution churches grew fast. Like King Belshazzar many people today are confused about the writing on the wall. (Dan5.5-7). "The eyes of the Lord are still running to and fro to see one prophet Hanani, or one Daniel who will read out this writing on the walls of our churches, "Mene, Mene Tekel Uparsin ... You are weighed in the balance and found wanting." (Dan.5.25-31).

Prophet Ezekiel was given a vision of a valley of dry bones, a picture of the backslidden people of God, another picture of our churches. God is searching for, one Prophet Ezekiel. He who has an ear let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches, "You say you are alive but you are dead" (Rev 3:1). you have wealth but no vision (Rev 3:17). You have activities, but lost the first love (Rev 2:2-4). Vance Havner pointed out, "We have comfortable homes, to ride in comfortable cars, to sit in comfortable Churches to hear comfortable sermons.

B- GOD'S COMPLAINT TO THE CHURCH

1. You are Lethargic –

Lazy and Indifferent to the mandate of our Lord. (Hag. 1.2). You say the time has not come... In 1 Esther gave an excuse "I am not called" Est. 4.11c.... God laments in Ez.7.14, "They blow the trumpet and make everyone ready; but no one goes to battle". We have missions' conferences, missions Sunday, missionary messages, mission retreats, and wonderful missionary songs with modern musical instruments and altar call; but practically no one wants to go to the battle front. Will that be the case after this gathering also, just one more conference to tickle our ears and entertain our imaginations?

2. You Commercialise Missions-

Many of the present day missions are becoming a business. The missionary would ask, 'what salary can I get'? The church and the mission leader wants to calculate what net profit he can make after all the expenses. "They suppose that godliness is a means of gain. ... The love of money is the root of all evil". (1 Tim. 6.5-10; Hag.1.6-11). If you know God has called you and you have stepped out to serve God never stretch forth your hand before man or send out a list of your problems. You are insulting God.

We have compromised the preaching of the gospel to running mission schools and hospitals. Our goal should not be to make an undergraduate thief into a post graduate crook. If you cannot share the gospel, you better close down your institution. Rebellion is like witchcraft and idolatry. All have their own idols of their buildings, projects and cars, 1Sam. 15.14-23

3. You Seek Pleasure and luxury-

"Is it then the right time for you to live in luxurious homes, when the Temple lies in ruins" (Hag. 1.4). Some people think the best youth meeting, or an annual gathering must have a grand dinner, while a leaders' conference must be in a five-star hotel. Have we ever thought if we sacrifice one such dinner or choose a simpler lifestyle, how much it can go in supporting missionaries some of who have lost their everything in the recent persecution in Orissa or in the Bihar flood? It is said the Moravian missionaries used to carry their belonging in a coffin. I am afraid most of our Christian leaders today with their pomp and luxury will find it difficult to walk the path of that Man of Nazareth who walked in the dusts of Galilee.

4. You Lack compassion –

You do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph. (Amos. 6.6b). Multitudes, in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision..." (Joel 3:14-17). When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion. Then he said ... laborers are few. (Matt 9:36-37. Read what God is asking Jonah "... should I not pity Nineveh ..." eg. Years back a ship anchored at the Tokyo harbor. As people came out, the ladder broke and all on the ladder fell into the ocean. One man who was watching jumped into the cold water. After saving a few he cried out, "My brother is missing". May we also feel these are our own brothers and sisters moving into a Christless eternity.

5. You lack wisdom

You do not know which is important - Hosea 4:6, says "My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge." They do not know the reward of a true servant of God (Dan. 12.3; 2 Tim. 7-8) and the horrible end in the eternal hell fire of the unsaved persons. Rev. 20.15; 22.15. "Therefore I tell you the kingdom of God ...will be given to a people who will bring forth the fruit" (Mt. 21.43). "On that day you shall again discern; between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him". (Mal. 3.18)

C- GOD'S CHANGELESS ANSWER

I. REPENT AND SOUND AN ALARM

When there is no remedy, God still has a holy prescription, - Repent— "Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill... for the day of the Lord is coming." (Joel 2:1-2). Joel repeats in 3:14-17: "Gather the people, consecrate the assembly; bring together the elders, gather the children... Let the priests, who minister before the Lord, weep between the temple porch and the altar." Nineveh repented beginning from the king to the poor man and God showed mercy Jonah ch.4.

II. REVISE YOUR BUDGETS

Tithe and offering is the maximum expected from the OT saints and that is the minimum for the NT saints (Mt. 5.20). Maximum for NT is you and your everything. See the NT pattern (Acts. 2. 44-45e; 4.34-35). They sold and brought everything they had and laid them at the apostle's feet. Some may say it is not practical. Remember, God's way is the shortest way. What we need today are some Peters who can catch the Ananias and Saphiras in our churches. Remember a Church without missionary vision will become a mission field.

III. SET YOUR PRIORITIES

When the church committee or council or synod meets, what are our priorities? If we give first priority to the Great Commission, God will take care of our church problems, court cases, family problems and youth problems. Then the former rain and the later rain will come down together (Joel. 2.23). As Dr. Oswald J. Smith put it, "A Church that does not evangelize will fossilize!" We need a boy Samuel to speak to the present day high priests and one Elijah to speak to the present day Ahabs and Isabels.

IV. GO UP TO THE MOUNTAINS

Have you heard the doctrine "Go or Send". But I want to tell you if you yourself are not willing to go, you have no right to ask another person to go to the remote mountains or islands. How can you ask another person to send his children to the mission field when you yourself are selfish to send your children to America. In Christian race there are no spectators; all are in the race. Send your people and money to save the unreached.

At present there are over 2.2 billion Christians in the world. If one percent of them are mobilized to obey the great commission to share the gospel and prepare at least 5 new people a day to do the same, the whole world can be reached with the gospel in less than one week and if all can be mobilized world evangelism can be achieved in 2 days. This world will end and we will enter the new heavens and the new earth sooner than we

think. Mt.24.14 does not say the entire world will be saved, but that the “gospel must be preached to all nations as a witness, and then the end will come”.

India is burning, Orissa is burning, Kashmir is burning. Bihar is sinking. People of God in the north are suffering and dying. Anti-christs are up in arms. Don't say like Esther, “I am not called”. Remember God will send relief to His people through some other source. But do not think you will escape.

V. PLAN YOUR ETERNITY

Dan. 12.3 says, “those who lead many to righteousness will shine like stars forever”. Jesus said I am going to make mansions for you (Jn.14:3). Let the heavenly mansion be our goal and stop making mansion cities here. (Rev. 21.1). Send materials and labor for your mansion in heaven. “Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day” (2 Tim 4:8). You will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. (1 Pet 5:4).

CONCLUSION

Friends, God has not given up on the Indian Church because He loves His church in India. Now He is building His church through persecution like He did in many other countries in the past. Do not plan to fight back with human weapons because our weapons of love and the way of the cross are much more powerful than their weapons of hatred. The gates of hell will have to ultimately give in because we are more than conquerors. (Mt 16:18; Rom. 8.37).

Listen to God's solemn warning once again? He has weighed the Indian church and found wanting. You have left your first love. ... Repent or else I will remove you or hand you over to the BJP, the militants and the Communists. Church in India, your share of persecution is coming because God still loves you. Remember the kingdom belongs to the fruit bearers. (Mt,21.43; Acts. 8.1-4)

Some one must keep on prophesying to these dry bones. Soon they will stand up “like a great army” and conquer India for Christ (Ezek 37:10). All the persecutors will either bow down before Jesus or perish. Church history has proved the church has a tendency to bounce back like a foot ball when they are thrown down. But He is looking for one Moses, one Daniel, one Joel to sound an alarm. Will someone say, “Lord I want to be that man”? Can God find one William Carey, one Ida Scudder; one Pundit Ramabai, one Sadhu Sunder Singh who will say, Lord use me?

***For I'm building a people of power,
And I'm making a people of praise
Who will move through this land by My Spirit
And will glorify my precious name.***

***Build your Church Lord, make us strong Lord,
Join our hearts Lord through Your Son!
Make us one Lord in your body,
In the kingdom of your Son.***

P.M Thomas.

SPECIAL NEWS

GORAKHPUR CAMPUS



1. Wedding bells

Wedding bells rang in our campus on 12th September for Latei and Mapuia. Both are our missionaries from Mizoram residing in this campus and are the important members of our choir.

2. Kerala visit

Dr. P. M Thomas left for Kerala on 18th September and returned to Gorakhpur on 22nd October. The newly married couple Mapuia and Latei also accompanied him to help in the ministry. In the first ten days he was admitted in an Ayurvedic hospital in Trivandrum to continue the treatment for his back pain and then they had some blessed meetings in different churches, Bible seminaries and a special interdenominational conference named Mission Expo 2008 from October 9-11 at Kottayam. There was wonderful response from hundreds of young people in all these meetings to move to mission fields in unreached areas.

3. Annual missionary conference

This year our Annual Missionary Conference cum convention was held from Oct. 29-Nov. 2. About 200 of our leaders from Kashmir to Arunachal Pradesh were staying in our campus for those five days. Every morning there was a special study class on the topic 'Purpose driven Church' which was very useful for all missionaries. All people could feel the



presence of the Holy Spirit during the worship time, Bible study, prayer and fellowship. Pr. K. S Abraham from Kerala was the main speaker. Rev. Dr. Johnson George from West Bengal, Rev. Isaac Jeykumar from Bangalore, Rev. Shirish Suryawansi from Allahabad also shared in the different sessions. In the closing meeting all the missionaries and their families recommitted their lives to be faithful to their call.

Our pastors from Orissa shared the untold sufferings they and their believers are facing due to the recent persecution. Some of them lost their house and much of their property and were forced to flee to the forests for their lives with their families. Almost all our people joined in taking some special collections

and gave them as an interim relief. But that is only a fraction of what they lost. All of them stand in need of much prayer and help in these crucial times.

Another highlight of this conference was the testimony of a Maoist Leader Rajesh Bhandari from Nepal who accepted Jesus as his personal Saviour and joined our church near Biratnagar recently. He said he had 600 men under him and have been responsible for killing several people in Nepal. He is really happy now Jesus has saved his life and now he wants to serve Jesus all his life.

March of the Nations was held as usual on 1st November during the evening meeting when all our missionaries wore their traditional dresses and marched up to the stage holding their banners, singing songs in their languages and reading John 3:16 in their languages and dialects.

4. Awards

The Missionary of the Year Award was given to Evangelist Stephen Hansda who is working in Sunshari, East Nepal. The staff of the year award was given to Mrs. Suja Joy who is working as office assistant.



5. Leadership training

Soon after the annual conference we had another conference sponsored by Christian Institute of Management giving special emphasis on help to the poor and then a leadership training for top level leaders on management, accounts etc. from November 20. About 40 pastors, from HEM and few other churches attended the meetings.

6. Bal Vikas Gorakhpur

We have started a ministry for poor children between the age of 4-9 named HEM Bal Vikas from 10th November. 95 children are now enrolled. The parents were invited on the inaugural day. There was great



enthusiasm among the children and their parents. Let us pray that God will work in the lives of these poor deprived children and may we see His glory through them.

7. 611 baptisms

According to reports received in the last three months, our missionaries have visited 20210 houses and contacted 68544 people. Out of them 1502 made decisions to accept Christ and 177 people were baptized and added to our various churches in our mission stations. This would bring a total of 611 persons baptized so far this year. Praise the Lord for what He is doing and also thank you all for your faithful prayers.

NORTH WEST REGION (UDHAMPUR)

1. 'SHIFT' leadership conference

This time Punjab state pastors, evangelists and missionaries had the opportunity to have a gathering of the leaders which of course was an encouragement and a time of refreshment for them and their churches. The leadership seminar started on 15th September evening and then closing session was on 17th at Batala where 400 pastors, missionaries, evangelists & lay leaders participated. Thus every participant who attended experienced to see a real SHIFT in their personal life, churches and ministries.

2. Women's fellowship



We could see the hunger and thirst for the Lord among the women to know more and more about the Word of God. Now there is a separate Bible study for women to know the depth of the Word of God.

3. Honouring the senior citizen of the church

Our members of the church and KEF together had held a meeting on 1st October 2008 to honour the Senior citizens of our church. We were indeed happy that 35 senior members who are above 60 have joined in the joyous occasion. Most of them are of Pastor P.M. Thomas' time and have been very faithful and who have brought up their children in the fear of the Lord even up to the third generation.

NORTH EAST REGION

BINNAGURI BASE NEWS

1. Yisu Puja 2008

Arrangements are going on for the 'Yisu Puja 2008' from Dec.18-22. Special guests and speakers and three Choir groups will be present for this Annual Festival which includes our conference, convention and Christmas programme. Please do pray that this may be a real time of revival as well as a great harvest.

2. Himalaya Theological College

Harison Moses, the Dean of HTC writes that the students are writing their final third semester exams. They are also getting ready for their graduation which is to be held on December 20. We are also looking forward for new students whose admissions will be in January 2009. The weekend ministry of the students in five different villages nearby is turning out quite successful. There are Sunday schools consisting of about 50 children each in all these villages. Many of the parents also attend these meetings.

3. Army Station Church

Josan Easo, the Missionary Coordinator writes that the Army Church is running in full swing now. Many new members are being added to the Church. An army bus has been provided every Sunday to collect the families from their houses to the Church. Many sick and needy people are coming for prayer and God is answering them miraculously. During the forthcoming 'Yisu Puja 2008' conveyance will be provided for the army families to come and attend the evening meetings. Please do pray for sister Prashanta who is suffering from cancer.

4. Vacation Bible School

Abby Abraham, the director of Sunday School writes that a VBS of 3 days is going to be conducted from December 5 – 7. We are expecting about 260 children from the CDC and from the five ministry groups of HTC. During the VBS we will be having spiritual classes, teaching action songs, puppet shows, games, singing, dancing and quiz competitions. Prizes, food and refreshments are served for the children.

5. Child Development Centre

Prem Arpit, accountant of CDC says the 208 children are a joy and a real challenge for the ministry. These poor children have become more lively as they have learnt most of our spiritual songs and stories. They are also being fed well and proper medication is being provided. The whole of last month was spent in conducting a medical camp for the parents and siblings of these children.

6. Bethesda Clinic

Dr Lawrence Bose writes that the clinic was extremely busy during the last one month as a medical health check up of 208 families was conducted in which about 500 people were screened and treated free of cost. Medicines also are provided to all the needy. It is a joy to see the thankful eyes of these poor people. Please do pray for a child who has to undergo an eye operation.

HARVEST NEWS

NORTH WEST REGION

SRINAGAR : Bro. Raja Mukthar and Ruth from Kashmir valley reported that the militancy in the valley has deteriorated and so they could not go out for ministry. **Bro. Sunny and Karuna and Bro. Victor & Vinus** from Ramban inform us that 8 new people have come to the faith and one got baptized. Goshen Home Bible School is going on well. **Pastor Yaqoob & Meena** report from Doda that 37 new people accepted Jesus as their personal Saviour. Lord has delivered 10 people from demon possession.

Pr. James and Suman report from Batote that 19 people accepted Jesus as their personal Saviour. 35-40 people attending Sunday worship. **Pr. Marcus Masih** of Batote had one side paralytic attack with complaints of BP and diabetics in the month of June. Now he is much better. Please continue to pray for his complete recovery.

Bro. Raman Kumar and his wife Sangeeta report from Sudmahadev that 78 people have been reached with gospel and 4 people made decision to walk with the Lord. **Pr. Yaqoob & Vijay** from Jyotipuram report that 35 new people have come to the Lord and 10 people got baptized. Among them 2 are now undergoing Bible training. **Pastor Shadrak Mattoo** reports from Prithvipur that the Lord used him in different Bible Schools and Churches to teach on Personal Evangelism. The ministry among the armed forces has been encouraging and fruitful.

Udhampur: A team of local pastors, Pr. Danish, Bro. Charan Das & Bro. Khemraj Bakshi are keeping up the follow up of the new believers and encourage them through the Word of God.

KASHMIR BIBLE COLLEGE

Pastor P.R Antony and his wife Leya are engaged in training young boys and girls from the word of God using well trained visiting teachers. Every day students have their morning devotion followed by a group discussion in the evening. Students during their village ministry have formed 3 cell groups where Sunday worship is going on regularly and 8 students along with two new believers took baptism.

PUNJAB

Pastor Yousaf from Dadwan, reports that 100 people came to the Lord and 53 of them took water baptism. 95 people have received healing from sicknesses and deliverance from demonic grip. In the month of September he along with his wife met with an accident, but Lord miraculously saved their lives. Lord has blessed their family with a grandson.

Sis. Raj doing ministry in Batala has started two new gathering in two villages. In village Taragarh, 25 people are gathering and 15 children attend Sunday school. 15-20 people attend the meeting in village Bhular. 15 people have taken baptism. **Sis. Robina Binyamin** from Jaura Chhatran shares that 27 people accepted Jesus. They are looking for a plot to construct a church building for worship. **Sis. Kamla Masih** from Suchetgrah shares that 8 people accepted Jesus and another brother received baptism.

CENTRAL REGION

BIHAR

Pr. Pannalal Soren from Ranigunj shares that eight people have taken water baptism. New people are joining the fellowship. One man, Sanjay, came to them and shared about his sickness. The whole congregation prayed for him. He was healed, accepted Christ and later took water baptism. Some of his believers lost their houses due to flood.



Bro. Wilson Hembrom of Harnatand along with a team of believers is conducting an awareness program every Saturday. They educate the villagers about sanitation and health, and dress the wounds and sores of village children. After such a program in village Baluva, four people accepted Christ.

CENTRAL & WEST NEPAL

Pr. Arjun Tamang has visited many places around his mission field (Parvatipur) and 17 people committed their lives to Christ. Six of them received baptism. **Pr. Arun Gurung** from Bhardaghat shares that one person has accepted Christ and two others received baptism. God has blessed **Pr. Buddhi Tamang** of Belauri with a baby boy. He has started new ministry in village Nanth, where some people warned him not to enter the village and tried to torture him. But God protected him.

A lady came to **Pr. David Lama** (Sarikheth) at midnight requesting prayer for her daughter Sunita Lama who was in serious condition due to heart disease. He went to their house and prayed for her. She was healed soon and they believed in Christ. Please uphold Pr. David Lama's wife in your valuable prayers as she is suffering from continuous back pain. **Pr. Dhanu Ghimire** working in Bashantapur visited new villages. He prayed for a man who was shivering due to demonic possession. While praying the evil spirit left screaming aloud and he was relieved. Pr. Dhanus' mother was also healed through prayer. Three persons took baptism. **Bro. Gahiram Praja** working in Manahari visited four villages sharing gospel. Twenty people showed their willingness to accept Christ in villages Lapur and Laina. Persecution also has started in these villages. **Pastor Mitra Ram Tamang** shares from Mahendra Nagar that 3-4 new people are attending every Sunday for worship. Now more than twenty people are ready for baptism. They have nine house fellowships.

Pr. Dhani Ram Chaudhary (Jhalladi) met a woman suffering from severe body pain for one month. After prayer she is recovering and is attending the worship along with her husband. 18 people have come to the Lord in the past months. Because of financial difficulties he could not get admission for children in school. In Krishna Nagar church **Pr. Santa Kumar Rai** has conducted special programs for youth and children. Through these programs youth are motivated to engage in ministry. Three persons took baptism. One girl brought for prayer, suffering from high fever was healed.

Br. Vino Joseph working in Bhairawah conducted a revival meeting. Political leaders and high officials who attended the meeting testified 'There is some secret power working behind you" seeing the healing of sick and deliverance of demon possessed. Such a meeting was the first one in the history of the city of Bhairawah. A youth meeting was conducted in the month of October and 150 youth attended the meeting. Many of them took decision to accept Jesus.

MAHARASHTRA

Mrs. Kamala Mandiye of Bhadanga prayed for a man named Kishore who was possessed with demonic spirit. After prayer he was released. Sister Kamala's son, Devanand has joined with her in ministry. Now a days they are passing through financial difficulties.

Pr. S.B. Pathode's church in Kamthwa was surrounded by some fanatics in the month of October during Sunday worship. The believers asked the fanatics what their fault is. The gang warned them not to conduct meeting any more. But all the meetings are going on well and one person took water baptism.

Pr. S.B Pateh (Gondia) prayed for four demon possessed ladies who were brought to church for prayer. After prayer they all were released. One three month old baby was healed from fits through prayer. Two people took baptism. **Pr. Sanjay C. Lilhare** of Surjatola shares that one sister Pustakala suffering from demonic possession was brought to church for prayer. While praying, she became unconscious and spelt out the name of a famous tantrik (witch doctor) who was causing harm to her. This fact was not known before. The villagers were amazed and she was delivered after prayer. But tantrik and his gang knew about this incident and they filed FIR against Pustakala. Still she is holding faith in Christ and along with her husband took baptism.

ORISSA



On 24th August, the first day of persecution that started against Christians in Orissa being falsely accused for murdering a fanatic leader, Lakshmananda Saraswati, a mob of 400-500 gathered against **Sis. Bihula Nayak** when she was in her church. They pulled her down. She received

severe head injury due to which she is now suffering from brain trauma. They burnt her church, the roof of which was of straw.

Pr. Binaya Sipka shares from Daspur that ten people have come to the Lord in spite of continuous persecution and one of them took baptism. The riot started at the same night when Pr. Binaya had just reached his house after visiting Gorakhpur. Early morning a crowd of about 2000 people gathered around his house. They destroyed his house, burnt every household item and a Marshal vehicle that

belonged to his brother. Pr. Binaya and wife ran with their children for life. They first hid in a canal and from there ran to jungle and spent one week there. They have not returned to their village yet and are staying in one of their relative's house.

Sis. Dipti Durga was also taken to the jungle on a motor bike as she was bed ridden due to a fracture in her leg. **Pr. D. N Odu** of Rajoda fearing the attack from fanatics escaped to a relative's house in Chhattisgarh border. But God protected his village from any harm. During a prayer meeting seven people filled with Holy Spirit. Six people have taken water baptism.

The furious mob reached **Pr. Gyani Harpal's** (Putiachuda) place on 28th August.

They tried to burn him alive but he fled to jungle. They burnt his concrete building and destroyed every thing in it. For eighteen days he wandered in the jungle with the same clothes on his body. On nineteenth



day he received some money sent from our office and then he purchased some new dress. After this due to the influence of high authorities the situation cooled down. But still they are in danger.

Pr. Joseph Senapati (Funda) along with family escaped to jungle on 23rd as the riot started earlier in their area. He returned to his village on 28th and saw his house partially destroyed and not fit for living. No one in his village was ready to accept him. The tribal believers were reluctant even to speak to him. Then he fled to Chhattisgarh border and now live with another family. In the midst of wandering, he developed pain in his body and through medical check up, it was revealed that his liver has partially failed. Pray for his complete healing.

Pr. Kabi Tandi of Jhulenbar lost his house and his things were looted. His family was scattered and there was no news about his family. Later he found them in another village. They didn't return to their village so far, as the condition is not yet cooled. **Pr. Kaibal Bagh's** (Duarsuni) house was burnt down along with all the things on 24th morning. They and other believers ran to the jungles. Four believer's families returned to their old belief because of compulsion.

Pr. P. K Korkora from Amalabhata shares that all his materials and bicycle were carried away and house is partially destroyed by the fanatics. They were terribly afraid when the fanatics reached their garden. With prayer and trembling they ran to

jungle and while fleeing his daughter fell down and got injured. Two days they stayed in jungle without money, food or shelter. Now even with fear, he is staying in his own house which needs repair.

From Chapria **Pr. Tankadar Tandi** reports that the fanatics arrived at his house and threatened to kill him and family if they will not leave the house. In the meantime they beat his son. They escaped into jungle and soon after his house and all the belongings were destroyed. He was staying with tribal people in jungle and till now could not return to his village. Children's education is stopped. Still they are conducting prayers secretly. Through prayer sis. Sunita was healed from malaria.

We thank God, for his faithfulness in protecting our missionaries in Orissa from loss of lives. The situation has eased a bit, but persecution has not stopped completely. The lives of missionaries and believers are not totally safe. We should pray for these dear missionaries who urgently need our prayers and help so that God may give them strength to face the persecution.

UTTAR PRADESH

Pr. C. C Georgekutty who was working in Khalilabad has returned to Kerala for the treatment of his son Subin who is mentally handicapped. Earnest prayers are required. **Pr. Chandrapal** (Bareilly) started ministry in a new village, Maheshpura. Hindu fanatics accused him of converting people and reported to police. The local police searched for reasons to catch him but God protected him. Sis. Sunita and Bro. Bhagawan Das were released from demonic grip and five people took baptism.

Pr. Haribansh Masih from Maryadpur reports that five people from a new village came to the church, and accepted Christ. A thirty year old lady who was mentally disturbed due to demon possession was brought to church. After worship service the whole congregation prayed for her and God healed her miraculously. **Bro. Hasta Lal** ministering in Maharajganj started conducting prayer in one new family according to their request. But their relatives after sometime tortured them and as a result our brother had to stop that meeting.

Pastor Jai Prakash Rao of Sonabhadra prayed for a TB patient. God healed her completely and the whole family committed their lives to Jesus and desire to take water baptism. **Pr. Narbada Kumar** working in Kaptanganj is facing continuous opposition from the fanatics. Still the work is progressing and four persons took baptism. Two families came to Christ. Among them is sis. Sunita Devi, who was possessed by evil spirit. After prayer she is absolutely normal.

Pr. Paul Bhulai Ram (Baghadiha) has started ministry in a new village. Two new people are attending the worship services. **Bro. Pawan Gurung's** ministry in Khushi Nagar is growing fast. 15 people took baptism in the month of October. Believers already have given land for church building and they are earnestly praying for construction of a church building.

Bro. Raju Majhi from Amila Bazar shared that the Lord has blessed his ministry. 45-50 people are attending the worship. In village Choukakurd persecution has started. Still ministry is going on and one more village was reached out. 11 families are worshipping in these villages now.

Pr. Samuel Isaac Mathew of Madhopur now is facing persecution from the villagers. They warned him to stop worship services. But God kept them safe and five new persons took baptism. One girl, Kavita, came for prayer, who was suffering from severe stomach pain for three months and was unable to go to school. After prayer she was completely healed.

Bro. Satish Kumar from Shikarpur shares that one girl named Pushpa, who for five days was in bed and could not get up due to some disease, was prayed for. God cured her and she is all right now. Another sister Rita was healed from fits. She testifies that snakes used to come to her house, but after she started to attend the church snakes disappeared. One lady disturbed by evil spirit for twenty years got deliverance.

Pr. Satyen Biswakarma shares from Siddharth Nagar that six people accepted Christ and are ready for baptism. Because of opposition baptism service is being delayed. Opposition has increased in Balua village and only one family stands in faith.

UTTARAKHAND

Pastor Kamal Singh Rana's wife Urmila Rana is actively involved in conducting women's gathering In the last three months 12 people have accepted Christ and six of them took water baptism. **Pr. Louis Lucas** changed his mission field from Kashipur to Moradabad. He is getting good response and 30-40 people gather for worship. New work has started in three nearby villages.

Pastor M. M Varghese of Haridwar shares that 14 persons have accepted Christ. Bro. Kuldeep Singh is a keen believer in Jesus now. Few years back his daughter got married but had no child. Pastor and his wife prayed for her and God blessed her with a baby boy.

NORTH EAST REGION

ARUNACHAL PRADESH

God blessed **bro. Bijoy Kasom** with a good life partner who is now doing ministry with him in Gautampur. **Pr. Dilip Lama** has extended ministry in the rest of the district. **Bro. Jeewan Biswakarma** working in Banderdewa has shared gospel to new people. 24 persons have accepted Christ and seven of them received water baptism.

ASSAM

Pr. Deepson Sangma has newly joined us and working in Gegilpur. He is facing opposition from different religious people. Still ten people are attending the Sunday worship. Pray for his son Brightson who is suffering from continuous fever.

EAST NEPAL

Sister Duli Hansda working in Ukhrikatta shares that her area is passing through challenges because of flood. Believers also are affected and visiting villages becomes hard. Please pray for the relief of the flood affected people. **Pr. Johna Khawas (Chisopani)** prayed for a woman who was suffering from epilepsy. She was healed completely and is regularly attending the meetings. A six year old boy suffering from pain in his leg since six months after his birth was healed after

continuous prayer. now his parents are attending the church. Four people have taken water baptism.

Pr. Kiren Shrestha of Salakpur has started new ministry in two villages. Due to increased opposition some of the believers had backslidden. **Pr. Rajesh Bhandari** has newly joined us and working in Itahari. A paralyzed person was brought to him who could not move his hands and legs. He was miraculously healed after prayer and now he is coming to church on foot.

God blessed **Pr. Stephen Hansda** of Sunshari with ten more souls who received baptism on 18th October. Another 18 people have accepted Christ. Now they are holding Sunday worship in three places.

SIKKIM

Pr. Dik Bahadur Chhetri of Suldung Busti and congregation were praying for a prayer hall because the rented room where they were conducting worship service was too small. Now God helped them to make a prayer hall. One person came to Christ. **Pr. Jack Paul Chhetri** of Maniram Bhyanjayang shares that a Buddhist family who newly accepted Christ is being opposed by their villagers to attend the meetings. Six people have come to the Lord and two persons took water baptism.

WEST BENGAL

Pr. Abraham Pradhan's (Nyasylee) son was sick and God healed him completely. Five people came to the Lord. Three persons took baptism. **Pr. Biju Zachariah** of Naxal Bari prayed for a paralyzed girl, Preeti. Doctors lost hope of her survival. She had no movement and her eyes were closed. Pr. Biju prayed for her and within twenty days she recovered completely. Her parents came to faith and now are attending the worship along with her.

Through **Pr. Jacob Rai's** ministry in Neem Busty seven people have come to the Lord and four of them took baptism. **Pr. James Ramtial** (Sonada) and congregation prayed for a four year old boy who could not see because of eye disease. While going to house after church service, he was healed on the way and his parents came to faith. A six year old boy suffering from fits received healing after prayer.

Bros. John Rai and Yousaf Soren doing ministry in Matelli have started Sunday school in two new villages. Thirty two children are attending. Two new families are now attending the Sunday worship.

Pr. John Soren shares that some fanatics attended the meetings in Samuktola and caused disturbance. 23 people accepted Christ and are ready to take baptism. Three others received baptism. **Bro. Johon Baskey** (Khoribari) has started worship service in a new village Domoria. Five new persons accepted Christ and are willing to take baptism.

Bro. Jiten Oraon's (Jabra More) ministry is going on in three villages. A eight year old sick girl was brought for prayer. She was relieved and went back healed. Her parents believed in Jesus. **Pr. Lakhani Mahali** (Gendra Para) has started ministry in three new villages namely, Ridaypur, Phalasbadi and Banraghat. **Bro. Rajen Maktan** working in Motibari prayed for a lady suffering from high blood pressure and she was healed. Five people committed their lives to Christ.

Bros. Phiroz and Sagar working in GT border has extended their ministry inside Bhutan. One Bhutanese woman who was paralyzed was prayed for and God healed her miraculously. She committed her life to Christ and later took water baptism.

A paralyzed 19 year old boy, by name Sanyasi was brought to **Pr. Silas Pradhan** of Murti tea garden for prayer and he was healed. Now he is coming for worship service walking. He has started Sunday school in three villages and a total of 40 children are attending. Eight people have come to the Lord. He requests prayer for his village where 90% villagers are drug addicts.

Persecution started against **Pastor. Sunil Chhetri's** ministry in Sumri Pani. Two fanatic groups are now opposing the ministry. Still God is at work and one lady who could not job requested them to pray. Within 15 days she got govt. job. Four persons took baptism in the last three months and two new families are attending the meetings. **Pr. Yabbesh Rai** shared from Toribari that two people have taken water baptism on 9th October. Sunday school has started and 25-30 children are attending. They were worried about the educational expenses of their children and prayed with fasting for this matter. They are very glad and thankful to God because by His grace their daughter received scholarship from the West Bengal govt. educational board.

Field Focus

Sis. Raj Malik

Early life: The story of sister Raj starts from a tiny village of Parpie near Amritsar, in the state of Punjab, a north western state of India adjacent to Pakistan.

Born on July 10th 1956, in a Christian family and named Abigail. Her father Mangu Masih and mother Bashira were simple and God fearing people who instilled in little Abigail the love of God. When she was fourteen years old she became sick by typhoid and was totally bed ridden. By the grace of God a group of pastors visited her house and prayed for her. God healed her completely and she witnessed the mighty power of God which played a great influence on her spiritual life.

Soon she decided to serve the Lord for which she took a six months Bible training course. In the mean time O.M. sisters were working in Batala where Abigail came in contact with them. On her own initiative being influenced by them she joined the team and worked for 3 ½ years in Ajmer in the state of Rajasthan. There she came closer to God and decided to spend her life in following the mandate of preaching the gospel. In 1974 she was married to a God fearing man, Mr. Madan Lal Malik, who also is helping her in serving the Lord. Both of them started their own ministry in Batala in the state of Punjab.

Joining KEF: In 1985 Abigail now widely known as sister Raj joined the Kashmir Evangelical Fellowship founded by Dr. P.M. Thomas to get a wider fellowship and a bigger platform for spreading the gospel.

Harvest field: In spite of being a Govt. employee in Food Corporation of India, Mr. Madan actively cooperates with Sister Raj in her effort in propagating the gospel in Batala and villages nearby. As a result more than 300 people were baptized in different villages. Now an average of 70 people worship the Lord in her main church, named The Living Church, Batala. They conduct another worship at Taragarh, 42 km away from Batala every Wednesday and a third worship at another village Bhular .

Persecution: Time to time with the growth of the ministry they had to face persecutions through physical torture and false allegations from anti-christians.



Family: They have four children. Eldest daughter Seema got married and has one son. Second son Sunil was working with our missionary Joseph Babu in East Nepal for some time after doing our HMI training. Now he is also married and along with his family engaged in ministry in Amritsar area. Third is daughter Sonia who is doing her MBBS in Amritsar. Youngest is son Raju has completed his high school.

It is really a blessing for all of us that a committed lady is working in the tough and hazardous mission field amidst all adversity. Please remember Sister Raj, her husband Madan Malik and children in your prayers.

NEXT TIMOTHY

As the work started to grow from Kashmir to Arunachal over about 4000 kms of this most rugged areas of the Himalaya region we all have been asking the Lord to show the right people to take up various responsibilities as He showed Paul, a Timothy and for Moses a Joshua Now I am happy to write, the Lord has clearly shown His plan to all of us in the last few meetings of our General Body and the Executive Committee.



Now I am happy to announce that Dr. Johnson George is elected as the new President of Himalaya Evangelical Mission based at Binnaguri in West Bengal. Dr. Johnson has over 20 years of experience as an administrator and a well known convention speaker. Most of you may know he is our son in law. He with his wife Grace and their 3 children have joined our ministry six years back and are based at Binnaguri a backward village area near the Bhutan border. Soon our churches in the North East also got a sudden boost and

their new center grew into a Bible Seminary, a good church with several new converts and many charity programs like Child development program, Medical Clinic etc.

I am also happy to announce Mr. John Joy Raj is appointed as the Director of the central region based at Gorakhpur. He has been with us for over eight years first as the office secretary, then as the office manager and has distinguished himself as extremely honest, hard working, humble, and a good computer expert. Both he and his wife are also good Bible teachers.



I am sure all our friends know that Pr. Santhosh Thomas our son is already working as the Director of our NW region based at Udhampur. I shall appreciate your prayers and supports for all three of them and their families.

However for technical reasons, I will continue as the president of our earlier name Kashmir Evangelical Fellowship for some more time. At the same time I will be available as an advisor whenever needed. But my main vision now is to concentrate more time on spiritual ministries like prayer, speaking, teaching and writing.

Your brother,

P.M. Thomas
