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Theme for 2012

Come down and rescue

Exodus 3:8

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God who is aware of our suffering, Comes down!

My precious prayer partners,

“Does God have eyes? Does God have ears? If so, why am I suffering like this?” lamented Pangajam, to the evangelist who visited her. Pangajam was married to Samuel a government officer. At his work place, he receives bribe, brings it home and gives to Pangajam. Pangajam enjoyed life by amassing the wealth. The children saw how their parents were making a living. One day, one of their daughters eloped with a boy. Pangajam was in great distress. So when the evangelist visited her, she poured out her sorrows to him. “Why are you blaming God, when things go wrong? You have not taught your children to walk God’s ways. Now, when they are into the worldly ways, do not curse God” declared the servant of God.

When people go through suffering and misery, they are quick to blame God for everything. Sometimes we might go through loss, difficulty and trials for no fault of ours so we become depressed and angry with God. Did God cause these things to happen in our lives? Not necessarily. The God of the Holy Bible is different. God who created us is mindful of what we go through. He never sleeps, He never slumbers. Never question God about His concern, whatever circumstances we might go through.

Our theme for this year is, “Come down to rescue” based on Exodus 3:8. This verse begins with the word the conjunction “So”. Therefore we need to

read the previous verse to find out, why God came down? The LORD said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. (Exodus 3:7) Three actions of God jumps out of this verse: **I have seen, I have heard and I am concerned**

I have seen

The Bible describes our God as one who sees us. Hagar gave this name to the LORD who spoke to her, “**You are the God who sees me,**” for she said, “I have now seen the One who sees me.” (Genesis 16:13) She was a Gentile woman who went through misery because of ill-treatment. She saw the angel of the Lord coming and helping her in her trouble her and her perspective of God changed. God will never close His eyes, when we go through suffering. He sees and sends His angels to rescue us. He saw Joseph while he was in the pit; he saw Mary and Martha when they lost their brother Lazarus. This ought to give us confidence when we go through misery.

I have heard

The LORD told Cain that his brother’s blood cried out to him from the ground and He heard it. (Genesis 4:10). When the innocent blood of Abel was shed, God hears that cry. God is sensitive to the cry of His people. I was trying to scan through all the incidents recorded

in the Bible where the Lord heard the cry of the people. I found that He hears all what we say, what we cry, and what we ask. Once the Israelites cried out for meat, and the Lord heard. The Lord heard people talking against Moses. In response to our cry, He comes down to rescue us or meet with us. (Numbers 11,12; Psalms 3: 4; 145: 19)

I am concerned

When we read the Bible, we can picture God as hyper-sensitive about everything He is concerned about. He not only sees and hears but also acts on what He hears. Our God is an active God. He is conscious of what we are going through because He is compassionate and gracious. The silence of God should not be misunderstood as God not being concerned. His deliverance is on the way. Continue to walk in faith and you will see the salvation of God.

When the temple at Jerusalem was dedicated, the Lord, the Lord said to Solomon, "Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. My eyes and my heart will always be there. (2 Chronicles 7:15, 16) **The Lord's eyes, ears and His heart is always on His people.** Therefore, why worry? Keep trusting in the Lord. We are encouraged through these verses but think of millions who do not know this wonderful God. Shed tears in the presence of the Lord, crying that God will show His grace upon the unreached and uncommitted people.

I want to thank each one of you for generously contributing towards the missionaries' Christmas gift. We shared

a sizable amount with 743 people including our retired missionaries. Kindly contribute throughout this year towards the Christmas Gift for 2012. This will be disbursed during Christmas.

We thank **Rt Rev M Ezra Sargunam**, the Bishop President of Evangelical Church of India preached a powerful message during the "**Commencement Service**" at Outreach Training Institute on 6 January. Twenty seven missionary candidates from 10 different states were trained for a year for missionary work. **Dr Sajan Gorge**, the founder of Global Christian Indian Council was our guest of honour. He shared that 1700 incidents persecution took place against Christian in our country.

The IEM Board met on 7 January 2012 under the leadership of our Chairman Rev Dr K T Kurien. After the Board reviewed the progress of the Mission, they asked us to plan on the year of Golden Jubilee Celebration which falls on 2014-15.

We praise God for the blessed State Conventions in Kerala and in Andhra Pradesh. I want to record my thanks to Rev .George Raju our former Associate General Secretary, who stirred our hearts through the ministry of the Word of God.

IEM and many other Missions organizations from many nations are part of a network of called **Faith2Share**. Faith2Share organizes international consultations time to time in different parts of the world. God willing, I will be taking part in one such consultation, in Antalya, Turkey from 4-10, March, 2012.

This month, we focus on the Bible translation ministry of IEM. The best

gift that we can give to the people we are serving is the Bible! We have many teams working towards this end. Our mission field focus is on the Koya people of Khamman, Andhra Pradesh. You will also find many reports of various significant events during the recent past.

The IEM Family Missionaries'

Conference will be held on 19-24 May 2012 at TWR, LTC Paramankeni, near Chennai. Around 1,200 people including IEM missionaries, their children and workers will be participating in this historic occasion. We will be around 1,200 people including children. We will be meeting after 4 long years. It will cost us Rs 4000/- for one family to attend this conference. I request our

prayer partners and readers of IEM OUTREACH to consider sponsoring at least one family's expenses (Rs 4000/-) which includes travel and accommodation. Please do pray with us towards this end.

Due to a heavy financial crisis, we have made this issue as a bimonthly for February and March only. Please do take time to pray for us. We shall meet you again through the IEM Outreach in April 2012.

With loving regards,
Yours in His Joyful ministry,

P John Wesley

IEM Missionaries' Family Get-together

May 19-23, 2012

TWR-LTC

Paramankeni, Chennai

After 4 years, IEM missionaries, staff and their children will gather together for a refreshment around the Word and also to catch up on the what's happening in each others' lives. It will be a time of sharing, a time to laugh and for the children, it will be a time to bond.

Many new missionaries have joined the Mission. This will be a time to get to know their seniors and draw from their experiences. For the seniors, it will be a time to inspire and encourage the new missionaries.

We need your prayers for this historic occasions. Also, you could sponsor one or more missionaries' families by meeting their travel and other expenses. For more information, please contact

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Editorial

The Bible is the world's best-seller even today! People around the world have criticised its contents and condemned its authority; they have taken the sacred text out of context and made pretexts, hoping to corner people who preach and practice what it says. They have burnt printing presses which produce the Bible, aspiring to drive it out of circulation.

Still, millions open its pages day and night, meditate on the wonderful words of life written in it, memorise verses and use it as the rule book to govern their lives. Governments around the world draw principles to formulate their laws, universities have introduced portions of it as part of their curriculum, because the Bible, though written many centuries ago by a group of writers who lived at different times, continues to speak to people in their situations. The Bible leads people to a knowledge and experience of who the living God is and what He has done for them. God speaks through His Word! Are we listening?

The Indian Evangelical Mission is committed to investing money, manpower and time to gift the people we are working among, with the Bible. Our Bible translation teams live among the people into whose language they are translating the Bible; they understand their culture and exercise God-given wisdom to translate His Word. Much can be said about our Bible translation ministry. However, in this issue, we will confine ourselves to 2 aspects. Why is the Bible the life-line of the church and why we are moving toward involving mother-tongue translators in the translation process? Of course, if the Lord speaks to you, feel free to offer yourself to let the Bible speak to people who do not have a single printed WORD in their language!

In our Mission field focus, we highlight various aspects of our ministry among the Koya people. This mission field is perhaps one of the largest in terms of geographical area. Also a number of churches have been planted here over the years. Many missionaries have left their foot prints in the annals of our ministry here, and no investment made here has been wasted. As of today, this is the only mission field in IEM to have a doctor-run clinic! Christian doctors, nurses and para-medical staff – are you paying attention? Many mission fields are crying out for that “touch of love!”

People and events make up history. In this issue we have several news items, talking about people and events who have contributed to the history of IEM during the last 2 months. Read on!

Timothy Austin

Come Down to Rescue

(Beginning from February 2012, we will be featuring a series of Bible Studies based on our theme, "Come down to Rescue" taken from Exodus 3:8. In the first of this series, our focus is drawn towards God and His activity towards His people. Often we express belief in the existence of God but in a crisis, we ask, "Where is God?" Rev Arthur Hope, former General Secretary of UESI and former IEM Training Secretary explains in simple down-to-earth language, the love, graciousness and power of our almighty God, working on behalf of His people. Be encouraged!)

Introduction

The Israelites were being ill-treated by the Egyptians. They cried out to God. So God appeared to Moses in a burning bush. He told Moses ... I Exodus 3:7, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt." Our loving God **Sees** all our tears, our sorrows, our problems and our afflictions. He that watches over Israel does not sleep or slumber. Wherever we go, His eyes are upon us.

II Exodus 3:7 "...I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers..." Our God **Hears**. He hears our prayers, our groaning and our sighs. In 116:1, 2, the psalmist says, "I love the Lord, for He heard my voice, He heard my cry. Because He turned His ear to me, I will call on Him as long as I live."

III Exodus 3:7 "...and I am concerned about their suffering..." Our God **Feels** our pain. When Saul of Tarsus was persecuting the believers, Jesus met him on the road to Damascus and asked him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?" (Acts 9:4) We do have a high priest who is sympathetic because He was tempted as we are, yet was without sin. (Hebrews 4:15) Jesus was moved



with compassion when He saw the people as sheep without a shepherd. (Matthew 9:36)

IV Exodus 3:8, "So I have come down to rescue them..." Our God not only sees, hears, and feels but He also **comes down** to rescue. He decided to act through Moses to bring the people of Israel out of slavery. In the New Testament, God came down and

became Man to redeem us from sin (John 1:14). Jesus said, "The Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luke 19:10)

V Exodus 3:10, "So now Go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt" Our God commissioned Moses. Though hesitant and full of questions, Moses ultimately obeyed God and went to confront Pharaoh. God used Moses for His mighty acts to bring out His people.

Jesus said, "As the father has sent me, I am sending you." (John 20:21). The Lord who came to save us gave His life as a ransom for many. He commissioned

Paul to be His chosen vessel to carry His name before Gentiles, and their kings and before the people of Israel. (Acts 9:15)

In conclusion

God wants to act through us. We should be available to God as His chosen and redeemed vessels. We should carry the Good News that God has come down in Christ Jesus to rescue us from the penalty, curse and power of sin. Will you say to Him, "Yes Lord! You came down from heaven to earth to seek and to save me. I am available for you to use me to spread the Good News of deliverance through your blood which was shed on Calvary?"

New Arrivals

Our missionaries Rev. & Mrs. Sounderarajan's son John and his wife Hepzi were blessed with a baby girl on December 9, 2011.

We praise God for gifting this dear couple with a lovely baby. May the parents bring up the little one in the fear and nurture of the Lord.

Weddings

Our missionaries, Rev. & Mrs. Thomas Edison's daughter Kirupa married Jesudass December 2, 2011

Our missionary Theba Timothy married PS Hangmila on December 16, 2011

Our missionary, Ebin Samuel married Rajani on December 26, 2011

Our missionaries John Praveen married Angel on December 30, 2011

Our missionary Paulin married Libela on January 13, 2012

Pray that these precious couples will be shinnii witnesses for the Lord wherever He leads them.



Obituary

We regret to announce the passing away of the following parents of our missionaries

Stephen Joseph's FATHER in December, 2012

Sandhya Prabhakar's FATHER, Mr. Prasanna Rao on December 25, 2011

Rebakka's FATHER, Mr.R. Anandham on December 31, 2011

Jerin Sathiaraj's MOTHER, Mrs. Lydial Jeya Manual on January 8, 2012

Please uphold these grieving families in your prayers



The Bible—God's Life-line for the Church

*(Did you read your Bible this morning? What did God say to you? What are you going to do about what He told you? Listen! Millions are not as privileged as you are. They either have portions of the Bible or nothing at all! Our Secretary for Field Ministries—Bible translation and Scripture Engagement, **Mr John Mathai** helps us understand that the Bible needs to be translated because it is God's Life-line for the Church.)*

The Bible speaks

The Bible plays a pivotal role in the life of every genuine Christian. The Bible provides spiritual nourishment which is essential for godly living. The church can grow only if it is nurtured in the Word.

We have the Bible in our mother tongues. Even though we might understand English fairly well, we prefer to use our mother tongue version for personal study and quiet times.

The Bible Sustains

In the mission field, our missionaries are busy preaching the Gospel and planting churches. However, these churches can be strengthened only when they are able to read and study the Bible in their own mother tongue. Further, our missionaries will stay in the mission field for a few years. Once they leave, the believers have to fend for themselves. At such a time, the Bible in their mother tongue provides spiritual nourishment; otherwise the church will die!

As Cameron Townsend once declared, "The greatest missionary is the Bible in the mother tongue; it is never considered a foreigner!"



The Bible Transforms

Recently, a preacher shared this quote during his sermon, "All books inform; only the Bible transforms!" The veracity of this statement is evident as we see societies being transformed after reading the Holy Scriptures. The Bible says in 1 Peter 1: 24,25, "All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, and the flower fall but the word of Lord stands for ever" Since the Word of God stands forever, only the Word of God in the mother tongue of the

people can help societies develop into resourceful pillars in a falling world

In IEM, we work towards establishing strong vibrant churches. We have 12 Bible translation teams working tirelessly to present the precious Word to the people.

Prayer Powers Progress

Prayer partners have an important role in the Bible translation ministry. Without their prayers, the translation work cannot be done. Obviously, the devil does not want the Bible to be translated because Gods Word is like sword, a weapon of offence against which he cannot stand.

According to Ephesians 6:17, "... and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God..." God's word is our offensive weapon. When we declare what the Bible says, the Holy Spirit helps them realize their sinful condition and then gives the good news that Jesus can forgives them.

So Satan goes all out to disturb our Bible translators and their families. He does not spare the equipment they use. Further, he tries to stop our translators from participating in essential training

workshops and other programmes.

Therefore, on behalf of our Bible translators, I plead with you, dear reader, to intercede on our behalf. Write encouraging letters to our translators. Contact them over the telephone. Visit them whenever time permits in order to listen to their stories of triumphs and testings, achievements and seeming defeats. Let's work together, shall we?

Bible Translation - Step By Step

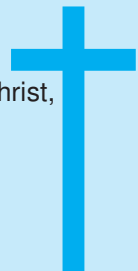
- ✦ Learning the Language
- ✦ Analyzing the Language
- ✦ Training the Mother Tongue Translator
- ✦ Taking a first draft
- ✦ Exegeting the text from the source language
- ✦ Making a meaningful transfer in the target language
- ✦ Checking with speakers
- ✦ Revising and checking with consultant
- ✦ Revising and checking by trial editions
- ✦ Printing
- ✦ Scripture in Use

A THOUGHT ON THE CROSS

"Truth of Life - The Cross"

The Cross is the only hope for us, without Cross there is no Christ,

- ✦ without Christ there is no crucifixion,
- ✦ without crucifixion there is no sanctification,
- ✦ without sanctification there is no salvation,
- ✦ without salvation there is no glorification. Amen.



Best Regards,
Jonathan Jayadev

Why Mother Tongue Translators?

(Bible translation is a constantly evolving process. While the message remains unchanged, the methods may constantly change. Earlier, it was the laborious yet highly rewarding method of writing the manuscript. With information technology flooding spreading its net far and wide, gadgets took over. Earlier, cross-cultural missionaries were ONLY ones who had the knowledge to translate the Bible into an unwritten language. Now, let's welcome mother tongue translators, who play a pivotal role in the Bible Translation process. Rana Tharu Bible translator, Mrs Sheeba Gnanasekar explains...)

In any translation endeavor, 2 things are vital. First, a knowledge of the source language and second, a knowledge of the receptor language. In other words, a translator must know the language he is translating from (source language) as well as the language he translates into (receptor language).

Translating the Bible into Indian languages presents 2 challenges. Since the source language of the Bible is Greek and Hebrew which are not Indian languages, how many Indian translators have mastered or are acquainted with these languages? Secondly, receptor languages are usually minority languages which are either unwritten or not widely used. There are of course some exceptions. So can the translator bring out an effective and natural translation?

The real challenge in the Indian context is, "Can any **individual** successfully translate the Bible into an Indian language? The answer is "No." However, a **Team** can do! The team must consist of persons who are competent in the source and receptor languages.

The source language challenge is bridged to a great extent because the resources from the Bible languages are translated into English. In addition, dictionaries, commentaries and handbooks are available in English to help us understand the Bible languages in its truest meaning. So it is essential for the translation team to have a person who knows English. The role played by this person is known as Exegete. The Exegete may be a mother-tongue(MT) speaker of the receptor language or other-tongue(OT) speaker. An exegete should be able to communicate the exegesis to the fellow team members. In addition, before publication, the translated Scripture portion must be checked for accuracy by a Consultant who is competent in Bible languages. In this way, the source language challenge can be addressed.

The receptor language challenge can be bridged by including a mother-tongue speaker in the translation team. A mother-tongue speaker will bring into the translation a natural flow of language and clarity. As he is trained in the task of translation, we call him a Mother-Tongue Translator(MTT).

Translating the Bible or a Bible portion is a process which involves several steps, from drafting to publishing. During the drafting process, where an OTT is an Exegete, an MTT can contribute the right choice of words and expressions, natural flow of language with proper collocations and clarity. A MTT can do an oral draft and help edit the written draft by comparing them. During community testing, he can help break the ice as the readers are comfortable with their own people. In the "Group Review" of the draft, he can explain translation issues and help bring in consensus or suggest alternatives. Scripture in use can be accelerated by MTTs because they would have understood its significance themselves. The different steps require different skills. It is good to have a team of MTTs having different skills- a person with a good sense of language and culture, a

people-oriented person, a person good at public relations, a person with leadership qualities, a person with commitment and so on. Sometimes, when MTTs can themselves be Exegetes (competent in English) they can team up with other MTTs who can help in the different steps.

In addition, as language experiences change over a time, a revision or a re-edited version becomes necessary, like the different English versions we have today. Hence, there is always a need for an MTT to bring-in the life-giving Word of God in the language of his own generation.

Therefore in the pursuit of giving God's Word in one's language in the most clear, natural and acceptable way, it is indispensable that we have mother-tongue speakers in the team who are trained as MTTs.

Farewell Grand dad... Till we meet again!

Mr. P.M George from Kottayam, Kerala was promoted to glory on January 4, 2012. He was 97. A teacher by profession, Uncle George as he was affectionately known was famous for his quiet composure. His students loved to attend his classes.

Uncle George hailed from a wealthy family. He and his wife pioneered the ecumenical prayer fellowship in Kottayam. In 1991, he and his wife prayerfully decided to gift their property to IEM. This dear couple were instrumental in nurturing many spiritually and physically. They gave away most of their income for the church and missions.

Uncle George's wife went to be with the Lord in 2005. IEM appointed a nurse to care for him and paid his medical bills from the past 11 years.

Our chairman Rev. Dr. K.T.Kurien, Rev.T.V.Thomas and the IEM missionaries in Kerala attended the funeral at Kottayam on January 5th.. Yes he was a brave warrior who fought a good fight uncomplainingly. . Adieu 'grand dad' till we meet in glory!



Johnson Abraham and Sicily,
IEM Missionaries, Kottayam

Much more than we Imagined!

God blessed and protected the Koya missionary team during 2011. We were able to form 10 new worship groups. Forty five believers openly confessed their faith in the Lord.

In 2012, we aim to lead many dear Koya people to a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. We hope to form 20 new worship groups in new areas and build 20 new worship sheds to house the existing house worship groups.

We aim to build 11 new church buildings, reach out to 59 new villages, establish 667 new contacts, nurture 449 new seekers, edify 336 new believers and encourage many believers to openly confess their faith in the Lord.

In order to equip potential local believers, we plan to develop local believers by conducting a Short Term Bible School (STBS) March-April 2012) for 30 carefully selected people, Leadership Training programmes (thrice a year), Youth Meeting (May 2012), VBS (May 2012), evangelistic programs(3

The new Pullaigudem Church



times a year) and appointing of local pastors and evangelists with their related expenses. We constructed 3 church buildings in Pullaigudem, Gattumalla and Vaddugumpu villages.

God Heals

On December 23, 2011, a family from Uppanapalli village travelled 10 kilometres with their 3-month old son who was affected by severe asthma, to Palagudem church where our missionaries Eswar Rao & Usha and a local evangelist were conducting an open-air Gospel meeting. Our missionaries prayed and the child was healed!

Another family from Chalampalem village brought their baby who was suffering from fits and he too was miraculously healed. An old man suffering from paralysis for 3 years was brought to the church and the Lord touched him in answer to prayer. He shared his testimony during the New Year service on January 1, 2012. As a result of these miracles, God opened a way to establish a new worship group

Our General Secretary Rev. John Wesley cutting the ribbon





in Uppanapalli village in north Koya at the start of 2012.

Hostel Up-date

Three boys who were nurtured at the Jaganathapuram Boys' hostel are shining for His glory. K. Ravikumar (B Sc. B.Ed.) is now working as a teacher in a government school. Mohan who completed his B Tech is now looking for a suitable job and P. Prasad doing his B Tech in Cuddapah. Many other boys lead in worship and are actively involved in serving the Lord in their respective studies.

Family Retreats

We were able to conduct family retreats in 3 different places - Regulagudem church, Sampath Nagar and Pullagudem. In each programme, 10 families rededicated their lives for God's ministry.

Laxmaiah & Sreelatha from Kummarigudem village did not have children for 5 years. A missionary earnestly prayed and the Lord blessed them with a baby boy. The whole

family comes to the church and the villagers are impressed.

Bible Translation

The translation of the book of Jonah is completed. The Koya New Testament audio Bible recording is being carried out even as you read this magazine.

At the Clinic

Hundreds of people are flocking to the clinic. They were shown Gospel video films and personally counselled regarding spiritual and health and hygiene matters.

Buchaiah fell from a tree and was badly injured. Now he is completely healed and, was completely healed and regularly comes to the church.

Christmas was celebrated in all our Koya churches. The believers and their children actively participated and invited their village folk to join the celebration.

Short Term Bible School

Last year 38 people were trained (helpers and evangelists) Now they are rightly teaching the word of God to their own people.



A women's meeting in progress



He has TB in his spinal cord

- Believers in all Koya churches will stand firm in the faith
- The comforting presence of the to be the portion of our missionaries Ms Rebecca and Ms Jerin whose parents passed away during

Prayer Fuel

- Koya Field Annual conventions will be conducted 4 places during February and March 2012
- 60 believers are preparing to openly confess their faith in the Lord
- Pradeep, a 9-year old boy needs money for surgery.

December 2011 and January 2012

- A new worship group to be started in Uppanapalli village
- Construction of the Palagudem church building to begin soon
- A worship shed in Thatilanka village



A paralysed man now praises the LORD!

Praise & Prayer Calendar

(We made it to 2012! Not really! God, by His grace and mercy has given us an opportunity to see 2012. You prayed earnestly and God answered your prayers. We're grateful to you and we give glory to God alone! As always, our missionaries are involved in building the lives of the people among whom they are working. This investment demands their time and energy and above all, the blessing of the Lord. Pray that each missionary will be encouraged and energised and excited by what God has done, is doing and will do, in answer to the prayers of His people. This calendar has 60 days covering **February** and **March**)

1 HIMACHAL PRADESH

Kullu

Praise God: The Christmas Carol Team consisting of 25 people visited 37 houses to minister in song and through prayer in Kullu town and nearby villages

103 people attended the Christmas Sandhya programme on December 24 in Kullu

300 people including believers, friends and well wishers attended the Christmas Day service while in Shalwar 70 people listened to the Word

3 seekers were freed from addiction to alcohol

Pray: Mrs Veena, a new believer in Shalwar village to be delivered from demon possession and to grow spiritually

New seekers Mr Ratan Chand & family from Shalwar to grow in the Lord

Seekers in Ghungra village & Chinjra, Benchi, Pangra, Malipathar, Bihali, Shirad, Garsa village will accept Jesus as their personal Savior and Lord

One person to be appointed as an evangelist

2 Lahaul

Praise God: Two Lahauli Youth get-togethers, and 2 Lahauli family get-togethers were conducted in December 2011

21 children from standards 5-10 participated in the "Equipping the Bud" winter course for 10 days from January 9- 19, 2012 in spite of severe cold wave conditions in Kullu

Pray: New believers Chhewang, Kamala and Seema put their faith in Christ during August and November 2011. They need to stand firm in faith in spite of opposition from their family and community

Our first contacts Dorje Angrup, Nawang Chhering, Tashi Chhering and their families to accept Jesus as their personal savior in 2012

Lahaulis to accept Christ as families because single believers cannot stand the strain of opposition and excommunication

3 Dharmasala

Praise God: Missionary Mung Guite and family were able to return to the mission field after their annual vacation

The gift of a motorbike to during December

Pray: The successful ministry among the Tibetan Buddhists in India and especially in Dharamsala in spite of their resistance to the Gospel

One more couple to join our missionaries in Dharamshala

4 MISSIONARIES' FAMILY GET-TOGETHER

May 19-23, TWR- LTC, Paramenkeni, Chennai

Praise God: The opportunity to meet together as a family after 4 years to rejoice, recollect and recharge ourselves

The teams which have been formed to look into various arrangements as well as the programme are doing their job well.

Pray: The speakers and resource people who will be participating in the programme

Sufficient funds to meet all the expenses of the event

Each missionary and each missionary child will receive a blessing from the Lord in order to be a blessing in their place of ministry

Good weather during the event

5 PUNJAB Lehra Mohabhat

Praise God: Our missionaries who persevered through the severe winter in Punjab

Seekers who regularly attend the worship services regularly

Pray: The 2 people who are ready to

openly confess their faith in the Lord will be vibrant witnesses for the Lord

More openings for ministry in new villages

6 ANDHRA PRADESH Araku Valley

Praise God: The Kotia New Testament which is being widely used in the local churches

Protection for our missionaries as they travel through difficult terrain to reach remote villages

Pray: The Kuthamput church will be dedicated soon

Our hostel children will excel in their studies

7 UTTAR PRADESH Kheri(Tharu)

Praise God: The fruitful Christmas programme in the mission field. The Word was clearly preached and many attended

The translation of the Tharu New Testament is gathering momentum

Pray: A faithful helper will be found to take care of the boys' hostel

The benefits of the literacy classes will be understood and exploited by the Tharu people

8 Balrampur

Praise God: Our Evangelist's wife Sunita was healed from typhoid

The boys in the hostel are growing spiritually as they are nurtured in the Word

Pray: More contacts in the villages and new worship groups to be established

Good response to the preaching of the Gospel from the local people

9 Fatehpur

Praise God: Our evangelist Mr Jaishingh has many opportunities to present the Gospel among his own people

The children who attended the VBS will be keen to read God's Word and live exemplary lives

Pray: Our believers who openly confessed their faith will desire to grow spiritually

More worship groups to be established

10 Robertsganj

Praise God: Our believers from Myorpur village will continue to grow spiritually and be witnesses to their own people

Mr Babunder has many opportunities to serve the Lord among his own people

Pray: Wisdom for our missionaries to launch out to new areas for ministry

More contacts to be established

GENERAL SECRETARY

Praise God: The ability and unction from the Lord as Rev John Wesley ministered the Word at various conventions and mission related meetings

The fruitful Board meeting during which several significant decisions were taken

Pray: Strength to travel extensively during the next 2 months

Wisdom to tackle pressing issues which crop up from time to time

Puroik(Arunachal Pradesh): Pray:

The success of 5th Annual Puroik Baptist Mission fellowship at Lasumpate Baptist church from today till the 12th

11 UTTARAKHAND

Dehra Dun

Praise God: His blessings and guidance in the ministry

Fruitful openings in ministry thus far

Pray: Effective follow-up among our contacts and seekers who attended the Christmas celebration

10 seekers to understand the love of Jesus and turn to Him before the end of March 2012

A suitable piece of land in Chandmari for the construction of a church building

Evangelist Shankar Gurung to be well equipped to take over the reins of church leadership in the years ahead

Dinesh may leave his addiction to drugs and Pradeep's family to get experience God's peace

Karnataka Church Ministries: Pray

for the first-ever State Prayer and Planning meeting today at Bangalore. Church ministries missionaries and Honorary Area Coordinators will prayerfully chalk out the road map for future endeavours in Karnataka

12 BIHAR

Raxaul

Praise God: Many people attended the Christmas programmes in the mission field in answer to prayer

Many openings to present the Gospel in new villages as a result of the Christmas programmes

Pray: A hostel for Bhojpuri children to be started

Funds to conduct literacy classes



CHURCH MINISTRIES, DELHI

Praise God: 90 people attended the first Christmas get-together. This was fully sponsored locally

Positive response from an Indian Pentecostal church to support a missionary

Unstinted and regular financial contributions in spite of difficult times

Openings in new churches and organisations like World Vision

God's protection during the severe winter

Our house owner has allowed us to stay for one more year

Pray: Some supporters are finding it difficult to keep to their commitments to the Mission

Protection from the severe cold especially while travelling on the two-wheeler

More churches be open for IEM ministries

13 RADIO MINISTRY

Praise God: The audio recording of the Bison Horn Madiya New Testament was successfully completed in answer to prayer

The process to record 20 new songs in Kuvi and Kotia languages has begun

Pray: Our partnerships with various media agencies will flourish and grow strong so that the people will benefit

Need for 1000 radios

14 CHURCH MINISTRIES, TAMIL NADU

Praise God: The Christmas get-togethers in various places went on were well attended

The EDGE programme has resulted in an awakening among the young people

Pray: Good health for all our honorary Church Ministries people who faithfully contribute towards the ministry

The children's ministry will result in families getting involved in missionary work as well

15 GUJARAT Hadothi

Praise God: 3 local youth underwent the 20-day Bible Translation course

Believers are strong in the Lord and supporting the missionaries in their ministry

Good health for all our missionaries

Pray: Protection for our missionaries in the backdrop of opposition

Local boys and missionaries to be refreshed in mind and body as they begin work

16 YOUTH MINISTRIES

Praise God: Successful BLAST and EDGE programmes in various states of our country has yielded good response

Travel mercies for our Secretary for Youth Ministries, Mr Jenny Christopher as he ministers in various programmes

Pray: More states will organise youth programmes like BLAST, EDGE and SIM so that more missionaries can be identified and encouraged to either go as missionaries or send missionaries to the harvest fields

Garasia

Praise God: Our missionary John Praveen married Angel and has returned to the mission field

The commitment of our missionaries to take care of the hostel ministry

Pray: More missionaries to join the team

The Garasia church will focus on reaching out more vigorously to their own people

17 Dangs

Praise God: The vibrant Dangi church which continues to share the Gospel among their own people

Pastors Sakkaram and Varman will be strengthened as they minister to their own people

Pray: New worship groups to be established by the local believers themselves

18 BIBLE TRANSLATION

Praise God: The Bible continues to be the world's best seller, impacting lives even in the remotest parts of the world

The undivided attention of our Bible translators to the huge task before them

Pray: Wisdom to complete the Korku (Chikaldara) New Testament very soon

New projects to be taken up soon

19 TRAINING

Praise God: The 27 missionaries who successfully completed their year-long Missionary Candidates' Course and have since stepped into the mission field

The various training programmes being conducted from time to time to increase the skills of our missionaries

Pray: 2 missionary couples who are being trained in Bible colleges

More candidates to be led to serve the Lord in the mission fields because the fields are white and ready for harvest

20 MADHYA PRADESH

Lakhnadon

Praise God: Good relationship with the EHA hospital

Good response to the preaching of the Gospel in Sunwara and other villages

Pray: In spite of opposition, people are turning to the Lord

God will grant wisdom to answer those who oppose the ministry

21 Chhatarpur

Praise God: The steady growth of the ministry in spite of opposition

Good health enjoyed by our missionaries

Pray: Opponents of the Gospel to understand

Worship groups will be established in new areas in this mission field

22 CHHATISGARH

Bison Horn Madiya

Praise God: Healing touch on Kosal our believer's son now he is physically healthy

Backsliden believer Sukdi started coming for the worship regularly

Pray: Churches will use the translated portions in their local churches

Literacy programmes will be well attended

23 Batra

Praise God: His healing and sustaining touch has enabled our missionaries tide through ill-health



The commitment of the believers attend church regularly

Pray: Strength given to our missionary Kirivasan as he provides leadership to the missionaries in his region

More local leaders to be nurtured to lead their own people

The translation of the Batri New Testament needs to be completed soon

24 IEM FOUNDERS' DAY

Praise God: Rev Theodore Williams & Mrs Esther Williams who sacrificially spent themselves for the cause of missions in India and specifically for nurturing IEM during its formative years Evangelical Fellowship of India at whose annual conference in Devlali IEM's formation was announced

Our former General Secretaries – Dr R Theodore Srinivasagam, Rev Victor Sither, Mr Noel Kotian and our present GS Rev P John Wesley who ably led the Mission all these years

Pray: The IEM will never lose sight of its foundations so that as it grows, it will continue to serve the church wholeheartedly

The missionaries who join IEM will be firm in their commitment to God and to reaching this land for Christ

25 Dhurwa

Praise God: The translation of the Dhurwa New Testament continues, slowly but surely

Believers who are sharing the Gospel even in the absence of missionaries

Pray: The translation work will be speeded up so that the New Testament

will be used by the Dhurwa believers Missionaries to join the team

26 ANDHRA PRADESH Koya

Praise God: The dedication of the Pulliagudem church in this mission field

The medical ministry under the leadership of Dr Narasimha Rao through which the "healing touch" leads to a spiritual awakening

Pray: The translation of the Koya Old Testament which is gradually gathering momentum

The evangelists to groom leaders from among their own people

27 CHURCH MINISTRIES, KERALA

Praise God: The Kerala State convention was successfully conducted in January

Those who made commitments during the convention

Pray: The follow-up programmes to be successfully carried out in various parts of India

Protection of our church ministries' associates who travel extensively through the length and breadth of the state

28 ORISSA Mayurbhanj

Praise God: The impact of the ministry among the Ho people over the past 25 years

The tremendous work carried out by the evangelists in the absence of missionaries

Twelve families newly attending the church

Literacy classes start in Mondaljodi and Balipose churches

Evangelists and missionary in good health

Pray: The portions of Scripture in HO language which is now being widely read the believers to have a lasting impact on the local church

Our hostel children to shine for Jesus in their schools and also when they go

home for holidays

29 Koraput

Praise God: Those who openly confessed their faith in the Lord last month

Medical work is being well accepted by the local people

Pray: Those who oppose the Gospel to respond to the love of Christ

MARCH 2012

1 WEST BENGAL Jalpaiguri & Cooch Behar

Praise God: Children are enjoying the free tuitions given by our missionaries

Pray: The women who attended the Deborah project will

The New Year programmes were celebrated meaningfully in answer to prayer

2 ASSAM Golaghat

Praise God: Two families are keen to accept the Lord as their personal Saviour

The Halmirah fellowship is being revived soon

Pray: More children will benefit from the tuition and turn to the Lord

3 CHURCH MINISTRIES, GUJARAT

Praise God: His faithfulness, protection and provision during the recent months

Good response from churches for missionary work

Pray: Wisdom and strength to share the vision among churches in Rajasthan as well

Young people to take on the mantle as Area Secretaries in the future

4 PANDITA RAMABAI MUKTI MISSION,(PRMM) KEDGAON, MAHARSHTRA

Praise God: The number of children, especially girls who have passed through the portals of hostels run by PRMM and who are now shining wherever God has planted them

The inspiration, partnership and support of PRMM to IEM over the years

Pray: Helping PRMM tide over the recent set-back concerning the running of hostels in Maharashtra

The leadership of PRMM, especially the house mothers as they bring up the budding blossoms under their care

5 KARNATAKA Chitradurga

Praise God: The believers who are being developed to be the future leaders of the church here

20 leaders who are faithfully attending the STBS



Pray: A common place of worship will be located in Chikkagondanahalli

One missionary family to join the team

6 PROJECT OFFICE, NAGPUR, MAHARASHTRA

Praise God: Funds received for the ongoing projects in the mission field

Travel mercies to our missionaries as they oversee the development of these projects

Pray: Funds for the proposed projects listed in our magazine

7 Nasik

Praise God: The believers will soon be able to meet for worship in the newly opened church building in Manglidhar once it is completed

All those who listened to the Gospel and responded during the Christmas season

Pray: Suitable staff be identified to care for the children at the Jivan Jyothi Bala Vikas centre in Bandharpada

The Godamba hostel registration to be completed soon

8 MISSIONARIES' HEALTH Koraput

Praise God: Provision of funds to meet the expenses related to missionaries health

Our missionaries who were healed in answer to prayer over the last 2 months

Pray: MoU with Baptist Hospital Bangalore will prove beneficial for our missionaries

9 ARUNACHAL PRADESH

Praise God: His guidance, protection, blessing and grace upon our family, our

believers and upon the ministry during 2011. The Christmas and New Year programmes were a grand success

Mr. Rai Soja and Mr. Takiya Soja have committed themselves to be MTT (mother tongue translator) in their own Puroik language. They underwent training from January 16 - 27, 2012.

Pray: God's healing touch on our Sunday School children were suffered from diseases like skin infection and Measles besides burn injuries

Church building construction to be completed soon

10 ANDAMANS

Praise God: Protection over our missionaries

More supporters are being enlisted in Port Blair

Pray: 2 new worship groups to be established this month'

The believers will openly confess their faith in the Lord

11 TAMIL NADU Krishnagiri

Praise God: Good ministry by the hostel girls in Bangalore during January

The partnership with Elathagiri CSI church to flourish

The girls' hostel building is nearing completion

Pray: Both the boys' and the girls' hostel to secure 3-year registrations soon

Sponsors come forward to support our girls

12 Hosur

Praise God: Good openings for ministry among the Gypsy community

Good health enjoyed by our missionaries

Pray: One more couple to be placed in Hosur

A worship shed among the Gypsy community

13 CHURCH MINISTRIES, MAHARSHTRA

Praise God: Our supporters who are faithfully contributing to the ministry of IEM

Prayer groups have been formed and are growing

Pray: Good health for our missionaries
More readers to be enlisted to receive our Marathi magazine

14 NORTH EAST CHURCH MINISTRIES (ASSAM)

Praise God: Protecting our Associate Church Ministries Secretary for Church Ministries (North East) as he travelled extensively in the region

Church Ministry openings in Tripura and Arunachal Pradesh

Pray: Churches in Tripura to develop into vibrant missionary sending agencies

Unction from above to preach the Word in various states in the North East

15 MAHARSHTRA Chikaldara

Praise God: Enthusiastic evangelists who are providing leadership to the local church

Good health granted to our missionaries during the cold winter months

Pray: Speedy completion of the Korku New Testament

Portions of translated Scriptures to be used in the Korku churches

16 Kolam

Praise God: Missionaries are encouraged by the good response to the Gospel message

Missionaries have been able to learn the local language and understand the culture

Pray: Translated portions should be used in Kolami churches

Local leaders to play a key role in reaching out to their own people

17 ANDHRA PRADESH Chinnoor

Praise God: Members of the newly dedicated church in Sirisha are enthusiastically sharing the Gospel

Good response to the preaching of the Gospel

Pray: A new building for the hostel as the boys are cramped in a small house at present

Renovation of Chinnoor church

18 Bonagiripally

Praise God: More people to attend the worship service regularly

Medical missionaries are urgently needed here

Pray: More missionaries to join the team

Local leaders to understand their role and be used to share the Gospel among their own people

19 Chenchu

Praise God: Our precious hostel boys who doing fairly well in their studies

Keeping our missionaries and their children in good health

Pray: Urgent need of a hostel building. Presently, the boys are in a rented house

More missionaries to join the field

20 CHURCH MINISTRIES, MANIPUR

Praise God: Relative calm after the disturbing situation in the recent past

MoUs signed by churches for greater involvement in ministry

Pray: More missionaries to join the team

Young people to join as Area secretaries

21 RAJASTHAN Hadothi

Praise God: In the midst of opposition, the Lord preserved the believers and enabled them to take a firm stand for the Lord

Granting wisdom to our missionaries to give appropriate answers to government officials

Pray: Direction to understand how to do the ministry in future

Good health for our missionaries

22 CHURCH MINISTRIES, UTTAR PRADESH

Praise God: Well-attended convention at Gorakhpur

Distribution of **My Utmost for His Highest** in Hindi at the convention

Pray: More fulltime personal to join the team

New Area Secretaries to be identified and appointed

23 SUPPORTERS AND PRAYER PARTNERS

Praise God: Our prayer partners and supporters who come from various walks of life and financial backgrounds and yet faithfully support IEM's ministry

God will help those who are struggling to find good jobs to find suitable openings

Pray: The Church in India will realise its responsibility to send missionaries into the mission fields which are white unto harvest Church

24 CHURCH MINISTRIES, ODISHA

Praise God: Churches are listening to the missionary challenge

Good response at the church convention at Bhubaneswar

Pray: More Area Secretaries to be located in new areas

Favourable response from pastors and lay-leaders

25 PUNJAB Bathinda

Praise God: Strength to withstand the biting cold North Indian winter

Good response to the Christmas programmes

Pray: Local leaders to be raised to lead the church in the future

More missionaries to be placed in new areas

26 CHURCH MINISTRIES, MEGHALAYA

Praise God: Willingness of churches and young people to spend time and money ministering in various parts of the country to raise prayer and financial support for the Mission

Granting honorary State Secretary Dr G P Kharchandy the strength to travel with these teams, encouraging and guiding them

Increase in the number of readers of the Khasi edition of IEM Outreach

Pray: More missionaries to come out of Meghalaya

More supporters to read the IEM OUTREACH in Khasi

27 CHURCH MINISTRIES, KARNATAKA

Praise God: Karnataka churches are opening up to support missionary work

Good team work among associates, Area Coordinators and Area Secretaries

Pray: Potential honorary workers to be identified in Mangalore and other coastal towns

Healing for State Secretary Jeyaseelan who suffers from back pain

28 WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Praise God: He is using our women missionaries both in the mission fields and in church ministries to enable women to understand and carry out their role both in the church as well as the home

Opportunities in the North East Church ministries for women's programmes

Pray: Health and travel mercies for our women leaders

Women leaders to be identified and groomed in the mission fields

CHURCH MINISTRIES, MADHYA PRADESH

Praise God: Our supporters who are consistently supporting the ministry through prayer and finance

The successful conduct of our Christmas programmes and the good attendance

Pray: Potential Area Secretaries to be identified in new areas

Fresh opportunities in new churches

More prayer groups to be formed

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Praise God: The provision of funds to meet the pressing needs of the Mission like the salary revision of missionaries and so on

Direction and enabling granted to the staff in the Finance department to do the work meticulously and conscientiously

Pray: We will be able to achieve our target for the current financial year and not be in deficit

Committed staff to join the team

29 COMMUNITY HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Praise God: The people who are benefitting through the various developmental schemes being carried out by our missionaries

The missionaries who underwent the Community Health programme by CMC, Vellore are able to use their skills and knowledge for His glory

Pray: Our partnerships with like-minded agencies will flourish and be fruitful

Wisdom to plan and execute new venture in 2012

30 CHURCH MINISTRIES (NAGALAND, MIZORAM)

Praise God: Good respond from the churches and mission agencies in this region

Young people who are willing to serve the Lord as missionaries

Pray: Protection as our church ministries personnel travel through difficult terrain to new regions to share the missionary challenge

More missionaries to join the team

CHURCH MINISTRIES, ANDHRA PRADESH

Praise God: The good response to the Andhra Pradesh State convention in Rajahmundry in January 2012

The young people who made commitments to be serious about their relationship with Jesus Christ

Pray: Many more prayer cells which is the power house of the Mission will be formed as a result of the convention

People who responded will go as missionaries or send others to the harvest field

31 HUMAN RESOURCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Member Care

Praise God: Our ailing missionaries who have recovered in answer to prayer

Our supporters who have contributed towards the medical treatment of our missionaries

Pray: That the Sharpening Your Interpersonal Skills (SYIS), marriage enrichment, Life Revision Seminars will prepare our missionaries for the challenges not just in their own lives but also in the lives of others

SENIOR (RETIRED) MISSIONARIES

Praise God: Our retired missionaries are keeping in fairly good health

Using our missionaries in their local churches and in various other mission agencies

Pray: God's provision for all their needs – financial and so on as well as for their families

Our senior missionaries will be strengthened in the inner man to continue to lead by example as others follow in their footsteps

Prayer is a channel to communicate with GOD. Many people say it is important but few have time to use it.

"Shout the Victory for Jesus"

John Nelson Hyde was the son of an American Presbyterian minister, Rev. Smith Harris Hyde and his wife Lucinda. He was born on November 9, 1865. After graduating from college, he joined as faculty but later resigned and enrolled himself at Mc Cormick Theological Seminary for his theological studies. His



older brother Edmund who had desired to be a preacher passed away on account of a fever. That left John wondering whether he could take his brother's place.

During his final year, John consulted Mr. Konkle, a fellow worker about his desire to be a missionary. One night, he made up his mind to be a missionary. He felt God calling him to serve in India and began his journey in 1892. He wanted to preach in the plains of Punjab. During his journey to India, he went through a friend's letter which read, "I will ask God to fill you with His Holy Spirit!" The suggestion that he might not have the Holy Spirit in him angered him. So he threw the letter away. Later, he humbled himself before the Lord and asked for His help.

Hyde was partially deaf so he devoted much of his time to Bible study rather than language study. He had the intensity of a visionary but lacked the

engaging attitude of a missionary. Though he gained some language fluency, he retained his zeal for the Bible. Initially, he was persecuted by the natives and few people came to the Lord. Soon, he led his fellow missionaries to intercede for India. By 1899, he would spend whole nights face down before God.

During a series of annual conventions at Sialkot, Hyde and his friends formed the Punjab Prayer Union, setting aside time to pray for revival daily. That sparked off the fire of revival. Hyde prayed for one soul to be saved in India daily. He kept in increasing this goal every year until 800 people turned to the Lord in the third year. His supplications were almost violent. He became known as "Praying Hyde."

Doctors discovered that due to the intensity of his prayer life, his heart had actually shifted from the left to the right side of his chest! Praying Hyde outlived the doctors' predictions and within one and a half years, waves of revival swept through Punjab in particular and India as a whole.

This giant intercessor passed away on February 17, 1912 in America. His final words continue to echo down through the centuries, "Shout the Victory for Jesus!"

Thank you Lord!

In 1986, the Evangelical Missionary Society of Mayurbhanj (EMSM) invited IEM begin ministering to the HO people. At the outset, our missionaries faced much opposition and persecution but we also saw God's marvelous plan being worked out in this place. Today, 25 years later, the Lord enabled us to start worship groups in 21 places including one neighboring Jharkhand. We praise God for His faithfulness.

Presently, as a result of the hard labour of our 10 evangelists, the church is growing and our believers are strong in faith. Presently, ministries like church planting, hostel ministry, literacy, Bible translation and community development are being carried out among the HO people. In addition, continuous training of evangelists and potential leaders is also being done.

On December 18, 2011, the Silver Jubilee thanksgiving service was conducted at Baliposi village. Rev John Wesley, IEM General Secretary, Mr. Solomon Swamidoss, HoD Finance, Dr Subhankar Ghosh, EMSM leader and Rev. Pradeep Misra, Vice-Principal of Cuttack Theological College joined with pioneer missionaries Rev. David Barnabas & Rev Pradeep Kumar Das on the occasion. Around 700 believers and IEM missionaries from the mission fields and church ministries from Odisha attended the programme. We experienced God's leading through out the programme.

During the thanksgiving service, 5 evangelists were ordained. We praise God for His faithfulness in the ministry among the HO people.

During the thanksgiving service, a few believers shared their testimonies of how God had led them to Christ. The history of the ministry among the HO people was ably presented in the form of a skit.

DEDICATION OF 1ST AND 2ND TIMOTHY AND TITUS

IEM General Secretary, Rev John Wesley dedicated the books first and second Timothy and Titus for the glory of God. He also challenged the believers to buy and read these Scripture portions regularly. After the thanksgiving service, more than 200 copies were sold. We praise God for His provision. A sumptuous meal was served after the programme.

Commencement Service

On Friday January 6th, 27 missionary candidates completed their Missionaries' Training course at Outreach Training Institute and ventured out into the mission fields to begin an adventure of faith in a cross cultural setting, aiming to preach the Gospel, prepare people to commitment themselves to the Lord and plant vibrant churches in areas where no church exist.

Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr Ezra Sargunam, President, ECI encouraged the candidates while Dr Sajan George, National President, GCIC, Bangalore spoke of the increase in the incidence of persecution in our land. As usual, the candidates rendered a beautiful song of encouragement and challenge.

Cross Cultural Communication(CCC) Workshop

The 11th CCC workshop was conducted at Outreach Training Centre, Chikaldara from November 7-25, 2011. Twelve missionaries from 8 different mission fields attended.

This workshop helped the participants to discover what God says in His word about the nature of the world, culture, language and individuals and how God's word applies in every culture. It also threw light on how effectively and relevantly the Gospel can be presented to the people group in their own cultural context.

Our prayer is that every participant will be filled with His grace and wisdom to apply all the acquired skills in the course of their ministry.

Rev. D. Sunny

Workshop Coordinator,
Missionary in Bathinda, Punjab

Airing the Gospel

The Indian Evangelical Mission is planning to begin airing weekly TV programmes in Tamil, Telugu and English. These programmes will reach a vast audience, crossing geographical, cultural and political boundaries, taking the life giving Gospel message to regions where missionaries may not be able to go.

If you're interested to support this venture financially, kindly write to

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Church Dedication

On November 19, 2012, IEM General Secretary, Rev. P John Wesley dedicated a new church building at Pullaigudem. After the dedication, he met the Koya church leaders and imparted his vision about the ministry. Our grateful thanks to those who contributed liberally and sacrificially towards the construction of this landmark for Jesus among the Koya people. Kindly uphold the church leaders and members of this church.

“Sewing” a Secure Future

A tailoring unit was started in the Chandmari worship hall which was built by our missionaries with the help of our believers in January 2010. We have 2 hand-operated machines and began tailoring classes for our believers in September 2010. Believer, Miss Promila Gurung was the Tailoring Teacher (centre, in blue pants). We sent her for theological training (B Th) to Doon Bible College. She has a burden to serve the Lord. We want to equip her for service in this area among Gorkhalis.

Evangelist Shankar Gurung, (left) went for theological training in from July to December 2008. From January 2009 he worked as a local helper and in August opted to work as an evangelist. He leads our worship services, conducts cottage meetings and fasting prayer sessions for our believers under our guidance. He is a good worship leader too and can preach good messages. We see him as a future pastor in this area. The worship hall was built in his small compound.

Ratna Rai & Nirmala
Chandmari, Dehra Dun

Kolar Gold Fields, Karnataka

Men at Work in KGF

After the successful conduct of the first KGF convention in 1990, addressed by Rev. Dr Theodore Williams, 12 brothers came forward to work as Area Secretaries. Since then, many conventions, women and youth retreats and monthly Area Secretaries' families gatherings were conducted. Missionary dedications were also celebrated.

In January 2011, a landmark convention was successfully conducted. After the

convention, 10 brothers came forward to work as Area secretaries. Now we have 22 people playing an important role in KGF, BEML, Kolar and Bethamangala areas.

On August 20, 2011, a women's retreat was conducted. On November 27, 3 missionary dedications and a Christmas celebration drew many people to understand the missionary vision of IEM. Rev. Justin (Pastor, CSI St. Thomas church) dedicated the new missionaries.

It is our concern and prayer that special initiatives be developed through the IEM ministries in the neighboring districts and states where there is no IEM presence.

B Jayapaul

IEM Area Secretary & Team
KGF, Karnataka

Children's Commitment

Refreshingly Resourceful!

IEM missionary children are brilliant! In spite of limited resources during their student days, they excel in their studies and secure good jobs or follow their parents' footsteps by serving the Lord full-time.

We are thrilled to report that Getzi, Sam and Pavi, beloved children of our missionaries, Rev J Daniel & Malathi (Associate Church Ministries Secretaries in Bangarapet, Karnataka) have decided to collectively support a new IEM missionary. Incidentally, Rev Daniel is recovering from a stroke and is unable to be as mobile as he used to be. Yet, his wife Malathi faithfully visits supporters and prayer partners in Kolar and surrounding areas. The dedication service was held in late January.



Together In Ministry

*(When a couple decide to serve the Lord as missionaries, their decision affects their children as well. While God is no man's debtor, we must understand that the entire family needs to be together in ministry. At times, it's tough trying to convince our budding blossoms about why "we can't do this" and "we can't have that" and "we can't go here" like the others simply because we have chosen to be missionaries. On the other hand, we declare that we have a mighty God! Representing our missionaries, State Secretary for Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, **Rev B. Joshi** and his wife **Vishwabharathi** open their hearts to us. Read on)*

"... But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

It is true of our family! When we joined IEM in 2003, after resigning from our secular jobs, our precious 5-month old daughter Joanna was brought up in between our travels and training schedule. In this way, she was part and parcel of our team in the Lord's ministry.

When a couple decides to follow the Lord full-time, their children automatically become missionary kids(Mks), not only by definition but also in deed!

Joanna mingled with village folk and learnt worship songs even at the tender age of 2. The people were encouraged by her zeal and drew near to the Lord. She refused to be carried and preferred to walk to neighboring villages. Her younger sister was also brought up in primitive conditions as well.

Joana adjusted to village life in Chinnoor, Andhra Pradesh. Later, she willingly moved to a hostel to continue her studies. This made it easier for us to



work harder for the glory of God. Therefore missionary work needs the wholehearted involvement of the entire family. Everybody contributes in different ways to fulfil God's agenda.

There is definitely more money in secular work. But the children of missionaries must learn to live within their limited means. And it takes a determined decision to do just that.

Moving from one village to another is tiresome job for kids but our children enjoyed every moment. Sometimes we were not available when they needed us because we had to spend long hours nurturing the believers for the sake of the Gospel. They missed us a lot! But in

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Dream Becomes Reality

Missionaries, their families and representatives from various churches and worship groups in Chinnoor, Andhra Pradesh were present to rejoice along with the believers in Sirisha.

Under the leadership of Field coordinator, Rev. Nehemiah a well organized programe was put together. The Church building was dedicated by Rev. John Paul former Chairman, IEM. Board) Later he presented an inspiring message. Andhra State secretary, Rev. Gideon Vijayakumar delivered the worship message.

Mrs. Glory Rajkumar, her husband, daughter and grandchildren who contributed to the church construction were also present. They presented a tabala set and other musical instruments as well as a shoulder slung Microphone. It was a great joy to see believers from other churches bringing various gifts to Sirisha Church.



After the dedication service, 10 evangelists were presented with bicycles to enhance their mobility in ministry. This was possible because of the generous contributions of sponsors from Andhra Pradesh.

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this way, they made absolute contributions towards God's great agenda.

Later, when we moved to church ministries work, we face constraints there as well. During my long absence from home, Bharathi and the children have to cope with various hurdles and tackle unforeseen eventualities. Again, our children understood the situation

and have joyfully allowed us to do our work. When we have to travel as a family, they would finish their home work as soon as they returned from school and prepare themselves appropriately. Sometimes we had to leave them at home alone. They wholeheartedly let us go!

Missionary work requires the involvement of the whole family. Our children are missionaries too.