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**Let us celebrate this Christmas
by sharing the Great gift of Jesus
Christ with everyone.
Glory to God in the highest, peace
on earth, and goodwill
to all mankind.**

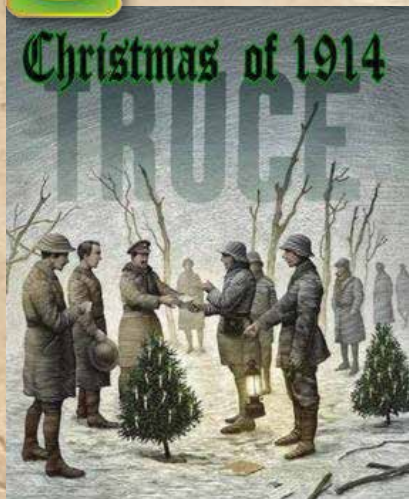
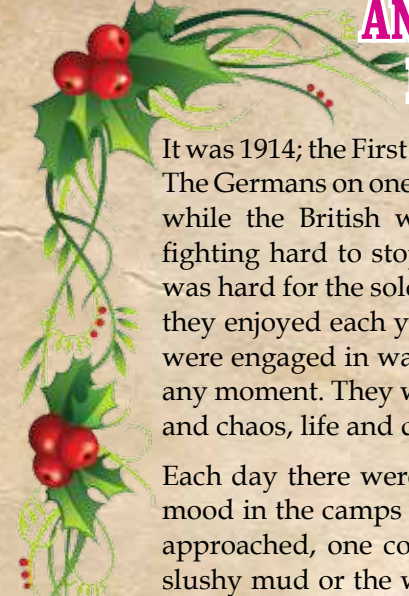


AN UNUSUAL CHRISTMAS IN AN UNUSUAL WAR

It was 1914; the First World War had started 5 months earlier. The Germans on one side were threatening to break through, while the British with the allies on the other side were fighting hard to stop them. Christmas was approaching. It was hard for the soldiers to recollect all the wonderful times they enjoyed each year with their families. Worse still, they were engaged in war in which they could lose their lives at any moment. They were caught in the paradox of Christmas and chaos, life and death.

Each day there were casualties on both sides. The general mood in the camps was one of apprehension. And as night approached, one could only hear the sodden boots in the slushy mud or the whisper of an officer or the moan of the cold wind signalling that Christmas was drawing near.

December advanced and days passed quickly. It was hardly the time or place to feel grateful for it. But at last, the Soldiers' Christmas Eve came. And when the dusk started to turn dark, memories kept soldiers in a trance of saddened silence. While thinking about their homes back in England, still looking and dreaming, their eyes caught a flare in the darkness. Light after light sprang up along the German front. And all down the English trenches there came a unique greeting that was strange in a war. "English soldier, English soldier, a merry Christmas, a merry Christmas."



What Child is this who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?

**Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds
watch are keeping?**

**This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mary!**

Why lies He in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding?

Good Christian, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.

**Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, The Cross be borne for me,
for you; Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!**

**So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh; Come peasant
and king to own Him. The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.**

**Raise, raise, the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby,
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mary!**



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Front line

What a manner of man is he?

The 31-year-old Sultan Kosen who stands 8ft 3inches tall is the world's tallest man since 2009. His newest friend Chandra Dangi, 75, who is only one foot 7 inches tall is now the world's shortest. Recently they met at St. Thomas Hospital in central London, for photo-shoot. Although their heights are different, Kosen said that both could understand each other's struggles, and when he looked into the eyes of his friend, he could see that he was "a good man."

In the Christmas story, there are two names which are important to remember. One is Joseph and the other is Mary.

Matthew 1: 18 – 20: The Character of Joseph

Verse 18: "Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. Then his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly."

A just man is the one who observes the Jewish law. According to the law, two courses were permissible in such a situation as Joseph saw confronting him: he might expose Mary by bringing her before the court or he might divorce her privately by handing her a writ in the presence of two witnesses. While Joseph was still contemplating on this, the Spirit of God spoke to him in dream and told him what role he should play in the Plan of the Almighty. Reading these lines and between the lines we can see the kind of the man he is. He was just, a word which in Matthew implies both religious worthiness and obedience to the will of God. As we are going to celebrate Christmas one more time, let's discard all kinds of malice and be sensitive to divine visitation.

-J. Solomon





General Secretary's Desk...

Dearly beloved in the Lord,
Jubilant Christmas greetings
to you in His name which is
wonderful!

Love Come Down

Christmas is all about 'The Saviour is born', 'Love coming down' and 'celebrating King'... so as to be celebrating it exceedingly with great joy. When the sojourners walk along, saw the star, they rejoiced. They might have realized the Saviour, Christ the Lord is born for humanity (Mt. 2:10). Hence they hurried off (Lk.2:14). It was because of this vision, joy to the world, peace proclaimed to the earth and good will towards men and women becoming a reality!

'God with us' has no more an emotional promise, but of reality in 'Emmanuel' given unto us. Therefore Christmas is asking us to love Him, know Him, serve Him, seek Him and wonder at His coming down! Today in the city of David, a Savior has been born to you! They say attitude is altitude; God with His divine love has come down to humanity with a human deity to relate and we celebrate!

Waiting for Christmas?

The personalities of elderly Simeon and Anna are not decorated in the nativity scenes today. Often we wait for so many things in Christmas. Looking forward to something wonderful and fulfilling! Simeon

is described as just and devote - note - waiting for the consolation of His people, Israel! He was given a prophecy that He will see His coming as Messiah in his lifetime. Now by the same Holy Spirit, he walked to the Lord's house, took the baby Jesus on his arm, see the vision behind the baby. He blessed God! He said salvation to all the peoples of earth, light to gentiles and glory of His people have come! What an amazing missionary proclamation of consolation!

Then Anna a senior saint, portrayed as prophetess, widow with 84 years of living in the house of the Lord. Doing fasting and praying 24 hours a day x 7 days a week, day and night to see something for forgiveness. The redemption was seen as visible movement to be touched and felt. She gave thanks to the Lord! Worshiping the baby Jesus for forgiveness of humanity is possible and what she looked for has just happened! Wonder therefore, is worship of Christmas!

It is vibrancy in Youth with their gifts and grace

National Youth Conference '14 met in Good Samaritan

School campus in Delhi, was another significant celebration of youth. It was well organized and coordinated in Delhi with the PG leaders. Dr. Mrs. Ananthi Jebasingh along other distinguished leaders including Mr. John Samuel, Dr. V K Williams, Judge George Barakan, Pastor John Daniel, Rev. Christopherraj and others inaugurated it. This made a solemn vow of bringing 8000 youth during this current year by these youth, in the concluding service. With this vibrancy, media, technology, social network and gadget generation, oh, how simple for the mission to complete the work of evangelism in the nation! Pray that every consecrated local plans for youth mobilization materialize and been fruitful towards Giant Leap 2020.

Bengal ministry revival made in the belt

It is felt for a long time the unreached people groups of the world 'Bengalis' to be networked with a new base in Bengal to concentrate West Bengal, all over East India, cover Assam and Tripura. TBCU (Tripura

Baptist Church Union) linked with FMPB for networking in this Bengal belt for evangelism, discipleship and missional living.

Same way, with Uttarbond near Silchar, the Presbyterian with their synod of mission as our long standing partner attach our congregation and plan to work wider in the Lower Assam belt and in Mizoram. In Meghalaya KJP (Khasi Presbyterian Church) with the coordination of NCC-NEI organized Church- mission seminar for us.

Difficulties, sickness and Disturbances with Fundamentalism

God is able and He has been on reign despite the difficulties at places, sickness of missionaries, sudden and sustaining. Besides, the vandalism at various places of Jammu, Rajasthan, MP, UP, Chattisgarh and other places are steadily increasing. We would appreciate godly prayer offered all the time for safety, security and sensitivity in the context mission and missionaries at work place.

Executive Committee and other committee meetings

God's sovereign power was established in all our dealing with strategies, management, admin and other forms of courses of action and course correction. Safety, security and sensitivity walls across local, territories and national were discussed. So much of integration in our approach to wholistic mission was resolved. Decentralization of regions, zones and states to raise up local leaders and empower them for authentic and credible leadership of furtherance of gospel is planned. Disciples and sharpening the track was established with mission and missionaries. Multiethnic leadership to emerge was a thrust at all level of leadership in the movement. The church leaders in Gujarat and their participation was admired. Decentralizing Gujarat FMPB will be learnt as important lesson. It will soon emerge in other places whenever we are crowded with ministry operation across the nation. We sincerely thank you for your prayers for our leaders and missionaries.

Hyderabad, AP & Telungana State Conference:

It was a warm movement of God's spirit moving along with both traditional and new worship centers and in the evening meetings. The professionals met for a forum and resolved to address gospel at work place specially the so called high places of MNC, KBE and Scientific research bases. We praise God for all the leaders, staff, volunteers under the leadership of Bro. T. Davidraj and Pastor K S. Sinha along several pastors' team with their hard labor during our meetings in Nov 14 - 17.

The finance Advisory and monitory committee met and analyzed the budget, expenses and income flow. While appreciating the trend of progressive and growth oriented inflow, it is not adequate to pace with which we planned the budget. Three major happenings: i) The inflow of new missionaries' were three times higher. ii) The increase of salary and allowance planned and executed. iii) The huge Giant Leap 2020 operation of ministry. The FAMC felt to raise up to the occasion to raise the trend of steep growth with

projects, funds planned to be at carefully and strategically met. The District leaders and staff team need extra grace for the next four months of ministry to support mission.

Christmas Season's Ministry

As it has been, the carol rounds, carol services and such will be a wonderful occasion of visiting, cheering and praying over our families and friends. May every leader of prayer groups be blessed by the Lord! This is the thirteenth month allowance of the year we usually gift to missionaries equally and the mission field kids to have Christmas cheer. Thank you teams for your continued consistency of commitment to missionaries and children.

Today, in the city of David, Saviour is born! He is King! Let us love Him! Know Him! Serve Him! Seek Him! Tell Him! Tell about Him! Celebrate Christmas of hope and deliverances in Him.

With much gratitude,

Your brother in the Lord,



Simon Ponniah

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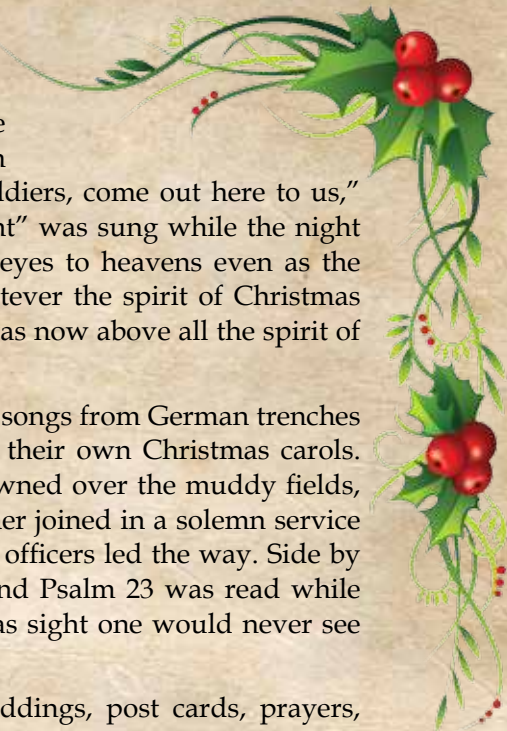
Following the salutation, came an invitation from those harsh voices. "Come out English soldiers, come out here to us," and the hymn "Oh Holy Night" was sung while the night watch must have lifted their eyes to heavens even as the plaintive call was given. Whatever the spirit of Christmas had been before that hour it was now above all the spirit of hope of peace.

The night was made easier by songs from German trenches while British responded with their own Christmas carols. And as the Christmas day dawned over the muddy fields, men who had shot at each other joined in a solemn service for their fallen brothers as the officers led the way. Side by side they buried their dead and Psalm 23 was read while every head lay bare. Yes it was sight one would never see in a war.

Photographs, gifts, scarfs, puddings, post cards, prayers, confessions, games, were exchanged. All through the day no shot was fired. As the Christmas of 1914 drew to a close soldiers who had sung together, played together and prayed together returned to their trenches. They must have felt reluctant to let the common ground between them become no man's land once again.

But even as the darkness fell around them, a lone voice floated across the few yards of earth on which they had stood together. It was the grand carol "silent night." In a true spirit of Christmas one voice and then another and then another joined in. Soon the whole world seemed to be singing and for a brief moment the sound of peace in that carol was a sound every soul knew by heart. The war went on later but that was the way it was one Christmas just a hundred years ago. And that's the way it will be as we embrace the message of that silent holy night recollecting that grand event in history.

Pastor David Benny





God in Flesh – Jesus on Earth

Christmas day reminds us of the incarnation of God into man so as to redeem mankind. Paul in Colossians 1:22,23 stresses this truth that at one time we were far away from God and were His enemies because of the evil things we did and thought. But now, by means of the physical death of His son, God has made us His friends in order to make us holy, pure and faultless in His sight.

Paul reiterates this truth through 2 Corinthians 8:9 when he says

“You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ: rich as He was, He made himself poor for your sake in order to make you rich by means of His poverty.”

The birth of King of the universe, our Lord Jesus was low and mean. How shocking and horrible it was to be born in such disgrace! It signifies partially the poverty of Jesus Christ that He assumed. We often neglect that He walked the path of Obedience all the

way to death, death on the cross. (Philippians 2:8). So God exalted His Name above every other name. Christ became man and this fact confirms that we too can lead the life of victory and be transformed like Him.

“So Christ came and preached the Good News of peace to all who were far away from God.” Christ who incarnated as Prince of peace changed us from enemies into His friends and gave us the task of making others His friends. (2Corinthians 5:18). The resultant is a ‘new being’ (2Corinthians 5:17).

The word ‘new being’ is a horticultural word. In John 15, Jesus talks of the relationship between the vine and the branches. When man establishes relationship with God, he becomes a new being. Because of sin, man is alienated from God. When he comes to God, He calls him son; and as a result a new relationship blossoms. We become more privileged and thus we become rich because of His poverty. As a result of our richness through His poverty, a man obtains peace. That is through His sacrificial



Christmas gift

suggestions: To your enemy, forgiveness; To your opponent, tolerance; To a friend, your heart; To a customer, service; To all, charity; To every child, a good example; To yourself, respect.

- Oren Arnold

death on the cross, God forgave our sins and established peace once again with us.

Peace with God: Our enmity with God has disappeared and we have become His friends. Man is described as a walking civil war and is always divided. Till man does resituate with Christ, he is embroiled in confusion.

Till we come in peace with God, we do not understand what we do, for we do not do what we would like to, but instead we

do what we hate (Romans 7:15). When God's peace enters into us, we will do what we would like to do.

Peace among men: Christ died for all of us so as to make us His friends. Under such situation, man learns to view others through divine perspective. It should not be viewed through perspectives of economy, gifts from God, social status, experiences, caste or creed or age. Only under such situations does peace envelop men. This develops dynamic changes leading to testimonial life.

The next elevation is that God calls us His children with one condition being imposed. Happy are those who work for peace, God will call them His children. (Matthew 5:9)

We are depicted as ambassadors of Christ. Just as God had sent His only Son to make covenant with men; we also ought to make peace with others, not as a matter of policy, but in principle. Our Christmas celebration in a sense is incomplete. Only when Christ is born in every heart and brings

forth miraculous transformation in their lives, is our Christmas celebration complete.

We need to proclaim this Good News of peace with great joy to all the people. Then only will there be glory to the God in the High and peace on earth.

Otherwise... Let child Jesus help us to ponder over the real meaning of Christmas.

*"He was created of a mother whom He created. He was carried by hands that He formed. He cried in the manger in wordless infancy. He, the Word, without whom all human eloquence is mute."
-Augustine*



MISSIONARY BIOGRAPHY

Robert Murray McCheyne,
1813-1843



Early Life

Robert Murray McCheyne was born in Edinburgh in May 1813, the youngest child of a leading solicitor in Scotland's Supreme Court of Justice. His parents took great care over the spiritual welfare of the family and as he grew up Robert developed a high standard of virtue in all his conduct, so much so that his father wrote of him in retrospect, "I never found him guilty of a lie or of any mean or unworthy action." At fourteen he entered Edinburgh University, studying literature and poetry, and graduated four years later in 1831. Robert also had great respect for his eldest brother David who in return took a keen interest in Robert's spiritual condition, but a sudden illness in the summer of 1831 resulted in David's death.

Soon after his conversion in 1831, McCheyne began to prepare for the ministry of the Church of Scotland and commenced his studies of divinity under Thomas Chalmers, the outstanding theologian and scholar of his day. He quickly mastered Latin, Greek and Hebrew, but his learning was solely for the purpose of advancing his understanding of scripture, since he had no time for intellectual speculation or scholarly controversies. To him the wisdom of all the ages as revealed by God through His Word far surpassed the finest philosophies and theories devised by men. His student days were marked by a rapid growth in grace as the truths of scripture were applied in his life until he

was able to exclaim, "A calm hour with God is worth a whole lifetime with man."

He also steeped himself in the journals and writings of Jonathan Edwards. David Brainerd and Henry Martyn, and longed that the power of the Holy Spirit that had been so evident in their lives would also be granted him. It was in this way that he was led to start evangelistic work in the poorer districts of Edinburgh with his fellow students early in 1834. Conscious of the great responsibility of the task before him, he recorded, "Began in fear and weakness, and in much trembling. May the power be of God!" The next year he was licensed to preach by the Annan Presbytery and immediately set

out on what he called, "a glorious privilege" of proclaiming the gospel.

Sowing the Seed

Towards the end of 1835, McCheyne became the assistant minister of a parish near Stirling. In preaching and pastoral care, he soon made a deep impression on the town dwellers and farmers alike. Each Sunday he expounded the gospel "as free as the air we breathe, fresh as the stream from the everlasting hills" and each weekday he systematically visited house by house, sharing the scriptures with any needy soul who was ready to listen. It was a time of patient preparation for the work God had in store for him and in 1836 he was called to the ministry at St. Peter's church in Dundee. The text of his first sermon there was that chosen by the Lord Jesus in the synagogue at Nazareth, "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings" (Isaiah 61:1-3), and as he looked back over that occasion he prayed to God, "Put Thy blessing upon this day," and noted in his journal that he

*It is Christmas time:
And up and down
'twixt heaven and
earth, in glorious grief
and solemn mirth, the
shining angels climb.
-Dinah Maria Mulock*



“felt given over to God, as one bought with a price”.

“Bethel-Like Sacredness”

McCheyne’s ministry at Dundee lasted only six years and was divided into two almost equal periods by his journey to the Holy Land in 1839. From the start he laboured without ceasing amongst the population in the overcrowded streets which his church had been built to serve and his singleness of heart and mind can be seen from his statement, “I feel there are two things it is impossible to desire with sufficient ardour, personal holiness, and the honour of Christ in the salvation of soul.” It was this inseparable combination of saintliness and zeal for soul-winning that was the chief characteristic of McCheyne’s ministry. Indeed a modern authority has written of him, “He was convinced that a diligent minister ought to expect success in God’s service, but he saw that he could not hope for such success unless he were willing to preach Christ for Christ’s sake alone.” McCheyne fully realized that one word uttered in the power of the Holy Spirit could do more than

*The earth has grown old
with its burden of care but
at Christmas it is always is
young, the heart of the jewel
burns lustrous and fair and
its soul full of music breaks
the air, when the song of
angels is sung.”*

- Phillips Brooks



thousands spoken in a spirit of unbelief, and God’s seal upon his ministry was so evident that a contemporary of his, remarked that the church had been filled with a Bethel-like sacredness’ during the services. In the six short years he spent at St. Peter’s church a congregation of twelve hundred members was gathered there and towards the end of his life, he was able to state, without a trace of boastfulness, “I think I can say I have never risen a morning without thinking how I could bring more souls to Christ.”

Gifts and Graces of God

The years from 1836-39 were spent faithfully laying the foundations for the blessing which followed later in his ministry. His natural gifts in poetry, art and music were amply expressed in his sermons and writings which included a volume of verses entitled "Songs of Zion". Many of these were set to music and used as hymns of which, "When this passing world is done" is a memorable example. McCheyne's achievements were all the more remarkable when it is remembered that a severe heart condition often compelled him to lay aside energetic activities. This was especially so in the matter of missionary outreach which had occupied his thoughts from his earliest days as a Christian. He had eagerly sought the few accounts of missionary enterprises that had been published up to that time and he had been deeply moved by the sacrificial devotion shown by pioneers such as Brainerd and Martyn. By 1836 he felt willing to go to India and prayed that God would make His will plain, but the bouts of ill-health he suffered showed him that God had much to teach him.

In 1838 as he was recovering from a period of illness. McCheyne was suddenly invited to be one of a deputation sent to examine the possibility of missionary work amongst Jews in Eastern Europe and the Turkish Empire. It was in this manner that God through HIS mercy and providence graciously answered McCheyne's longing to share in the work of opening new fields to the sound of the gospel.

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Who can add to Christmas? The perfect motive is that God so loved the world. The perfect gift is that He gave His only Son. The only requirement is you believe in Him. The reward of faith is that you shall have everlasting life.

-Corrie Ten Boom



Grace period of One Year

Magician Devia of Gaward field, Gujarat has accepted Jesus Christ. Of his two wives, one is a believer in Jesus Christ. The other wife creates problems and aided by villagers, she asks her husband to betray Jesus Christ.

Devia has told his wife and other villagers, "Let us keep off idol worship for a year and worship Jesus Christ. if we get protection and blessings from Jesus Christ, let us continue to hold on to our faith in Jesus Christ, if not, we may return to idol worship." Pray that in the one year period of grace, Devia's wife and villagers realise that Jesus Christ is the real God.

Water at the depth of 500 feet.

Due to monsoon failure in the last few years, it is very difficult to trace water even after sinking deep bore well to a depth of 1000 feet at Vapparapalli village in Tamil Nadu. Vasanth, a believer sank a deep bore well up to 500 feet and water gushed out. The villagers were surprised and excited. They started praising and worshipping Jesus Christ.

Healed from death-bed

Believer Surama's brothers in Faithabad, Haryana are non-believers. The non-believing brothers forced Surama to donate money to do puja. Hence Surama donated money to the puja, but she did not attend the puja. From that day onwards, Surama became sick. She approached many magicians who could not bring any solace. Finally, she was brought to our missionaries for prayers. The missionaries prayed fervently for the healing of Surama. God answered the prayers and healed Surama who was on the verge of death. Pray that she remains steadfast in her faith on Jesus Christ and the relatives to declare their faith on Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving Note



Every year, Prayer Group Members and Leaders undertake Christmas Carol rounds and receive Christmas gifts for missionaries. We thank you for your sacrificial work for this year and for your generous contribution to missionaries. This year too, you may send your donations to the headquarters directly or through Prayer Group Leaders.

General Secretary

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 3000 persons benefitted through training imparted by EFFICOR in Nowshera field. A Church at Koi village was dedicated. Open door towards evangelism was made possible due to floods.

 For the repentance of anti-Christian elements who through their false teachings try to make believers backslide; for the success of

“Believers of Action 500”; for the Paduva people to declare their faith; for cases against evangelism in Tasoli and Aknoor fields to dropped.

Akhnoor:
Laulin Bhuinya & Kiran

 Twenty persons accepted Jesus Christ. The Gospel was shared in 4 villages. Rohit brothers who were jailed on false case have been released.

 For the healing of Thoduram from tuberculosis and Kayanu Devi from cancer; for the family of Ratanlal tormented by evil spirit to be liberated.



The Lord ate from a common bowl, and asked the disciples to sit on the grass. He washed their feet, with a towel wrapped around His waist - He, who is the Lord of the universe!
- Clement of Alexandria

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER


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Monday

Nisha

Basohli:


Surkar Remeshbhai & Gavit Sunitaben

 Twenty seven persons accepted Jesus Christ. The Gospel was shared with 1500 persons in 7 villages. Satsangh programs were conducted in 3 places and night meeting in 20 places. The Jesus film was screened in 4 places.


 For Jithendra Mishra who is against the church at Samva village to repent; for Ramdas, Sama and Palkar to give up resistance to evangelism.

Jammu:


John Pennin & Sheeba


 Twenty six persons came into new life. The Gospel was shared with 700 persons in 4 villages. The

Jesus film was screened in 3 places. Panjanlal addicted to alcohol for 10 years was healed.


 For the speedy Church construction at Rekasamba village; for the wedding of Kuldeep to be successfully solemnised; for Jyothi family to return to faith; for Asha Devi to be freed from an evil spirit.


Noushara: Elesh Vasave & Sunita

 Twenty persons accepted Jesus Christ. The Gospel was shared with 365 persons in 3 villages. Anti Christian elements who tried to disturb the church dedication service repented.

 For Purshotham, Chandrani Devi, Kajal Mukel, Gilli Devi and Balderaj to be freed from evil spirits.

Uddampur: Evangelist

 Ten persons accepted Jesus Christ. Chandra tormented by an evil spirit for 3 years was liberated.

 For more missionaries in this field; for the healing of one year Asha from cardiac problems.

ON THIS DAY



1973 - David Ben-Gurion, founding father of Israel, who proclaimed the "Israel Declaration of Independence" fulfilling the Biblical prophecies, died on this day.


Happy Birthday




Johnson Rajadurai


Himachal Pradesh


Anni: Doujapao Guite & Florence

 Totally 130 persons accepted Jesus Christ. The Gospel was proclaimed to 130 persons in 3 villages. Follow up ministry was undertaken in 24 places and night meeting in 24 places.

 For Pandel hailing from Jambakali village to be freed from evil spirits; for the repentance of Luderitheni of Kuttal village who opposes evangelism.


Jeori: Gin Sawm & Ching Hoih Kim


 The Gospel was proclaimed to 300 persons in 2 villages. Two persons joined our ministry.

 For the evangelist to be fully involved; for the repentance of Ashok Kumar who beats his wife while drunk.

Rohru:

Vum Baik Lal and Niang Khan Man


 Four persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed to 130 persons in 4 villages. Church elders and volunteers enthusiastically proclaimed the good news. Tuni from Urachana village was freed from an evil spirit.


 For the grace of God to be bestowed on ministries scheduled this month.

Punjab

Fazilka:

Jabaseelan & Mercy Elizabeth

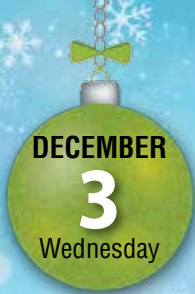
 A total of 24 persons accepted Jesus Christ and 450 persons attended a believers mela. God blessed believers fields with an abundant harvest.

 For Sunder Kumar to be freed from evil spirits; for brick kiln owner, Keval Krishnan who owes Rs. 3 Lakhs wages to Ramchandran to pay in time; for film show ministry to be started at Anapur village.

ON THIS DAY



1860 - C T Studd, Cricketer and Missionary to China, India and Africa who also turned campuses and university students to Missions was born today.



Happy Birthday

Beulah Bright
Kughali Yeptho
Pradeep Kumar M

Fasting Prayer Day



For church construction to start at Pirupa village; for the healing of Kurdeep Kumar from cardiac disorder; for the repentance of Gurdwara team which prevents missionaries entering Courtsami village.

Sangrur:

Sanjip Anand and Prastuta



A total of 219 persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed to 3000 persons in 7 villages. Also, 5000 gospel tracts and 100 New Testaments were distributed.



For Gurdeep Kour suffering from renal disorder; for the domestic problems in the Mona Rani and Deepa Kamir families to be settled; for churches in new villages.

Bathinda:

Binot Sompramary & Mirila



Totally 123 persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed in 6 villages. Two new youth attended church worship.

Haryana

Fathebad:

Selvam Thavimani & Hepzi



Five persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed to 50 persons.



For the success of various ministries this month.

Jeevan Nagar:

Bibhaba Pani & Bithika Pani



The Gospel was proclaimed to 500 persons in 5 villages. The Kosardhani couple was blessed with a baby.



For Raniya and Sothot Manini to accept Jesus Christ; for the success of Giant Leap 2020.

ON THIS DAY



1984 - 2,000 died from the Union Carbide poison gas emission in Bhopal, famously know as Bhopal Gas Tragedy, on this day.

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER

4


Thursday


Samuel Kisansingh B D

Uttarakhand

Maldhanchour:

Christian Prakash & Sumitra


 The Gospel was proclaimed to 150 persons in 3 villages and 155 gospel tracts and 30 Bibles distributed. A large number of youth attended the fasting prayer at Mohannagar. Kamu and Asha found suitable life partners. Open door for evangelism was established at Parguri village. A Survey for ministry was undertaken at Alamoda village.


 For the Raju family to be blessed with a baby; for Kishori Lal to accept Jesus Christ.

Rajasthan


Anupgarh:


Paulus Barjo & Binita Toppo

 Eleven persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed to 200 persons in 13 villages while 1200 gospel tracts were distributed. Night meetings were held in 18 villages and satsangh in 8 village. The Jaswin Gour couple were blessed with a child. The Majbi Sikh people are receptive to evangelism.

 For Mekanasingh to get a job; for the healing of Suresh Kumar from leukaemia; for the repentance of Rajendra Singh.


Ratia: Bhorsat Babubhai and Jadav Sarasvati


 Nine persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed to 800 persons in 3 villages while 180 gospel tracts, 60 New Testaments and one Bible were distributed.

 For Raju to be freed from an evil spirit.

Harayana Regional Office:

Aliyakim Jena and Deepika

 A 2 day training camp was held at Fatehabad field. The Paravalla field church was dedicated.

 For land to build churches at the Kaithal and Rajoun sub centres; for targets to be realised in all sub centres; for financial assistance for Patlidabar village church construction.

ON THIS DAY



1829 – Britain under the influence of tireless efforts from William Carey, Raja Ram Mohan Roy and several others, abolished "suttee" in India.



DECEMBER


5


Friday

God couldn't be everywhere, so he created mothers

Sangirya:


V. Kumar & Patricia

 Two persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed to 300 persons. Believer Raju enthusiastically proclaims good news to relatives.


 For the repentance of Kishore of Hariyanvali village who opposes evangelism; for the repentance of Jaswanth Singh and Jansingh who try to confuse Naharana village believers; for a church at Naharana village.

Kherwada:

Sunil Kumar & Beenakshi

 Fifty persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed to 20 persons in 2 villages.


A total of five new families are attending worship; night meeting was started in Otta village.


 For Attuben to be blessed with a baby; for Masaba, Laxmi ben and Aravind to be freed from evil spirits.

Uttar Pradesh

Rania:

Ebenezer G. Sam & Jabarani

 Five persons accepted Jesus Christ and the gospel was proclaimed to 100 persons in 2 villages in addition to 75 gospel tracts, 10 New Testaments and 2 Bibles being distributed. During this field's first anniversary celebrations 80 believers attended.

 For believers like Bridjees, Bapuli, Santhosi and Aravind to get suitable spouses; for repentance of Guru Movements which oppose evangelism; for conflicts between two religions at Para village to disappear.

ON THIS DAY




2013 - Nelson Mandela, anti-apartheid activist, political prisoner (1962-1990) and South African President (1994-99) who devoted his life for equality, peace and reconciliation, died today.




All our words from loose using have lost their edge.


Bilhour:

**Jebaseelan & Sarojini salma,
Jerome and Anthony Rajam**


 Five persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed to 280 persons in 14 villages while 25 gospel tracts, 10 New Testaments and 4 Bibles were distributed. New worship groups were started at Pareva and Paranapur villages. Night meetings were held in 3 places and film show ministry in 2 places.

 For worship groups at Manipura and Hariapurva villages; for Eyemma village church land to be registered; for alcohol addiction among believers to cease.

Bahuwa: Pachiyabhai & Savita Ben


 Twelve persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed to 3500 persons in 3 villages.


Also 4000 gospel tracts and 20 New Testaments were distributed.

 For Sunday worship to start at Ropart, Jappapur and Bhavani villages.


Ghatampur:


Suresh Malto & Premlata

 Totally 24 persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed to 1950 persons in 11 villages while 2050 gospel tracts, 188 Gospel packets, 153 New Testaments and 12 Bibles were distributed. Night meetings were held in 18 places, film show ministry at 12 places and fasting prayer at 18 places.

 That the new worship group proposed for Dalpatpur village.

Jeep Team: Evangelists

 The Gospel was proclaimed to 3500 persons in 11 villages. Night meetings were held at 18 places, film show ministry at 18 places, team ministry at 3 places and day time ministry in 3 places.

 For more volunteers for the jeep team; for speech impaired Anupkar to recover.

ON THIS DAY



1956 - Dr. Bhimji Ramji Ambedkar, Indian Minister of Law and architect of The Constitution of India, who identified Christianity as a religion of Brotherhood, passed away on this day.

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER


7


Sunday

Beenakshi B Vasava

Barthana:


Paul J. Srinivasan & Sheeba


 Totally 18 persons accepted Jesus Christ and the gospel was proclaimed to 750 persons in 28 villages. Three persons joined ministry and 750 gospel tracts, 52 New Testaments were distributed. Two families at Karai village are receptive to evangelism.

 For the healing of Ramdiya at Sivnashi village from leprosy; for revival among the Banjara people group.


Basti:


Om Prakash Gupta and Tumpa

 Twelve persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed to 500 persons in 20 villages while 50 gospel tracts, 20 New Testaments and 2 Bibles were distributed. Five persons joined the ministry. Worship groups were formed at 4 places.


 For evangelists of this area to be enthusiastic in their work.


Sikandra: Peter Hariram & Prema

 Six persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed to 500 persons while 200 gospel tracts, 80 Gospel packets, 30 New Testaments and 3 Bibles were distributed. Eight new families are attending worship

 For the Shivasagar family, Priya Ghar, Anand Babu, Mittlesh, Rajesh and Ram to accept Jesus Christ; for the repentance of those who boast of high caste but speak ill of Hindupura village believers.

Pokhrayan: Mongwai & Nisha

 Eight persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed to 1000 persons in 4 villages. 300 gospel tracts, 90 New Testaments and 9 Bibles were distributed. Suha was freed from an evil spirit.

 For the repentance of magician Anup Kumar; for the healing of Neeraj from a psychiatric disorder; for church construction at Parpura village to start without hindrance.

ON THIS DAY



1783 - William Pitt (24) became the youngest ever British Prime Minister who along with his friend William Wilberforce and others eradicated slave trade.





Happy Birthday

Donzachin
Bathshebal Rajadurai
Rina B Narzary

Jhinhak:

**Clement Bakia Raja and
Lourthu Mary**


 A total of 92 persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed to 2500 persons in 24 villages while 850 gospel tracts, 22 New Testaments and 14 Bibles were distributed. Night meetings were conducted at 46 places and satsangh in 6 places.

 For the healing of Sheela from cancer; for the repentance of Pandit Virendra and Lalram who oppose evangelism; for believers who have accepted the challenge of bringing more souls to Christ.


Assom

Lokra:

Nathan Kumar & Nirupoma


 One person accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed in


5 villages. Seventeen believers attended a special training for believers.

 For believers to proclaim the Good News actively; for an open door for evangelism to be found.

Meghalaya


Garobada: Vikho and Kughali


 The Gospel was proclaimed to 100 persons and 20 gospel tracts and 5 New Testaments were distributed. Night meetings were held at 2 places, and outreach program was undertaken in one place.

 For believers Dilip and Aparna's families affected by floods; for the consolation of families who lost relatives in the floods.

West Bengal

Itahar: Ramakrishna & Anjali Devi

 The Gospel was proclaimed to 1200 persons in 10 villages and 1000 gospel tracts were distributed. A worship group was formed at Banpark village.

 For the Himpan Sunil family to declare their faith in Jesus Christ.

ON THIS DAY



1941 The US Entered World War II following the unprovoked Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour, the previous day. They joined forces with allies to save the world from the advances of Hitler and others on his side.

DECEMBER


9


Tuesday

There is a natural aristocracy among men. The grounds of this are virtue and talents.

Raniganj:


Emmanuel Murmu & Nila Handa

 14 persons accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. Gospel was proclaimed to 2800 persons in 20 villages. 2000 gospel tracts were distributed. Night meetings at 16 places, and survey at 123 places were held.

 For Mongol Murmu, Patra Murmu, Kalidas Marandi and Sarkar to be relieved from alcohol; for the repentance of Somal, Soran, Makal Marandi, Narayan and Royson who oppose our ministry.

Ganga Rampur:

Thanghopao Haokip & Chongneikim

 Six persons accepted Jesus Christ. Three persons joined our


ministry. Night meetings were held at 6 places.



For Gol villagers to accept Jesus Christ.

Haldibari:

Udipta Kumar Bag & Surjyakanthi

 The Gospel was proclaimed in 4 villages. Local people are very supportive of our ministry.



For Govinda family to accept Jesus Christ; for Hamit to identify a suitable spouse.

Samsi:

Dihe & Charani



A total of 45 gospel tracts, 3 New Testaments and 8 Bibles were distributed.



For the healing of Malika from tuberculosis; for the repentance of Kapulgom and Jatrapur villagers who oppose our ministry.

ON THIS DAY



1946 Sonia Gandhi, Italian-born Indian politician who later married the late Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and at present is the leader of the Congress Party was born today.




Happy Birthday


John Kullu

Fasting Prayer Day

Bihar


Bhagaya: **Jebakumar & Ponlatha**


 Ajay Dirki, Puja Dirki, Rani Dirki and Paulina Dirki accepted Jesus Christ. The Jesus film was shown in Maharia, Pekachi, Lagdagol, Mirda, Laxmipur, Kanpur, Sabri, Gowridela, Kumardo, Paisa, Bathudela, Chowri and Pipra villages.

 For the family of Balram Lagda of Pelkachi village to declare their faith in Jesus Christ; for the liberation of people from alcoholism.


Jharkand


Beldiha: **Solomon A & Suganthi**

 A total of 66 persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed to 2200 persons in 31 villages while 2350 gospel tracts, and 3 Bibles were distributed

 For the repentance of those following the Sapadaram Marg who prevent Padu village believers from using the water pump. For the success of the motto of 'one believer to bring 4 persons to Christ'; for Mulpuna and Navadi villagers who are ready to profess their faith on Christ.


Malto Children's Home: **Surendran & Anna Selvam**


 A 2 day Mela for children was held at 9 places. Training on VBS was imparted to 82 persons.

 For the Sunday school syllabus to be ready at the earliest.

Pakkur:

S.K. Thomas & Magi Esther

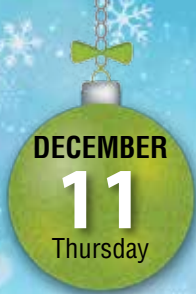
 Church elder Joseph Malto's son who was missing returned home. Night meetings were held on two days.

 For the healing of Ayoop Malto from kalazar; for the repentance of Charli villagers who threaten believers; for good water in this area.

ON THIS DAY



1520 - Martin Luther the great reformer publicly burned the papal edict that demanded his recanting his writings against the evil practices of the church, signalling his stand for reformation.




Happy Birthday


Immanuel Iraipitchai

are receptive to Jesus Christ to declare their faith at the earliest.

Hansdiha:


Shimrah & Jerina


 Three persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed to 650 persons in 58 villages. About 150 believers eagerly proclaimed the Gospel. Night meetings were held at 8 places and film show ministry in 2 places.

 For open door to Shakthiya, Tamur, Borwa and Tabai villages; to realise the target for each prayer group.


Nonihat:


Kumaravel & Mariyal

 Eight persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed to 163 persons in 12 villages while 1300 gospel tracts were distributed.

 For the Sonal and Reshmuni families to be blessed with children; for restoration of Anil Soren's sight.


Rajmahal Primary School: Harris and Daisy


 Students wrote their quarterly exams well. Adult Literacy Scheme was conducted for illiterate teachers' wives.

 For Yamuna, Sarah, Mariam and Nimboi to be blessed with children; for children to be healed of itching; for electricity supply in this area.

Ramgarh:

Muthaiah Samuel & Margaret

 Totally 13 persons accepted Jesus Christ. Through the Jeep team the Gospel was proclaimed to 5000 persons in 8 villages.

 For church construction at Tanduvillage; for Dolgotta villagers who

ON THIS DAY



2013 The Indian Supreme Court upheld a 153-year-old colonial law that banned gay sex in the country. The law was previously overturned by a Delhi High Court order in 2009. The law makes the offense punishable by imprisonment upto ten years.





Happy Birthday

Lohrii A


Jama:


Sundar Durai & Melbin Regini

 The Gospel was proclaimed to 1110 persons in 4 villages and 927 gospel tracts were distributed. Night meetings were held at 6 places.


 For Navadi villagers to accept Jesus Christ; for participants who attend church to experience salvation; for church construction at Kurmani village to be completed.


Masaliya: Letkholun & Hatneikim

 The Gospel was proclaimed to 1850 persons in 26 villages and 1580 gospel tracts, and 2 Bibles were distributed. Night meetings were held at 48 places and 27 persons came into new life.

 For registering land for church at Silidik village; for land to build a church at Jamkiram village; to reach the target of 'each believer to bring 5 towards Christ' to succeed.


Raneshwar: Timothy & Muthuselvi


 The Gospel was proclaimed to 1800 persons in 22 villages and 500 gospel tracts were distributed.

 For evangelists who joined our ministry to gather details of this area.

Shikaripara:


Ramesh Velraj & Priscilla


 Thirteen persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed to 20000 persons. A Survey was undertaken at 45 villages.

 For the healing of Sippodan Hemron, Panmuni Soren, Sanjiv Hansdak and Sitha Dudu from epilepsy.

Saharjuri:

Vadekar Dilip Bhai & Barathi Ben

 Totally 60 persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed to 4300 persons in 52 villages. The Gospel was proclaimed at 11 places through drama ministry.

 For worship groups to be formed at Bijapur and Patra villages; for church elders to experience spiritual revival.

ON THIS DAY



1911 - Delhi replaced Calcutta as the capital of India.

Happy Birthday


DECEMBER


13

Saturday


John Kirubakaran R
Sheeba Jasmine


Kaerabani Children's Home: Munna and Sumitha

 Students evince keen interest in studies; students are growing in their spiritual lives.


 For the parents of children to be deep rooted in faith; for Benjamin, Philip Hansdak and Daniel Pesedra who are studying degree classes in Kolkotta; for the need of wardens for our home.


Santal Dumga Regional Office: Henry and Beulah

 Evangelists and many workers in this region are actively involved in the ministry. A total of 825 persons attended a 3 day fasting prayer at Nonihat field. A regional level youth meeting was a success.

 For missionaries follow up programs in this region to be conducted regularly.


Zeganbalg Drama Troupe


 The drama troupe conducted 25 drama programs in the Saharjuri and Hansdika fields. The Gospel was proclaimed to 9000 persons and 2000 gospel tracts were distributed. Many persons committed themselves to Jesus Christ.

 For the Drama Team's safety and villagers to be receptive to evangelism.

Maheshpur:

Manoj Kumar Pani & Shanthini

 Sixty persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed to 4300 persons in 52 villages while 3500 gospel tracts were distributed. Night meetings were held at 52 places, and drama ministry was undertaken at 11 villages.

 For Gospel to be proclaimed without interception through the van team; for land to build churches in Tumria and Vijayapur villages.

ON THIS DAY



1937 Japanese forces captured the city of Nanking and committed atrocities against civilians, including the massacre of an estimated 200,000 and the rape and mutilation of at least 20,000 women and girls of all ages. The renowned Christian missionary Minnie Vautrin refused to leave Nanking despite obvious threats and protected around 10,000 people in her lodging.



Happy Birthday

Rani Jesilet Albert
Dalbir Singh

were undertaken at Tamrur field. One day training was imparted to evangelists at Chandigola training centre.



For toilets to be built for girls at Padudhapalli village.

Odisha

Dhulbhumgarh:

Ephraim Malli & Prosonisita



Two persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed to 800 persons in 10 villages. Also, 800 gospel tracts, 20 Gospel packets and 9 New Testaments were distributed. The Jesus film screened at Kalpattala village was seen by 220 persons.



For the repentance of Shalva Besra and Parju Besra who oppose evangelism; for Kadkong to declare his faith in Jesus Christ.

Khorbada:

Albert Prabhakaran & Esther



Thirty one persons accepted Jesus Christ. Thudia village Church construction work was over despite the opposition of Sadhu Baba and Ram Baba groups. 2 days fasting prayers



Jajpur: Vinod Kumar and Joice

The Gospel was proclaimed in 18 villages. Two families are receptive to Jesus Christ. Ahilia was freed from an evil spirit.



For Salbega and Malik to profess their faith in Jesus Christ; for the proclamation of Gospel in 340 villages in this area.

Uttakal Regional Office:

Albin & Vijaya Rani



Sunday worship is regularly held by all worship groups. The Fifth lesson under TAFTEE Program was introduced to believers. God protected believers and missionaries during the monsoon.

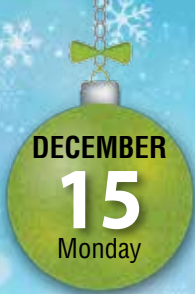


For people addicted to rice beer to give up alcoholism; for the need of missionaries in Jaganathpur field.

ON THIS DAY



2003 - President George W. Bush announced the capture of Saddam Hussein, the man who caused human genocide.





Happy Birthday

Angel Narzary

Jashipur:


Haramohan & Susana

 Totally 61 persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed to 1039 persons in 12 villages. A worship group was formed in Talibat village. Also, 938 gospel tracts, 44 New Testaments and 6 Bibles were distributed.


 For the repentance of Kasiram, Nera, Salai and Mangol who oppose evangelism.

Keonjharh:

Samarendra Singh & Susmita


 Seventeen persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed to 1000 persons in 11 villages while 300 gospel tracts, 188 Gospel packets and 6 Bibles


were distributed. One hundred people attended the church elders meeting.

 For Rukmini of Ogomundo village to be blessed with a baby.

Pallada:


Basudeo Malto & Basanti


 Two persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed to in 3 villages. A special meeting for church elders and evangelists was conducted in Navgoan village. An Audio Bible was released for Juong People in their mother tongue.

 For the family of Nomogon to declare their faith in Jesus Christ.

Angul:

Pratyush Naya & Marithai Leona

 The Gospel was proclaimed to 141 persons in 11 villages and 300 gospel tracts and 63 New Testaments were distributed. Three people joined the ministry.

 For the youth meeting scheduled at the regional level; for follow up ministry in new villages.

ON THIS DAY



1950 – Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Indian political leader, known as the Iron Man of India, who was instrumental in uniting India as its first Home Minister died on this day

Happy Birthday



For distribution of 3900 New Testaments in the Kurux language.

DECEMBER

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Tuesday

Kavitha Thimmesh
Felix Kamaliol Edward S S

Chattishgarh

Chamba:

Rameswar Dayal Nirmal &
Madhukala



Nine persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed to 200 persons in 4 villages. Totally 20 people viewed the Jesus film at Patpur village. The Sardi people group are receptive to evangelism.



For Barathi, Subash, John and William to undertake evangelism; for the healing of Sriram of Sondi village from dermatitis.

Kurux Bible Translation ministry:
Thomas & Regini



New Testament in Kurux language was dedicated. Translation of an Audio Bible in Kurux language is underway.

Gujarat

Jhalod: Devubhai & Jamuben



Fifteen persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed to 350 persons with another 150 gospel tracts, 15 Gospel packets and 10 New Testaments being distributed. A worship group was formed.



For believers to attend church at Jeshipur village regularly; for the repentance of Visat of Jalompuri village who disturbs our ministry.

Kawant: P. Rajadurai & Bathshebal



Totally 25 persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed to 200 persons in 2 villages. Another 200 persons attended the spiritual meeting at Mouda village. About 700 persons attended a 7day fasting prayer. Night meetings commenced at Umbulla village.



For the leader of Halsuvar village to declare his faith in Jesus Christ.

ON THIS DAY



1867 - Amy Carmichael, who worked as a missionary in Dohnavur, South India, reaching out to thousands of helpless women and children with the love of Christ for over 50 years, was born on this day.

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER

17


Wednesday


Ebenezer Girubasuthan Peter P

Fasting Prayer Day

Valia:


Ramsingh Bhai & Urmila Ben


 The Gospel was proclaimed to 1500 persons in 3 villages. Follow up ministry was undertaken in Pasgater, Kosadi, Sirthalodara, Dharmavadi, Masali, Mankus, Rangtheri, Vasthan, Rajaghat, Tahan and Suhavana villages.

 For Kasmud Bhai, Suresh Bhai, Bharat Bhai and Suha Bhai to accept Jesus Christ; for night meeting to be started at Surali village; for land to build a church in Kutka village.

Pippalwada:

Mary Stella


 Two persons accepted Jesus Christ as Lord. Sabitha was protected from a venomous snake.


 For the healing of Kanda Bhai from cancer; for more believers to come to Jesus Christ.

Green City Community

Development Centre, Gandhi Nagar:


Isaac Raja & Magdaline Grace


 A meeting was conducted at the CRPF camp. Satyam suffering from stomach disorder from 15 years was healed through prayer.

 For healing meetings to be started at the CRPF camp.

Mosda and Kevdi:


Yesu Babu & Usha


 The Gospel was proclaimed to 650 persons in 11 villages. An open door for evangelism was established at Pansar and Kanchal villages.

 For the repentance of Patreli villagers who oppose evangelism.

Surat:

Ramesh Christian and Rachel

 The Gospel was proclaimed to 560 persons in 5 villages. Thirty persons attended a believers meeting.

 For the healing of Deraga Ben from cancer; for Hanedra Bhai to give up alcohol; for backslidden Sudha Ben, Saura Bhai, Praveen Bhai and Sahu Bhai to return to faith.

ON THIS DAY




1843 Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" the story of redemption and a timely book for Christmas was first published on this day.


Happy Birthday



Paul Solomon D


Dehgam: Kumaran G. & Jelin


 The Gospel was proclaimed in 2 villages and 25 gospel tracts, 20 Gospel packets, 10 New Testaments were distributed.

 For the Gospel to be proclaimed at Subarmathi village.


Chikda & Selamba:


Samuel Ganesh & Mini Thomas

 Eighteen persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed to 700 persons in 4 villages. Seven persons have joined our ministry.

 For Thansi Bhai to have vision restored; for night meetings to start in Gujar and Jambuli villages; for the repentance of Jerkom villagers who trouble believers.


Akhua: Arul Asir & Suguna


 Twelve families accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour at Hamsamada village. Meetings for women were held in 3 villages.

 For Saina to recover eye sight; for Vilaman married for 10 years to beget a child.

Dadhra Nagar Heveli


Khanvel: Vignesh & Angeline


 A total of 300 persons attended the family gathering at Ratna church. Seven others accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

 For disturbances against ministry to cease in this field.

Daman:

Chelladurai & Kanaga Nesam

 The Gospel was proclaimed to 20 persons in 2 villages and 15 gospel tracts and 4 Bibles were distributed. Meetings for children are held regularly at Pathiya village.

 For land to build a church at Varlivara village; for Swapna and Nirmal to find spouses.

ON THIS DAY



1707 - Charles Wesley, the co-founder of Methodist Movement, who wrote about 6000 hymns, including the famous Christmas carol "Hark, the Herald Angel Sings" was born on this day.

DECEMBER

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Friday


Learn from yesterday,
live for today, hope for
tomorrow.

Maharashtra


Navapur:

Mary Anthoniammal, Sivaranjani

 Nineteen persons accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. Totally 165 ladies attended the women's meeting in 3 villages. A 2 day fasting prayer was conducted for women. A prayer group was started at Navapur.

 For the healing of Kupamma affected by an undiagnosed disease; for Bhavani, Rani and Shanthi to have children.

Pushwal: Ramesh Kumar

 The Gospel was proclaimed to 120 persons in 2 villages and 150 gospel tracts and 25 New Testaments were distributed. Believer Uda Babu was protected from an accident.



For domestic problems in the Pawar family to be settled.

Pimpalner:

P. Masilamani & Johnsirani



Totally 160 persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed to 2000 persons in 14 villages. Worship groups were formed in 2 places. Sixteen backslidden persons have returned to faith. 3 day fasting prayers were conducted in 7 churches.



For the repentance of Karan, Sahan, Saraban, Velu and Mothiram who oppose evangelism; for the spiritual uplift of believers who migrate to other areas for jobs.

Peint:

Arthur Jebaraj & Gnanasundari;
Nagarajan & Thilagavathi



A total of 720 persons accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. The Gospel was proclaimed to 5000 persons in 5 villages and 1000 Asha books, 1000 song books, 3 New Testaments and 35 Bibles were distributed.



For the repentance of 4 persons at Virakshet village who oppose our ministry; for the healing of Deepika from cancer.


ON THIS DAY




1909 - W.A. Criswell, American Baptist preacher, considered as one of the greatest Pastors of the twentieth century who also established Criswell College to teach the Old Time Christian religion and its Biblical values, was born today.


Happy Birthday


Talasari: M. Shankar & S. Anandhi

 The Gospel was proclaimed in 3 villages. Prakash, Kasiram and Tahal Bhai are enthusiastic to evangelism.

 For permission to build a church at Velcom village; for the repentance of Anitha of Kursha village who opposes the ministry.


Dahanu: K. Baburaj & Mebel


 Bongal and Naresh who opposed evangelism have repented. Totally 25 ladies attended meeting for women at Kadki village.

 For the repentance of Vasanth, Parasuram, Devchand and Sankar of Pandugan village who oppose evangelism. for the healing of Meena from a psychiatric disorder.

Jahawar:

Vijay babu and Deva Kirubai


 The Gospel was proclaimed in 2 villages. Totally 130 ladies attended meeting for women at 3 villages.


 For youth to find suitable spouses.

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Saturday

Deva Kirubai T


Godavari Regional Office:
Paul Albert & Rani Jesilet


 Totally 580 children attended the children's meet. A meeting for women was conducted at Chakra village. Twenty evangelists were imparted training on Sunday classes.

 For the protection of this region's missionaries and evangelists.

Saivan:

Srinivasarao & Rajyalakshmi

 Permission was given to build churches at Salni and Ghangat villages. The Gospel was proclaimed in Avadani and Dava villages.

 For the speedy completion of Church construction at Voservera village.

ON THIS DAY



AD 69 - General Vespasian's troops occupied Rome after defeating Emperor Vitellius. He and his son Titus went on to destroy Jerusalem including the temple, just as Lord Jesus Christ prophesied.



DECEMBER

21

Sunday

Do not confine your children to your own learning, for they were born in another time.

Mukhwada: Basavaraja & Sanmata



A total of 22 persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed at Rekapada village. An Evangelist from Pakirat village joined our ministry.



For all ministries scheduled this month.

Dharni:

Binit Prasad Bardhan & Amojita



The Gospel was proclaimed to 200 persons in 4 villages and 115 gospel tracts, 25 New Testaments and 2 Bibles were distributed.



For healing of speech impaired Kaiki; for Bangilama, Semila, Kailash, Anil and Radha to accept Jesus Christ.

Satana:

Mayilsamy Joseph & Yesumani



Thirty seven persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was



For Indi to recover from black magic; for Bima to be freed from an evil spirit tormenting her for 12 years.

Jalgoan: Ezekiel Perumal & Grace



Five persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed to 120 persons in 2 villages.



For worship groups to be formed at Rover and Yaval villages; that the hindrances imposed by the Government against construction of new churches are removed.

Marathi LTI:

Sanjeeb Kumar & Swarnalatha



Twenty gospel tracts and 10 Bibles were distributed. A 2 days camp was conducted for church elders. A camp for believers was held at Kachanthur field. The Jesus film was screened at Kesera village.



For Vishnu, Yokesh and Ramdas to accept Jesus Christ.

ON THIS DAY



AD 72 - Thomas the Apostle, a disciple of Lord Jesus Christ and Apostle to India died on this day.



Happy Birthday

Suresh Hanumantappa Patil

Timbri church believers have returned to faith.



For Shankar, Mangam, Sulochana and Recha bhai to declare their faith in Jesus Christ; for land to build churches at Pimpri and Dalkiwada villages.

Gadchandur:

Bhangsingh & Yeman



Five persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed to 50 persons in 3 villages.



For the Jayattu and Anson families to be blessed with children; for Gopika to declare her faith in Jesus Christ; for the repentance of Sanjiv, Lashkar, Bavan, Madhukar and Damudhave Margre families who trouble believers.

Pandarkawda:

Manokar Kumar Pani & Pratima Pani



The Gospel was proclaimed to 85 persons in 3 villages. A 2 day fasting prayer was held. Backslidden



The Gospel was proclaimed to 12 persons. A meeting for women was conducted at Tukam village.



For Govind to accept Jesus Christ; For Vivek and Supriya to get good jobs; for Santosh and Sunitha to beget a child.

Taloda: Evangelist



Ten New Testaments and 2 Bibles were distributed. Thirty persons came into the fold of Jesus Christ through VBS.



For the healing of Jaisingh from epilepsy; for the Sunitha Ben family to be blessed with a baby; for Rupsingh, Sujit, Bhimsingh, Manaseh and Soham to excel in academic.

ON THIS DAY



1899 - Dwight L Moody, US evangelist instrumental in bringing revival to both America and Britain and the world died on this day.




DECEMBER


23

Tuesday


Be not afraid of going slowly, be afraid only of standing still.


Thatkhan: Evangelist

 Twelve persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed to 1176 persons in 8 villages while 412 gospel tracts, 8 New Testaments and 1 Bible were distributed. The Gospel was also proclaimed through the Drama ministry at Goverkat and Vatpalai villages..


 For the healing of Ravindran from fits; for Ramesh Bhai to be freed from evil spirits.


Molki: Evangelist

 Nine persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed to 1810 persons in 32 villages. Also, 1162 gospel tracts and 15 Bibles were distributed. Kamala Ben was freed from an evil spirit.


 For Kisan Badri to give up alcohol.


Akkalkuwa: Evangelist

 Twelve persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed to 520 persons in 12 villages. Similarly, 85 gospel tracts and 8 New Testaments were distributed. Spiritual meeting for believers was held at Naramba village.

 For the healing of Mosara Ben from TB; for a church at Horamba village.

Vadakbali: Evangelist

 The Gospel was proclaimed to 416 persons in 5 villages and 420 gospel tracts, 2 New Testaments and 2 Bibles were distributed. A worship group was formed at Jarvani village.

 For Thadia bhai to be freed from alcoholism; for a worship group and a prayer group to be formed in Mokadi and Sopadi villages respectively; for the Vijaya bhai family at Kansik village to be rooted in faith.

ON THIS DAY

1823 – ‘A Visit from St. Nicholas’, also known as ‘The Night Before Christmas’, largely responsible for the concept of Santa Claus visiting homes before Christmas, was published anonymously.







Happy Birthday

Veni John
Hormi Kasar

Fasting Prayer Day

Vishawadi: Evangelist

 The Gospel was proclaimed to 1207 persons in 10 villages and 1362 gospel tracts, 10 New Testaments and 2 Bibles were distributed. Meetings for children were held at Kakipada village.

 For the healing of Ramesh Bhai from TB; for Jaya Ben to find a suitable life partner; for worship groups to be formed in Pandarpada, Jarali and Harmipada villages.


*"Rejoice, that immortal
God is born, so that mortal
man may live in eternity."
-John Huss*


ON THIS DAY




1818 - "Silent Night" the famous Christmas carol was composed by Franz Joseph Gruber on this day.


Kandamodi: Evangelist

 The Gospel was proclaimed to 523 persons in 12 village and 297 gospel tracts and 5 New Testaments were distributed.


 For a new worship group in Pijari village.


Sahada: Evangelist

 The Gospel was proclaimed to 90 persons in two villages and 300 gospel tracts, 10 New Testaments and 3 Bibles were distributed.

 For Ashok master to grow spiritually; for Subash, Nahesh and Mukathena to be freed alcoholism.

Mahasaavit: Evangelist

 The Gospel was proclaimed to 272 persons in 4 villages and 30 gospel tracts and 3 Bibles were distributed.

 For Vanda to recover eye sight; for Susya to be healed of leprosy.

Happy Birthday


DECEMBER


25

Thursday


Sumantha N J


Naramada: Evangelist

 Seven persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed to 668 persons in 11 villages.


 For Kandi Ben to recover sight; for Vijaya Bhai to be healed of a psychiatric disorder.


Shirnipada: Evangelist

 Twenty persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed to 1048 persons in 4 villages while 116 gospel tracts, 6 New Testaments and 2 Bibles were distributed. Spiritual meeting was conducted at Siriyada village.

 For Babu Bhai to be healed of cancer; for Narendra Maharaj to accept Jesus.


Ettapalli & Allapalli Children Home: Vijayan, Jebarose, Sarithapal


 The Gospel was proclaimed to 170 persons. 3 days fasting prayers were conducted in 2 places. Kishore and Pohami recovered from TB through prayer.

 that the Kishore, Madhugar, Somji and Kesurav families are freed from witchcraft and black magic; for alcohol addiction among believers to disappear.

Chalisingaon:

Balaji and Jegadishwari

 The Gospel was proclaimed to 50 persons in 2 villages. Spiritual meetings were held in Nahatpatna village; a weekly prayer meeting was started in Vadaila village. Metil Marasale, Ajay and Meenakshi are our new contacts.

 For Keseva Soreni to be blessed with a baby.

ON THIS DAY





CHRISTMAS – celebrated all over the World in remembrance, as the day of the birth of Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ in a small manger in Bethlehem.



Happiness will never come to those who fail to appreciate what they already have.


Poisar: Hemanth Kumar & Rasmitta

 Twenty persons accepted Jesus and the Gospel was proclaimed to 20 persons at Mati and Kotwik villages. Fifteen New Testaments and 10 Bibles were distributed. Totally 58 ladies attended the women's meeting at Sakra village. An open door for evangelism was established at Tallari village.

 For night meeting to be started at Sirolo village; for a church at Sokkarur village.

Madhya Pradesh


Khakanar: S. Ravi, Jerald Xavier

 The Gospel was proclaimed to 60 persons and 50 gospel tracts, 2 New Testaments and 2 Bibles were distributed. Youth meeting is held regularly in this field. God blessed believers with abundant harvest.

ON THIS DAY





Today is traditionally celebrated as Boxing Day, when servants and tradesmen would receive gifts, known as a "Christmas box", from their bosses or employers.

 For new evangelists to come from Kurgu and Ratiya people groups; for Sunitha to give up alcohol.

Khalwa:


R. Issac & Seetha


 The Gospel was proclaimed to 500 persons in 3 villages and 20 gospel tracts, 32 Gospel packets, and 13 Bibles were distributed. Kamal Singh's vision impaired for 8 years recovered his sight. Magicians like Sobaram, Janu, and Ramsu experienced the salvation of Jesus Christ.

 For Lalsingh, Ramsaran and Piyari to be free of alcoholism.

Nepanagar:

Paul Durai & Yahel

 A total of 36 persons accepted Jesus Christ and the gospel was proclaimed to 110 persons. Fasting prayer at Konduva and women's meeting at Nepanagar were conducted. Church construction started at Patil Paliya village. Magician Jesella accepted Jesus Christ.

 For the 'Giant Leap 2020' target to be achieved.

Happy Birthday


DECEMBER


27

Saturday


Hemalatha Ravi Raj


Pal: Egaivaan & Beril

 The Gospel was proclaimed to 250 persons in 2 villages and 100 Gospel packets, 10 New Testaments were distributed.

 For the healing of Brinda from chest pain.

Khargone: D. Wilson & Rashmita


 The Gospel was proclaimed to 75 persons in 2 villages and 3 persons joined our ministry. Totally 60 gospel tracts and 18 Bibles were distributed. Worship groups were formed in 2 villages.


 For the healing of Jiten from acute and chronic stomach pain; for Rahul's wife to have a baby; for the

repentance of Roomsingh and others opposing church construction.

Chiriya:


M. Vinu & Subila


 A total of 53 persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was proclaimed to 703 persons while 714 gospel tracts and 37 New Testaments were distributed. Worship groups were formed at Sopali, Jintalia, Nanki, Kitli, Devnalua and Panva villages.

 For the healing of Gnamam of Mandwa village from cerebral malaria.

Dhulkot:

Karunakar Garda & Gitanjali

 The Gospel was proclaimed to 102 persons and 88 gospel tracts and 18 Bibles were distributed. Five persons joined our ministry. Worship groups were started in Jabara village. Backslidden believers returned to faith.

 For prayer groups to be started at Lani, Kimki, Randha and Paknapat villages.

ON THIS DAY



1603 - Thomas Cartwright, English Presbyterian publicist and a great theologian and a front runner of puritan beliefs, died on this day.




DECEMBER


28

Sunday

Without His love I can do nothing, with His love there is nothing I cannot do.


Matwat: Mariyappan, Marcus


 The Gospel was proclaimed to 32 persons. Rita Ben was freed from evil spirist. The Tatla family of Atak village is receptive to evangelism.

 For Adult Literacy Program to be conducted regularly without hindrance.

Karnataka


Shirhatti: Sunil Kumar & Sangita


 Four persons accepted Jesus Christ and the gospel was proclaimed to 60 persons while 220 gospel tracts, 40 New Testaments and 5 Bibles were distributed. Believers actively participate in ministry with a spirit of revival.

 For a church at Hardahatti village.


Malur:


Francis Dhuraisamy & Jayanthi

 The Gospel was proclaimed to 300 persons. Idol worship in Kalyan Ammal's family ended. Peace prevails in the Timarayappa family.


 For differences of opinion between Raman and Pakyama to disappear; for backslidden Honahali village believers to return to faith.


Mundargi: Vinayaraj & Shantha

 The Gospel was proclaimed to 92 persons and 70 gospel tracts and 12 New Testaments were distributed.

 For Rajanna to accept Jesus Christ; for Hema's husband to be freed of alcohol addiction.

Shiggaon: Sunil & Meenakhi

 Four persons accepted Jesus Christ and the gospel was proclaimed to 190 persons while 150 gospel tracts and 22 Bibles were distributed. Three persons joined our ministry.

 For the healing of Yelappa from renal problems and Kakrat from cancer;

ON THIS DAY



1932 – Dhirubhai Ambani, Indian businessman, founded Reliance Industries. Pray for the salvation of Ambanis and all the businessmen who play a major role in our country.

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER


29


Monday

Maniselvi Sarathy

Kanapur:

Danya Sunder Nayak and Promodani


 The Gospel was proclaimed to 50 persons and 20 gospel tracts and 5 Bibles were distributed. Rektappa has started believing in Jesus Christ.

 For church construction to start in this field; for the healing of speech and walk impaired Santawal.

Andhra Pradesh

Penugonda:

John David raj & Gnana Sekari

 Five persons accepted Jesus Christ. A free medical camp was held in Gurupantlapalli village. Night meetings commenced at Kuttur village. Believers are firm in their faith despite the risk of losing Government concessions.

ON THIS DAY



1851 – The first American YMCA opens in Boston, Massachusetts. YMCA was started by George Williams first in London. He conducted Bible studies and prayers for young men drawn to the cities by the industrial revolution, to develop the spiritual condition of these men engaged in drapery, embroidery and other trades.



For land to build a church at Islapuram; for Nahamal, Saroja Ramanji and Subbamal married for 10 years to beget children; for the repentance of Ponna, Havagi Anjenelu, Bulugunda Aanji, Gopal, Pedda manjinappa, Anjinappa, Laxminarayanan and Ramurahendren of Marapalli village who oppose our ministry.

Kolamasanapalli:

Vediyanpan and Lakshmi



The Gospel was proclaimed to 110 persons. Guruswamy, Ganesh and Harish show keen interest in Jesus Christ.



For separated Jyothi and Raju to be reunited; for Varalakshmi of Yaduru village to accept Jesus Christ; for a church at Kajalavaripalli.

Tirupathi:

Lakshmanan & Princess Rositta



The Gospel was proclaimed to 50 persons. Ten Gospel packets and 4 Bibles were distributed. God blessed this area with rain.



For the Jyothi family to declare their faith in Jesus Christ; for peace in Leelanda Redd's family.




Happy Birthday


Anbaiah P
Deepa P
Daniel Marvelraj D

Tamil Nadu

Elampillai:


K. S. Joshua & Arul Packia Bai

 The Poongavanam family which was away from the church for 10 years started attending church again. Believers of this church sponsor a missionary. Vasanthi separated rejoined her husband.

 For peace between Sumathi and Murugesan; for the obstacles to Tadikarnoor village church construction to cease; for believers to experience spiritual revival.

Chennai Hindi Ministry:

S. Devadas & Asnath

 The Gospel was proclaimed to 2000 persons. Totally 1500 Gospel

packets, 25 New Testaments and 3 Bibles were distributed 4 month training for 12 North India you concluded. Kim from Nepal regularly attends worship. About 20 persons attended the monthly worship at Grace Garden in Ambattur Estate. Anil and Mangal share the Good News with their parents and relatives through phone.



For Gopal, Kim, Vijay, Deva, Virender, Vikash, Amrishkumar, Bablu, Raj and Meena who are ready to declare their faith on Jesus Christ; for the ministry at Kunrathur and Gumdipondi to be undertaken without problems.

Tuticorin:

Azariah Rajkumar & Jebarani



Till date 290 persons accepted Jesus Christ. Night meetings, worship groups and follow up ministry are held regularly every week. Pastors are very helpful in conducting worship.



For Bavan, Vinod, Ganesh, Gamaswar and Rampalat to give up alcohol.

ON THIS DAY



2006 Saddam Hussein was hanged in northern Baghdad for crimes against humanity. Justice will always prevail either in this life or after. Force is not a weapon; The Love of God in Christ Jesus is the most powerful weapon in the world.

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER

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Wednesday


Dorothy Edwin

Fasting Prayer Day

Thiruvallur:


Paul Anandan & Sarah Jyothi

 The Gospel was proclaimed to 350 persons in 4 villages and 100 Gospel packets and 12 New Testaments were distributed. Totally 45 children attended a special meeting for children.

 For Manoharan and Devakumari to accept Jesus Christ; for the salvation of parents whose children attend children's classes.

Patchur:

David Nickolson & Ivy

 Five persons accepted Jesus Christ and the Gospel was

proclaimed to 50 persons in 2 villages. About 100 gospel tracts and 25 Bibles were distributed. Follow up ministry was undertaken in 4 villages.



Pray that believers who declared their faith in Jesus do not backslide when facing problems; for the Shanmugam family to accept Jesus Christ whole heartedly.

Veppanapalli (Theertam Area):

S. Jebaraj & Esther



Forty persons attended the dedication service in this field. Ravi who opposed our ministry has accepted Jesus Christ. New contacts were identified at Kelanahalli, Ebri, Aavalnatham and Siharamanapalli villages.



For the healing of believers Kulmarakka, Laxmi Ammal and Padma from illnesses; for Prakash, Devaraj and Chinappa to accept Jesus Christ.

ON THIS DAY



Watch Night Service is held on this day and ends after midnight in almost all churches providing an opportunity for all to review the year that has passed and to confess and prepare for the year ahead through prayer.



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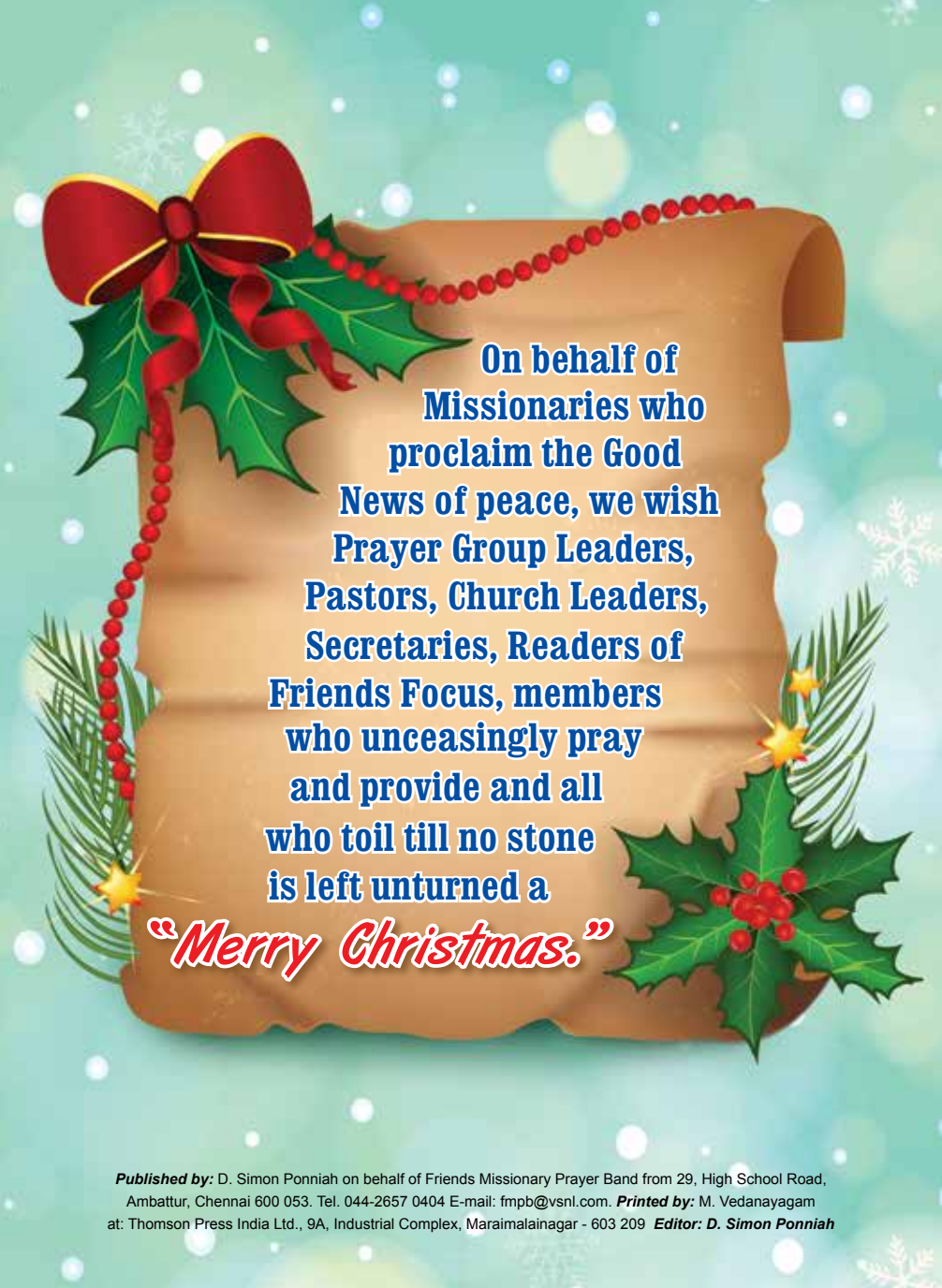
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