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**TO EVERYTHING
THERE IS
A SEASON
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Pastoral Letter



Dearly beloved members,

Greetings to you in the Lord! May is the 'weekend' of the year which helps us to relax. A thought can be given over summer holidays. Throughout the world summer is considered to be the best time for long annual holidays and hence closing of the academic year is arranged to be in summer. It gives a mood of relaxation. However it is impossible for a person to remain doing nothing. We only do different things - activities of relaxation and those activities rejuvenate us. To take a break and have relaxation is scriptural too. Bible says, **"To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven... A time to keep silence, And a time to speak;" Ecclesiastes 3:1 & 7**

Find

In the holiday times we plan to go and find people. We visit our relatives and friends. It is good to do that. Bible teaches us to celebrate relations. While planning to visit friends and relatives, it is important to think of neglected ones. There are many people who are forgotten by relatives because they are shrunken economically or retired from service. There are missionaries who are toiling alone in fields. Jesus met all kinds of people passionately when he did his earthly ministry. Let us plan to find people and bless them by our contacts and visits. A Chinese proverb says, 'A bit of fragrance always clings to the hand that gives you roses.'

Kind

Consider the other sides of life. Through the year we work routinely and find no time for other things. Therefore during summer vacation, let us learn take time to think about the other realities of life such as society, environment, politics, people's concerns etc. Bangalore is becoming hotter year by year. Let us plant a tree in this summer. Have a prayer meeting for the forthcoming Assembly election. This is a good time to pray for the nation. Involve in some ministries and mission programmes arranged by the Church. Throughout the year we restrict ourselves and don't show our face to these things. But let us be kind to the other side of routine life in this relaxed season.

Mind

Take time to mind our own selves, introspect and have inner reflection. We are human beings who ought to evolve in character as we grow. There is a need to constantly build and improve our Christ-centred personality. It needs attention and effort taking. When we are in a fast run of life, there are chances to behave odd that may rub others wrongly. Therefore a

relaxed moment is required for the mind to take stock of our inner conditions – our physical body, inner mind set, attitude, character, behaviour, etc. We need sincere critics who would enlighten and construct us. Meeting a mentor or even having a quality time with family members to have meaningful conversations on such areas bring about light. This is important for us to improve and enjoy a quality Christian life through the fast routine of life.

Once a youth asked, “What is life’s heaviest burden?” and the old man sighed and replied, “To have nothing to carry!” Let us fill this summer with meaningful activities. Thank you to everyone who helped in the Vacation Bible School – both in English and Kannada. Congratulations to Bro. Chaitanya Vamsi our member and Jennifer who would be married on May 14, 2013 in St.John’s CSI Church. Enjoy your summer.

Grace be with you always.

Rev. David Livingston

போதகர் மடல்

கிறிஸ்துவுக்குள் பிரியமானவர்களே,

கிறிஸ்துவின் நாமத்தில் அன்பின் வாழ்த்துக்கள். பொதுவாக மே மாதம் வருடத்தின் இளைப்பாறும் காலமாக விளங்குகிறது. உலகம் முழுவதும், இளைப்பாறுகிறதற்கு ஏற்ற காலமாக கோடை நாட்கள் கருதப்படுகிறபடியால், கல்வியாண்டின் விடுமுறை நாட்களும் இந்த காலத்தில் வழங்கப்படுகிறது. இளைப்பாறுகிறதற்கு ஏற்ற காலமாக இருப்பினும், ஒரு மனிதனால் ஒரு வேலையும் செய்யாமல் இருக்க முடியாது. நம்மை புதுப்பிக்கும் வண்ணமாக, இளைப்பாறுதலுக்கு ஏற்ற வேலைகளில் நாம் ஈடுபடுகிறோம். இவ்வாறு இளைப்பாறுகிறதற்கு ஓர் வேதாகம அடிப்படையும் உண்டு. "ஒவ்வொன்றிற்கும் ஒவ்வொரு காலமுண்டு, வானத்தின் கீழிருக்கிற ஒவ்வொரு காரியத்துக்கும் ஒரு சமயமுண்டு., ..மவுனமாயிருக்க ஒரு காலமுண்டு பேச ஒரு காலமுண்டு" (பிரசங்கி 3:1,7) என்று வேதம் கூறுகிறது

கண்டுகொள்: விடுமுறை நாட்களில் நாம் பல இடங்களுக்கு சென்று பலரை சந்திக்கிறோம். நண்பர்களையும் உறவினர்களையும் சந்திக்கிறோம். அவை நல்லவை. உறவுகளை கொண்டாட வேதம் நமக்கு போதிக்கிறது. நண்பர்களையும் உறவினர்களையும் நாம் காண திட்டமிடும் போது, புறக்கணிக்கப்பட்ட மக்களை எண்ண வேண்டியது அவசியமாகும். பொருளாதாரத்தில் நலிவுற்றும், வேலை ஓய்வு பெற்றும் இருக்கும் பலரும் உறவினர்களால் மறக்கப்பட்டு இருக்கிறார்கள். தனிமையாய் மிஷனரி பணியில் உழல்பவர்களும் உண்டு. இயேசு இவ்வுலகப் பணியின்போது, எல்லா விதமான

மக்களையும் கரிசனையோடு சந்தித்தார். நாமும் அவ்வாறே பலதரப்பட்ட மக்களையும் நமது பயணத்தின் போது சந்திப்போம். 'ரோஜாக்களை வழங்கும் கைகளுக்கு எப்பொழுது நறுமணம் உண்டு' என்கிறது ஒரு சீன பழமொழி.

அன்புக் கூறு: வாழ்வின் மறு பக்கத்தை எண்ணிப்பாருங்கள். வருடம் முழுவதும் வழக்கமான காரியங்களை எண்ணி, மற்றவைகளை குறித்து நாம் நினைக்க சமயம் எடுப்பதில்லை. எனவே இந்த விடுமுறை நாட்களில் சமுதாயம், சுற்றுப்புறச்சூழல், அரசியல், மக்களின் வருத்தங்கள் என நமது வாழ்வின் மற்ற நடைமுறைகளை சிந்தித்துப்பார்ப்போம். ஒவ்வொரு வருடமும் பெங்களூரின் வெப்பம் அதிகரித்துக்கொண்டே வருகிறது. இந்த விடுமுறையில் வீட்டிற்கு ஒரு மரம் நடுவோம். கர்நாடக சட்டசபை தேர்தலுக்காக ஜெபக்கூட்டம் நடத்துங்கள். நமது நாட்டிற்காக ஜெபிக்க நல்ல தருணம் இது. ஆலயத்தில் நடக்கும் மிஷனரி நிகழ்ச்சிகளிலும் ஊழியங்களிலும் பங்குபெறுங்கள். வருடம் முழுவதும் இது போன்ற காரியங்களில் நாம் கவனம் செலுத்துவதில்லை. இந்த விடுமுறை நாட்களில் நம் வாழ்வின் மற்ற பரிமாணங்களாகிய இவற்றின் மேல் கரிசனை கொள்வோம்

கவனம்செலுத்து: நமது சொந்த தனிப்பட்ட வாழ்வைக் குறித்து ஆராய்ந்துபாருங்கள். மனிதர்களாகிய நாம் நாளுக்குநாள் குணாதிசயங்களில் வளர வேண்டும். கிறிஸ்துவை மையமாகக் கொண்ட ஆளத்தத்துவமாக வளர்ந்து பெருக நாம் தொடர்ந்து முற்பட வேண்டும் இதற்கு கவனம்செலுத்தி முயற்சி எடுப்பது அவசியம். வேகமான வாழ்க்கைப்பாதையில் ஓடும்போது நமது நடவடிக்கைகளால் பிறரை சில சமயம் நோகடிக்க நேரலாம். ஆகவே இந்த இளைப்பாறுதலில் காலத்தில் நமது உள்ளான உடல், மனம், சிந்தனை, குணாதிசயம், நடவடிக்கைகள் ஆகியவற்றை சீர்தூக்கி பார்ப்போம். நம்மை திருத்தும்வண்ணமாக, நம்மை உண்மையாய் விமர்சனம் செய்வோர் தேவை. ஒரு வழிகாட்டியுடனோ அல்லது குடும்பத்தினருடனோ கலந்தாய்வு செய்து, நம்மை சரி செய்துகொள்வது, வேகமான வாழ்க்கை முறையில், தரமான கிறிஸ்தவ வாழ்வைப் பெற உதவும்

'வாழ்வின் மிகப்பெரிய பாரம் எது' என்று ஒரு இளைஞன் வினவிய போது, 'ஒன்றையும் சுமக்காமல் இருப்பது தான்' என்றார் ஒரு முதியவர். அர்த்தமுள்ள நடவடிக்கைகளால் நாம் இந்த கோடை நாட்களை செலவிடுவோம். கன்னடம் மற்றும் ஆங்கில விடுமுறை வேதாகமப் பள்ளிக்காக உதவிய அனம்வருக்கும் நன்றி. மே 14 ஆம் தேதி திருமணமாக இருக்கும் சைத்தனயா வம்சி மற்றும் ஜெனிபர் ஆகியோருக்கு வாழ்த்துக்கள்.

தேவ கிருபை உங்களோடு தரித்திருப்பதாக
போதகர் - டேவிட் லிவிங்ஸ்டன்

வாதை உன் கூடாரத்தை அணுகாது (சங்கீதம் 91:10)

தேவன் இஸ்ரவேல் ஜனங்களை எகிப்திலிருந்து அழைத்து வரும் முன் பார்வோனின் மனம் கடினப்பட்டிருந்த படியால் அத்தேசத்தில் சில வாதைகளை அனுப்பினார். தவளைகளும் பேன்களும் வண்டுகளும் வெட்டுக்கிளிகளும் ஜனங்களை வாதித்தது என்பதை நாம் யாவரும் அறிவோம். அதே போன்ற வாதை அவர்களையும் வாதித்தது.

அவர்கள் வீட்டில் திட்டு திட்டாக சிறு வண்டுகள், கரப்பான் பூச்சிகள். எப்படி எகிப்தில் புழுதிகள் கூட பேன்களாய் மாறியதோ, அதே போன்று அவர்கள் வீட்டில் கூட! சமையலறை, கட்டில், படுக்கையறை, படிப்பறை, சாப்பாட்டு மேஜை, புத்தகங்கள், அவளுடைய பர்ஸ் என்று ஒரு இடம் விட்டுவைக்கவில்லை, எல்லாவற்றிலும் பூச்சிகள்தான்! பல வேளைகளில் அவள் தன் வேலை ஸ்தலத்தில் தன் பர்சை மேஜையில் வைக்கும் போது, அவற்றிலிருந்து பூச்சிகள் ஓடும். ஆலயத்தில் வந்து வேதாகமத்தை திறந்துவைக்கும் போது அதற்குள்ளிருந்தும் பூச்சிகள் புறப்பட்டு ஓடும்.

அந்த பூச்சிகளை அழிக்கும்படி கடைகளில் கிடைக்கும் எல்லா விதமான மருந்துகளையும் வாங்கி உபயோகித்து விட்டார்கள், ஒரு பிரயோஜனமும் இல்லை. எவ்வளவு மருந்து உபயோகித்தார்களோ அவ்வளவுக் அவ்வளவு அந்த பூச்சிகள் அதிகமாக பெருகின. அவ்வாதையினால் அவள் அதிகம் மனம் நொந்து போயிருந்தாள். ஆண்டவரே வாதை உன் கூடாரத்தை அணுகாது என்று எழுதியிருக்கிறதே? எங்கள் வீட்டில் மட்டும் இந்த வாதை ஏன்? என் பல தடவை கேள்விகள் கேட்டிருக்கிறாள். ஆனால் தேவனுடைய பாதுகாப்பு மட்டும் கூடவே இருந்தது. இவ்வளவு சரமாரியாக பூச்சிகள் ஓடினாலும் ஒரு நாளும் உணவு பொருட்கள் மீது மட்டும் அவை அலைந்தது கிடையாது. பல நாட்கள் இவ்வாதை அவர்கள் வீட்டை விட்டு அகலும்படி அவள் ஜெபித்து வந்தாள்.

ஒருநாள் கிறிஸ்டோபர் பாஸ்டர் அவர்கள் குடும்பத்துடன் அவர்கள் வீட்டில் இரவு தங்கினார்கள். அடுத்த நாள் காலையில் அவர்கள் வீட்டிற்கு செல்வதற்கு முன் அனைவரும் கூடி ஜெபித்தார்கள். பாஸ்டர் அவர்கள் ஜெபிக்கும்போது, கர்த்தாவே, நாங்கள் இந்த வீட்டை ஆசீர்வதிக்கிறோம், வாழ்த்துகிறோம் என்று ஜெபித்தார்கள். அவர்கள் அப்படி ஜெபித்த போது, அவள் தன் மனதில் ஆண்டவரே, இந்த ஆசீர்வாதமும், வாழ்த்துக்களும் உண்மையானால்

எங்கள் வீட்டில் இருக்கும் இந்த பூச்சியின் வாதை நீங்கட்டும் என்று ஜெபித்தாள். என்ன ஆச்சரியம்! சொன்னால் யாரும் நம்ப மாட்டார்கள்! அடுத்த நாள் காலையில் எழுந்து கவனித்த போது ஒரு பூச்சி கூட வீட்டில் இல்லை, எங்கு சென்றன என்பது மர்மம்! ஏனெனில் அவை வீட்டில்கூட மடிந்து விழவில்லை. கர்த்தர் அற்புதமாய் அவைகளை அப்புறப்படுத்தினார். தேவ ஊழியர்கள் நம் வீட்டில் தங்குவது, ஜெபிப்பது நமக்கு எத்தனை ஆசீர்வாதம்!

- தொடரும்.

இல்ல வழிபாடுகள் - மே மாதம்

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கொடிகேஹள்ளி திருமதி சசிகலா	5 ஆம் தேதி	திருமதி சசிகலா	திரு ஜேபஸ் / திரு அன்பன்
	19 ஆம் தேதி	திருமதி சசிகலா	
பிரியங்காநகர் திரு ரூபன் காந்தி	5 ஆம் தேதி	திரு ரூபன் காந்தி	திரு சுந்தர்
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இம்மாதத்தில் பிறந்த நாள் மற்றும் திருமண நாள் காணும் அனைவரையும் சபையின் சார்பாக வாழ்த்துகிறோம். கர்த்தர் உங்களை ஆசீர்வதிப்பாராக!



**Wishes from congregation to all who celebrate Birthday and Wedding Anniversary this month
May God Bless you!**

Missionary Profile

Amy Charmichael of Dohnavur

By Mrs. Hannah Selvin



Amy was the oldest of seven children born to David and Catherine Carmichael in the small village of Millisle in Northern Ireland in the year 1867. They were a happy family, brought up on godly values. When she was just a child of three, she longed for blue eyes like her mother (she had brown eyes) and being taught by her mother that God always answers prayer, one night she slept in complete faith that God would give her blue eyes and the next morning, she ran to a mirror and was bewildered and disappointed that her eyes were still brown. This incident taught her a lesson that she never forgot: the lesson that even silence may sometimes be an answer from our gracious Lord. Long

years later, when she traveled the dusty roads of Tirunelveli to rescue children in danger, staining her hands with coffee and wearing the Indian dress, passing off for an Indian woman, she could smile at her Lord and thank Him that her eyes were brown and not blue!

Even as a young girl, Amy was compassionate and drawn to people in need. She was sitting one day at a restaurant when she saw a poor girl in ragged clothes gaze longingly at the sweets behind the glass knowing she could not afford them. The look in the little girl's eyes left an impression on Amy and she recorded in her diary:

*When I grow up and money have,
I know what I will do,
I'll build a great big lovely place
For little girls like you.*

Decades later, when she had rescued many children and established the home in Dohnavur, she realized that God had brought about the very same thing. Amy writes, "I had entirely forgotten this promise. But there is One who remembers even a child's promises. And though the little girls who were to come to the 'great big lovely place' were not to be the least like that little girl, yet they were in need, far greater need than she was and the wonderful thought of our Father was far, far greater than mine."

Growing up in a godly home as a carefree child, Amy was suddenly catapulted to adulthood on the death of her father when she was 18. Amy saw the great need among the poor mill girls who worked long hours and lived under deplorable conditions and began a Sunday school among them and the work soon grew to more than 500 girls. She attended the Keswick Convention in 1887 and became convinced of her calling for mission work. She was a woman of genuine apostolic caliber and set out, in all simplicity, to prove the faithfulness of God and to put into practice day by day our Lord's commandment of love.

Amy first went to Hirose in Japan and great doors for ministry opened for her there but her health, which was never robust to begin with, began to suffer and she was forced to return to England. It was some time later that someone told her that the climate in Bangalore, South India, was pleasant and would suit her and thus it was that she arrived on the shores of Madras on November 9th 1895, never again to return to her homeland, and she loved India as few have loved it. In Bangalore, she began to learn Tamil for evangelistic purposes and made remarkable progress. When she met a fellow missionary, Walker, he directed her to Tirunelveli and thus it was that she was led to the place that was to be her home for the next 55 years.

When Amy settled in the Tirunelveli district, she heard of little girls being dedicated to the

gods, called Temple children, and sadly condemned to a life of prostitution and degradation. She was shocked and pained and longed to do something about this. But the temple children were not easy to find at first and she did not find many takers even among the missionary community for this calling and she records her heartache over the matter: "Very few were in sympathy. Sometimes, it was as if I saw the Lord Jesus Christ kneeling alone, as He knelt long ago under the olive trees – and the only thing that one who cared could do, was to go softly and kneel down beside Him, so that He would not be alone in His sorrow over the little children."

While Amy practiced genuine love, it was very difficult to expect the same standard from people who volunteered to work with her. This fact pained her a lot and slowly but surely, a band of committed women joined her and watching and learning from her as well as from their Lord, the new converts grew in grace and genuine love and giving. Amy writes, "A new love had been kindled in those hearts – they glowed. Thereafter it was never, 'How much can I get?' but always, 'How much can I give? How much can I do without, that I may have more to give?' It was wonderful to see this. Can you imagine with what joy we worshipped the Lord together?" Among the faithful were Mrs. and Mr. Walker, a young widow named Ponnammal, a little girl named Arulai and a few others who were literally willing to die that others might live.

The Dohnavur Fellowship was established and children were being added periodically as they were being rescued. Amy was called Amma and that was what she was to the children. There were many times when the locals were angry that a child had left the temple and joined her and she had to face court proceedings against her several times but nothing deterred her from her determination to save each precious child she could. The years that followed the founding of the home saw great work being done and the expansion of the work in a way beyond human expectations. One of Amma's deepest desires was that Dohnavur might be a place where the Lord himself would feel at home because here was a group of people living in literal obedience to his new commandment – love thy neighbour as thyself.

Life in Dohnavur was not pain-free. Amy suffered the loss of loved ones more than once. Ponnammal died after a long battle with cancer, Walker died suddenly, and even the much younger Arulai and Godfrey, both deeply committed and trained to take over the work after her, preceded her to heaven. Amy's sorrow gave her a new insight into the meaning of Romans 12:2, that God's will is always 'good, acceptable and perfect.' "Those three words hallow pain," she wrote. "They take from it all bitterness, all that stings and rankles; they leave it, still pain indeed, but somehow sweetened and chastened."

In 1931, Amy was badly injured in a fall which left her bedridden much of the time until her death twenty years later. She had always been a prolific writer and had already written many books but the last 2 decades of her life when she was largely confined to her bed, she gave herself to increased writing and there was a tremendous increase in the number of Christian people throughout the world who were deeply moved by the challenge of her books. Amy once received a letter from a young lady who was considering life as a missionary. She asked Amy, "What is missionary life like?" Amy wrote back saying, "**Missionary life is simply a chance to die.**" Amy is quoted as saying, "**One can give without loving, but one cannot love without giving.**"

Amy passed away in her sleep early in the morning of January 18, 1951, aged 83. The graveyard in Dohnavur Fellowship is called God's garden and there are no headstones there (as amma would have it). Her children later erected a bird-bath beside her grave as a memorial, for Amy always loved nature and especially birds. But it is her children who will be her true memorial if the glow of God's great love shines through their whole being as it shone through hers.

Prayer Diary

Compiled by Mrs. Selina Ronald

SUNDAY:

CHECHNYA: KEY FACTS

The **Chechen Republic** or, informally, **Chechnya**, (sometimes referred to as Ichkeria, Chechnia, Chechenia or Noxçiyın), is a federal subject of Russia. In November 1991, following the collapse of the Soviet Union, Chechnya's independence was declared from the Russian Federation. Since 1994, two wars, terrorist campaigns that have included apartment bombings, suicide attacks, and large-scale hostage crises have occurred. Russian federal control has been re-established. Since then, systematic reconstruction has taken place, though unrest remains an issue.

Population: 1,268,989 **Capital:** Grozny **Languages:** Chechen, Russian

President: Ramzan Kadyrov

Ethnicity: Chechens-93.5%, Russians-3.7%, Kumyks-0.8%, Ingush-.3%

However, since 2008, some observers believe that all ethnic Russians have left Chechnya, except for those in military service.

Religions: Predominantly Islam **Land area:** 15,300 sq. km

Pray

- That the few Christians would persevere in faith. Several have turned away from their faith as the pressure became too great
- That Christians may know how to live and witness in their situations and would gain more freedom to share Christ with the lost
- Pray for wisdom for the Chechen government as it battles Islamic terrorists.
- For the many orphans whose parents were killed during the wars. Pray that God's love and compassion will reach their hearts and transform their lives.
- Pray that doors would open to share the Gospel with jihadists.

MONDAY:

- Praise God for the English and Kannada VBS. Let's pray that the non-Christian children who attended VBS would come to the Sunday School and grow in the Lord.
- Pray for Friends fellowship (for young adults) & newly married couples of our Church.
- **KR puram Area fellowship & its members**(Dennis, families of Ashok Doddanna, Atheejoe, Don Bosco, Jayant, Jeevan, Joseph Paul Abraham, Moses, Naveen Warren Stephen Daniel, Swaroop, Peter)
- **Hoodi Tamil Area fellowship & its members:** (Sagadevan, families of Mary Rita, Stephen Babu, Jyothi, Franklin, Rani Jeypaul, Prabhu Paul, Saral Sarojini, Usha Reddy, Arul, Vino)

TUESDAY:

- Let's pray for our Pastor Rev.David Livingston and his family.
- Let's pray for Bethel Shaale – for the children who come and for Mrs. & Mr. Peter who conduct the classes
- **Bethel nagar Area fellowship & its members** (families of Pastor, Anand, Ebenezer, Kalyan, Prabhu, Publius, Rajkumar, Sharon, Vijay Prakash, Paul Naveenraj, Uttam)

- **Devasandra Tamil Area fellowship & its members** (Balan, David, families of Anandaraj, Koilraj, Lydia, Philip , Rajupaul, Ruth, Suresh, Shekar, Wilson)

WEDNESDAY:

- Pray for the new Pastorate Committee and various committees of the Church
- Pray for Irula outreach program in Hosur. Pray for the VBS there in May first week
- Pray that all our prayer cells (women as well as men) would be strengthened.
- **Whitefield Area Fellowship & its members** (John, Daniel, families of Alan Paul, Binu George, Christopher Vasa, Irwin, John Prashanth, Rajan Abraham, Sanjay Joel)
- **Priyankanagar Tamil AF & its members**(Families of Inbaraj, Karunamurthy, Nithya, Paneerselvam, Rueban Gandhi, Swamidas, Suresh)
- **ITPL Area Fellowship and its members (Families of Anban, Clement, Darwin, Franklin Koilpillai, Jabez, John Manoah, Ronald, Sheldon)**

THURSDAY:

- Praise God for Whitefield area outreach program.
- Pray for the team which regularly visits them on Sunday afternoons. Pray that people who could speak in Kannada and Hindi would be available to share the word of God.
- Pray for all the children of our church who would be writing their exams in March.
- **Hoodi Area fellowship & its members** (Frank Jeyakar, families of Arun, David Anand, David Jabez, Isaac Peterson, Kingsly Francis, Ranjan, Shibu, Tony, Vivek Bangera)
- **Kodigehalli Tamil AF& its members:** Families of George, Jeyamma , Jashua Devadas)

FRIDAY:

Children Issues

Jesus said to them, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children. "I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it." "Then he took the children in his arms and placed his hands on their heads and blessed them.

India has the largest number of children (0-14 years) in the world. It is estimated that more people accept Lord Jesus Christ as personal savior when they are between the ages of 4 and 14. It is vital to reach the children of this generation with the gospel.

Government says 12.59 million children are child labourers. These children work as Domestic servants / Baby sitters, Sales boy / girl, in Matches and crackers industry , Sweet shops., Carpet factories , in hotels as cleaners / helpers, in automobile repair helpers, as beggars and also in child Prostitution. Over 1, 50,000 street kids live in the city of Chennai alone. Some have parents and some just live on the streets. More and more urban children are addicted to the internet and pornography. There is an increase number of drug related cases among the children in New Delhi. Young girl children in the school are vulnerable to sexual sins. Children are more challenged because of the increase of educational standards and competitions.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for divine protection for all suffering children in India
- Bind all evil spirit which leads the children and families into slavery
- Pray that God will grant wisdom to government and justice department to take necessary actions against child trafficking
- Pray that God will save all the children and choose them for His ministry in future
- Pray for new life for the children who beg. Adopting these children in Christian homes, Children homes are some options.
- Pray for ministries like YWAM, COME and other catholic institutions which serve these children.
- **Marathahalli Area fellowship & its members** (Families of Deo, Frank Santhosh, Himanshu, Praveen Paul, Sathiya, Selvin, Sundar, Vadivel, Wilfred)
- **Bethel nagar Tamil AF & its members**(Durai, Families of Pastor, Joseph, Hul-dah, Paul Durai, Vijay, Bernard, Das, Jonathan)

SATURDAY:

SOUTH INDIA GOSPEL OUTREACH

<http://www.partnersintl.org/partners/sa/insi>

Mallanna was born in Lingayat community in the state of Karnataka. As a college student, after losing his father and sister he began to wonder about life after death. None of the religious books he had could answer this question. However, after a classmate gave him John's gospel, he was powerfully affected and later put his faith in Christ. Immediately after his family discovered he had become a Christian, he was expelled from his home. Mallanna joined the World Literature Crusade in 1980 and served as an evangelist until 1995.

Later, with a burden to reach his own community for the Lord, he launched South India Gospel Outreach. Their vision is to proclaim Christ and train native leaders from within the Lingayat community. The Lingayats are the 12th largest unreached people group of India with a population of more than 10 million. The Lingayats come out of a Hindu tradition, but the founder was opposed to animal sacrifice, caste hierarchy, and societal divisions, and thus the Lingayats hold a number of beliefs that stand in contrast to traditional Hinduism. Due to recent instances of persecution, many Lingayat believers gather in house churches with people they know well. They are afraid to openly mingle with main-line Christians due to their strict adherence to their religious values including vegetarianism.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for Discipleship seminars and Training. (The first focuses on discipleship of new believers. The second aspect of the program involves training 120 men and women each year to lead house churches)
- Pray for their Bible and Literature program. (They have developed a series of booklets containing a literary style suitable to Lingayats that includes testimonies of new believers from a Lingayat background.)
- Pray for new believers as they face tremendous opposition.
- Praise God as 754 people came to faith in Christ through SIGO's ministry, and 30 new churches were planted in 2012

Testimony - Against All Odds

- Mrs. Iris Irwin

We thank and praise God for enabling us to share this testimony. When we visited the doctor after knowing that I was pregnant, I was advised bed rest for the first trimester. The scan which followed confirmed that the development of the baby was good. We thought the difficult phase was over. But after this, at every doctor visit, we had some new problem coming up and the hospital visits also became very frequent. Soon the key parameters were all out-of-bounds. At times we were really down thinking how all this was going to end. But we knew that God would somehow see us through.

Around 7th month, we had our regular scan and the report indicated that there was a downward trend in the development of the baby. We were terrified when we learnt that drop in growth is linked to possible disorders in the baby. We pleaded with God to make this baby a normal one. Though at times, the 'What If's seemed louder, we knew that we could trust God for this. God did turn out to be our refuge. He put our doubts and fears to rest.

On 11 September 2012, I was taken for an emergency C-Section and Jonah was delivered for the joy of all. Though it was a high-risk pregnancy considering many of the factors, he is perfectly normal and healthy. Yes, we can say with confidence that 'We can boldly approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need'. We thank our BMC family for keeping us in your prayers through this time *(Iris and Irwin and their children Hannah and Jonah are members of the Whitefield area fellowship. They deeply committed to the Lord and serve BMC in many different ways)*

Vacation Bible School –2013 Report

- Mrs. Gifflin Clement & Mrs Sharon Whittakar

The English VBS was held during 8 - 14 April with the theme "It's your choice". The study material was obtained from the VBS ministries, Bangalore. The daily themes were Choice of joyful life, Choice of confession, Choice of priority, Choice of standing firm, Choice of being led by the Holy Spirit, Choice of sharing. The VBS was directed by SU Staff Mr Dinesh and SU Volunteers - Mr Robin and Mr Prakash. It was supported by 18 dedicated teachers, backed by 17 willing volunteers. We had 115 children attending on an average. Most of the children were transported by three buses from a radius of ~15 kms around the church covering 10 areas and 26+ stops.

The kids were taught that they have a time to make choices in different areas and that they have the option to make the right choice in order to have an everlasting life with Jesus. Snacks were served everyday along with a glass of soft drinks. We wish to thank every member who has prayed, given generously towards the VBS. Jumpy tunes with meaningfully worded songs and lively actions earned a special place in the hearts of the children. We would like to specially thank the teachers, volunteers and church members who supported the VBS in many ways.

Kannada VBS was held in 22– 27 April. An average of 150 children attended with 18 teachers and 23 volunteers. The directors were Rev. Murthy and Bro. Vijay. Daily common sessions included singing, story time, games and activities based on lessons taught in classes and daily teachers devotion. There was a day of giving, a Red day when the love of Jesus and the cross and salvation were clearly explained. The study material and songs were written by our Pastor and translated by Bro. Peter and the VBS team. Praise God for sincere effort from so many church members in all different aspects of the VBS that helped us to all work together for God's glory. Continue to pray for all the children who attended VBS.

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5. Mrs Sasikala George
6. Mrs Mary Rosaline
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6. Mr Anban
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Chairperson: Mr Franklin DC

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6. Mrs Iris Irwin
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3. Mrs Jeya David
4. Mr Rajan Abraham
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6. Mr Bernard
7. Mrs Kamal David
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3. Mr Jayanth
4. Mr Darwin
5. Mr Koilraj
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7. Mr Anand MK
8. Mr Alan

Special Invitees

1. Mr Ronald : Inter-Church Relations
2. Mr Jayanth : Ushering Support
3. Mr Publius : Property Support
4. Mrs Asha : Tamil Prayer Support
5. Mr Aruldoss : Tamil Service Support
6. Mr John Manoah: Worship Service Support
7. Mr Vijay : Prayer Support
8. Mr Sanjay : Harvest Festival & Special Program Support

DONT GIVE UP, GROW UP

Mr Joseph Paul

In the midst of your storm
Never give up; just sing a song
You could be at the pinnacle
Of a glorious miracle.

Your deliverance shall come
Though it tarry, don't you worry
Bless'd are those who believe without seeing
Who take His word and keep on praying.

He knows His plans; He holds you in His hand
Plans to prosper and to give you a future
Slowly but surely He is melting and moulding
You're a beauty in God's making.

In His time He'll lift you up
Rejoice ! Rejoice ! you're light has come
Then you'll stand and bless His name
Glory to the Lamb that was slain

Bible Studies - May 2013

	Date	Study Topic	Study leader	Venue / Dept.
Youth fellowship(MYF) Mentor: Franklin Koilpillai & Jemimah Koilpillai	4 th May Sat 5.30pm	First Century Church (FCC) - Conflicts & Church foundation	Bernard	BMC
	11 th May Sat 5.30pm	FCC: Reaching out to Gentiles	Franklin	(Dept: MYF)
	18 th May Sat 5.30pm	Carrier guidance	Guest Speaker	
	25 th May Sat 5.30pm	Movie Day	Bernard	
	18 th May Sat 6.30 pm	TBD	TBD	Uttam's house
Area fellowships (Overall co ord: Selvin) Mo: 9448852570	25 th May Sat 5.30 pm	Introduction to new series: "Ministry of Jesus"-based on Matthew gospel	Selvin	Selvin's house
	11 th May Sat 6 pm	Presence of God	Rajkumar	MK Anand's house
	25 th May Sat 6 pm	Lessons from David & Goliath	Rajkumar	Rajkumar's house
	11 th May Sat 7 pm	God's plan of Salvation-Forgiveness	Joseph Paul	Ashok Doddanna's house
	25 th May Sat 7 pm	God's plan of Salvation-Repentance	Joseph Paul	Stephen Daniel's house
Telugu outreach Area fellowship Marathahalli (9448852 570) co. ord.: Selvin Bethel nagar (9632388 200) Co ord: Publius KR puram (9886799785) (Co ord: Jayanth)				

Whitefield Outreach - May 2013 (Co-ord. Atheejoe, Sunday School, Giftlin)

Date	Message by	Leading help	Venue
5 th May Sun 5.00pm - 6pm	Rev. David Livingstone		
12 th May Sun 5.00pm - 6pm	Mr. Ashok Doddanna	Franklin, Atheejoe, Clement	Mala's house
19 th May Sun 5.00pm - 6pm	Mr. Franklin D C		
26 th May Sun 5.00pm - 6pm	Mr. Peter		

Regular & Special Programs - May, Jun & Jul - 2013

	Program	Date	In charge	Venue	Department
Regular programs -May 2013	Dawn Service	1 st May Wed 6am-7am	Pastor	BMC	Pastor
	Evening Service-Contemporary worship	All Sundays 6pm-7pm	Isaac Peterson	BMC	Pastor
	Hood: Sunday school	All Sundays at 2.00 pm	Gracy	Gracy's house	Sunday school
	Worship practice	All Saturdays 6.30 am-8.30am	John Manoah	BMC	Music
	VBS-Irula field & Gypsy colony	1 st May Wed - 4 th May Sat	Atheejae	Irula field	Missions dept
	Monthly Teaching session(Tamil)	26 th May Sun 9am	Rajkumar	BMC	CE dept
	Sunday School starts	2nd June Sun 8.15 am	Giftlin Clement	BMC	Sunday School
	Closed book quiz (1 Sam & 2 Cor by Ashok Doddanna's fly)	15th June Sat 6.00 pm	Rajkumar	BMC	CE dept.
	Sunday school Bible games	23rd June Sun 8.15am -9.25 am	Giftlin Clement	BMC	Sunday School
	Monthly Teaching sessions	23rd June Sun 9am (Tam.) &11.30 am (Eng)	Rajkumar	BMC	CE dept
Special programs	BMC Annual sports day by MYF	14th July Sun 12 noon	Franklin koilpillai	TBD	MYF
	BMC Annual camp (English)	26th July Fri 7pm to 28th Sun 4pm	Wilfred	ECC, Whitefield	CE dept.

Whitefield Kannada Area fellowship - May 2013 (Co-ord. Ashok Doddanna)

Date & time	Study leader	Venue
3 rd May Fri 7 pm	Ashok Doddanna	Savitha's house
17 th May Fri 7pm	Peter	Swehtha Mohan's house

MONTHLY TEACHING SESSION

On 26-May-2013 (Sunday)

தமிழ் : காலை 8:45 மணிக்கு
செய்தியாளர்கள் : திரு ஐசக் &
திருமதி ஏஞ்சலின் ஐசக்
தலைப்பு : சீஷத்துவம்

English :11:30 AM
Speaker : Mr JSA Julius
Theme : Indian Government System &
Reasons to Pray

Come and be blessed!!!

Annual Family Camp -2013

Mark Your Calendars!

26 - 28 July 2013

At Ecumenical Christian Centre, Whitefield

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Pulpit Calendar



Theme: To everything there is a season, Ecclesiastes 3:1

Date	Time	Speaker	Title
5-May-13	7:00 am (Tamil)	Mr AG Rajan	Disciple Series
	9:30 am (English)	Pastor	A time to be born and A time to die
12-May-13	7:00 am (Tamil)	Pastor	A time to laugh and A time to mourn
	9:30 am (English)	Pastor	
19-May-13	7:00 am (Tamil)	Pastor	A time to keep and A time to throw away
	9:30 am (English)	Pastor	
26-May-13	7:00 am (Tamil)	Mr Julius	A time to love and A time to hate
	9:30 am (English)	Mr Julius	

Every Sunday - Contemporary Worship Service in English at 6.00 PM

Humour



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