

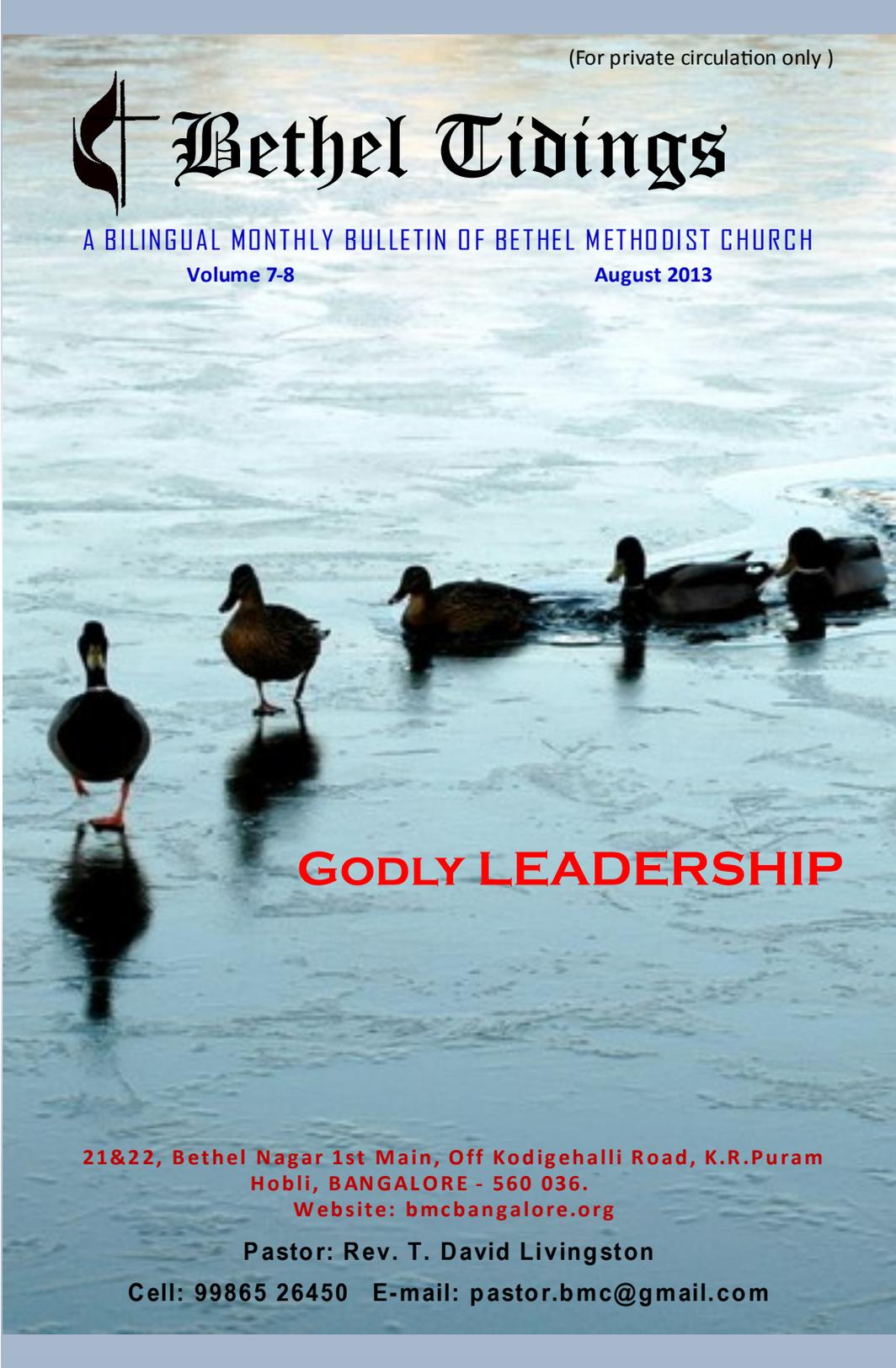
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# Pastoral Letter



Dearly beloved members,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

July was a refreshing time for BMC family. The Sports Day was a rejuvenating time; Both Tamil and English congregations enjoyed together. The English Family Camp at ECC, Whitefield greatly refreshed our spirits in the Lord. Let this energy carry us through the year.

This month we will focus our meditations on Leadership. Leadership could be understood through task. A leader is determined by his personal ability to produce success in the task undertaken while working with others. The task calls for the leader's fitness in terms of ability, strategy, vision and mission which the co-workers will place their confidence upon.

Leadership is both commanded and demanded i.e., an inspired leader may rise up in a situation and command leadership over the people and task whereas in the other case, the dependents demand a fitting leadership from the appointed leader. In either case, leadership should be not for name sake but for task.

Bible teaches that, be it ministry or secular job, all our tasks should be quality job as they are meant to be done for God's glory. Therefore Christian's leadership should be a quality leadership that brings glory to the name of God. In such lines was Moses judged. His one act short of glorifying God became an impediment for his inheritance of the Promised Land. A good leader delivers quality in quantity.

Moreover, a leader is not born, but made. God makes one a leader! When God called Moses to lead the Israelites to the Promised Land, Moses realized his unfitness and denied to take up the task. God considered Moses' fitness not by his external abilities but by the divine grace and equipment. God provided him a prior training in the wilderness of Midian for 40 years. Added, while leading Israelites and the crises arose midway, He answered all his prayers and equipped him to face them. Leaders may not be so born, but God makes them and makes them stand up to the situation in the appointed job.

Servant leadership is Christ's model given for us. Christ's model teaches us of humble and hearty service in all our assignments done for the glory of Jesus our Master. God counts such people as his single man army. Once, King Fredrick the Great sent a messenger to one of his Generals in a distance saying, "I am sending 60,000 men. Please lead them to war!" But when the troops arrived there were only 50,000 men. So the general sent back to the King a letter of complaint that there is a mistake. "No" replied the King, "there is no mistake. I counted you for 10,000 men!" Such is the way

God counts us in leadership.

“ And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.” Colossians 3:23,24. As leaders let us trust in God’s in-service equipping. Let us strive to glorify His name in our given tasks.

Grace be with you always.

Rev. David Livingston

## போதகர் மடல்

கிறிஸ்துவுக்குள் பிரியமானவர்களே,

நமது கர்த்தரும் இரட்சகருமாகிய இயேசு கிறிஸ்துவின் நாமத்தில் அன்பின் வாழ்த்துக்கள். ஜூலை மாதத்தில் நாம் சபையாக பங்குபெற்ற விளையாட்டு தினமும் , ஆங்கில வழி ஆராதிப்போருக்காக நடைபெற்ற குடும்ப முகாமும் மட்டற்ற உற்சாகத்தை ஏற்படுத்திக் கொடுத்தது. தேவனுக்கே மகிமை!

இம்மாதத்தில் நாம் சிந்திக்கவுள்ள தலைப்பு தலைமத்துவம் ஆகும். தலைவர் என்பவர் தனக்குமுன் வைக்கப்பட்ட பணியை திறம்பட செயல்படுத்தி முடிக்க திறமையுள்ளவர் ஆவார். அவர் தரிசனமும் செயலாக்கமும் நிறைந்தவராய் உடன் ஊழியர்களையும் ஈடுபாடு கொள்ள வைக்க வேண்டும். சுய முயற்சியால் தலைவர்களாகுகிறவர்களும் உண்டு; தலைமையிடத்தில் பணியமர்த்தப்பட்டு தலைவர்களாகுகிறவர்களும் உண்டு. எவ்விதத்தில் தலைவர்களாக மாறியிருந்தாலும், தலைமத்துவம் என்பது பெயருக்காக அல்ல, செயலாற்றுவதற்காகவே.

கிறிஸ்தவர்கள் எதைச் செய்தாலும் தேவ நாம மகிமைக்காக செய்ய வேண்டும் என்று வேதம் போதிக்கிறது. அப்படியானால் தலைவர் என்பவர் தேவ நாம மகிமைக்காக தனக்கு கொடுக்கப்பட்ட பணியை சிறப்புடன் செய்ய வேண்டும். தேவ நாம மகிமைக்கு குறையாக செயல்பட்ட போது மோசேயும் தன் தலைமத்துவத்திலிருந்து தவறினார்.

மேலும் தலைவர்கள் பிறப்பால் உருவாவதில்லை. அவர்கள் பிற்காலத்தில் தலைவர்களாக ஏற்படுத்தப்படுகிறார்கள். தேவனே தம் தலைவர்களை

உருவாக்குகிறார். மோசே தன் நிலையை உணர்ந்து, தலைமத்துவ பொறுப்பை ஏற்க மறுத்தபோது, தேவனே அவரை உற்சாகப்படுத்தி, பெலன் கொடுத்து, இஸ்ரவேல் மக்களை வழிநடத்த உதவினார்.

இயேசு கிறிஸ்து நமக்கு ஒரு தலைமத்துவ மாதிரியை முன் வைத்துச் சென்றுள்ளார். அது தாழ்மையுடன் ஆண்டவர் தனக்கு கொடுக்கும் பணியை தலைமத்துவ குணாதிசயங்களுடன் நிறைவேற்றுவது ஆகும். தேவன் இத்தகைய தலைவர்களை ஒரு குழுவாகவே கருதுகிறார். ஒரு தலைமத்துவ பொறுப்பில் உள்ளவர் பல சாமானிய மக்களுக்கு சமம்.

“நீங்கள் கர்த்தராகிய கிறிஸ்துவை சேவிக்கிறதினாலே, சுதந்திரமாகிய பலனைக் கர்த்தராலே பெறுவீர்களென்று அறிந்து எதைச் செய்தாலும் அதை மனுஷர்களுக்கென்று செய்யாமல் கர்த்தருக்கென்றே மனப்பூர்வமாய்ச் செய்யுங்கள் (கொலோசெயர் 3:23, 24)

தேவ கிருபை உங்களுடன் தங்கியிருப்பதாக.

போதகர் – டேவிட் லிவிங்ஸ்டன்



### உனது மனவிருப்பத்தின்படி

அன்று மார்ச் மாதம் 2013 நர்சிங் கல்லூரி முதல் வருட மாணவர்களின் வரவேற்பு விழா மற்றும் கடைசி வருட மாணவர்களின் விடையளிப்பு விழா. அந்த விழாவிற்கு மேடையை அலங்கரிக்கும் விருந்தினராக அநேகர் அழைக்கப்பட்டிருந்தனர். அவர்களில் அவளும் ஒருவள். வந்த விருந்தினர் அனைவரும் மேடையில் கெம்பீரமாய் அமர்ந்தனர். முதல் வருட மாணவர்கள் புதிதாக அக்கல்லூரியில் நுழைந்திருப்பதனால் சிறிய அச்சத்துடன் நடக்கப்போவது என்ன என்பதை அறிய ஆவலுடன் இடப்புற முன்வரிசையில் அழகிய ரோஜா மலர்களை ஏந்தியவர்களாய் காத்திருந்தனர். வலப்புற வரிசையில் இறுதி ஆண்டு மாணவர்கள் புத்தம் புதிய வெண்ணாடை தரித்து, கரங்களில் மெழுகுவர்த்தி ஏந்தி, தாங்கள் நோயாளிகளுக்கு செய்ய இருக்கும் சேவையை அசைபோட்டவர்களாய் புதிய உற்சாகத்துடன் அமர்ந்திருந்தனர்

விழாவின் பொறுப்பாளர்கள் வந்திருந்தவர்களை வரவேற்று விழாவை ஆரம்பித்தனர்.

மேடையில் இருந்த மேதைகளை வாழ்த்தி வரவேற்கும் வேளை அது. ஒவ்வொருவருடைய பெயரையும் புகழையும் அறிவித்து அவர்களுக்கு மாலை அணிவித்து பொன்னாடை போர்த்தினர். வந்திருந்த அனைவரும் பலவித புகழுக்குறிய பதவிகளையும் விருதுகளையும் பெற்றிருந்தினர். அவரவருடைய சிறப்புகளை வாசிப்பதற்கே சில நிமிடங்கள் தேவைப்பட்டது. எல்லோருடைய வரிசையும் முடிந்து இவளுடைய முறை வந்தது. இவளுடைய பெயரில் விருதுகள் ஏது இல்லாததால் ஓரிரு வார்த்தைகளில் அறிமுகப்படுத்தி மாலை அணிவித்தனர். அவளுக்கு என்னமோ போல் இருந்தது. அவ்விடத்தில் சிறிது சங்கடமாகவே இருந்தது. எப்படியோ ஒரு வழியாக விழா முடிந்தது.

வீட்டிற்கு வந்த அவள் தேவனை நோக்கிப் பார்த்தாள். தானும் ஒரு விருது வாங்க வேண்டும் என்ற தனது மன விருப்பத்தை தெரிவித்தாள். என்ன ஆச்சரியம்! நீ கூப்பிடுவதற்கு முன்பே உனக்கு பதில் செய்வேன், உன் வாய் பேசிக்கொண்டிருக்கும்போதே உனக்கு பதில் செய்வேன் என்று சொன்ன தேவன் அடுத்த நாள் அவள் அலுவலகம் செல்லும் முன் அற்புதம் புரிந்தார். ஆம்! அடுத்த நாள் அவள் அலுவலகத்திற்கு சென்ற போது அவளது மேஜையில் ஒரு தபால் வைக்கப்பட்டிருந்தது. பிரித்துப் பார்த்த போது பூரித்துப் போனாள். அக்கடிதம் அவளுக்கு கோல்டன் எஜுகேஷன் அவார்ட் இந்தியா 2013 (Golden Education Award India 2013) . என்ற விருது அவளுக்கு கிடைத்து உள்ளது என்ற அற்புத ஆனந்த செய்தியை கொண்டுவந்திருந்தது. நம் தேவன் நமது மனவிருப்பத்தின்படி நமக்குத் தந்தருளி நமது ஆலோசனைகளையெல்லாம் நிறைவேற்றுகிற தேவன் (சங்கீதம் 20:4) . நாம் கேட்கும்போது அவர் கொடுப்பது நிச்சயம்.

- தொடரும்

# Testimony

- Dr. Solomon Pushparaj

I accepted Jesus as my personal savior in my teenage through Sunday school. After salvation, I was concerned about the salvation of others. Once I invited a non-Christian boy for our college bible study and shared the gospel with him. Next day he came and told me “Yesterday I quarreled with my parents and decided not to return home, but after listening to the gospel, I changed my decision and went back home”. I was so thrilled to know the power of the gospel. It motivated to share the gospel, especially among non-Christians. I was good in my studies. I usually started my conversation with my friends related to Computer Subjects and ended it with Christ. I thank God for the talent he has given me and I used it for his kingdom.

On Sunday evenings, we as a small team of church youth were praying for North India and doing village outreach programs in Sivakasi. In 2000, I completed my M.Sc Computer Science in Trichy. I had the desire to work as a professional and serve God in the unreached places in North India. God honoured my desire and he gave me an opportunity to attend an interview for a lecturer post in Kolhapur. In early 1990s, Dr.Rajesh Duthie (currently a missionary with GEMS, Bihar) went and worked as a Tent Making Missionary in Kolhapur. Through him I got the chance. I joined him as a Tent Making Missionary. We both were working in a college as MCA lecturers and in the free time we were doing the ministry in and around Kolhapur.

My main aim was to win people for Christ. During that time I was able me to know the grass root ministry among students and churches in and around Kolhapur District. Lot of space was there for me to grow in my spiritual life. Through Rajesh, I met many committed missionaries, pastors and church elders in Maharashtra. It helped me to see the big picture about the ministry in Maharashtra and India. God helped me to learn Marathi & little bit of the Hindi language to do personal evangelism and Bible studies. I learned a lot from Rajesh and his family. He loved me as his own younger brother. There were problems, uncertainties and difficulties then but God was there to help and comfort me.

I married Prema in the year 2005; we have two kids, Charles and James. After I completed my Ph.D, I joined Infosys in Mysore as a corporate trainer. Last two years, I could involve in ministry in Mandya, Maddur and Mysore through EU. Raising Young People who will shake the nation is the God-given goal in my life. Prayerfully, I have decided to surrender my life for this mission. God has taught me that through loving young people in spite of their weaknesses, praying for them and mentoring them we can raise modern day Josephs, Davids and Daniels who will shake our India.

Last March, I got a new job in Bangalore and we moved as a family in the month of April. When God called me to Maharashtra, he gave me the promise “Come Follow Me, I will make you Fishers of Men” (Mt 4:19). I was a shy student and used to fear to talk in English. Some friends said “you don’t know Marathi & Hindi. How are you going to do ministry?” God told me through His Word of promise not to worry about anything but to simply follow Him. God is faithful in his promise. He helped me to learn the Marathi language and to preach the gospel boldly. **He made this Shy boy into a Soul Winner.** Let God’s name be glorified. Amen.

*(Solomon and Prema and their 2 sons worship in BMC and are part of the Marathahalli area fellowship)*

# A COMPILATION OF EARLY MISSION WORK IN INDIA

## Mission work in earlier centuries (1800s -1900s) in the Tirunelveli (South TN) area - Part III

By Mrs. Ajji Alan

“He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor.”(1 Corinthians 3:8)

The Society for Propagation of the Gospel (SPG) in different countries had its operation in India by 1820. In 1825 the Society of promotion of christian knowledge (SPCK) resolved to hand over its South India Mission to SPG Tirunelveli.

It was then **Rev. Caemmerer** stepped in and raised Nazareth to its pre-eminence in SPG Mission. The Church rapidly extended to dozens of neighbouring villages. He also established churches in nearby villages such as Pillayanmanai, Agapaikulam, Valaiyadi, Mookuperi, Pragasapuram, Oyangudi.

It was in 1870 **Rev. Dr. Strachan**, a brilliant Doctor of Medicine and a Gold Medalist of Edinburgh University established the SPG Medical Mission in Tirunelveli and the first Dispensary in Nazareth where patients from places 40 to 50 miles away came.

Already developed into a model Christian settlement, Nazareth attained a greater significance during the long and dedicated stewardship of **Rev. Canon Arthue Margoschis** (1876-1908), the maker of modern Nazareth. He was a young man of 24 when he came to Nazareth, and he strengthened the existing mission. The various institutions that he founded and perfected in his time stand till date in his memory. He erected St. Luke's Hospital (1892) to carry on the medical mission begun by Dr. Strachan. The Art Industrial School and its Orphanage, opened by him in 1878, to absorb usefully the large number of orphans left by the great famine of 1877, was something unique in the whole State of Madras, a Training School for Women (1877), a High School for Girls (1886), the first of its kind in the State of Madras, a High School for Boys (1889). Thus meeting the needs of the Christians in and around Nazareth; for this Margoschis is called as **“Father of Nazareth”**.

Next to Nazareth, SPG planned to start its mission in Sawyerpuram and Idaiyangudi. The first settlement of persecuted Christians was made on land provided by **Sawyer**, a layman working for the East India Company. The village thus formed in 1814 was gratefully named after him as Sawyerpuram. The Christian settlers quickly organized themselves, and as early as in 1838 had built for themselves a small church and a school. After Sawyer, **Dr. G.U.Pope's** efforts were equally directed to the extension of the Church. He established in 1844 the renowned "Sawyerpuram Seminary". It is significant that Dr. Pope's Seminary blossomed into a College and is affiliated to the University of Madras in 1880. He was also a Tamil patron, who translated Tirukural and Tiruvachagam.

Sawyerpuram was also the venue of the SPG's first experiment in "Medical Evangelism". From the small beginning of a clinic set up in 1854, there sprang up St. Raphael's Hospital which became increasingly popular during the famine in 1877.

It was in Sawyerpuram that Krishnapillai, a Tamil teacher appointed by Rev. Robert Caldwell, first encountered Christianity through his friends and was eventually baptised as **Henry Alfred Krishnapillai**. Later in 1875, he was appointed as a Tamil pundit at Church Missionary Society (CMS) college at Tirunelveli. His Christian hymns are still popular among Tamil Protestants. He is sometimes referred to as "**Christian Kamban**" for his work on Tamil Christian literature.

Next to Sawyerpuram, SPG focussed on Idaiyangudi (the shepherd's dwelling) in the extreme south of Tirunelveli district. The village had earlier come under the influence Schwatz disciples (SPCK). It was during this time that **Rev. Robert Caldwell** was sent to labour, to gather up the fragments that remained and restore what was lost. He was fascinated by the name of the place, for it meant the dwelling of a shepherd and felt "that it was a very appropriate name for the residence of a missionary pastor.

Staying at Idaiyaugudi for more than 42 years, he established more than 50 congregations. He established Elementary Schools and also Immanuel Hospital. In 1844 Caldwell married **Eliza**, daughter of the seniormost London Missionary of society (LMS) missionary Charles Mault in Nagerkoil. She started a Girls' Boarding School in Idaiyangudi through which many girls from neighbouring villages got educated. She used education as a tool to change the attitude of girls about themselves. Eliza Caldwell started lace-making classes for the girls of the villages. It was intended to make them stand on their own legs by earning through lace making. The Holy Trinity Church, built under Caldwell's personal supervision and even with his own labour during a period of 33 years, was consecrated by him after he became Assistant Bishop of Tirunelveli in 1880.

In June 2000, the Dravidian Linguistic Association conducted an All India Conference and the local congregation instituted "**Bishop Caldwell Research Centre**" for religious, linguistic and historical studies. The Bishop Caldwell Bungalow has been declared by the Tirunelveli Diocese as a Monumental Building for Dr. Caldwell Research Studies and Library. His passing away brought to an end the age of the mission, by merging of the two fields of CMS and SPG into a single Bishopric in 1896.

These missionaries obeyed the command from God, came to Tirunelveli districts with a mission to spread the gospel and did their job fruitfully. Surely they will be rewarded for their good work on the day of our Lord. The fruits of these missions are present throughout the globe bearing witness to our Lord Jesus Christ.

# Prayer Diary

Compiled by Mrs. Anne F Sangeeth

## SUNDAY:

### ANTIGUA & BARBUDA: KEY FACTS

Antigua & Barbuda is a twin-island nation lying between the Caribbean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean. It consists of two major inhabited islands, Antigua and Barbuda, and a number of smaller islands. The people of Antigua & Barbuda enjoy more than 90% literacy. Family and religion play an important role in their lives. 74% of the population are Christians, with the Anglican denomination being the largest, which is about 44%. Most attend religious services on Sunday, although there is a growing number of Seventh-day Adventists who observe the Sabbath on Saturday. Non-Christian religions practiced in the islands include Islam and Judaism. In July 2013, these islands were hit by tornadoes causing a lot of damage to the islands. There are no reports of loss of life or injury but many trees were uprooted and many vehicles and houses were damaged.

Ethnic groups: 91% Black, 4.4% Mixed, 1.7% White & 2.9% other.; Capital: St. John's ; Official Language: English; Current Population: 68,000; Government: Parliamentary democracy under constitutional monarchy.; Monarch: Elizabeth II; Governor-General: Dame Louise Lake-Tack; Prime Minister: Baldwin Spencer

1. Pray for the Christians in these islands that they may follow the correct doctrines and serve the Lord.
2. Pray for the economy of the country as it struggled with a large deficit due to the natural disasters as tourism is the major source of revenue.
3. Pray for the government and the leaders of the country.
4. Pray that the damage caused due to the tornadoes does not impact the citizens badly as there was a lot of property-damage.
5. Pray for the salvation of the twin islands.

## MONDAY:

- Praise God for the Annual Sports Day that took place without any hindrances.
- Pray for the church building fund and the chairs required for the services.
- Pray for the senior citizens of our church.
- Pray for the various committees of the church and the missions being supported.
- **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:

- Pray for our Pastor Rev. David Livingston & his family and praise God for the way He has protected them from an accident.
- Pray for the poor and needy of the church.
- Pray for the expecting moms and for the couples who are waiting for the blessing of kids.
- Pray for Bethel Shaale – for the children who come and for Mrs. Kamila Prabu & Mr. Sangeeth who conduct the classes
- Praise god for the annual family camp conducted in ECC in the end of July; Pray that the participants will be determined to adhere to their commitments
- **Bethel Nagar Area Fellowship & its members** (families of Pastor, Anand, Ebenezer, Kalyan, Prabhu, Publius, Rajkumar, Sharon, Vijay Prakash, Paul

Naveenraj, Uttam, Vivek, Sangeeth, Benjamin, Karuna Rajesh and David)

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

### **WEDNESDAY**

- Pray for the Irula outreach program in Hosur.
- Pray for the Whitfield outreach ministry.
- 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, Darwin Kiruba, Irwin, Jabez Yesudas, John Prashanth, Rajan Abraham, Sanjay Joel, Sheldon)
- **Priyankanagar Tamil AF & its members**( Families of Inbaraj, Karunamurthy, Nithya, Paneerselvam, Rueben Gandhi, Swamidas, Suresh)
- ITPL Area Fellowship & its members (Families of Anban, Clement, Darwin, Franklin Koilpillai, John Manoah, Ronald, Sheldon)

### **THURSDAY**

- Praise God for the WSCS' gathering in our church for a time of prayer.
- Pray for the safety of our country and our state, Karnataka.
- Pray for the corporate sector in Bangalore.
- **Hoodi Area fellowship & its members** (Frank Jeyakar, Ruth families of Arun, David Anand, David Jabez, Isaac Peterson, Kingsly Francis, Ranjan, Shibu, Tony, Vivek Bangera, Meryl Joseph, Franklin, Sheril)
- **Kodigehalli Tamil AF& its members:** Families of George, Jeyamma , Jashua Devadas)

### **FRIDAY**

- Pray for the victims of floods in Uttarakhand; pray that God would comfort the people who lost their dear ones and also pray that the funds released by the government should reach the victims.
- **Marathahalli Area Fellowship & its members** (Families of Ashok, Clement, Deo, Frank Santhosh, Himanshu, Praveen Paul, Sathiya, Selvin, Sundar, Vadivel, , Wilfred)
- **Bethel nagar Tamil AF & its members**( Durai, Justin S. Families of Pastor, Joseph, Huldah, Paul Durai, Vijay, Bernard, Das, Jonathan)

### **SATURDAY**

**Mission: CEF (Child Evangelism Fellowship)** Website: <http://www.cefonline.com/>

Child Evangelism Fellowship is a Bible centered, worldwide organization composed of born-again believers whose purpose is to evangelize boys and girls with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, disciple them in the Word of God and establish them in a Bible believing church for Christian living.

It has programs established in all 50 states of USA and 186 countries around the world, with 750 full-time workers in the USA and an estimated 40,000 volunteers in the USA and Canada and over 1200 missionaries overseas.

In India, Miss Catherine Reima, the first full-time missionary arrived as a first ray of hope in the summer of 1947 and started the ministry in India. At present, there are 32 branches with 110 Staff & 627 volunteers, involved in reaching the little ones with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. God is using CEF workers around this great country to share the gospel in a personal way with 2.5 lakh children each year.

**Some of the ministries of CEF are:**

5 – Day Club, Water melon Parties, Good News Clubs, Home Clubs, Camp Good News, Camp Good News (Children’s Camp)

**Trainings:**

CMI (Children’s Ministries Institute), TCE I & II (Teaching Children Effectively), IOT I & II , Instructors of Teachers), Super Seminars & Training Camps

**Please pray for:**

All the CEF Centres in India.

- The unreached parts of India, where CEF still has to launch the ministry.
- The "Focus on the Vision" that CEF Leaders, Directors and Staff need in the present changing world.
- The supporters and prayer partners of CEF India (India ministry is now indigenous for the past 25 years).
- The need of a Training Centre.
- More churches and their leaders would see the urgency of the importance in spiritual conversion in each child in the church and society.

## **Announcements from Pastor**

- A warm welcome to Wesley Tamil Choir, Chennai in the first week; The choir will perform in both Tamil and English Services on 4-Aug-13. The team sings in Indira nagar Methodist Church at 6 pm , the same day.
- On August 15, 2013 (Thursday) there will be a Flag Hoisting in the Church which will be followed by breakfast and prayer for the Country.
- The Sunday service will be organized by the Sunday school kids on 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2013, 7.00 am (Tamil) and 9.30 am (English).
- MYF outreach program organized by the Christian Education department will be held on 31<sup>st</sup> August, Saturday, 5 p.m.
- Baptism Classes are about to begin. Members are encouraged to enroll their names and encourage their children above 13 years of age.
- Telugu Fellowship gathers on all third Saturdays in the homes of members. Contact Bro. Anand MK (9742088088).

***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!**

# Our Mission Trip

- Ms. Ruth Christopher

It was a bright Sunday morning as we drove through the tiny village of Doddaganapalli near Hosur. We were there this time to be part of the Sunday Worship service. As we stepped into the small cozy church, we had many smiling faces to welcome us as we had been with them for the VBS in the month of May 2013.

As part of the service, we had Special Speakers, who are Missionaries with CEF Ministries. They shared God's love through a song and taught on how Jairus' daughter was brought to life by just the Word of Jesus. The children were so receptive to the Word as they keenly listened with expressions on their faces.



Something that charmed us most, was to meet the children again and recognizing them with their names and specific needs. We had met some new babes who were suffering from illness which was addressed by a few medical Missionaries from IEM.

Later that afternoon, we had a chance to travel to an IEM Boy's Home in Krishnagiri, where we met around 30 boys aged from 4 – 19 yrs. As we started with the session we sung a few songs with them then taught them a song, which goes like "God has a plan for my life", it was a really good starter for the cause of our trip to the boy's home and it was to provide a pep talk on Career guidance based on God's word, His will and plan.

While there, we recognized a boy, Manjunath who was from the village of Doddaganapalli who was part of the VBS. They were taught basic hygiene and



this little boy showed great enthusiasm as he learned from God's Word, as a VBS student. But something was different about him this time and his VBS teacher sure did notice the change in him, he was from this village which had nothing to do with cleanliness. They never washed clothes, brushed their teeth, never

wore footwear, they were people who always looked shabby. This same boy had become so neat, clean and presentable and guess what, little Manjunath has an aim in life to become a Collector. It sure was a transformation in his life. It doesn't matter whether children are in the wild or home, in the streets or school, it just helps us to understand and rejoice that God has a plan for each one of them and our responsibility is to carry the good news about God and His plan for their lives.

# Bethel News round up

## A time of Prayer (WSCS)

The womenfolk of BMC gathered for a time of prayer in our church on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2013, Saturday, 2-4 pm. The session started with a prayer, time of praise & worship and then moving into prayer time where they prayed for our pastor and family, all the members of the church, all the committees, all events, kids, teens, young couples, older people, for the missions and for the various needs of our church. Message was shared by Mrs. Ponrani Gandhi Selwyn, "The Qualities of Lydia" in the Bible. Everyone was blessed by her message and the sharing of her practical experiences.

## Annual Sports Meet '2013

The annual sports meet of BMC that was held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2013, Sunday at SEA school campus was another memorable one. The event was well organized by MYF. The day was fun filled and packed with so many interesting events.

Right from toddlers to senior citizens, there were many activities for everyone. Apart from running race, lemon and spoon, frog jump, slow walking, picking choco, volley ball, walking race there were few other exciting games such as eating competition and saree folding competition for men. Meanwhile the kids were enjoying their favorite designs painted in their hands by Mrs. Jemimah Franklin and team. Following all the activities, the event ended with a healthy and sumptuous lunch.

## A glimpse into BMC Sunday School

The Sunday School of BMC is an important mission that is well coordinated by Mrs. Giftlin and her team. It is held every Sunday between 8:15 to 9:30 am. There are nearly 60 kids, 8 regular teachers, 3 backup teachers and 3 volunteers who are part of this mission. The session starts with a prayer and then moving into a common session which is handled by adult members and special guests who teach them new songs, Bible stories through skits and visual modes. Then the children go into separate classes according to their age where they are taught their weekly lessons. Please ensure that your child attends every Sunday class

## Inters class of Sunday school

The inter class of our Sunday school is headed by Mrs. Angelin Isaac. There are about 9 kids in the class. They are at present studying about the "**Different characteristics of God's love**". Apart from regular sessions, they also had an external speaker, Mrs. Priyanka who added more light to the topic.

# Family Camp Report

- Ms. Ruth Christopher

While the city did hustle and bustle, here was a quiet little corner of the city that remained peaceful and welcoming to God's people. The gathering of the BMC family began towards the fag end of Friday evening. As the families walked in, the sound of praises to God inaugurated the camp; later Bro. Sam K John shared the word of God. And that brought us to the end of day 1.

As the sun just peeked through the cloudy skies and as the morning bells rang, everyone stepped out with a bright smile, as the fresh air delighted the faces. We started out with a sing along time then ventured into the next session to discover true worship and the true worshipper. We affirmed our learning by unraveling the history of 4 famous and well sung hymns (*All hail the power, It is well, Amazing Grace, What a friend*). We also grew a deeper understanding of the situations that birthed the song from the writer's life. The end of the session brought us to a meaningful worship phase as we sang with fervor "What a friend we have in Jesus".

Later the same day we continued with sessions which were handled by Bro. Philip Cherian & Bro. Sam K John. They together dealt with weaving our life with the intricate specifics from God's word. Towards the close of the day, we had a talent night, a time which included performances such as singing, skit, and mime, from families, friends, teens, kids and individuals.



The dawn of Sunday, we gathered for the Worship Service in the Chapel and Bro. Philip Cherian brought God's word to us during the service. The walk through the day was of a sweeter experience, as we learnt more from the Word of God. We had a moment to capture the entire BMC family and then moved into a recap session where the children from the CRAZY kids' zone took the stage and enacted a skit with a theme giving God the importance. Also the kids engaged the gathering with the songs and other programs that they learnt for the two days.

The Teens had a wonderful time at the BMC annual camp. The sessions that were separately organised for them was very meaningful. The sessions were relevant and interactive. The first day, Sam K John took the sessions on who God is, Who we are and what it means to trust Him. The second day, the sessions were handled by Philip Cherian and His team. The topics they handled were: how to deal with bullies, being courageous for the Lord and dealing with anger. It was a time great time of learning

and understanding for the BMC Teens.

The kids' session was handled by Uncle Sam and Uncle Victor from Scripture Union. The kids' called themselves the CRAZY kids, echoing the theme of C-Cheerful, R-Ready, A-Adventure, Z-Zeal and Y- Young. They had fun learning from God's word and also had a time of singing, story time and activities. Their afternoons were spent on adventure trips where the children learnt and understood the creation of God in and around them.

While the kids enjoyed, the teens did too. They had some in-depth life explaining topics. The adults did spend time with God's Word and some of the key areas where Bro. Cherian focused our attention were:

A pressing thought or a question more often, just taken for granted, "Are you born again?"; Following Jesus by doing exactly the way Jesus wants us to do because brilliant are those who align their lives with God's plan and purpose for time will prove the same. Purpose of life as a follower of Jesus is to love the Lord greater than the service you render for Him (Deut. 10:6, Micah6:8). Decision making is where faith plays a vital role. A decision made rules out all the other options, which saves time and paves way to: SUCCESS - becoming what God wants us to be by accepting God's goal for our life. SIGNIFICANCE - focusing on what is remembered for eternity - I Cor 3: 13, 14. FULFILLMENT - discovering our uniqueness in Christ and using our gifts to edify others to glorify God.

Bro. Sam K John handled sessions on Mary & Martha from Luke 10:38-41 which explained that worry and distraction need not be part of life when God is with us. An element of the Don'ts for a Christian is asking God to attend to our wrong priorities. The grace of God in the life of Jonah by using him in His ministry I Tim 1:12-17 and that's where Jonah realized that He needs to fall prostrate before the grace of God.

Let each and every thought that we heard echo through the mind of ours, as we stepped out with decisions to live a pleasing life to God.

**Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly**, as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, singing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. - Colossians 3:16



## Bible Studies - Aug 2013

	Date	Study Topic	Study leader	Venus / Dept.
<b>Youth fellowship(MVF)</b> Mentor: Franklin Koilpillai & Jeminah Koilpillai	3 <sup>rd</sup> August Sat 5:30pm	Falling in love is right or wrong?	Group Discussion	BMC (Dept.: MVF)
	10 <sup>th</sup> August Sat 5:30pm	Are Non-Christians better than Christian in terms of attitude?	Group Discussion	
	17 <sup>th</sup> August Sat 5:30pm	How to know the will of God?	Group Discussion	
	24 <sup>th</sup> August Sat 5:30pm	Why we are not able to love everybody equally?	Group Discussion	
<b>Teens fellowship</b> Mentor: Jabez Yesudas & Merjula Jabez	31 <sup>st</sup> August Sat 5:30pm	Going to theatre right or wrong?	Group Discussion	BMC (Dept.: CE)
	4 <sup>th</sup> August Sun 8:30-9:25am	Why the world is evil? Can we do something about it?	Franklin Koilpillai	
	11 <sup>th</sup> August Sun 8:30-9:25am	General Session	Athee joe	
	18 <sup>th</sup> August Sun 8:30-9:25am	World view	Clement	
<b>Young Couples Fellowship</b> Mentor: Athee,joe & Jenita	25 <sup>th</sup> August Sun 8:30-9:25am	Teens activity	Jabez Yesudas	BMC (Dept.: CE)
	25 <sup>th</sup> August Sunday 8:45am-9:30am	God's plan for missions as a Family	Athee joe	
<b>WSCS monthly fellowship(Angeline)</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> August Sunday 11:30am	TBD		BMC (Dept.: WSCS)
<b>Telegu Area fellowship</b> Marathahalli (co. ord.: Selvin) ITPL (9980014729) Co.ord.:Jabez Yesudas Whitefield(9731944666) co. ord.: Irwin 9448852570 Bethel nagar (9632388 200) Co ord: Publius K.R. Puram (9886799785) (Co ord: Joyanth) Hoodi(9845919468) Co. ord.: Joyce Arun	17 <sup>th</sup> August Sat 6:30pm	Need or Blessing - Part 2	Arand MK	Jeevan's house
	10 <sup>th</sup> August Sat 5:30 pm	Advance of the Kingdom	Edith	Himanshu's House
	24 <sup>th</sup> August Sat 5:30 pm	Attitudes of the Kingdom	Wilfred	Dhinakan's House
	23 <sup>rd</sup> August Friday 8:00pm	Group discussion on Good News	Ronald, John, Giffilin and Ashok	Franklin Koilpillai's House
	10 <sup>th</sup> August Sat 6:00pm	Character of God	Mr. Rajan Abraham	Sanjay's house
	24 <sup>th</sup> August Sat 6:00pm	Character of God	Irwin	Irwin's house
	3 <sup>rd</sup> August Sat 6:00pm	The Sermon on the mount	Rajkumar	Benjamin's House
	24 <sup>th</sup> August Sat 6:00pm	The Temptation of Jesus	Rajkumar	Uttam's House
	10 <sup>th</sup> August Sat 7:00pm	God's plan of salvation-Faith	Joseph	Swaroop's House
	24 <sup>th</sup> August Sat 7:00pm	God's plan of salvation-Repentance	Joseph	Athee joe's House
16 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2013	Self Esteem - Chapter 3	Shibu Joseph	Shibu's House	Isaac's House
23 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2013	Self Esteem - Chapter 4	Angelin Isaac	Angelin Isaac	

## Regular & Special Programs - Aug, Sep & Oct - 2013

Programs -	Program	Date	In charge	Venue	Department
Regular Programs	Down Service (Communion)	1 <sup>st</sup> August Thursday 6:00am-7:00am	Pastor	BMC	Pastor
	Monthly Fasting Prayer	2 <sup>nd</sup> August Friday 7:30pm	Pastor	BMC	Prayer Dept.
	Women prayer meet	3 <sup>rd</sup> August Sat 2:00pm-4:00pm	Angelin Isaac	BMC	W/SCS
	Contemporary Worship Service	All Sundays 6:30pm-7:30 pm	Isaac Peterson	BMC	Pastor
	BMC Sunday School	All Sundays 8:15am-9:25 am	Giffilin Clement	BMC	Sunday School
Regular	Hoodi Kannada Sunday school	All Sundays at 2.00 pm	Gracy	Gracy's house	Sunday school
	Whitefield Kannada Sunday School	All Sundays at 4:00 pm	Giffilin Clement	Mala's house	Missions
	Worship practice	All Saturdays 6:30 am - 8.30 am	John Manoah	BMC	Music & Multimedia
	Independence day-Flag hoisting & prayer	15 <sup>th</sup> August Thursday 7:30 am	Sathy a	BMC	Lay Activities
	Sunday School Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup> August Sun (7:00am & 9.30am service)	Giffilin Clement	BMC	Sunday School
Special Programs	MYF outreach program	31 <sup>st</sup> August Saturday 5:00 pm	Franklin.K	BMC	CE Dept.
	Christmas choir practice starts	7 <sup>th</sup> Sept Sat 6:00 pm	Isaac Peterson	BMC	Music & Multimedia
	Quarterly quiz (Q2) - Matthew	21 <sup>st</sup> Sept Sat 6:00 pm	Rajkumar	BMC	CE Dept.
	Mission Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept Sun (7:00am & 9:30am service)	Athee Joe	BMC	Missions Dept.
	Sunday school retreat	2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct Wed 9:30am-3:30am	Giffilin Clement	BMC	Sunday school dept.
Oct 2013	Harvest Festival (English)	6 <sup>th</sup> Oct Sun 11:30am	Sathy a	BMC	Lay activities
	Youth Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup> Oct Sun 7 & 9:30am services	Franklin.K	BMC	MYF

## Whitefield Outreach - Aug 2013 (Co-ord. Athee Joe, Sunday School, Giffilin)

Date	Message by	Leading help	Venue
4 <sup>th</sup> August Sun 5:00pm - 6:00pm	Ashok Doddanna		
11 <sup>th</sup> August Sun 5:00pm - 6:00pm	Rev. David Livingston	Clement, Franklin, Athee Joe	Mala's house
18 <sup>th</sup> August Sun 5:00pm - 6:00pm	Athee Joe		
25 <sup>th</sup> August Sun 5:00pm - 6:00pm	Jothi Sugirtharaj		

## Whitefield Kannada area fellowship - Aug 2013 (Co-ord. Ashok Dodanna)

Date & time	Study/leader	Venue
5 <sup>th</sup> August Fri 7 pm	Ashok Doddanna	Shalimi's house
19 <sup>th</sup> August Fri 7pm	Ashok Doddanna	Avinash's house

## Worship service at Doddaganapalli



## Sports Day at SEA School



# Pulpit Calendar

Theme: Godly Leadership



Date	Time	Speaker	Title
4-Aug-13	7:00 am (Tamil)	Pastor	Judges
	9:30 am (English)	Pastor	
11-Aug-13	7:00 am (Tamil)	Pastor	Women Leader
	9:30 am (English)	Pastor	
18-Aug-13	7:00 am (Tamil)	Mr Eugene, SU	Child Leader
	9:30 am (English)	Mr Christopher, CEF	
25-Aug-13	7:00 am (Tamil)	Rev. Stanley Jeyaseelan	Kings
	9:30 am (English)	Pastor	

Every Sunday - Sunday School at 8:15 AM

Every Sunday - Contemporary Worship Service in English at 6.00 PM

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