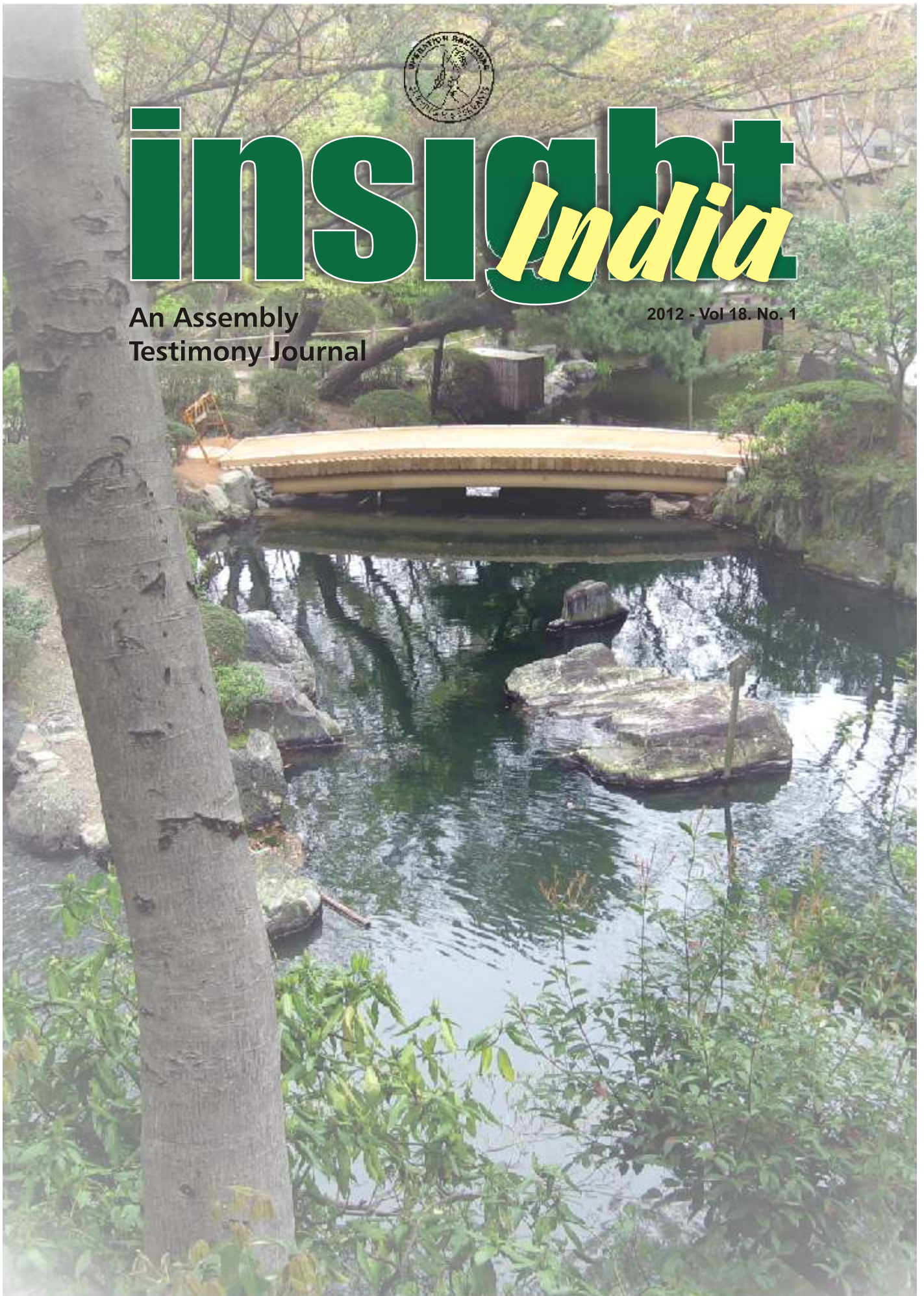




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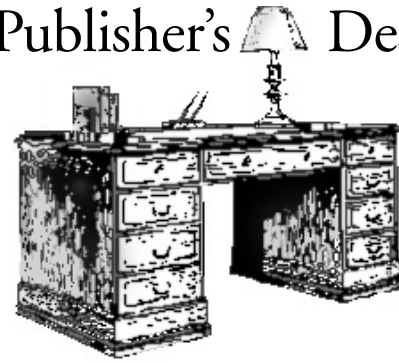
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A contemporary Brethren publication in Malayalam published a list of 'rich evangelists' in India which they claim to have quoted from an unknown source. Since the authors of that list were not willing to identify themselves and want to remain anonymous one should doubt the intentions. If some are rich who made them rich? If some are poor who are responsible for their poverty? This is a scenario no reasonable 'Brethren' can deny. The authors of that list - some 'loving youths from a corner' as they have named themselves - are they not also responsible for this scenario? The 'loving youth' seem to have lost all love for God and His servants rather have come to love something else.

The authors of the above mentioned list suggests that those evangelists become rich through their visits abroad and are pulpit preachers. True it may be, it also is a clear indictment of our faulty pattern of giving for the Lord's work. With my own experience I can honestly and boldly say that, Indian brethren abroad as well as the elite in Kerala has a tendency of overloading the famous pulpit preachers with gifts during their visits and viewing through eyes filled with contempt the ordinary, less known evangelists, who are not pulpit preachers. This attitude has greatly saddened the hearts of many brethren. So it is not surprising that some of them become 'rich'. Our brethren must understand that it is not the pulpit preachers who are mainly instrumental in evangelism and planting Churches in the most difficult and remote parts of India, but it is the poor unknown, unheard, uncared for evangelists. They are the ones who suffer for the Gospel. The role of the pulpit preachers is different and they do not have any sufferings. They only need to take care of their own family and do not have the burden of the ministerial needs such as helping the needy believers, building assembly halls, paying for the evangelistic materials, transportation etc.. But for some reason we the "Brethren" tend to think that pulpit preachers are a special kingly breed and the other laboring evangelists are the untouchable "shudras". Jesus spoke of

...from the Publisher's Desk



considering the least in Matt. 25:40 and that is what pleases Him the most.

If the 'Youth from a corner' are genuinely concerned about the 'poor', they should be providing opportunities for them to come out in public and make themselves known rather than advising others to cut off the support to the 'rich'. Our large convention venues are good place for that. Missionary prayer meet-ings and other special events must be organized for this purpose. Conferences conducted outside India by Indian brethren should make it a point to encourage and provide ample opportunity for the 'poor' visiting evangelists. Will the youth come out of the corner and take up the responsibility to do that?

We have no right to question or condemn any if the Lord gives them more wealth than some others; they are accountable to the Lord. However we need to honor and fulfill our obligations to the preachers and teacher of the word of God. It is a matter of fact that some of the evangelists listed in the 'rich' list give out a considerable portion of their wealth to other less privileged evangelists and some others are still struggling to survive. Let us not discriminate any one on the basis of their mode of ministry and financial status. But those who are not in the ministry too are responsible and are accountable for the use of the funds and wealth entrusted with them. Let us be 'good and faithful' in our stewardship.

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"Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good."

GENESIS 1:31

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Kashmir Christians Warned

The latest issue (Vol. 9, Issue 5) of the wide-circulation magazine Tehelka contains an interview with the Grand Mufti of Kashmir in which he talks openly about the Sharia Court’s directive against Christians. Several Christians were arrested by the government at the insistence of the Sharia court, and this would only continue it seems. They want to expunge all Christian activities and Christian schools in Kashmir, as per his statements. All Muslim-converts to Christians have been warned to return to Islam or face the consequence.

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Iranian Jailed for 2 Years

A Christian convert arrested in July 2011 has been sentenced to two years in prison by Tehran’s Revolutionary Court. She was charged with anti-Islamic propaganda, deceiving citizens by formation of what is called a house church, insulting sacred figures and action against national security”. She already endured 5 months in solitary confinement in Iran’s notorious Evin prison before the order for two-year imprisonment came.

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Christian in Pakistan Denied Bail

A judge has denied bail to a young Christian man charged with desecrating the Quran under Pakistan’s blasphemy laws despite the lack of evidence against him. Police arrested 23-year-old Khuram Masih on Dec. 5 after his Muslim landlord alleged that he burned pages of the book to prepare tea. Masih said he was falsely accused because he and his landlord had had an argument, and



police could not find any incriminating evidence, but a judge refused to grant him bail on grounds that the case was “very sensitive, and bail to the accused would fan religious sentiments and cause a great mishap.”

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Father/Son Removed from Bible

Three major Christian organizations have decided to remove the words Father and Son from new Arabic Bible versions because these terms are offensive to Muslims. Wycliffe Bible Translators, Summer Institute of Linguistics and Frontiers. In many places they have decided to replace Father with Allah, and Son with Lord or Messiah. A strong opposition is brewing in the Christian community because most people (including many translators) see this as motivated by a desire to be politically right and not due to strictly linguistic reasons. Christian leaders, missionaries, Bible translators and pastors have started a public petition to implore that the organizations stop producing such translations.

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Muslims Attack Christians

A mob of more than 3,000 Muslims looted and torched Coptic-owned homes and shops in Alexandria. The violence began after a rumour spread that a Coptic man had an allegedly intimate photo of a Muslim woman on his cell phone; he

surrendered to the police for his protection, but the mob stormed his house, the houses of his neighbors and a number of nearby businesses.

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‘Courageous’ Hits No. 1

The church-made film “Courageous,” which follows the story of four police officers as they strive to become better fathers, surprised critics once again by becoming the No. 1-selling DVD in USA for the week ending Jan. 22. Made by Sherwood Baptist Church in Albany, Ga., for a budget of just \$1 million, “Courageous” surpassed DVD sales of several movies with much larger budgets, including “Ides of March,” “Abduction” and “Moneyball.” In addition to grossing \$34.3 million in theaters, it was the top-grossing film in the box office its opening weekend and was No. 1 in per-theater average. Each film made by Sherwood Baptist - including “Fireproof” (2008) & “Facing the Giants” (2006) - has grossed more than its predecessor, an indication that Christians can make an impact in media.

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China’s Underground Churches

2011 saw the greatest number of human-rights violations in China since the Tiananmen Square protests of 1989, but some persecution watchdog groups say 2012 might be even worse. According to experts, the government will probably not do anything too drastic or obvious; occasional house church raids and removal of leaders one by one seem to be the preferred techniques to avoid drawing too much atten-

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A Christian Without God?

The Scripture in Psalms 14:1 says that “The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.”

I quoted the above verse because of late I keep bumping into people who proudly wish to claim that they are Christians, but with one qualification: they accept neither the Bible nor the God of the Bible. This is definitely a strange kind of Christianity, perhaps a sign of the deceptiveness that fills our outlook and attitude in this generation.

People were generally more honest till a generation ago. If they did not believe in the Bible they clearly said they were not Christians, and if they did not believe in God they honestly accepted that they were atheists. They were honest even if they were not religious or spiritual.

Dishonest in spiritual matters is a new development, and is a sign of the prevailing moral relativism. They are dishonest because they wish to have a good identity that goes with being a Christian when they are among Christians. At the same time, they do not want anything that is Christian in nature (such as belief in the Bible and in God) because they love anarchy more than God.

Witnessing to such a generation is much more difficult than witnessing to those who clearly identify their position. On the other hand, these people seem to agree with many things, but deep in their hearts they do not accept the fundamentals of Christian faith.

I have found that one of the best methods to make these people identify their position is to simply affirm the doctrines of Trinity, inerrancy, infallibility, and the scientific accuracy of the Bible. The moment it is done, they flare up and it becomes easy for us to identify their core beliefs. Once that happens, it becomes easier to talk to them because they have already confessed who they are. **It**


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The Editor Invites Comments

ABC of Godliness

Devotional Studies in Psalm 119

-By Stewart McNaught (former missionary to India)



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Introduction

This psalm is the “A.B.C.” that every believer should seek to learn. Verse eleven says, “Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee.” So this psalm becomes the fundamental teaching on “Godliness.” Looking again at verse nine, we have this then confirmed for us. “Where withal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed there to according to thy word,” It must not be limited to young men, it is a word for all, young or old male or female. Spurgeon’s saying is still true, “The Bible will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from the Bible.” Dear reader, does the Bible do its work in your life? It does work effectively in all who believe.

The theme of the psalm is of course, the Word of God. Every verse except two verses has some reference to the Bible. Those verses are 122 and 132. There are ten synonyms used here to the Word or the Bible. They are law, word, judgments, commandment, statute, truth or word, precept, testimony, way and righteousness. In each section most of them are found. They are distinctive terms that reveal to us the many sidedness of the Bible.

Chapter 1

Appreciation of Godliness – Vss 1-8

These first eight verses introduce the whole psalm to the reader for meditation. Seven of the ten words, used for the word of God are found in this section and the writer’s heart desire for the law of the Lord is expressed. There are two main sections to consider in these eight verses. The first four may be looked at under the thought of the “Affirmation of the faith”. Verses five to eight then express the psalmist’s “Aspiration for Fulfillment”.

The Affirmation of the Faith

“Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.” Faith in God and in the Lord Jesus

Christ is a real and present experience. Too often, is our idea of bless postponed until the sweet bye and bye. God’s purpose is that His people should be happy here and now. Blessedness or happiness is not an accident, it is the product of a disciplined and devoted walk. The Psalm begins with affirmation that those who walk in the law of the Lord are happy. The Hebrew word for blessed or happy is found in the name Asher, Genesis 30: 13, when Leah said, “I am happy” and she called her son, Asher. The verbal form of this word in two other interesting verses in the old Testament. Proverb 9:6, says “proceed in the way of understanding.” It could be translated, “happy yourself in the way of understanding.” Again in Isaiah 1:7 we have the words, “seek justice or judgment.” ‘Seek’ could also be translated, ‘happy’. In English there is not a verb form of the word ‘happy’ and so we often miss the meaning.

There are more than fifty references in the Old Testament to this word ‘Asher’ and when we collate them we find indeed that true blessedness in life is not an accident but an achievement. All Christians must learn to walk in the way of the Lord and as they walk they are really happy.

Happiness is the fruit of learning. Seven times in this psalm the writer prays, “Teach me thy statutes”. Those who long after holiness must be willing to be taught and pray that God will teach them His ways.

Happiness is not just a theoretical knowledge of the word of God. It is the product of living or walking on the narrow way and so again in the psalm the thought of walking in the law of the lord is repeated over and over again as is seen in the first verse, “who walk in the law of the Lord.” Get your concordance out and list all the references walk and walking in psalm and ask the Lord to open your eyes and find something of this blessedness.

Finally Happiness comes from Leaning up on the Lord, Proverbs 3:5. “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding.” We may

learn the word of God and we may endeavor to live in His way, but there must also be foundation of trust. We must lean on the Lord and then we shall find that we are truly happy. Happiness or blessedness is the product of learning the Scriptures, living by their precepts and leaning up on the promises of God. This produces the godliness that Christians desire and that God requires for fellowship with Him.

“The undefiled in the way”. Solomon, in his prayer at the dedication of the Temple, said, “there is no man who does not sin.” We all know that if we say that we have not sinned we lie and the truth is not in us. This can too readily become an excuse to sin and often the permission to sin. We say, “we are only human and have the usual human failings,” and so we overlook the little sins and forget that the Spirit of God tells us not to sin. The undefiled are those who are upright and who walk straight and so they do no iniquity. God made man upright and the Spirit of God enables believers to walk upright and so it should be the desire of every Christian to live without sinning. Then we will be able to appreciate the truth, “If we sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one.” Sin always spoils our fellowship with God and ruins our happiness.

The secret then for walking upright is found in the heart of the attitude of the Christian. Those whose ways are blameless are those who seek God with the whole heart. This word is another of the psalmist’s favorite expressions, and is worth our personal study. When we begin to analyze this expression we find three ideas suggested by the “whole heart”.

1. It is an undivided heart. In Psalm 86:11, David prays, “Unite my heart to fear Thy name,” and this is a prayer all Christians should make every day. We think of the young rich ruler who came to the Lord Jesus Christ seeking for eternal life. His heart was divided and his present possessions were of greater value than his eternal happiness. May God help us all to seek Him with a whole heart.
2. It is an undeviating heart. A heart that cannot be distracted or turned aside. When Elisha sent Gehazi to put his staff on the face of the dead son of the Shunamite woman, he said to him don’t be delayed or turned aside in the way. We are all too easily turned out of the way. If we are going to seek God with a whole heart then the way of the Lord must be our priority.

3. It is also an undeceived heart. We can be sincerely wrong and sincerity is no guarantee that we are not mistaken. In the New Testament the Lord gives us a very strong warning, “See that no one misleads you, or deceives you.” At the end of this present age, we are again warned that God will send a strong delusion into the world and if it were possible it would deceive even the elect. The heart that is seeking God must be a heart that is being filled with the Word of God, it is the Scriptures alone with the Holy Spirit’s guidance that will keep us from being deceived.

“Though hast ordained Thy precepts, that we should keep them diligently.” When God created man in His own image, He gave to man some remarkable gifts. One of those gifts is the imagination and man’s imagination is often the source of very fruitful endeavor. Many of our very useful appliances today were derived from the imagination and application of man’s reasoning faculties. When sin found its way into this world, it soon tampered with the imagination and man’s thoughts were evil continually. God did not leave man without direction and so His commandments became the basis for rational and reasonable society. The psalm reminds us then that true blessedness is only realized when God’s commandments are kept diligently. We do not keep the commandments in order to be saved, because salvation is by grace and is apart from any works of man. But God’s commandments are for the Christian who is walking in the way of the Lord. They should be known by every believer and by the help of the Holy Spirit they should be kept diligently.

Diligence is one of the characteristics of Christian life. Nothing should be done halfheartedly, rather every effort of the heart, mind and will should be directed to doing the will of God. The meaning is best expressed in the words of Deuteronomy 6:5, “you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.” There is no place for slackness in the Christian pursuit of godliness. The standards have been set very high and our aim must be equally high, we must all set our affections on things above.

The last four verses of this section show us the real need of our soul and we may well pray, “Oh that my ways may be established to keep thy statutes.”

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The *Writing* on the Wall



-Analysis

-By Dr. Johnson C. Philip

India is the largest democracy in the world, and freedom to profess one's faith is part of the Constitution. It seems that every Christian knows this much, but no more. Most of them are not aware of the way in which individual laws have placed a large number of restrictions. Nor are they aware that our own misuse of the privileges might have contributed to most of it. I must narrate some incidents to set the background to this article.

The other day I heard about a Christian worker who was jailed for three years because he pasted posters of a Christian convention over some other notice that was already there on the wall.

In Kerala many of our assemblies have run into problems when over-zealous young people pasted posters of assembly-based conventions over other notices on the wall. In Eraviperoor (Kerala) this became a serious problem some times and only well-connected mediators could salvage the situation.

Another incident happened in the Kottayam region when a well-known temple allowed our people to organize a convention in its vicinity. They provided all facilities including passage to our people. However, on the very first day of the convention one of the speakers spoke against people of other religions. This very much aggravated the temple authorities who immediately withdrew all facilities offered.

I live in a University area where there are a number of churches. One of them makes so much noise, blasting the sounds of their worship-meeting into all directions using ultra-powerful loudspeakers, that the noise was painful even when we used to pass in our car through the vicinity of that church. Finally the neighbours went to court, which promptly found the church guilty of trespassing current sound-pollution laws in India. What is the result, the church today is not able to use any kind of sound system whatsoever.

The latest news comes again from Kerala, as reported by a daily newspaper *Malayala Manorama*. According to it, the High Court in Kerala has ruled that believers

need to seek permission from the Police before they hold prayer meetings in their house that also uses sound systems. People need to comply with the sound-pollution rules in our country.

People immediately raise objection that these rules are flouted by temples and mosques. Whether they do so or not is beside the point because what others allegedly do is no excuse for Christians to break the law of the land. The law of the land now stipulates clear restrictions over sound pollution.

Let me relate another example of our own disobedience that I know firsthand. We camped at a site close to Aleppy (Kerala) a few years ago for a week long gospel campaign. The brethren would share the gospel house to house during day, and would hold a gospel meeting at night. The sound system was very powerful, and I asked everyone to use it only at a moderate volume because people in this rural area tended to go to bed at 8PM while our meeting continued till 8:30 or 9. I would be absent in night meeting.

On the fourth or fifth day they told me that the previous night the coil of the loud speaker burnt out, so loud was the voice in which they played it. Please remember, the sound system was already too powerful and it should not have been used at full volume. And even if it were used at full volume, a burnout would occur only if a current ten times the normal went through it. Imagine the noise pollution and nuisance they were creating. They were not inviting the rural folk to Christ, but rather they were chasing them away by being a nuisance at the time the village-folk were in their beds after a day of hard work in the fields. Trespassing the laws is an offense in addition to that.

We cannot preach the gospel and we cannot be witnesses in the society by breaking laws. It does not matter if others break the law. What is important is that we are bound to live by the law. However, we have frequently taken these things casually, and today we are reaping the fruit. Christians need to take a hard look at their erring ways before the rest of the doors are legally closed.

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Interdenominationalism



— doctrine

— By Dr. Johnson C. Philip

We live in an era where people tend to scoff at distinctions and distinctives. Distinctives automatically lead to separation in matters in which a person or movement is distinctive, and this is anathema to many. The ultimate reason is Moral Relativism, the prevailing outlook that moral/ethical values are relative.

Instead of viewing things in absolute terms, this philosophy encourages people to think in terms of relatives. For them even sexual differences are anathema and they encourage the same types of clothing, hairstyling, and mannerisms. Men are encouraged to be feminine and women are encouraged to smoke, curse, and get into unsafe and dangerous jobs that were once the preserve of men. What many people fail to understand is that this role-reversal and merging of seemingly trivial things is only preparation for a state where the one-world religion of Nirmord will take over.

Separation is a command that came right in the Garden of Eden when God asked man not to eat the

fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Immediately that Tree became an object separate from everything else from the garden, and man was asked to keep away from it all his life. Similar commands for distinction and separation are repeated many times in the Scripture. Israelites were given strict instruction not to behave like gentiles and not to mingle with them or marry them the way they mingled with God's children.

In the Tabernacle people were forbidden from touching a number of things and even from seeing the Ark of the Covenant and the Mercy Seat. People were totally forbidden from making the perfumes used in the Tabernacle. So much so that anyone who prepared anything similar to it had to face capital punishment. There is a reason why God takes such a strong stand about separation.

In God's kingdom that which is sacred is not to be profaned and that which is profane is not to be elevated to the level of the sacred. God is not man. **Li**

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News

tion, said Liang Jinglu, a human rights defender in China. One Communist leader reiterated recently that the government's stance "forbidding members from believing in religion has been consistent and has not changed an iota." **Li**

Muslim Father Arrested

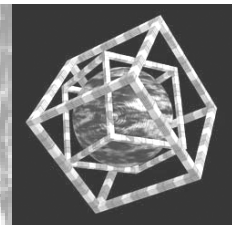
Somali Islamists arrested a Muslim father in January after two of his teenage sons converted to Christianity late last year. The radical Islamic group al Shabaab accused him of "failing to raise his sons as good Muslims". The Islamists have reportedly refused to release Aw-Omar until his sons return home, which is unlikely since leaving Islam is a crime punishable by death in Somalia. Islamic extremists have killed many Christian converts in Somalia, but this is the first

confirmed case of a parent being arrested for the conversion of children. **Li**

Christian Library in Your Hand

Bible League International and the Digital Bible Society are partnering to create thumbnail-sized chips containing an entire seminary library and distribute them to Christians in countries where possessing unapproved religious materials can result in punishment or death, such as Saudi Arabia and China. "It's like a miniature Christian bookstore," said Robert Frank, global CEO of Bible League International. Each chip includes a library's worth of multiple versions of the Bible, Bible commentaries, Bible studies, Christian books, movies and worship music, and leaves no traces on the computer of its use. They are available in Arabic, Farsi, Mandarin and other languages in areas where Christians are persecuted. **Li**

Supporting LORD'S the WORK



-issues

By Roy T Daniel

Much has been said about this very topic by many from different walks of life. The disparity and discontentment in this area is so great. Though Indian Assemblies has a history of over 125 years it still has to look to others for help. We have failed in teaching the believers about the important doctrine of giving and introducing the pattern of Apostle Paul.

Migrant believers from Kerala to the American continent and the Gulf play a greater part in supporting the Assembly work in India. We should be appreciative of their love and interest for the gospel work in their mother land. I certainly believe that it is the plan of God. The recession and job situation in many countries have badly affected the gospel work in India. On the other hand, sighting the economic growth in India some of the foreign supporters have cut off their support to India. They failed to understand the fact that the Indian assemblies, except for few in big cities, still remain very poor as we have always concentrated our evangelistic efforts among the poor. Though the nation has become richer the assemblies do not essentially benefit from the so called economical growth, as the benefit of the nation's wealth is restricted only to a few rich people in the cities. Unlike most other missions and ministries, we the 'Brethren' worldwide, are not involved in any kind of fund raising. Our ministries solely depend on the free will contributions of believers who are concerned.

Now the evangelists are classified as 'rich' and 'poor' by the 'loving youths from a corner' (see publisher's note). Let us take the case of 'poor evangelists;' those who actually suffer for the gospel. There are nearly two thousand commended workers in India. Only a ten percentage of them go to overseas for any reason and can be counted in the 'rich' list. Another thirty percent are proficient in communication and make their needs known to the potential donors abroad. This also includes several those who claim that they do not make any requests for funds. These

two categories of 'evangelists' get sufficient funds for their family and ministry needs. Not many are bothered about the rest sixty percent.

In our system the evangelist is not getting any separate funds for his ministry. Unlike the pulpit preachers, an ordinary evangelist is constrained to invest a good portion of whatever little he receives in to the ministry. So he finds it very difficult to make both ends meet and often go starving. He cannot educate his children properly, he cannot have good medical help in time of need, he cannot have a proper house to live, cannot have proper cloths to wear, his children never receive a birthday gift, and they cannot have a proper meeting place for worship! The list goes on... Who are responsible for this disparity and who shall volunteer to meet these basic needs of an evangelist? Value of property or rent in many small cities in North India exceeds that of Bangalore. So the living cost is high rocketing. It was easy for the 'Loving brethren from a corner' to come up with a list of rich evangelists and make an open appeal not to support them, but will they be interested in compiling a list of needy evangelists and their needs and prove their love.

I am speaking mostly about local (native) workers in many states. Karnataka is the most neglected states of all and most of the donors do not know that there is a state called Karnataka. All the donors designate their funds to North India. Karnataka being in the south suffer the most. It is known as the 'North India of South India' as far as the gospel is concerned. Most of the local workers do not have any support. It is a sad fact that Kannada brethren have not learned their responsibility in supporting their workers.

Another wrong notion is that all Kerala assemblies are rich and they do not need any support from outside. It may be true about the central Kerala. But the assemblies in Idukki, Palakkad, Malapuram, Wayanad districts and north of Trivandrum are established

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EVANGELISTS

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Nooranad is a place between Adoor and Kayamkulam. For the last two years I have been laboring here with the aim of establishing an assembly gathering. I hail from a Hindu family and now I am in fellowship with Vettiyar Brethren Assembly. God willing I would be shifting to Nooranad by June.

There are some believing families. The evangelists from neighboring assemblies are helping me in the ministry. Please pray for the ministry here. **fi**

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Johny Joseph, Hajipur, Bihar

The ministry at Hajipur is going on well. During 2010 Lord enabled us to start a new assembly testimony at Pothahi which is 36 km away from Hajipur. Outreach work and assembly activities are carried out regularly. In November 2011, 3 new believers obeyed the Lord's command and were added to the fellowship. We need your valuable prayers for the existence of the believers and for expansion of the Lord's work here.

One of our believers, Sis. Kanthi Devi (40 years) is suffering from abdominal cancer. She has to undergo an immediate operation but due to financial inability she is not able to do that. She needs urgent help and please pray for her recovery. **fi**

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By the grace of God and prayerful support of saints all over the world we could construct the assembly hall though some finishing work is still pending. During January we had special outreach programmes for 3 days in connection with the inauguration of the

assembly hall and also some believers were newly added to the fellowship.

In this district we have 5 assembly gatherings with about 200 believers in total and two local commended workers. Br. Bijay Here and Br. Peter Kuldeep are helping me in the ministry. They were very much helpful in establishing 3 assemblies. Please pray for the ministry and the workers here that the new believers may be established and the assemblies may grow. Also pray for the completion of the assembly hall. **fi**

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Sunilkumar, Jhajha, Jamalpur, Bihar

By the grace of God the assembly activities are going on well. We are trying to reach out to the whole area of Jhajha using bicycles. We have started Bible classes in Laxmipur which is 45 km away and at Sona which is 10 km away from Jhajha. There are good responses from the local people and about 40 people are regularly attending the Bible classes. A new assembly testimony has been started near the bus stand where 40 people are gathering for worship and 18 believers are partaking in the Lord's Table. Please pray for these ministries.

Br. Dilip is a local brother helping us in this ministry and is doing a good work. He has to look after his family with 3 children. A bicycle would be a great help in his ministry. Please pray that the Lord may use him and also provide for the needs of his family. **fi**

Sunilkumar, C/o Mr. Mohan Paswan, Qtr No. 415 B, PO Jhajha, Jamalpur-811308, Bihar.

Roshen Bagh, Bandhaguda, Odisha

By the grace of God the ministry and assembly activities are going on well. A new work has been started in a place called Majhiguda. Some of the

youths are very much interested to study the Word of God. Among them 4 people accepted Jesus Christ and obeyed the Lord’s command. Now these brothers are studying in a Bible College in Kerala. Please pray for them. The outreach work at

Mukhiguda area is jointly carried out by a group of 10 brothers. Bible study is conducted at 3 places.

Some people came to the saving knowledge. Please pray for these brothers and our ministry here. **If**

Roshem Bagh, Bandhaguda, kantagaon, Anchalgumma, Nowrangpur – 764069, Odisha.

K K Thankachan, Bhiwani, Haryana

By the grace of God an assembly gathering has been started from 1996 onwards. In the midst of oppositions and adversities the Lord is wonderfully leading us to continue the ministry here for the last 15 years. Now more than 45 believers from 15 families are gathering here for worship. We had a special meeting during December, 2011 led by Br. Alex Boaz from Allahabad, which was a great blessing for us. Br. Amith Sharma and his wife Teena from this assembly are studying in a Bible School. Please pray for them. Bhiwani is an alienated and undeveloped area. All the circumstances are unfavorable.

Please pray for us and the ministry here. **If**

*KK Thankachan, PB No.13, Bhiwani PO, Haryana-127021
Ph: 01664-251229; M: 09416523126*

ASSEMBLIES

Bethel Prayer House, Cooch Behar, West Bengal

We have great pleasure to commend Br. Ramen Roy for the Lord’s work from Bethel Prayer House, Cooch Behar. Br. Ramen Roy hails from a non Christian family and accepted the Lord in 1997. Ever since, he was in active fellowship with the local assembly here. He obeyed the Lord’s command in December, 1997. Having completed his secular studies he worked with Campus Crusade for Christ for few years. Then in 2007 he joined Gospel Training Centre, Perumbavoor for two years Bible Training Course. After finishing this he came back to his local assembly and actively engaged in all assembly activities and outreach ministries. In obedience to the call from the Lord he moved to Dhalpal, 40 km away from Cooch Behar and

started a new ministry there. He got married in 2010 and continuing the Lord’s work at Dhalpal. We are convinced of his calling and vision for ministry and prayerfully commit him into the hands of Lord for His ministry. Please pray for him and his ministry and extend all possible support to him. **If**

Ramen Roy, Bethel Prayer House, Village & PO Dhalpal, Via, Tufanganj, Cooch Behar, West Bengal-736159

For the assembly: Solomon T L, Tanmoy Shah

Brethren Assembly, Thazhakara, Mavelikara, Kerala

We are happy to introduce Br. Yesudas P C to the believers in general as a full time evangelist, who is now laboring for the Lord in Irpanar, Chhattisgarh. He hails from a Catholic family. He had his Bible training from GTC Perumbavoor and from Brethren Bible Institute, Pathanamthitta. He is married to sister Ansy and they are blessed with a daughter (Ailish). Having convinced of his calling we commit him into the caring hands of the Lord for full time ministry. Please extend your prayers and support to him as led by the Lord. **If**

Yesudas P.C., C/o. Thomas Joseph, Kurenar, Bande PO, Kanker, Chhattisgarh -494777.

For the assembly: P D Pappy, Dr. KC Johnson, Ninan K Easow.

Christian Brethren Assembly, Sandaiyur, Tamil Nadu

Br. P Alphonse is the pioneer worker in this village, commended from Shalem Brethren Assembly, Parassala. He has been serving the Lord here since 2003. It pleased the Lord to establish an assembly testimony here by the work of Br. Alphonse. Thirty-five people are gathering, out of which 20 believers are partaking in Lord’s Table.

Br. Alphonse, with his wife & 3 children is staying in a small rented house situated in an unhygienic place, even without the basic amenities of latrine & bathroom. Moreover there is heavy leakage in the roof and the side walls are cracked. It is totally unsecure to stay in this house. It is very difficult to get rented houses in this village. Having moved by the sight of this dilapidated condition, one brother Georgekutty from Ranny Assembly purchased 10 cents of land and gifted it to Br. Alphonse free of cost. We as an assembly have decided to build a house for him on this land. The estimated cost is Rs. 500000/- . We

have only Rs.45000/- in our hand and with the faith in the Lord the preliminary work has been started. We bring this genuine need before the saints for prayerful support. We have opened a joint A/c. in the name of Murugesan I.T & Alphonse P in State Bank of India, M. Suppulpuram Branch A/c No. 31867483923. Please pray for this need. **If**

*Alphonse P, Sandaiyur Post, Peraiyur, Madurai, Tamil Nadu. M: 09943917486.
For the assembly: G Devagahayam, T Murugesan.*

**Hebron Prayer House,
Chinnakottakuppam, Tamil Nadu**

The ministry here is going on well and there is a good assembly gathering in this place. Since 2008 onwards we have been gathering in a building with tar roof. Due to the rain & recent cyclone the roof & floor has been damaged beyond repair. As it is insecure to gather here we are planning to construct a concrete building and the estimated cost is Rs.9.78 lakhs. We bring our need before the Lord as well as to the saints for prayerful support as led by the Lord. We have opened a Bank A/c. in the name of “**Hebron Prayer House**” as follows: SB A/c No. 31980212883, State Bank of India, IFS Code: SBIN0010507; Please make your valuable contributions through this account. **If**

*Hebron Prayer House, Plot No. 28, 4th Cross, MGR Nagar, Chinnakottakuppam, Tamil Nadu-605104
Ph: 00-91-2237787.*

For the assembly: R S Sankar, Devakumar, Poongavanam.

Mundur, Brethren Assembly, Palakkad, Kerala

Br. V C Thomas started the ministry in Mundur in May 2011. He was commended for ministry from Perumpadavu Brethren Assembly. Br. Thomas continued the ministry here with the help of brethren from the neighbouring assemblies. Through continuous house visiting, some non Christian families came to the saving knowledge and expressed their willingness to obey the Lord’s Command. These believers were added to the fellowship on January 14th 2012 and on the very next day, assembly gathering has been started. Please uphold in your prayers this new assembly and the believers here. **If**

*Mundur Brethren Assembly, C/o. Thomas V C, Vadakkemuriyil House, Labour School, Ezhakkad PO, Palakkad, Kerala-678631.
Ph: 09446686997.*

**Shalom Christian Brethren Assembly,
Bandarjula, Chitwan Dist., Nepal**

It pleased the Lord to start an Assembly gathering here in 2004 by the work initiated by Br. Ramdrash Kumar from Bihar. Eighty believers are gathering for worship and 50 partake from the Lord’s Table. Saturday being a public holiday, worship meetings are held on Saturdays. Br. Ramdrash Kumar stays here on every weekend to conduct all the assembly activities and outreach work.

The village is in a very remote hilly place having a population of 4000 and 600 households. There is no facilities such as roads, electricity, hospital etc. Chitwan and Parsa districts are situated in forest area. The inhabitants here are under constant fear of wild animals such as Tigers, Elephants, Beers, and Snakes etc. in addition to the threat from frequent instances of wild fire and flood. Moreover people in this area are threatened and attacked by Maoists and dacoits. During 2010 Br. Ramdrash Kumar was brutally attacked by an anti Christian group but God delivered him wonderfully. We have two assembly testimonies in the villages Narkatiangang and Banderjhula. Please uphold in your prayers these places and the people here and for the establishment of the believers and churches in the midst of adversities and threats from natural calamities and anti social elements. Due to postal problems in Nepal, please note our Bihar address for communication:- **If**

*Ramdrash Kumar, C/o. Ravi Verma,
At An and Bagh, Narkatiangang PO, Dist. West Champaran, Bihar-845455*

*M: 09470224629;
email: ramdrash@yahoo.co.in / ramdrash@gmail.com
For Assembly: Ganga Ram Praja, Jagat Bahadur, Patan Praja, A.G. Priyar*

INSTITUTIONS

M E Cherian Memorial Building & Camp Centre

There is no need to tell much about the ministry of late M E Cherian of Madurai. The Bible School there had been a great encouragement for the local workers and has trained hundreds of evangelists. The property purchased by Bro. MEC in 1967 is now on the side of the National Highway No. 7 and is registered with

SAI. Now the former owner of that land is trying to encroach the vacant area in this property with political influence. So the Bible School Management Committee has decided to construct a building for the expansion of the Bible School and other ministries. This building will be named as M E Cherian Memorial Building & Camp Centre.

So the brethren are looking to God alone to help them in this venture for the glory of the Lord and for the expansion of His work in Tamil Nadu. If the Lord burdens your heart to support this work please make your valuable contributions to M E Cheriyan Memorial Trust, A/C No. 31586654693, State Bank of India, Arasarady Branch, IFS Code, SBIN0007482. **ii**

*For Madurai Bible School Management Committee:
C. Ramachandran, James Isaac, N R Nagendran, Jones Cherian
M: 09443038118. E-mail: jonescherian@india.com.*

YMEF Karnataka (Outreach programme at Bidar District)

The YMEF Karnataka has conducted several outreach programmes in Bidar since 2007. There is overwhelming response from the villagers towards gospel. Now we have launched a one year long outreach programme at Bidar starting from October, 2011. We welcome brethren with vision for ministry to participate in this programme. Those who are interested can come and participate with this ministry at your own convenience. We have rented a house for the accommodation of the team. Please pray for this ministry and support us with your financial assistance. **ii**

*KV Varghese, Secretary, YMEF, Kothala Anjaneya 2nd Street, Holalkere, Chithradurga, Karnataka-577526.
Ph: 09741929035; email varghesekv.1998@yahoo.in*

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Supporting the LORD’S WORK

among poor and are in dire needs. They do not have many connections with brethren aboard.

Building assembly halls is one of the most important needs in India today. Work cannot progress without a common place to gather. In many places it has been noticed that as soon as they got a place to gather the number of believers increased. One of the villages in Karnataka, the hall built three years ago cannot accommodate all believers now and are very much in need of a bigger place! I can give a list of minimum one hundred assemblies which are waiting to be helped to build a hall. Some of the funds going to the “rich” (*if you call them so*) can be channeled to this very needy cause. It cannot happen unless the giving habit and distribution system are streamlined. We, Operation Barnabas, do not project any particular ministry or evangelist lest we would be considered partial or prejudicial.

There is no scarcity of funds. But the problem is with the system of distribution. Some of the assemblies in the Indian cities are very rich and the giving habit of the younger generation in those assemblies is very commendable. Also there are enough and more funds coming from brethren overseas. But what we need is a system like we see in 2.Cor.8 & 9. Most of the funds are going to very few selected workers and ministries who succeed in propagating themselves. Funds sent to different agencies are also mostly designated to

such. It looks like only the ‘crying baby gets milk’. As a result of this sort of a treatment by our brethren, some major projects supported from brethren overseas remain as white elephants.

Remember that, there are hundreds of workers who cannot go to USA or Gulf and not even write a letter to communicate their needs to others. Their only contacts are few starving saints in their own local assembly, who instead of supporting the evangelists, look to the evangelist for their help. There are others who willfully refuse to make their needs known to others as a matter of policy and faith. How will they be supported if someone does not take a deliberate attempt to know them and support them? The teaching that the Lord knows them and will sufficiently provide for their needs is a lame excuse of the unconcerned, who are not willing to help. The Lord always works through concerned people. Apostle Paul was concerned about the needs of the suffering brethren in Jerusalem. He did not just close his doors and pray. He did not insist that distribution of funds should only be through local churches. Why the “Brethren” who insist on ‘New Testament patterns’ turn a blind eye to this very important pattern described in 2.Cor.8? Have we become prejudiced in forming doctrines, and selective in accepting patterns and practices? Will the ‘loving youth’ leave their ‘corners’ and come out in the light to consider their own giving pattern? **ii**



The state of Bihar has a population of 82878796. Majority of the people are Hindus with a sizable minority population of Muslims and Christians. In 1950 it was the third richest states in India but has become one of the poorest states now. The strong caste system among the Hindus has separated the people and became a strong barrier to development. There are 30 different tribal groups in this state which amounts to 40 percent of the population. Bihar is traditionally known as the graveyard of Missionaries. Many organizations and missions have started their work here but could not see much progress. Many of the early missionaries died of various reasons. Two of the assembly evangelists from South India also died in Bihar. But God gave fruit for the persistent hard labor of some of our workers and 31 assemblies have been established. Out of the 44 evangelists 31 are local people, of these most of them came to the Lord through the ministry of brethren from Kerala. Bihar is divided in to 38 districts and we have work only in 20 districts. Pray that the Lord of harvest may send forth labors to the field. North Bihar is one of the least evangelized mega populations in the world.

Abhay K R Mandal & Kunti Devi

Chandni (18), Suraj (15), Dhiraj (12)

At the age of 27 I happened to read a tract and through that came to know the Lord. Joined in fellowship at Jamalpur assembly where I had my early Bible lessons. While reading the Bible for my personal studies the Lord spoke to me and called me to His ministry. Jamalpur assembly commended me in the year 2000 and came to Lakhisarai to begin a new ministry. In 2001 the Lord helped us to begin an assembly testimony. Twenty-five believers are in fellowship now. We have started work in seven villages. Several other brothers in this area also help in outreach work in these villages. Pray that the Lord may save many from these villages and good testimonies may be established.



Bethel Prayer House, Lakhisarai PO & Md, Bihar-811311. M: 09934766471.

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Ashok Kumar & Poonam Devi

Preen Jith (15), Karune (13), Jothi (11), Viswasjith (9), Atulya (2)

While I was working in Assam one Panjabi brother shared the gospel with me and I accepted the Lord as my Savior in 1982. In 2005 I came to Motipur and began to go to the assembly and was received in to fellowship there. As I learned the New Testament principles and the Word of



God I had a burden for preaching the gospel. I put that matter to the Lord in prayer and in 2007 I heard His call clearly and came into His ministry. The assembly also recognized my calling and commended me. Still continuing with the same assembly and are involved in outreach activities in different places. I am praying about moving to a new place. Pray that the Lord may guide to a place of His choice.

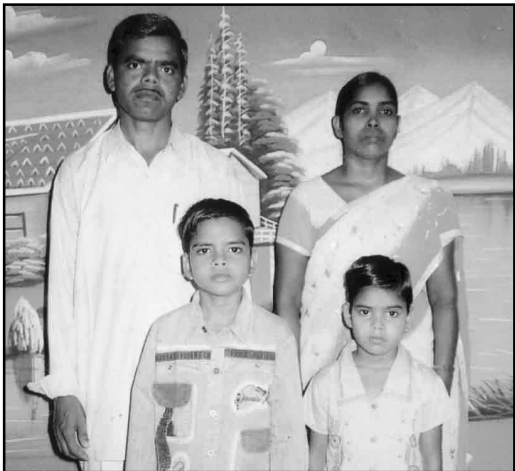
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Rehoboth Mission School, Baruraj Road, Mothipur PO, Muzaffarpur, Bihar-843111. M: 09162009839.

Binod Kumar & Kavitha

Ruth (6), Rufas (10)

I came to know the Lord while working in Ludhiana in 1999 and was received into fellowship with the believers in Ludhiana assembly. Later on went to Rajasthan Bible School. While in Bible school the call for the ministry came clear to me and was led to my own place. Commended by Ludhiana assembly in 2008 I went to Forbesganj and started a new



work where the Lord helped to form an assembly testimony in the following year. Nine new believers are gathering there. Another ministry was started in Birthnagar in Nepal where 23 believers are gathering. Over 60 children are coming regularly for the children's ministry. Pray that the blessing of the Lord may be up on these ministries and more souls may be saved.

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C/o Mr. Biswanath Mahto, Central Bank of India, Forbesganj PO, Araria, Bihar-85431; M: 9304320699.

Krishnakumar Sharma & Sheela

Sweety (19), Abhishek (13), Arpit (13)

Once I went to a Church and heard the gospel. The Lord convinced me about my sin and I accepted the Lord as my savior. This was at the age of thirty at



Musafferpur. Then with my baptism an assembly was started in my village Pakridayal. I had a desire to learn the Word and with the encouragement of the elders I joined the Bible school in Rajasthan. In 1993 the Lord called me for full time ministry. In 2006 I went to Mothihar to start a new work. The Lord brought souls and an assembly was started in the following year. There are eight new believers now. Outreach work is being done in three other villages also. With the help of other brethren in this area we work as a team. Pray that the Lord may bring more souls to the saving knowledge and the believers may be strengthened. Pray also for my wife who is suffering with Osteoporosis.

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Refuge, Behind Sports Club, Chhattauni, Mothihari PO, East Champaran, Bihar-845401. M: 09905495733

Laloo Prasad Bhagat & Geeta

Stephen 10, Stanly 7, Stelvin 5

I came to the Lord at the age of 20 through an evangelist. Then joined with the brethren at Jamalpur assembly for fellowship. As I grew in my spiritual life and knowledge of the word of God I got a burden to serve the Lord and spread the gospel. The assembly also encouraged me and sent me for a short term Bible school. After the Bible school training, in 1996 I started working with the same assembly. In the following year the Bethel Brethren assembly in Jamalpur commended me. During that time the Lord gave me a burden to go to a new field. So in 1999 went to Haveli Kharagpur and started a new work. The Lord blessed the ministry and an assembly testimony was started in the following year. Twenty-five believers are in fellowship now. I am also going to other

villages in this area for outreach. Pray that the Lord may help us to establish assemblies in other villages also and the new believers may be established in their faith and doctrine.



Pray also for my wife as she is suffering with heart ailments and is under treatment. We also need a proper place of gathering in this village. **fi**

Santtola Village, H Kharagpur PO, Minger, Bihar- 811213. M: 08002883430

Munilal Ram & Devanti

Grace (6), Joshua (5)

Came to know the Lord through Bro. Digvijay Ram at the age of 21 and joined in fellowship at Pakridayal assembly. As I matured in my Christian life and studied the Word I realized the need for preaching the Gospel. As I waited up on the Lord to know His mind I was convinced of His call and the Pakridayal assembly commended me in 1999 and continued with the same assembly till 2004. Then the Lord lead me to Sheqhar

district to start a new work. By the grace of the Lord an assembly testimony was established there in 2007. Outreach work such as house visiting and children's work are going on. Pray that the Lord may add more souls to His church and strengthen the new believers. It is an area where much Naxal revolutionaries are active. It also raises concern for safety. **fi**

*Bible Study Home, Sheqhar Dist.,
North Bihar, East Champaran, Bihar-843329.
M: 09801212167.*

Niranjan K Paswan & Kiren

Joel (1)

One day I was invited to a church where I heard the gospel and accepted the Lord. Then I joined the assembly at Janalpur. Having the desire to study the Bible I joined a Bible College. After the Bible College training took up a job with the Railways. But the Lord called me for His service and in obedience to His call left the job and came to Nawagarhito in 2008 where some work is going on since 2005. The Lord enabled us to begin an assembly in the same year. Now 16 believers are in fellowship and many more are coming regularly and have professed faith. Bible studies are conducted in two different places. Children's ministry and team ministry are also going on. **fi**



*Bethel prayer house, Bhagat Chouki, Nawagarhi PO,
Munger, Bihar- 811211. M: 09801294693*

PRAYER

He was a Christian and he prayed. He asked for strength to do greater things, but he was given infirmity that he might do better things. He asked for power that he might have the praise of men: he was given weakness that he might feel the need of God.

task force_____

Ramdarash Kumar &Sumitha

Joel (8), Joy (5)

One of my uncles who is an evangelist shared the gospel with me and I accepted the Lord in 1994. Then began to attend Pakridayal assembly. Soon I was received in to fellowship there and was able to build up my spiritual life. I became interested in the Lord’s work and had a burden for sharing the gospel. So I joined a Bible school for further Bible training. While in Bible school the call of the Lord came clear to me and I dedicated my life to serve the Lord. After the Bible school I worked with Bro. K.C. Mathew for few years. In the year 2002 a new ministry was started in Narkatiaganj. An assembly testimony was started there in 2006 where 20 believers are gathering and 8 are in fellowship. Another work is going on among tribal people 35 KM away from Narkatianj where 15 believers are gathering on Sunday evenings. Weekly Bible classes are also being conducted in these two places. Another work was started in Nepal where 72 Nepaly believers are



gathering and out of which 40 are in fellowship. Since Saturday is the only weekly holiday in Nepal the worship meeting is conducted on Saturdays. Pray that the Lord may give increase and strengthen the new believers. **ii**

C/o Ravi Varma, Narkatiaganj PO, West Champaran, Bihar-845455. M: 09470224629.

Ravishankar Prasad & Rachna

Suraj (21), Karuna (17), Mary (15), Poulush (14)

I heard the gospel through an assembly evangelist in 1997 and accepted the Lord. Soon was received in to fellowship at Jamalpur assembly. Worked with YMEF team for a year and during that time the Lord convinced me of His call and surrendered my life to serve Him. Jamalpur assembly commended me in 1998. For two years worked with Jamalpur



assembly and later in 2000 went to Sultanganj. In 2003 an assembly testimony was established there and 20 believers are in fellowship now. Pray for the expansion of the ministry and for the growth of new believers.

My eldest son lost his sight at the age of one and he is doing his BEd course now. My daughter is suffering with a tumor in her chest and undergoing treatment for the past four years. We are also in need of an assembly hall. In the village set up we can complete a hall with Rs. 200000. Please pray. **ii**

Chotti Keshopur village, Dharahara Road, Jamalpur PO, Munger, Bihar- 811214. M: 09931615462.

Samson D’Cruz & Suja

Joel (7), Joyalin (3)

I was brought up in a family in assembly fellowship. Accepted the Lord as my saviour at the age of 19 and was in fellowship at Cheriyaathura assembly, Trivandrum. During a vacation I came to Bihar to spend some time with Bro. P.J. John. That experience really



changed my life and began to have a burden for the people in Bihar. But I did not wanted to be an evangelist. During my final year in college the Lord really convinced me of His

call to Bihar and I surrendered my life to serve Him I Bihar. Then joined a Bible college for further Bible training. After Bible College training came to Muzafferpur and worked with the team there for over two years. Later on the Lord lead me to Khagaria to start a new work in the year 2003. After two years of hard work an assembly testimony was started with three new believers. The Lord gave increase and 40 believers are in fellowship now. Two local brothers are serving with me and one is in a Bible school. Bible study meetings are going on in 4 different places. This is a law laying area and often have flood. We are in need of a place to gather and are looking for a suitable land. Pray that the Lord may give us His choice. **ii**

East of LIC, MG Road, Jayaprakash Nagar, Kahagaria, Bihar-851204. M: 09431287603.

Sanjay Ram & Babita

Ashish (8), Anish (6), Archana (3)

I came to the Lord through one of my neighbors at the age of 20. Soon I joined in fellowship with the believers at Pakridayal assembly. About ten years ago the Lord spoke to me clearly and called me to His service. So I surrendered my life to serve Him. For the first five years I served with my local assembly in Pakridayal. Then came to Bara Chakia to start a new work. Pakridayal assembly commended me in 2004. Now 25 believers are gathering here out of which 15 are in fellowship. I am participating in team work with other brethren in this area. Regular

assembly activities are going on. We are in need of a place of our own to gather. At the present situation it will cost around Rs. 13 lakhs. Please pray for this great need as well as for the growth of the assembly.



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Thakur Bhavan, Professor Colony, Bara Chakia PO, East Champaran, Bihar-845412.

Shambhu Kumar Sha & Soni

Suraj (14), Akash (9), Aman (2)

At the age of 18 I came to the Lord through Bro. P.J. John and was in fellowship with Jamalpur assembly. I had the privilege of studying in SBC Chennai. During that time the Lord spoke to me clearly and called me to His ministry. Commended by the Bagalpur assembly I



went to Pirpainti and started a new work there. The Lord was gracious to me and helped to begin an assembly testimony in 2008. Twelve believers are in fellowship now. I am also working in three other places. We are involved in Children's ministry and door to door work in villages. Also use films. Much prayer is needed for the work here.

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Brethren Prayer house, Shermari, Pirpainti PO, Bhagalpur, Bihar-813209. M: 09931972814.

Prayer Handbook 2012

It is nearly a year since we started working on the new Prayer Handbook. We expected it to be ready for distribution by December 2011. But unfortunately due to the lack of co-operation from the evangelists in furnishing the details has delayed it. When we finally started compiling the data available with us we found that over 300 evangelists in Kerala have not responded to our enquiry. Many in AP have send in more than two forms with difference in address and other details. Delhi is another state from which we have the least response. A good number of evangelists who have sent in their address have not furnished their photos. It has become too difficult for us to sort out all these problems and many more to come up with a reasonable and satisfactory product.

The lack of co-operation from our brethren is a great discouragement to us as we think of the amount of work many people put in to this project. This also has increased our work load and put us in to a great jeopardy. Thus there is a delay in its production. Now we are working on it and hope to have it ready within two months. We are sorry for this delay. We only hope and trust that our evangelists will show a better co-operation next time.

Those who are interested in having a copy of it should make your requests only after the next announcement of the availability of it. As usual evangelists who request will get a copy free of cost and all others should pay Rs. 150 per copy including postage. Requests from outside India will be entertained only after receiving the cost and postage required. Air mail for one copy would cost around Rs. 400. So please plan to buy in bulk.

Roy T. Daniel



***Believers in this Assembly in AP
rejoice and give thanks
to the Lord
for the provision of this
new facility
as they enter into it
for the first time.***