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WHEN BROTHERS LIVE IN UNITY

V P Poulouse

The Blessings and Testimony of Unity

When we say that, "Here are the brothers", it is a great testimony. An equal testimony can be seen in Jn 1:29. John says about Jesus, "Look the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world". In Num23:9, we see Balaam says, "I see people who live apart and do not consider themselves one of the nations". Others can gladly say testimony about those brothers who live in unity. Paul had hurt very badly when Chloe's people gave a bad report about the disunity in the Church of Corinth. Many children of God

still live with a wounded mind because of the disunity of God's children in the Churches. When it happens other gentiles will mock the Church and they will testify badly about the Church. Other gentiles will recognize us as the Disciples of Christ only when we love each other and live in unity.

In John 13:15 Jesus says, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another". How do others recognize us as God's children when we fight each other? Let us pray for the unity of our brothers so that others will say, 'Behold Brethren'.

Psalm 133 is concerned with the blessings of the unity of brethren. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" the psalmist wonders. Its beauty is compared to two things.

1. It is like the precious ointment upon the head of Aaron

It is running down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments. The fragrance of the Lord's name is compared to the ointment poured forth, in songs 1:3.

In Jn 12:3 we see the fragrance of the

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Y.M.E.F (SD)

Tamilnadu Campaign

Erode: We wish to inform the saints all over the world to give thanks to the Lord that the gospel campaign which took off in Tamilnadu is continuing by the grace of the Lord braving many difficulties and problems. Some even has started to doubt that this campaign had pulled off from the field because no reports was seen in the last few volumes of Suvisheshadhwani. We do not publish the report regularly because the pattern and style of work remains the same. We were forced to shift our residence from the first house because of the rude and unruly behaviour of the house owner. It was not easy to find a good accomodation for the bachelors. But the fervent prayers of the team was answered and we got a house in the vicinity of the town approximately 3 KM from the town. Now the team is staying in that house.

The evangelists of the local assemblies around Erode participates in this campaign. Brother J Babu, Karunakaran, Mohan and Amarsingh also partake in the great work of the great Master. Dear brothers Praveen, Prabhakar and Pauline drives the vehicle are all from Karnataka. Pauline went home on 26/01/09 because of the sickness of his wife who was in the hospital. Brother C M Varghese of Ezhupunna assembly and brother Ginu of Kasargod Punnakkunnu assembly left for their homes on 28th. Brother N Bhaskaran and brother Kuriakose of Marottichal joined the team on 21st along with brother A J Oommen, the Karnataka Co ordinator. Our dear brothers P T Abraham and George Samuel also joined the team for a couple of days.

Dear saints, mind that there are religious fanatics in Tamilnadu too. When me along with brother Karunakaran went the house of a wholesale businessman, a young woman with an infant came out and welcomed us with a smile and she spoke in beautiful English. But her next words were terrifying. "My husband is a religious fanatic. She told the name of the militant organisation in which he is an active member. We told her that we do not hate anybody and we love even her husband even if he is a religious fanatic. She looked around and it seemed that she was much frightened. Then she said "I used to go to Sunday School up to fifth standard. Many of my family members are Christians. I do not want you to be in any trouble and beaten up". When we heard this much we understood the seriousness of the situation and left to other homes. I have written this much to bring home one important factor to you. If we were in Karnataka in such a situation we could not have been able to enter a single home in the whole village. But here we continued the work. Our Lord is great. Please do pray continuously. We are enjoying the fruits of your incessant and fervent prayers of the past. The financial assistance given by the men of God deserves much gratitude.

A week before we were travelling through Charmrajnagar from where the team left for Tamilnadu. We still had an earnest desire to be back in Chamrajnagar after finishing the Campaign in Erode. If the communal

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Be Wise as Serpents and Harmless as Doves

George C Varghese

Personal Evangelism

Let us examine the mode of work of a college student who was interested in personal evangelism through the following illustration. One evening this young guy came out to the road to start his work. When he came to the road he saw a girl walking at a distance in quick steps. To reach this girl this young man walked very fast. When the girl realised that she was being followed by a young man in quick steps she took on her heels. Not losing a second our hero did the same. Finally she got in

to the car porch of her home. As she was trying to open the door with the keys which she took from her bag it fell down. In fear and anxiety this girl stood there breathlessly. Our young guy smiled and gave a tract to her and left the place. He was contented with the feeling that he was able to share gospel to a person who was destined for the hell.

When she visit patients We need a lot of grace when we meet the patients. Once a fellow brother went to visit a patient and said "You do look very serious." Another completed the

statement ... Friend I knew a person of the same disease but alas he passed away. Dear brothers our words be not like the words of our chief minister who went to console the parents of Sandeep Unnikrishanan who died valiantly. When he fought against the terrorists. 2Cor 1:4.

How can we witness our Lord in the midst of opposition

Lords Servant E Read has pointed out an interesting incident in his book Guidance from his local assembly. One of the Lords servants brother Eliaskar of their

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AS HE THINKS IN HIS HEART

Human heart is a fertile land for all evil. Satan influenced the thinking zone of human beings in the Garden of Eden. That is why the human beings cannot think only about the virtues. Any saint will draw his forehead when somebody ask him to write down all the bad thoughts that had passed through his mind in one week in a black board and display it at a public place. That is why it is said that we should control our thoughts when we are alone, anger in control when we are in our family and tongue in society.

However many of the people do not find to be serious with regard to the guarding of their mind. Many of them are a failure in keeping their thoughts holy and that is why they enter in to the grips of sin.

The 10th commandment, "Do not covet" is a prevention act in connection with the thoughts. And that is a serious command. That is why our Lord added the 6th and 7th commandments to the 10th and gave decree with regard to it, in the sermon of the mount. When David was walking in the terrace of his palace after getting up from his bed, he violated the 10th commandment at first. Then it led him to the violation of 7th & 8th and the consequences there of.

See what apostle James says about this in 1:14 "Each one is tempted when by his own evil desires". The conceiving of desires may not be seen at first. But when time passes the delivery of sin will become a must. The sin will fully grow and it will lead to death. This circle happens naturally. If we do not understand the peculiar nature of our mind and keep on going without forbidding evil thoughts, we will end up in utter failure and shame. We should learn how to uproot

this and grow in spirit. If not, it will lead to the destruction of many and bear bad fruits. When David understood his fall he cried out, "Create in me a pure heart, O Lord and renew a steadfast spirit within me". We should demolish arguments and every pretension that set itself up against the knowledge of God and we should take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. (2Cor 10:5).

This evil side of human mind causes many internal problems to believers. We will not paint water pipes in order to get pure water. That is why Paul emphasizes, when he writes to the Philippians about 8 truths; think about such things as these: - whatever is right, whatever is noble, whatever is truth, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable- if anything is excellent or praise worthy. (Phil 4:8). Then only we, believers can put all these things in practice and live a successful Christian life just like Paul. The seed of the evil will produce evil fruits. The wise Solomon also says "For as he thinks in his heart, so he is." (Pro23:7). That's why he instructs in Proverbs 4:23 "Guard your hearts above all".

Christ said that, "Nothing that goes in to human beings will make him impure, but what all things that come out of him, make him impure." So let us keep our mind and thoughts to be pure. Let us think only good about our brothers. Let us give up all evil calculations from our mind. Then we will be the part takers of the divine nature.

Samuel Thomas

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ointment which is poured on the feet of Jesus was filled in the house.

In Exodus 30:22-30 we see the composition of this precious ointment. Verse 32 says, "... neither shall you make any other like it; according to the way it is made. It is holy, and it shall be holy to you". This holy oil was unequal. Like that the fragrance of unity is also unequal. The family that lives in unity will spread the fragrance of Lord's name. The Church that stays in unity will reveal the glory of God in the land.

The fragrance of the unity that Naomi and Ruth kept in their relationship had spread from Moab to Bethlehem. The words of Boaz reveal this. Ruth 2:11 says, "And Boaz answered and said to her, It has been fully shown to me all that you have done to your mother-in-law since the death of your

husband, And you left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and have come to a people whom you did not know before now". In Ruth 4:1 we see how this fragrance of their relationship is enjoyed by their neighbors. On the contrary in Acts 7:9 we get the foul smell of disunity among brethren as it says, 'because the patriarchs were jealous of Joseph..'. Even after centuries have gone, Stephen testifies the disunity of Joseph and his brothers. Even now we learn same lessons from them. We see unity of churches in Jerusalem in Acts 4:32. But disunity can be observed on Corinthian Churches (1 Cor 1:11).

2. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mountains of Zion. It is beautiful and holy. Holiness is an

ornament of the Churches.

Psalms 93:5 says, "Your testimonies are very sure; holiness adorns your house O Lord forever." The church which stays holy can give a beautiful testimony in the land. Church members should keep themselves holy. The past generation could give such a testimony and it is enjoyable even today.

We see the following testimonies about the past generation.

1. They didn't use alcohol
2. They were not smokers
3. They kept away from impure things such as Cinema.
4. They kept themselves holy from bribery.
5. They used Sunday for worshipping the Lord.
6. They obeyed the laws and they helped poor or needy people.

This testimony was so good and attractive than the dew that falls on the mountains of Zion.

V P Poulouse

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Exodus 23:5. assembly was encouraged and sent to work among that Maoris settlement. When he started the work there opposition appeared in the form of a Catholic Priest used to go to every home and persuaded people to not to listen or believe what brother Eliaskar said. He even went to the extent of telling them that they should not allow him to their homes. But the plight of this priest which was seen by our dear brother was sad and pathetic. As he was on his way for house visits he saw the car of this priest in a ditch. The priest was trying to pull and push it out of the ditch. But his attempt was in vain. It is normal and natural on our side to say Praise the Lord and go ahead with a cryptic smile. We the believers usually do that. But brother Eliaskar was not like that. he brought in to practice what is written in the scripture

Exodus 23:5.

He immediately went in to action. His hard work gave fruits and the priest car was on the road again. From that day onwards this Catholic Priest was not against our brother instead he began the evangelisation of this brother. Our God can do wonders like this. He can remove enmity and bring in co operation even from the enemies.

Is a Serpent really clever?

Here I wish to present a frightening incident that took place in the early 1940s. An abominable and heinous action against Mahakavi K V Simon and his disciples took place in Thonnamala. An incident learned directly from a doctor who is now in the United States of America. The incident took place in 1945. Kurelaith is a small

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Y M E F NEWS

Y M E F South Division Gospel Camp

Chettikad (Alleppuzha): If it be the will of the Lord the Y M E F (SD) in association with the Kumbanadu Brethren Bible School and Alappuzha Center Y M E F is planning a gospel camp at Chettikad in Alleppy on the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th of February 2009. Kindly pray for the spiritual blessings of this ministry. **Bros Binu Samuel, George Chacko, Aby K George, P G James, Sajeev Varghese, Dr. K C Johnson** will be giving the messages in the night meetings. Those who financially support this ministry may kindly draw your DD or Cheque on YMEF (SD). **Catholic Syrian Bank Pathanamthitta and forward it to Brother George Samuel, Muttathu, Omalloor, Kerala.**

Gospel Meetings

Venue: **Kunnakurady, Date: 2009 February 5-8, Speakers: George Chacko and Sunny Thomas**

Assembly News

Alady (Idukki): Under the auspices of the Alady Brethren Assembly Bible Classes will be conducted on the basic doctrine. The series of classes will begin on 31st Saturday 2009. Brother Biju K Alady will take the classes.

In the Vineyard

Pallikuth: Brother Tijumon Chacko left his job and submitted himself for the work of the Lord. The assembly is happy to introduce him for the prayer of the saints. Address: Tijumon Chacko, Lahamannil House, Pallikuth P O, Chungathara, Nilambur, Malappuram 679 334

Chethackal: Brother George C Jacob is a member of the Chethackal Brethren Assembly. He who has come back from the assembly has submitted himself for the work of the Lord. We are happy to introduce him for the prayer of the saints. George C Jacob, Chekot House, Chethackal P O, Ranni.

Change of Address

The new address for communication for the Immanuel Brethren Assembly Vennikulam:- **Emmanuel Brethren Assembly, C/o C M Chacko, Thottiyil House, Valakuzhy P O, Vennikulam, 689544.**

Sathra (MP): The 69th Gospel penetration campaign will be held from February 10, 2009 to 12 at Marwa, Chattisgarh. Kindly pray for the ministry

V A Antony

Sisters Meeting

Kottarakkara: If it be the will of the Lord the next meeting of the Kottarakkara centre sisters meeting will be held on 14th Saturday at 10 AM

in the Thrikkanamangal South Assembly. All sisters are cordially welcomed for this meeting. Bible Quiz Rev 1-5.

Chinnamma Varghese 0474 2454181

Indian Evangelical Trust

Indian Evangelical Trust has completed thirty five years in service. The Trust was started in 1973. It collects money from the Brethren Assemblies, believers and organisations of our fold. The purpose for collecting this money is the distribution of it invariably among the evangelists to meet their day today needs. The Lord enables the Trust to do it.

Many assemblies and individuals help the evangelist on their own. But the Trust makes it sure that help should reach even the least known and popular evangelists who work very sincerely for their master. This is done by a group of godly people after much prayer. Moreover the account is being audited by authorized auditor and the account is open for inspection. We really thank all the assemblies and individuals who help the trust in the name of the Lord.

We have an important job in front of us. Evangelisation is facing big challenges today. The needs of the saints are on the increase in this unfavourable situations. If the assemblies and saints contribute more then we will be able to give too. Now we send contributions to 600 evangelists. Our source of income is none other than the small and big gifts from the saints. This is a work of faith. The prayerful support of the saints is inevitable. Let the Lord enable each and everyone to take a share in it.

Col. Alex Varghese

Gospel Outreach

Idukki: A few evangelists in Idukki have joined hands together for the distribution of tracts and open air at public places on 15, 16, 17 in December 2008. Brothers M K James, Antony Philip, P D Varghese, Rajan Mathew, Roy Paul, Biju Devassia and Aji Philip took part. Please pray for this ministry.

For Fervent Prayers

Brother K L Yohannan of the Punnapra Assembly was in the Aleppy Medical College for a month or even more. Finally a surgery was done on his ears and after that this brother who is handicapped because of the polio attack in the early childhood is taking rest at home. He is an ardent worker in Aleppy and also take part in the works of Y M E F.

On that Beautiful Shore

Naranganam : Brother N T Thomas (Babykutty 72) went to be with the Lord on 23/01/09. His body was buried on 25/01/09 under the auspices of the Pariyaram Brethren Assembly in the assembly's cemetery in the presence of large crowd. He was one of the founder members of the Bhilai Brethren Assembly and also was active in the Durg Assembly. The readers of Suvishesha Dhvani was praying for him in the past. So Suvisheshadhvani shares the sorrow of the family. Kindly pray for the bereaved family.

Steward Bible College Chennai

SBC's next session for the three year course leading to Bachelor of Theology (BTh) begins in the second week of June 2009. Men who are born again, Baptized, in fellowship with a local assembly and committed to the Lord's work may apply immediately. The medium of instruction being English, the candidates should have a working knowledge of English preferably with +2 or its equivalent. Filled in applications will be received till 30th April 2009. Write today for prospectus and application form to **Steward Bible College, 1Bethesda Centre, R V Nagar, Kodungaiyur P O, Chennai, 600118, Tamilnadu. Phone: 044 25550598/25550295**

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village near Kadamamthitta in Pathanamthitta. Night meetings were going on under the obvious leadership of brother K V Simon. Opposition against the brethren movement was very strong. One day a person who was against this meeting caught a venomous snake. He injured the middle part of it and laid it on the step of the school. His evil desire was that this snake should not run away and it should bite K V Simon and his followers. Dusk crawled in and darkness covered the whole area. It was the time when there was no electricity. Small lanterns were giving dim light inside the school. The man was watching



nearby. He saw men of God entering the hall and starting the meeting. As he stood with bewilderment something touched his foot and then bit him. He was rushed to the hospital for treatment but it failed. He lost his life because of the snake bite. 'The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him and delivers them' Psalms 34:7. On every side ... C S Spurgeon.

Dear ones do the snakes have wisdom? Do we have to do revenge against those who oppose God and His word. We are supposed to pray for them. Those who enjoy the divine leadership and its protection do not need any earthly leadership or protection like the confederation or of any-

thing like that. Once the Janatha Party which ruled India brought a religious bill in to the parliament under the leadership of O P Thyagi? Where are they now? Their bill of anti conversion and the government is seen no more. We are the living witnesses of these historical facts. Who can raise the voice against this Word of God.

Voltaire once cried out, "The Bible will be a dead book in hundred years. Voltaire is dead and gone. But his house has become one of the main centres of the Bible Society. An atheist named Ingersoll Saida the said once "He would have the Bible in morgue in 15 years. But Bible shines like

anything. No one could do anything to it yet no one can ever do anything to it. Great peace have those who love your law and nothing causes them to stumble Psalms 119:165. And we read in 1Peter 1:24 "Because all flesh is as grass and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers and its flower falls away". For scripture there is only scripture. Let us preach this true word and live accordingly like good and honest servants so that we will not be ashamed. Let us stand together and fight the good for our Lord. May the Lord enable us to do it.

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clashes would not have broken out in Orissa and Karnataka some assemblies in the New Testament pattern would have come up there by this time. We are praying for that place. Let the Lord of Lords help us. As long as we are in Tamilnadu we wish to join hands with the saints of the Brethren Assemblies there to go forward in this work. Our sole is the glory of our Lord through the extension of His kingdom. This is the aim of the YMEF (SD) and her workers.

Please continue to pray and those who wish to send contributions and gifts may kindly send it to the Treasurer. His Address: George Samuel, Muttathu House, Omalloor P O, Pathanamthitta 689647.

Golden Shinning Reflected Through the Fiery Tests of Sufferings

No one likes the term suffering or misery. But when we understand the beauty of the blessing hidden in it, then we will understand the glory of the Lord and give thanks to Him. Why do the righteous or the children of God has to bear sufferings? The sole means to understand the standard of faith of a christian is allowing him to pass through some fiery trials and sufferings. Moreover it is precious and it in turn will be for the glory and honour at the appearance of the Lord. It will open a path to another crown.

Once a Lord's servant stood up to minister the Word of God. He forgot the topic which he was expected to speak on that day. He began with the introduction but failed to remember the theme of the message. He felt like the three young jews who were thrown into the burning fire. He thought of speaking on the experience of those three youngmen. He was

not really prepared to speak on them on that day. But his message was under the guidance and control of the Holy Ghost. So it went deep in to the hearts of the audience.

A lady with lot of troubles and problems attended that meeting. Her husband was a cruel man. He did not like his wife's participation in the assembly. He told his wife like this "If you go to the church any more you will be burnt alive". Her requests to her husband to give permission to go to the church was in vain. But she went to the church though her husband did not like it. He was waiting for her at the door step in full rage. Since she listened the fiery sufferings of the young hebrews she returned home gladly with prayer and thanksgiving. When the husband saw the pleasant and smiling face of his wife he changed his decision. He came forward and embraced her lovingly and af-

fectionately and enquired her of the means of salvation. That house victoriously overcame the fiery trials to become a happy home. That message of that day was for this sister and her home.

Our trials and sufferings may sometimes lead others to repentance. We may not see or feel the ultimate end of our trials immediately. But later on it will take us to the springs of happiness. Then only we realize the unique greatness of the trials and the glory that follows. Then we will think the Lord for that. Thus like David we too can say that "It is good that I am in misery" Psalms 119:71. A person who commits himself in to the hands of the Lord can only utter these words. Since our Lord is with us let us shine like gold even in the midst of trials and miseries. Misery or suffering is the channel through which the strength of the Lord flows in to us.

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