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KOTTARAKARA CONVENTION CAME TO AN END V.P.Paulose

The Convention started on 12-01-09 and ended on 18-01-09 Sunday at 1 p.m. it was a great blessing. Children of God from Kottarakara, kollam and Punalur area gathered together and broke the bread. Bro: V.P.Paulose gave the Sunday message and the important points are given below.

We will not neglect the house of God (Neh 10:30)

In the book of Nehemiah chapter 10 verses 28 to 39 we see a group of people who turned to God with spiritual decisions. We can see 6 references in connection with the covenant. The sign of

the revival is to come back the covenant and live according to the

word of God. In the spiritual circle the action and elocution are considered as the revival.

In Nehemiah 9:26 we read that they denied the word, but in 10:28 we see their decision to come back to the word of God. For successful Christian life proper decisions has got an important roll. In the beginning of the New Year it is good time for good decisions. In verse 31 we see that they made an ordinance. The devil is always against making good decisions. In verse 32

to 39 we can see the decisions in connection with the temple of God. The two New Testament truths which the house of God shows are very important. In 1Cor3:16 and in 6; 19 we see our body as the temple of God. Our body is purchased by our Lord by giving His own precious blood. But the Corinthians lived by forgetting the important truth. Therefore the apostle asked them - "Do you not know that your bodies are the members of Christ?" (1Cor6:15). We are not supposed to use our body for unholy purposes.

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Be Wise as Serpents and Harmless as Doves

George C Varghese

"Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves; be ye therefore wise as serpents and harmless as doves" Matthew 10:16. We have already learned about the attacks against Christians which is the minority of the minorities through the newspapers and our publications. The attacks were so severe and cruel in Orissa which later had a spontaneous outbreak in Karnataka, Punjab and some other states. The Y M E F (SD) had to suspend its campaign in Karnataka

(which later they started in Tamilnadu) and the Y M E F (ND) suspended its campaign in Punjab. Because of the unanimous and fervent prayers of the Christians things have subsided and has come under control. But it could be like the ashes on some burning coal. So it is our responsibility to continue in limitless support and incessant and fervent prayers are required for these ministries.

What should be our reaction?

From the verse cited above, the Lord

giving guidelines to His disciples at the face of opposition and unfavourable situations. They have been sent into the midst of cruel and wicked men of the world like sheep in to a group of wolves. They should be clever and wise like snakes. They should not create any provocative situation. At the same time they should not be deceived by compromising with the prevailing conditions. They should be harmless as doves. Their armoury should be righteous behaviour

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Y M E F (ND) Trust Ministries

Follow up work in Punjab

Hope that everyone knows about the situation which forced us to suspend the Punjab Campaign which started in April 2007. The campaign has cancelled abruptly due to the communal clashes which broke out in Orissa. The public meetings which were conducted in the past by us has no opening in North India. Situation is too bad for that. Some fanatics recently attacked a group of workers working in the field. They caused damage to the vehicle also.

Since it is not easy to work in the public we wish to start a follow up work in districts where we shared the gospel earlier. Our aim is to teach in detail to those who are interested in gospel. With this purpose in mind we wish to start the campaign in Ludhiana of Punjab. The following brothers are expected to start their journey. C J Mathai, K I Kuriakose, Eldho Paul will start on 28th January 2009. Kindly pray that we may get enough workers for this follow up work. We thank all those who were praying and request you to continue to pray for this ministry.

Malabar Gospel Campaign

In December 2008, a group of evangelists worked in the Malabar region where less evangelisation is done. If it be the will of the Lord another group will concentrate in the Kasargod district in February 2009 for two months. The plan is to join hands with the evangelists of those places to go ahead with the programme of propagating gospel. Arrangements are in progress for this. Varghese Mathew, K P George, C E Roy, K D Johnson and Bijumaon are proposed to start this ministry. For the propagation of gospel to the nook and corners of Kasargod and for the spiritual edification of the assemblies there. We thank all those who prayed and supported this ministry. Kindly continue to pray for it

A D James Secretary

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.**

HOW TO FACE THE OPPOSITION TO THE GOSPEL

In India the opposition to the gospel is increasing. What had happened in Orissa is very painful. In Kandamal the situation was very bad. The reporters said that it will break the heart of any cruel man. But apart from some minor loss many of our halls and institutions were safe. It was only by the care of our God. Praise the Lord for that.

By this time many people thought about a confederation of Independent Assemblies, for the Brethren Assemblies union to react against such oppositions. It was heard that one brother had made an outline for this union with the help of a lawyer. It is a sad act from the younger generation. These youngsters are not aware of our previous church history. There were able children of God among us always for any memorandum. When the central government tried to introduce Christian Marriage Bill, a group of elders with Bro V. T. Mathai went to Delhi for protest. O.P. Thyagi brought a bill for anti conversion during the time of Desai. But that entire attempt went in vain. And God helped the Y M E F team to go to Bahrich in U P which was the place of O P Thyagi and preach gospel. The power of darkness can not stop the power of gospel. Making a confederation! Is it a remedy for the crisis? This idea is against the word of God. Opposition for the gospel is right from the first century. When Apostle Paul and John were warned what they did? Did they go to a lawyer? See Acts 4: 23-31. They asked for God's mercy to encourage them to speak the word. Let it be our prayer also. The Catholic Church has got the greatest power of confederation. They have their representation in Delhi also. Their ambassador can put influence on Indian

Government. But in Orissa the sisters suffered too much. How brutally they were raped? The world wide confederation did not help there. But we have to remember one thing that we serve a living and powerful God. The God of Daniel lives for us. Acts of Apostles explains the persecutions of the church and believers. Paul was jailed at its climax. But what did Paul do in the Roman prison? He received all who visited him with great joy and preached gospel. (Acts 28:29, 30). There is no prison for the word of God. The opposition in Orissa is not a new incident. In 1980 we faced very strong oppositions. But in the middle of that God worked and helped us wonderfully. The oppositions will increase. Some people are worried about our identity. But we have the identity as the Brethren. The Brethren are known every where in the world. The people are aware of our doctrines. In the beginning our forefathers never took any name. But we were known as the Brethren. We do not require any other identity. There is an open door for gospel in front of us. Our blessed lord has got the key of King David, and He can close and nobody can open it. In Rev 3:8 we read that "See I have set before an open door and no one can shut it". Many of the north Indian Villages is calling us. The Lord's servant V. Nagal sang like this - **Even if the Satan brings the whole army of this world, our heavenly father will smile at that and we will have the victory.** Dear children of God when the God who has got all the power on earth and heaven, why we are worried? Let us go forward with the banner of gospel. May our God help us.

E J Paily

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Those lived unholy life had paid heavily for that. In 2sam 11-18 we read the consequences of the lustful eye of King David. The same trap is used by many soap companies now a day for their advertisement. We see David's decision for his sanctification in Ps 101:2, 3 who suffered much for his sins. "I will walk within my house with a perfect heart, I will set nothing wicked before my eyes." Let us materialize a holy life in the New Year.

Another truth about the house of God is seen in 1 Thes3; 15. A local church is the house of the living God. The explanation of the book of Nehemiah is meaningful in connection with the church. The children of God said that we will not leave the house of God.

Previously they forsake the house of God. In 2 Chro 24:18 we read like this- "Therefore they left the house of God of their fathers. Leaving the house of God is a terrible sin. The prophet Haggai in his book chap 1 verse 4 asks like this "Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, and this temple lie in ruins?" I am afraid of myself, when we worship the Lord in the rotten assembly halls and spend lakhs of rupees to paint our mansions. The book of Haggai enlightens us. When they heard the word they repented. The leaders and the ordinary people were revived. They worked in the house of Lord (Hag1:14). Let the Lord stir up our mind. As our bride-groom as the pioneer, let us work for the local assembly.

1. Let us love the church as Christ loved the church (Eph5:25)

Those who love Christ can not forget the church which is loved by Christ. Those who ignore the church will be ignored by our bride-groom. Some gospel teams will not allow to speak about the church. They forget the basic principles of **church-planting** in the evangelical work (Acts2:47). Those who love the church will love the bride-groom and they will love the brothers (1Jn5:1). The testimony about the church of Jerusalem was a proclamation about the love and unity (Act4:32). Those who believed had one heart and one mind. The testimony about a disciple is the love and unity. (Jn13:35). Let us be very cautious about the satan who always tries to spoil the unity.

2. Let us present ourselves as Christ presented Himself. (Eph5:27)

When the church is in this world there is the possibility of spot and wrinkle. The spot of

the church of Ephesus was that she left her first love. The spiritual death was the wrinkle of the church of Sardis. A child of God who presents himself for the church can live without spot and wrinkle. Then he can restore others in the spirit of gentleness.

3. Let us comfort the church as Christ comforted

Our Lord nourishes and cherishes the church. Bro. Nagel sung that the Lord bears the weakness of the believers. Apostle Paul took this example at the church of Thessalonica. (1The2:8).

God has given spiritual gifts to all church members. These gifts are for common use. In 1Pet 4:10 we see that - "As each one has received a gift, minister it one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Let us do it with politeness and respects with the only aim of the glory of God. Those who follow the Lord will have successful church life. And they will be respected in the heaven. "To him who over comes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with my Father on His throne. (Rev3:21). God punished those who ignored the house of God. The prophet Haggai repeatedly said, "Consider your ways" (1:5, 7. 2:15, 18.). There are crisis everywhere in the world for jobs. The reason behind this is because the children of God gave more importance for it than God. Let us examine ourselves and come back to the house of God and re-dedicate ourselves. Let the New Year be a good start with repentance.

Y M E F News

Pathanamthitta: The general body meeting of the Pathanamthitta centre Y M E F was held on January 11, 2009 in the Gospel Hall Pathanamthitta. The meeting was presided over by Jose Philip the centre President. The meeting evaluated the previous years outreaches and also discussed the future work that has to be arranged in this year. If the Lord tarries His coming election of Office bearers for the year 2009-2011 also was held. The following persons are elected. President - Jose Philip, Vice President - Monachen Abraham, Secretary - M S Babu, Joint Secretary - T J Abraham and Treasurer - James Konni

M S Babu Secretary

SBS News

The monthly prayer meeting under the auspices of the SBS General will be held on 30-1-09 at 5.30 PM in the residence of Brother Samuel John, Kowadiar. All SBS workers are requested to attend this prayer meeting. For SBS General Prayer Co Ordinator - C M Chacko. For more information **Samuel John 09447023003**

Monthly Meeting and Monthly Outreach

By the grace of the Lord the monthly meeting and monthly outreach of the month of January was conducted under the auspices of the Thalikundu Brethren Assembly. Forty Eight brothers took part in the ministry. Outreach was conducted in the Perukuzhy area and open air meetings were conducted in six places. Gospel meetings were conducted on three evenings.

God willing the work in the month of Febuary will be conducted from 10-14 in co-operation with Mattapuram Brethren Assembly. In 2008 Mini Camps were conducted in all months. We specially thank all those who continually prayed, supported and took part in this ministry

K C Simon Thessery

Womens Bible Camp

Kumbanadu: If it be the will of the Lord a women's camp will be conducted under the responsibility of the Kumpanadu Centre Sisters Meeting from 30 March 3PM to 4 April 1PM at the Kumpanadu Brethren Bible School. Young Women from age 12 can take part in this camp. Those who wish to take part may reach this Assembly Hall at 2PM, March 30, 2009.

For more details please call 9447009618

Nellikunnu:

Venue: Nellikunnu Zion Brethren Assembly
Date: 2009 April 20th Monday 3.30 PM to 24th Friday 3.30Pm. Camp leaders: **Varghese John and Sherly Joy** Panicker. Girls above 14 can attend this camp. For more information please contact **Sister Mariamma James 0487 2427957**

In the Vineyard

Palakkad: Biju C John is a member of the Murani Padimon Brethren Assembly. He has committed himself for the Lords work and is now working Nenmara Pothuundy. Kindly remember him in your prayer.

His Address: Biju C John, Chavalithanam House, Thiruthanpadam, Pothundy P O, Nenmara, Palakkad 678508.

Notice

The mailing address of the **Karikkad Christian Brethren Assembly** is as follows: Correspondence in the address given below: Christian Brethren Assembly, C/o C T Jacob, Chittilapilli House, Karikode P O, Thrissur, 680519

C T Kuriath

For Prayer

Valkulambu: Evg Sasi M N and Varghese Kalling are taking part in the evangelisation programme which is taking place under the auspices of the Valkulambu Brethren Assembly. Kindly remember this ministry in your prayer.

Gospel Meetings

Chathannoor: Under the auspices of the Chathannoor Brethren Assembly, a gospel meeting is arranged from 2009 Feb 1-3. The venue of the convention is the Pandal in the premises of the house of the brother Kunjappy. Brothers Sunny Thomas, George Chacko, and P G James are the proposed speakers. Kindly pray for the convention.

K Kunjappy

14th Convention of the SPS Fund

Venue: Brethren Assembly Ground, Thelliyoor

Date: 2009 Febuary 3 Tuesday to 8Sunday

Speakers: Mathews Abraham, Chandapilla Philip, Charles John, P M Georgekutty, Reji K Thomas

All the assemblies and saints are requested to attend the convention. There will be different meetings along with this convention. Special Golden Jubilee meeting will be held on 7th from 10AM to PM

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a g a n i s t unrighteousness and unfaltering faith even at the face of death.

Mr. E. Read of Newzeland a Bible scholar has given an explanation for this statement. If a snake feels that it has been trapped into a place of danger it won't remain there any longer but will escape from there immediately. Lord's servants have no right to challenge the authorities at the face of provocation. Their sole responsibility is to propagate the gospel for the extention of His kingdom.

A dove has never a will for revenge. Moreover it is not a bird that lives on preys. Sheep which takes up weapon cease to be sheep (E Read). We



Because God Loves

We always prefer to have an easy life and a trouble free life. No one likes to have any problems in the journey of life nor even prefer to have stone and shrubs on the road of life. We as human beings do not like to have mental stress or agony or any painful experience on our path to the other end of the life. But the life of a child of God who trusts in Him, the life in this world of wickedness and crookedness is very much different. His life can have all the above mentioned experiences like happiness and sorrows, smoothness and

cannot imagine of a sheep holding some weapons to fight against some thing or some one. If it does then it will not belong to the species of sheep. It will be like a dove who accomplishes its purpose without any conflicts and also it will behave cleverly like a snake. Let the above said things may be applied pragmatically in the field of evangelisation.

Evangelisation in the field of our profession

William McDonald has written about a Christian barber, who did personal evangelism along with his profession. Once a simple man came to his shop to get shaved. The person was seated on a beautiful chair. It is not like an ordinary barbers chair as we see in our country. It was like one used by a dentist. The person was

roughness, easiness and difficulties. But all these experiences will be quite different for him. But sometimes we may have doubt about the purpose of these experiences. But we will understand the greatness of it when only we realize that the good shepherd is trying to take us to a better pasture.

Once a team of young people were travelling through the Montana mountains. As they were driving they saw thousands of sheep heading forward in haste and difficulty. The atmospheric temperature was high and it was

seated on it and then it was moved to such a direction that he could easily read a verse on the ceiling. It read like this "Where will you spend your eternity?". Then the barber started to sharpen the blade and he gave his gospel message to this simple man who came there to get shaved. "Are you ready to welcome your God"?

That man ran for his life from the shop. But sad to say our christian barber never saw that man again. We have to use our time aptly and beneficially. Let your speech be always with grace seasoned with salt that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man. Let this advice of Apostle Paul be a guideline to all of us.

To be continued ...

dusty. All the sheep were very tired. Their wish might have been to get some rest under the shadow of some trees. But the beatings of the shepherds and the incessant howling of the hunting dogs were pushing them forward. They were travelling to another place where they can get better pasture. One of the team members who were travelling behind it asked one of the shepherds "where are you taking this flock in such a hurry?" Are you taking them to the slaughter house? The shepherds were

In TV Channels

Sathgamaya TV Talk Show Programme

People channel of Kairali's News Channel
All Fridays (Malayalam) 4.30-5.00 p.m.
Monday 6.00-6.30 a.m. Zee TV (Hindi)

Jeevamritham Television Program

Every Saturday 9 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. in Power vision channel by Evg Chandapilla Philip

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surprised at this question. They gently said "we are taking them to a better place where they can get more grass". During summer all the grass in the valley will be dry. So we are taking them to hilly regions where they will get enough green grass. As they move with this aim they may have to face unwelcome conditions which they may not like. But ultimately they will find rest there.

All the children of God wish to have materialistically an easy life without any sufferings in their life. The one who has called us is faithful is the reason often cited by them. He won't leave us in midway. He has been tempted like us except

in sin and He is the good shepherd. But realize the fact that what all we experience in this world is not without His knowledge. He may purify us through this sufferings in the world. He may discipline us if we go away from spiritual life. He may lead us through such a life required for that. We should not live in this valley which is dry. We are supposed to enjoy all the spiritual blessings that He has given us and not only we are to produce fruits much fruits. That is what He expects from us. The tortures and sufferings of Joseph and David were their road to thrones and crowns. God allows this because He loves us. So let us rejoice in miseries and sufferings. Let us lead a victorious journey that will take us to the place of eternal rest.

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