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## THE BRETHREN ASSEMBLIES OF KERALA

The history says that Apostle Thomas the disciple of our Lord came to Kerala. First he came to Punjab. King Gondi Forus of Punjab received him and he preached gospel there. As a result the queen became a believer. So the King became his enemy. Then he travelled to Kerala and established 7 churches. As he preached gospel many Brahmins came to the Lord. He became a martyr at Mylapore in Madras. St Thomas Mount in Madras is his memorial place. When Bro T E Easow came to Madras from Patna 22 years ago he first

visited the tomb of Apostle Thomas at this place. The history reveals that there were Christians in India from the first century itself.

### The beginning of the Syrian Christians

Canaanite Thomman came to Kerala for the business of spices and he exported the Kerala spices to Syria. Meantime he brought many people from there and they migrated to Kerala. They married Keralite ladies and their successors are known as the Syrian Christians. Gradually 30% of the

Keralite population became Syrian Christians. The Brethren movement was started in 1827 in Ireland. It was a small gathering to break bread and worship Lord. Later on this gathering became the Brethren movement. The first leaders were Anthony Norris Grosh, J. J. Bellet and Lord Cornin. Later on J.N. Darby from Plymouth an ordained priest left his position and joined this group. He was alone and he travelled around the world and established assemblies. The early brethren assemblies believed that 'If two or

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## YMEF (ND) Punjab Campaign

By the grace of the Lord the gospel campaign in Navashahar district is progressing in a blessed way. During the week of 24.8.09 to 31.08.09 we were able to visit 22 villages and 6 schools. We were able to share gospel and distribute leaflets, booklets and New Testaments. This week's work was mainly near to the places of Bangablock Fackwara.

Brother Nirmal Rao is a believer and he works in Muscat. His family gave us a warm welcome. His brother Deshmuk and family are seekers of the truth. Let us uphold that family in our prayers so that they may come to faith. As we were preaching gospel in the village of Boliker, Takkur and his family who are believers came to attend the meeting and later they took us to their home. That family has a desire to know more of the truth. We were able to see many other houses who has interest in gospel. Many of the people of this place do work in the western countries and most of them are very affluent. We got very good welcome from all the six schools where we visited last week. 1200 students are studying in the **Mukundapur Sadhusing Day Rural Public School**. The words of the principal of that school Smt Sneha Agnigotri very much touching. "Many programmes have taken place in the school in the past, but none received this keen attention as they have shown to the gospel meeting".

In the month of August we were able to visit 162 villages and 11 schools. Literature and New Testaments were distributed. Gospel was shared. People are interested to listen to gospel. But workers are very few. Let us pray for these villages. By the grace of the Lord all the team members are doing fine. Br Johnson Titus and Eapen George joined the team from 24.8.09. Br. P V Johny and Sam Manohar left for Kerala on 1.09.09. Kindly continue to pray for it.

P V Johny

### THAT DAY

The Lord grant unto him (Onesiphorus) that he may find mercy of the Lord in that day. (2 Timothy 1:18). The apostle is nearing his journey's end, as he writes his last letter to his son in the faith, Timothy. He expresses his gratitude to the Lord for the faithfulness of Onesiphorus who .oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain.. He tells how he sought me out very diligently and found me.....His love for Christ was expressed in his concern for his servant. His was a .love that laughed at locksmiths.. Nothing could deter him from his purpose to help and to encourage the beloved apostle. It cost him shame and rebuke, no doubt from the Roman authorities, but he was prepared to pay any price to minister to the apostle's need. Paul could not repay him, but he looked forward to that day of which the Lord said, .Behold I come quickly, and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his works shall be..

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## YMEF (SD)

# For Fervent Prayers

The Lord was so gracious to allow the YMEF (SD) to share gospel in the 9 districts of Karnataka fully and partly in 5 districts. We were also able to share gospel in the 3 taluks of Bangalore Rural district from 1999 March to October 2008. Ten new assemblies in the New Testament pattern was formed in different places where our beloved brothers took the burden of the follow up ministry. The Lord did give fruits for their hard labour. Today the team work is continuing in Erode, Tamilnadu. Initially brethren from Tamilnadu did not partake in this ministry but now a days assemblies and brethren from here take a keen part in it. So we thank the Lord for that and we inform the saints for giving thanks to the Lord for their participation.

The Karnataka Campaign was stopped abruptly because of the communal riots and the attacks of the religious fanatics. So a

large quantity of New Testaments and literature remain in Kollegal. By this time brethren from Bidar and Raichur informed that the team can have follow up work there. It was a matter of prayer and if it be the will of the Lord the team wish to start a follow up work in Raichur from November first. The vehicle which has in Karnataka registration will be taken to Raichur. We had the desire of hiring a vehicle for the Tamilnadu Campaign. Then a fellow brother of Tamilnadu came to know about it he offered his sumo van for the team with a minimum rent. He will arrange one of our brothers to drive the vehicle too.

This sudden response from the dear brother assures us that we are following the right path according to His will. So we are making the necessary arrangements for the follow

up campaign in Raichur. So we covet your earnest prayers on this subject. The financial need which will arise on it, workers for the two campaign, vehicle ... Kindly for all these.

Your prayers and right hand of fellowship were our support for this ministry. So continue to pray for the extension of the Kingdom of the Lord and for His glory. May God enable and help us. Let His name be glorified.

Those who wish to provide financial aid to this ministry may draw your cheque or drafts on YMEF (SD) and mail it to George Samuel, Muttathu House, Omalloor, Kerala 689647. Those who send money order may write their address legibly and clearly in the space provided for writing the message.

Jacob P Mathew  
Secretary 9847000698

# IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE

Recently one of our publications reported like this “The brethren have lot of money with them but they are not distributing it properly”. Our master taught us that it is more blessed to give than to receive. The word ‘to give’ is studied and discussed among us very seriously. In that connection I would like to write few words in this issue.

God’s people, especially from Kerala, are very well aware of this fact. During our church age, Lord’s servants taught and encouraged us to practice this truth with responsibility. So the believers who came out of other Christian community also did the same. In the early period this collections were only enough to met the need of the needy evangelists and the basic need of the local churches. Because the believers were not financially sound. At the same time many brethren accepted secular jobs and served the Lord along with it.

Around thirty years before the financial helps received for children’s higher education and for the hospital needs were very much limited. But today the view of the brethren community is changed. They are ready to help others. It is a proven fact that money will flow through different channels to the needy places.

God blessed us and our dear ones are supporting the Lord’s work according to their ability and above. It will be clear when we go through the audit report of our funds. On the other hand the secret support given to the Lord’s works by many

brethren are unaccountable. The contribution of the brethren in Kerala is far better than others. There may be some exemptions. But generally we are the best highest one is giving. The receivers also should give at least their tieth to God. The giving is a blessing.

Whatever we do it should be for the glory of God. By giving also we should glorify God. The blood relations and friendship can not be a reason for giving. Our ‘self’ will not be a cause for that. If our contributions are for publicity how God can be pleased? If our giving is for public appearance and for rewards it is a great shame for God. If we are using God’s gift for our fame instead of God’s glory, at the eternity we will be belittled with much shame.

Others should not know our giving. In other words the left hand should not know what the right hand is doing. Then our Father in heaven will see it and reward us. That is our Lord’s promise. Love the Lord and His blessed ministry and give for that. It is the will of God and a blessing. A spiritual man can discern every thing. So he can give according to the will of God. When we are aware of that our wealth is the gift of God and when we give it prayerfully to others, one cannot squander our money sit idle. They will use it for the glory of God. So give according to the guidance of Holy Spirit.

Dear child of God, giving to God is a blessed ministry. May our Lord strengthen us to give more according to the will of God by discerning spiritually as per our ability and beyond. May the name of our Lord only be glorified through this.

**V. S. Mathew**

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three gather in Lord’s name, He will be there’. In England there were three main places. And they were Dublin, Plymouth and Briston. George Muller was the elder at Briston and J.N.Darby at Plymouth. In 1937 Anthony Norris Grosh came to India and then he brought a team of workers to India. This missionary group started their work in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamilnadu and Bihar. But in Kerala two people from Tamilnadu and Andhra Pradesh came and conducted revival meetings. They were Tamil David and Birds Barth. K. V. Simon,

Sadhu Kochukunju and P. E. Mammen (who was a Marthomite priest at Kumband), came to the Lord through their ministries. But the Brethren doctrines in Kerala was taught by a Baptist missionary called Gregson.

**To be continued.**

## Y M E F News

### Monthly Prayer Meeting

**Kottarakkara:** If it be the will of the Lord the monthly prayer meeting under the auspices of the Y M E F (SD) will be held on 27.09.09 in association with the local assemblies in and around Kottarakkara. The venue of the prayer meeting is the South Brethren Assembly at Thrikkanamangal on 27<sup>th</sup> September from 3.30pm. All the dear brethren are requested to attend it with prayer.

On that day the workers of the Y M E F wish to visit the local assemblies in a view to give awareness about the gospel campaign that continue in Tamilnadu. Kindly pray for the blessing of this ministry. **For more information Jacob P Mathew 9847000691.**

**Kallisserry:** If it be the will of the Lord the Kallisserry unit of the YMEF wish to conduct a one day outreach work in association with the Cheppadu Brethren Assembly on 2.10.09 from 9am to 5.30pm. All the brothers who have the zeal for the evangelisation may attend it with prayers. We solicit the prayers of the saints for this outreach ministry.

**John Thomas 9446918942.**

## Assembly News

**Punnapra:** The ministry of this assembly is going good. Baptism of 11 people took place on 29<sup>th</sup> August and some of them are from other backgrounds. Kindly continue to pray for the ministries of this assembly.

**C D Sebastian**

## For prayer and co operation

**Nagavally (Chamrajnagar):** This assembly was started in 1995 with 10 believers. Now the assembly has grown and 35 saints partake in the breaking of the bread. The assembly meeting is conducted in the limited facilities of brother Ravinandan. But an assembly hall is a must because of the prevailing conditions in Karnataka. The Lord enabled us to purchase a plot for the hall. But now we wish to construct a hall. So we solicit your prayers for this.

## Thanksgiving Ceremony

**Ernakulam:** If it be the will of the Lord thanks giving ceremony of the Kakkanadu brethren Assembly will be held on 19.09.09 at 10am at the same premises. The Lord enabled us to complete the construction of this through the prayerful support of the saints all over. We take this opportunity to thank all those who prayed and supported this great work. We also request you to pray continually for this assembly.

**Br Adai Samuel**

## Gospel Work

God willing the combined gospel activities of the Madhya Pradesh and Chattisgragh evangelists known as gospel penetration camp wish to conduct a campaign from 15-18 September 2009 at Burhampur district on Madhya Pradesh. Kindly pray for this ministry

**V. A Antony**

## Special Prayer

**Kanpur:** Evg. Varghese Abraham had undergone a surgery for the enlargement of his prostate glands 4 years back. But our dear brother has a repeated attack of the same problem. So he deserves our fervent prayer so that he be healed at the earliest and be used mightily for His work in the future.

**Kumbanadu:** Wife of the Evg Theophilus Mariamma is suffering from old age sickness and diabetics. Her left leg was amputated above the knee. She is living in a place meant for old people. Kindly pray for this old mother.

## To the Vineyard

**Kodungallur:** Brother Joy Paulose had been working in the assembly as an evangelist and he had moved to Assam and is now working for His master at Golahat in Assam. We as an assembly hereby introduce him for the prayerful support of the saints.

## Different Ministries

**Idukki:** The assemblies of Vazhavara, Idukki and Periyankudy together and in co operation was able to conduct an out reach ministry on 13,14 of May 2009 by the grace of the Lord. We shared gospel and distributed tracts. Kindly pray for the installation of new assemblies and also for the spiritual growth of the believers here.

**Rajan Mathew**

**Kottatam (Machiplavu):** A gospel camp was conducted at Machiplavu from 17 August 2009 to 20 Aug at Machiplavu in association with the Sharjah Brethren Assembly. Nearly 57 people took part in the inclusive of the brethren from Sharjah. House Visiting, Open Air Meetings and Night Meetings were conducted. Many listened to the Word of God and some got saved. Follow up work is taking place. Continue to pray for the ministry here.

**Thomas Cherian**

**Cheppadu:** Saints from the brethren fold coming for Ayurvedic treatment at Karthikapally are given a welcome to attend the worship meetings in the Cheppadu Brethren Assembly. The hall is so close by and the elders are even ready to provide transportation for them. So kindly come and join us to worship the Lord in Spirit and truth

**Samuel Thomas 0949516278**

## With the Lord

**Thiruvananthapuram:** Wife of late Brother A O Philip Chinnamma (85) of Ulloor K o l l a k a d a v u Alummoottil went to be with the Lord on 7.09.09.



The mortal remains of her body was buried on 10.09.09 under the auspices of the Pongamoodu Brethren Assembly in the presence of large gathering of saints from near and far at the Brethren cemetery at Paruttipara. Kindly pray for the bereaved family.

# We Forget the Truth of Church

K.V.Isaac

The assemblies which have send many missionaries have become dysfunctional because of the above said reason. The assemblies sent many missionaries but it lacked oversight and counselling by the elders. That was the reason for much sorrow. So the church or assembly which was supposed to bear fruits was eaten away by parasites. At a distance everything is fine, is greenish with lot of followers. But the green leaves and the flowers are from the parasite plants. We can realize it only when we come much closer to this main tree ie, the local assembly. There is the power of rhetoric skill strength of vocabulary in the speeches and the flow of the messages are also much commendable. But the messages are meaningless and hypocritical. Michael Jackson and his fellows

sing and dance violently and vibrantly on the stage. The audience is thrilled and enthralled. Many of the modern evangelisation methods have become like this and has made more democratical. Many think that since many of the wordly leaders and top brass bureancrats are with us then why should we bother about anything.

When the Jews were under the captivity of the Medes the Greek empire third in the series of the world empires began to gain power. The Jews showed great affinity towards the Greek emperor. So many learned Jews were given high posts in his government. Then they were entrusted with the translation of the greek language. The Jews felt very happy over it. Once a poet says like this The Jews are riding on the top of a tiger which is

the greek empire. They were delayed in realizing the fact that their laughter was really their tears. The tiger came back. The Jews were eaten through Secluchus and Ehipanes. Likewise the modern brethren who are known as the brothers do not really understand that they are travelling on the tiger which is the symbol of wordliness. Now everyone enjoys the ride. But when this tiger returns who will be laughing? Dear saints when we ride on the tiger we are going to its den and its group. This laughter will come to a close is the warning that we get from the scripture.

We have to understand that the local assemblies are not progressing. It is in the line of retrogression. So what we have to

do? We have to remove all the parasite plants from it clean the weeds and allow this plants to bear fruits. No separate classes or studies are not allowed in the assemblies. To treat the tooth ache of a person we will not pull it out and take it to the dentist. The tablets for pain will reach the stomach and from there the action will begin. But today in many places the procedure is to take the individual organ out and to treat it for the ailment. This is just like the treatment given to the dead body. An individual organ has life and it will live only when it remain the body. Any kind of work or ministry by doing or forgetting this truth will never yield any fruit. If we have to paint the walls we will never pull it out and takes the bricks and get painted. So what all we do with out the assembly

should teach and study as an assembly. There is one thing we should go out and do and that is evangelisation. Anything other than this should not be done outside the field of the local assembly.

We may be able or we can conduct special classes for elders and teachers. But this should be conducted by elders and teachers not by any organisation funds or trusts. Trusts, funds and organisations have no right to scheduled and conduct such classes. The saints should return and come back to the truth of the church according to the word of God. They should stand for sanctification and consecration. The Israelities were always ready to return to their home country from their captivity and exile. We should have the same conviction and faith that we are expected to leave here any moment. We have to live on the basis of the strong faith.

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## Trials shall Lead us to Sweetness

Each and every person is born into the pang of pain because of his birth in this planet of sin. He was dropped into valley of tears from his mother. He started a new life journey which is a mixture of both happiness and pain. Some experiences pierced in us and pains a lot. Some becomes a comfort zone.

Two drops of tears are travelling very close to each other so that they wont touch in the river of life. Out of them, one asked the other, "who are you and where do you come from?" I came from the eyes of a girl who couldn't marry the person she loved". Now the other one asked, "Who are you and where do you come from?" I came from the eyes of the girl who was married to that man". We may

laugh on hearing this. But these are the different faces of life.

We used to cry for the things that are not given to us by God. Some of the things which we desire are not given to us by God so that we may not cry more. If we compelled God and receive something from Him, then we are moving into the depths of tears. But in this worldly life we are supposed to suffer few things.

Once a boy tried to catch a bee sitting on a flower. That bee bit him. Suddenly he went to his mother and told like this. "I hate these stupid bees". The mother did his first aid and then she gave some bread and honey to him. When he was eating that very eagerly, the mother asked him "did you like this". He replied that he liked it a lot. She told him that the bee that bit you

and its group produces us this sweet honey.

Dear brethren, we all like godly blessings. That is very pleasing. In order to receive that sometimes God allows us to go through certain difficult circumstances. That is not an interesting thing for us. We all liked to have happy situations without any pains or tough times. We should know that behind any blessing or growth, there are circumstances of cross and sufferings. Then only we will understand the value of the blessing that we receive. Our lord Jesus went through that way. So the Father lifted Him so high. Let us follow that path without murmuring like a b a b y . B e h i n d sufferings there are the springs of blessing.

T.V.S

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