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FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S DESK

Dear friends,

It gives me great joy to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a blessed New Year 2025. The vision and mission of ETF is to Disciple, Equip and Resource Christian teachers that they may be witnesses and Servants of Christ in their teaching institutions, churches and the nation. In fulfilling this vision and mission to lead a witnessing life, this quarterly magazine Chalk and Chai has been published as a tool of Communication (Chalk) and as a refreshing agent (Chai!)

With new knowledge and technological advancements emerging constantly, it is essential for teachers to be lifelong learners. Day by day, the teaching landscape is experiencing significant transformations, demanding proactive measures by educators. In this scenario, through the upcoming issues of Chalk and Chai in the year 2025, we are focusing on the themes - *Teachers and their Bible*, *Teachers and their Text books*, *Teachers and their Libraries* and *Teachers and their self created Resources*. I wish and pray these integrated themes through this year will enlighten, enrich, educate and empower Christian educators in the journey of education , enabling them to bring holistic edu-

cation to the younger generation. In this series of themes, no wonder the theme “Teachers and their Bible” is prioritized as the first theme to begin with the new year since in our pursuit for the knowledge and wisdom, the only BOOK which talks about the beginning of the true knowledge and wisdom is The BIBLE.

Both the words knowledge and wisdom are primarily used as nouns that are related to learning and in some cases they may be used interchangeably. But, knowledge and wisdom are different in what they mean and how their meanings overlap.

Knowledge is gathered from learning and education. It can be information of which someone is aware through online or in books, leading to confident understanding of a subject, and helps in expanding one's knowledge to be potentially used for a specific purpose. Someone who knows a lot about a certain subject can be considered knowledgeable. But **Wisdom** is about knowing when and how to use our knowledge, being able to put situations in perspective, and how to impart it to others. It is an intangible quality gained through our day-to-day experiences to see the truth of a matter, in spite of any illusions

or distractions. Wisdom also enhances practical ability to make correct judgments, good decisions in life, right communication and relationships consistently. In that way, wisdom defines and refines our character to highlight our character to show who we are and identify everything we do. Wisdom is timeless and priceless too! (Proverbs 3:13-18). In acquiring wisdom or knowledge, always, knowledge comes first and wisdom is built upon knowledge. We can be both wise and knowledgeable, but we can't be wise without being knowledgeable and just because we are knowledgeable it doesn't mean we are wise.

"Where is the wisdom we have lost in knowledge? Where is the knowledge we have lost in information?"

—T.S. Eliot.

In the Bible, wisdom and knowledge are closely related concepts but not synonymous. While knowledge refers to acquiring information, facts, and understanding, wisdom involves applying knowledge in ways that honour God and lead to righteous living.

Worldly Wisdom (Human wisdom)

While the word '*wisdom*' was used as far back as before the year 900, the word, '*knowledge*' didn't come into use until around 1300. Philosophers such as Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle have explored wisdom's nature and how it guides human thought and behavior. Philosophy often links wisdom to pursuing knowledge, truth, and understanding the world and human existence. The educational settings also often equate wisdom with academic knowledge, expertise, and intellectual prowess and consider it as an essential for personal and professional growth. Within this framework, wisdom involves app-

lying knowledge to solve problems, critical thinking, logical reasoning, and discerning truth through rational inquiry and reflection. Specific fields in science and technology associate wisdom with worldly success, achievement and expertise. In secular contexts, wisdom may include emotional intelligence, empathy, compassion, and the ability to relate to others which involves the cultivation of virtues that contribute to a well-rounded and balanced life. In this context, it is a prime and timely need for every educator to understand the truth about knowledge and wisdom from Biblical perspective.

Biblical Wisdom

Bible clearly says '*God gives the gift of knowledge out of His infinite store of knowledge*'. The vastness of God's knowledge and creative power are on display continually and are clearly seen in what He has created (Psalm 19:2; Romans 1:19-20). God's knowledge is not only infinite, but it is *absolute*: "Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!" (Romans 11:33). Secondly, *it is God's desire for all us to know Him, appreciate Him, and have a relationship with Him*. Proverbs presents knowledge as beginning with the fear of the Lord, acknowledging his authority and sovereignty. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction". (Proverbs 1:7) Thirdly, *God gives the knowledge only to those who reverence Him*. The word fear here is not dread or terror but a reverence for God, respect for His law, His will, His rule in our lives, and the fear of offending Him, which will lead us to obey, worship and praise Him. Fourthly, the Lord gives wisdom that comes from His own mouth, the *Word of God* and that wisdom of God results in knowledge

and understanding. (Proverbs 2:6). Fifthly, when God came to earth in the *Person of Jesus Christ, He became the embodiment of knowledge*. “Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” (Col.2:2-3). Finally, the Bible, inspired by the *Holy Spirit*, draws from the eternal, transcendent, heavenly reality the truth about knowledge and wisdom.

Why seek the Heavenly Wisdom?

- *Human knowledge and wisdom is sorrowful*

King Solomon who is known for his wisdom and discerning heart (I Kings 3:12; 4:29) ends up with the observation:....“For with much wisdom comes much sorrow; the more knowledge, the more grief” (Eccl.1:17-18).

- *Human knowledge and wisdom has limitations*

The apostle Paul contrasts human wisdom with the wisdom of God, highlighting the limitations of human knowledge and the superiority of God's wisdom. (1Cor.1:25).

- *Human knowledge is false*

Paul urges us to “Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, which some have professed and in so doing have wandered from the faith” (1 Timothy 6:20-21).

- *Human knowledge is worthless and foolish*

The Bible claims God's omniscience, being all-knowing. Knowing God's person saves us from any ignorance. Without the knowledge of God, all other collection of facts is incomplete. “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.” (Pro.9:10) The pur-

suit of knowledge for its own sake, without seeking God is foolishness. Human knowledge, apart from God, is worthless because it is not tempered by love and tends to make one proud. (1Cor.13:2;8:1).

How to attain Godly wisdom?

- Obeying God's word (Ps.119:105)
- Praying for wisdom (James 1:5)
- Seeking wise counsel from fellow believers grounded in the Word of God (Proverbs 15:22).
- Cultivating Humility. (Proverbs 11:2).
- Applying Biblical Principles. (James 3:13-18).

James in his epistle contrasts this Godly wisdom which comes from God characterized by humility, gentleness, and good deeds with Earthly wisdom, characterized by jealousy, selfish ambition, and disorder. James also gives a practical list of 9 qualities wisdom does to a person: All Pure, Peace Loving, Considerate, Submissive, Full of Mercy, Bears Good fruit, Impartial and Sincere.

Challenges!

In the age of information and when there is academically trained professional for everything, we are pressured into listening to the “experts.” With all their scientific data, sophisticated arguments, and educational titles behind their names, we feel we must listen to the wisdom of the world if there is “evidence” to support their claims. Sometimes we even seek to validate the Bible with worldly evidence rather than to interpret the evidence of the experts through God's wisdom in the Bible.

“Faith in God means interpreting everything through his word, not interpreting his word through everything in the world. The Bible does not condemn all forms of modern wisdom, but it certainly warns us not to believe all forms of wisdom just because it is modern. (Ephesians 4:14)”

- ✧ Worldly wisdom that contradicts God's word will always lead us to severe consequences.
- ✧ Worldly Wisdom leads us astray but Biblical Wisdom lead us back to a Holy Life.
- ✧ In the battle between Worldly Wisdom and Godly Wisdom, God always wins.
- ✧ Let our decisions be governed by Scripture.
- ✧ God's word trumps the experts.

Wisdom is not a product of schooling but of the lifelong attempt to acquire it-
Albert Einstein

In imparting knowledge to the younger generation with the heavenly wisdom, there are five important values the Christian educators must inculcate in the lives of their students. We are happy to publish the contents of the booklet, *More than Studies! - A Message to Christian Teachers* by Brother R. Stanley as a series of articles in the four issues of Chalk and Chai in the year 2025.

Dr. Jesroon Polepaka, in his article , “Teaching is an Art – Biblical Perspectives” emphasises the qualities of teaching based on Biblical principles which makes teaching beautiful. The article, “The Higher Calling of a Teacher” by Dr. Billy Paul focuses on the importance of faithfulness and responsibility of Christian educators to be agents of God to fulfill His purpose. I am thankful to the authors for the edifying articles. I am also thankful to every one of you who render continuous support and encouragement in many ways including your prayers for the ministry.

By the time this issue of Chalk and Chai reaches you, it may be either the end of this year 2024 or the beginning of the New Year 2025. May the grace and guidance of our unchanging God continue to abide with us in all the activities of ETF in the New Year.



Caroline Michael
General Secretary, ETF

More than Studies!

A Message to Christian Teachers

The 1997 July issue of *Teens Today* had a 20 page section—*Attitude is Everything!*—in which the teens of today have raised scores of provocative questions “because they just don't want to accept things they are told to accept; they want to have a good reason for their attitude.” I would urge every school teacher and college lecturer to go through this questionnaire to understand the generation of students they meet in the classrooms and lecture halls. Here are just two of their questions for us to ponder: “Since most of the leaders the ADULTS have elected are such losers, how come they don't give us (the teens) a chance to elect them?” “If schools are meant to develop us physically and mentally, why do we have so many classes for studies but so few for everything else?” These questions asked over twenty years ago are even more relevant today (2020).

The answer to the first question is implied in the second. Most of our national and political leaders were once students in schools and colleges. Their corrupt and silly behaviour is largely because of the values they failed to learn or to be taught in their schooling years. As we have entered the 74th year of

Indian Independence, unless the teachers assume a moral responsibility to consistently teach their students life's absolute values “more than studies,” there's no hope for future India.

Except for the six months of teaching assignment I fulfilled in 1970-71 in the Regional Engineering College (NIT), Trichy, Tamil Nadu, I had never been an academic teacher. My mother was a school teacher under whom I did my first standard. Both my schooling and Pre-University Class (PUC) were done in Christian institutions, namely Margo-schis High School, Nazareth and St. John's College, Palayamkottai. My graduation and postgraduation were in secular institutions, namely A.C. College of Engineering & Technology, Karaikudi and Indian Institute of Technology, Madras. These years as a student and 50 years of Christian ministry to students have given me reasonably enough understanding about the student community and what they need to be taught “more than studies.” I would share here with the Christian teachers of educational institutions five important values they must inculcate in the lives of their students. You can mark them on your five fingers for easy remembrance.

1. Submission (Thumb Finger)

Disobedience is the spirit of the age. Rebellion is the order of the day. The Bible has predicted disobedience to parents and elders as a sure sign of the end of endtimes. "Know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be... disobedient to parents..." (2 Tim 3:1,2). God views disobedience or lack of submission quite seriously. In fact, His last warning in the Old Testament is concerning this. In the last verse of the Book of Malachi, God promised that He would send a ministry which would "turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers" lest He would come and strike the earth with a curse! (Mal 4:6). Christian teachers can become an effective instrument in the hands of God to stop premature judgment falling on the earth due to disobedience.

When we were students we stood up in reverence with a word of greeting the moment the teacher entered the classroom. We would sit down only after he had asked us to do so. It is unfortunate that such an honourable custom has vanished from our midst these days, especially in some English medium schools. Let the medium be English but let not the customs turn Western. Students in classrooms in the West may even stretch their legs with shoes on the desks and stay in this posture when the teacher enters the class or comes near them. We in India cannot afford to deteriorate to this level. The Bible clearly instructs the youngsters, "You shall rise before the gray-headed and honour the presence of an old man, and fear your God: I am the Lord" (Lev 19:32). In India, physical postures as expressions of respect cannot be dispensed with as meaningless traditions. Insist on them in

the classrooms. Teach them to greet elders the Indian way and not with a "Hi" like cowboys.

The decision to telecast the Assembly and Parliament sessions alive is one of the unpardonable blunders made by our polity. What do our Politicians expect from the youngsters after they watch the irreverent and indecent behaviour of the MPs and MLAs on the TV screen?

Teach your students that they would be able to exercise authority, at whatever level they would be placed tomorrow, only to the extent they themselves submit to authority today. Jesus as a boy obeyed His parents and as a man obeyed His heavenly Father in all things. Therefore no devil could ever disobey Him.

God usually chooses the obedient and the submissive for leadership responsibilities. Charisma and capabilities are only next. Skills and talents do not top the divine list of leadership qualifications. Entrust the obedient and submissive students with responsibilities and train them. I thank God for my teachers who gave me several responsibilities in school and college. This campus training came in handy when God called me to lead a Christian Mission.

... to be continued



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TEACHING IS AN ART

BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES

*“For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”
Ephesians 2:10*

Introduction

Teaching is more than just imparting knowledge; it is a vocation that is called to shape and mould the heart, mind, and soul. *“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.”* (Ephesians 4:2). As a Christian teacher, teaching is not merely a profession but it is a sacred responsibility, given by God that brings joy, fulfilment, and purpose. *“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”* (Jeremiah 29:11). The Christian teacher finds their joy in knowing that their efforts fall under God's greater plan of changing lives, equipping future leaders, and ultimately making disciples of all nations. Jesus, our great master a source of wisdom, gives an insight into how teaching is so significant: He was even called a teacher who did not only impart wisdom but established a close, caring relationship-discipleship (*John 3:10*).

Historical Background

The roots of Christianity were found in the first century. Jesus Himself was a

teacher or rabbi, and His disciples, who became the apostles, continued His teaching ministry. In the New Testament, mention of the importance of teaching comes with a specific task in which passages such as Ephesians 4:11-13 and 2 Timothy 2:2, among others, emphasise faithful teachers equipping the saints for ministry.

The central role of teaching has been one of the great dominating factors throughout church history. The early Christian schools within the Roman Empire emerged as Christian universities throughout the middle ages. Education and Teaching have formed essential elements of the mission of the Church. Men like Augustine, John Chrysostom, and later reformers like Martin Luther and John Calvin insisted on the prime importance of sound biblical teaching in the formation of Christian life.

In modern times, these methods have expanded to Christian schools, Universities, and Sunday schools. Yet, this tradition remains an inherent, joyful process for teachers to seek God's calling

to fulfil their purpose in teaching and discipline.

MOTIVATION

The following two important steps that can motivate us intentionally in attaining the goals.

1. Love for God:

The first and foremost duty of Christian teachers is motivated by loving God. They recognize teaching as a way to serve Him and to fulfil His command to make disciples.
(Matthew.28:19-20)

2. Love for Others:

We'll be very much motivated when we love others as we love ourselves. Jesus instructed His disciples to love their neighbours as themselves, and the teacher is supposed express such love with a great concern for the welfare and Holistic approach for all the students under his care. He will be happy when growth takes place in knowledge, faith, and character which will be realized among the students. (Matthew.22:39)

ESSENTIAL TRAITS OF TEACHING:

1. Challenge:

Challenge is to demonstrate Christ-like leadership in exhibiting patience, love, and humility in trusting God's strength.

2. Ambition:

Ambition must be focused on serving God through the act of teaching (people believe serving Human is serving God).

3. Assignment:

It is an Assignment that cultivates both Intellect and Character of a student.

4. Character:

The Character of a teacher should always reflect Christ's example in showing kindness, patience, and integrity. *"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it."* (Proverbs 22:6)

5. Godly leadership:

As a teacher, we should always be exemplified in guiding students not only in their studies but also in their spiritual journeys. *In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus (Philippians 2:5).*

6. Impart the knowledge through experience:

I feel teachers should impart knowledge through experience. Since experience is the best teacher and plays a vital role in influencing students (I would rather suggest to teach ourselves before we teach others. *"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men."* (Colossians 3:23))

7. Beyond comprehension:

The Holistic approach is to educate and nurture the students with intellect, spiritual growth, and transformation of the community that helps to discipline the future generations to be Christ.

Conclusion

For a Christian teacher, moulding of lives, building in faith, and make them to grow in the knowledge of God is primary. Imparting knowledge is secondary. Further, the teaching and motivating with deep commitment is most necessary in serving God and the people. Teachers should be able to be like a role model to help students and to gain effective methods to understand the global importance. Further, there is much prom-

inence in demonstrating effective methods that reflect the local reality rather than Western models. Further, the curriculum should go beyond traditional patterns of education to map how power actually works – through relationships, caste hierarchies, regional elites and grassroots moments. A teacher should talk about idealism that must meet pragmatism and the ability to adapt to local conditions to create real transformation. Also, the Christian faith finds the ultimate joy in teaching, to fulfil God's mission upon earth by guiding students towards Spiritual maturity and eternity



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The Higher Calling of a Teacher

Teaching is generally considered a noble profession alongside the medical profession. Sadly, unlike the medical profession, the teaching profession doesn't receive as much attention and credit these days. The net result being the teaching profession getting further demoralized and spiraling down the cone of quality.

In ancient times, teachers who were also known as gurus used to be revered like mini gods. They played a pivotal role in the transmission of knowledge and wisdom. Parents used to blindly trust their children into the care and concern of these Gurus and their Gurukulams. The goal of a guru is to make his disciples develop moral values and become productive in society one day.

Fast forward to the 21st century — the entire Gurukulam system of education is almost extinct. Today, we have big modern schools where teachers just impart facts and figures to their students in a mass classroom. Oftentimes, the goals of these teachers are to prepare their wards to become competitive in society by helping them achieve higher grades.

Christian schools are doing slightly better. But the pressure is mounting — mainly from the parents, the society, and the stakeholders. Parents want their children to excel only in academics. The stakeholders are interested more in seeing money fill their coffers than moral values adorn their students. The society

at large is totally confused as to what it wants its future leaders to look like.

At this juncture, it is difficult even for a seasoned and passionate teacher to lose sight of her God-given calling. The imperative is just not there, nor is the motivation. Before the inevitable happens, where the teacher loses her cool with her students or altogether loses interest in the welfare of her wards, something needs to change drastically.

In my experience with the adult education field, I noticed two parameters that are important for a teacher to remain focused. One is to remember the reason behind why she chose the teaching profession in the first place. Most mission school teachers, if not every other teacher, can vividly remember their first day at school as a teacher. Their hearts were full of thanksgiving, and their faces were full of joy. They clearly felt the call of God to become teachers and heeded the call without any hesitation. They were aware of the pitiable conditions in which they were going to work but still gracefully embraced the role. They did that because they realized they were the representatives of God in that place.

The second reason for a teacher to remain focused is the legacy she might leave once she retires or resigns due to some unfortunate circumstances. It is easy to get carried away by the narrative of the day or by the dictums of the management/parent. But what is not

easy is to erase the memories and results of our efforts while we worked as representatives of God. What will we tell God when He finally asks us an account of our work? Will God be impressed with our excuses as simple as “Oh, the parents of the child itself were not interested in their child's welfare?”

Jesus said that no one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God. I would say anyone who committed their life to a certain cause and became demotivated should remember their calling and their initial days of excitement. Jesus never promised us a road devoid of thorns and challenges. Instead, He promised to carry us through that road. He is willing to take those thorns upon His head (once again) and make our yoke light.

A cursory look around us and you would soon notice some of the products

of our education over the last two decades lying in shambles: Leaders with zero integrity, authorities with a narrow vision, and common citizens without a purpose in life. If we are to bring any real transformation in our children, we as parents and teachers should be ready to go the extra mile. What the world expects from a teacher could be very different and demoralizing. But what God expects from a teacher is the same — stand firm in your calling until the end. The one who called you is faithful.



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Tamil Nadu

Joy of Teaching-Learning workshop at Santhosha Vidhyalaya, Donavur

Praise and thanks be to God for the successful two-day ETF-JTL Workshop held on 27th and 28th September 2024 at Santhosha Vidhyalaya, Donavur, Tirunelveli District. The workshop was attended by about 110 faculty members from 22 institutions across 10 districts of Tamil Nadu, as well as one institution from Maharashtra. Including resource persons, guests of honor, student representatives, and volunteers, a total of 130 participants were blessed and deeply motivated.

The event began with a warm welcome and introduction of the facilitators by Mrs. Lydia Devasagayam, Principal of Santhosha Vidhyalaya. The workshop featured enriching sessions led by Dr. Caroline Michael, General Secretary of ETF; Dr. C.K. Rajasingh, President of ETF; and Pastor S.D. Premkumar, an educationist and pastor.

Dr. Caroline Michael shared innovative teaching methods, emphasizing the transformative impact of inviting Jesus into the classroom to bring blessings and miracles. Pastor S.D. Premkumar delivered a thought-provoking session on the challenges faced by teachers and strategies to overcome them, which was highly impactful. Dr. C.K. Rajasingh, Correspondent of Shalom Matriculation Higher Secondary School, presented a session on *"Teacher and Health."* He highlighted the importance of maintaining proper health through balanced food habits, rest, and exercise, encouraging teachers to care for their bodies as temples of God.

Mr. Jeremiah Rajanesan, Correspondent of Santhosha Vidhyalaya, welcomed the gathering and shared the inspiring vision and mission of Amma Amy Carmichael. The delegates had the privilege of touring the campus to explore and appreciate the rich legacy of the Donavur Mission. During the program, the book *"The Teacher's Compass"* by Mrs. Anita Lazarus, an education governance expert, was released. Under the leadership of Dr. Caroline Michael, Dr. C.K. Rajasingh, and Mrs. Lydia Devasagayam, Treasurer of ETF, the book's features were highlighted through a video clip with insights from the authors.

The workshop not only encouraged teachers but also inspired them to contribute more effectively and become a source of motivation for their students. The fellowship

among participants from various schools and organizations added to the enriching experience.

Special appreciation goes to the music team for their lively singing sessions, which uplifted the participants. Heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Lydia Devasagayam and the ushering team of Santhosha Vidhyalaya for their warm hospitality and efforts in making everyone's stay comfortable and enjoyable.

To God be the glory for a blessed and impactful workshop!



Karnataka - ETF Bangalore

On 31st October 2024, approximately 25 teachers came together at the residence of Mrs. Sheela Charles in Bangalore for a time of fellowship and spiritual enrichment.

The meeting began with an opening prayer by Mr. J.S.A. Julius, followed by a warm welcome address from Mrs. Sheela Charles. Mrs. Pavani Grace led an engaging icebreaker session and provided an insightful explanation of the ETF ministry, setting the tone for the gathering.

Dr. Caroline Michael shared the Word of God, delivering an inspiring and spiritually enriching message. Adding to the liveliness of the event, Ms. Nina Amritha conducted an interactive and enjoyable Bible game, fostering a sense of connection and engagement among the participants.

Encouraging testimonies were shared by Ms. Beulah Nirmaline from Vellore and Mrs. Bessie Sujatha from Bangalore, which uplifted and inspired everyone present.

The gathering concluded with a delightful fellowship lunch, offering participants an opportunity to strengthen their bonds and enjoy meaningful conversations.

This time of fellowship was truly a blessing, leaving everyone spiritually refreshed and encouraged.

All glory to God for a blessed and meaningful time of fellowship!



Maharashtra - Nagpur

On 4th November 2024, Mr. Lawrence, Principal of Shalom Vidya Mandir, Nagpur (a Life Member institution of ETF), organized a special gathering for teachers at the Bishop Cotton School campus in Sadar, Nagpur. Approximately 25 teachers came together for this time of fellowship. The event was graced by ETF Central Council members, Mr. Yennu Samuel from Mission India Theological College and Mr. Bijay Kantha Kumar from Mission India Community College. Mr. Lawrence warmly welcomed the participants, setting a cordial tone for the meeting. Dr. Caroline Michael shared the Word of God, delivering an inspiring message, and introduced the vision and mission of the ETF ministry. The gathering concluded with a time of fellowship over tea and snacks, allowing participants to connect and strengthen their bonds.

All glory to God for this enriching time of fellowship!



Sikkim – Gangtok

Praise God. ETF Ministry Expands to Sikkim

We praise God for opening a new door for the ETF ministry in Sikkim under the leadership of Pastor Arun Chettri. On 9th November 2024 evening, around 10 pastors and 2 teachers gathered at a church in Gangtok for a time of fellowship and spiritual enrichment. Dr. Caroline Michael shared the Word of God and introduced the vision and mission of the ETF ministry, inspiring those present to consider their roles in this calling. The presence of Ms. Amulin, a UESI staff worker, and Pastor Narendra from Mission India at the gathering was a source of great encouragement and added significant value to the fellowship. The meeting concluded with a meaningful time of fellowship over tea and snacks, fostering deeper connections among the participants. We also thank God for the leadership of Mr. Deepak, a dedicated teacher in a local school, who has volunteered to promote the ETF ministry in Gangtok. All glory to God for this new opportunity to expand His kingdom in Sikkim!



Seminar at Jolly Memorial School, Ujjain

It had long been a prayerful wish to visit Jolly Memorial School in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh. By God's grace, this desire was fulfilled with a half-day seminar on creating an effective classroom environment held on 15th November 2024. The seminar, organized under the leadership of Pastor Rennie Chacko and Dr. Blassan Samuel, Principal of the school, was attended by about 30 faculty members. Dr. Caroline Michael led the session, introducing innovative methods for classroom management, emphasizing discipline, and presenting engaging strategies for subject teaching and learning. Her talk on group dynamics inspired and motivated the teachers, equipping them with practical and effective tools to enhance their teaching experience. The participants expressed joy in learning these useful tips and felt encouraged to approach teaching with renewed enthusiasm.

The hospitality and care extended by Pastor Rennie Chacko's family—his wife, Mrs. Blessy Chacko, and their daughter, Ms. Priscilla—were remarkable, making the visit truly memorable. We praise God for this wonderful opportunity to connect with their family, explore their ministry, and be part of the impactful work at Jolly Memorial School. **All glory to God!**



Madhya Pradesh – Indore

The conferences organized by the Evangelical Teachers' Fellowship (ETF) consistently serve as a platform to strengthen the fellowship of Christian educators across the country. They also inspire participants to organize seminars, workshops, and conferences in their respective regions. Praise God for the impactful ministries of YWAM in and around Indore! Mrs. Jeba Josef, Principal of Little Star Academy—one of the schools under YWAM—attended the 20th Christian Teachers' Conference in Tamil Nadu in May 2024. The testimonies and experiences shared during the conference served as a source of inspiration for both delegates and organizers. As a follow-up

initiative, Mrs. Jeba Josef led a half-day program on November 16, 2024, at the Living Water Center – Special Needs School.

The program was attended by about 25 teachers, including:

- ▲ 7 teachers from Little Star Academy,
- ▲ 6 teachers from Small Kids School, along with Principal Mrs. Rekha Jadhav,
- ▲ 8 teachers from Living Stone School, led by Principal Mrs. Smita Bhatra,
- ▲ Mrs. Evangeline Kakava, Coordinator of the Living Water Special Needs School,
- ▲ 2 YWAM administrators.

Dr. Caroline Michael delivered a session on the theme 'Teaching is a Calling,' sharing both biblical insights and innovative ideas for classroom teaching. Mr. Dinesh Sisodia assisted with translating the talk, ensuring its relevance and accessibility to the participants.

These programs in Madhya Pradesh have not only expanded ETF's ministry in the region but also laid the groundwork for the **24th Biennial National Conference for Teachers scheduled for 2025 in Indore, Madhya Pradesh.**

All glory to God!



Christmas Programs

Christmas Program – Karnataka - ETF Bangalore- Report - Ms. Nina Ajgarni

Praise be to God, the second Christmas Celebration was held in Bangalore, Karnataka on 29th November, 2024, at the Brethren Church Hall, Murugeshpalya. The program was held in the evening commencing at 5 pm with about 35-40 participants, and ended with a fellowship dinner.

Christmas being the theme of the gathering, the program began with Carols led by Mrs. Pallavi, Mrs. Kasturi Bai and team. The participants were given a warm-up through an icebreaker activity conducted by Mrs. Sheela Charles. A special song was rendered by Mr. Sandeep and Mrs Nissi. Mrs. Pavani Grace then gave a briefing on ETF and encouraged the participants to start area wise meetings.

The more solemn part of the program began with Bible reading taken from the gospel of Luke. The speaker for the gathering was Mrs. Shirley Vengal. She brought out the practicality of doing- the word of God as his chosen people and living His way. After the message, the core team members presented choreography to the song – “We are the reason”. Following this, the participants were guided in hands on activity by Ms. Nina Ajgarni, to make a wreath from chenille wires - the wreath symbolizing - God's love endures forever.

The meeting ended with the Vote of Thanks by Mrs. Pavani Grace, followed by the closing prayer by Mrs. Pallavi. The entire program was emceed by Mrs. Sheela Charles.

We Praise and Thank God for all His Provision, Protection and Love we have experienced.



Christmas Program – Tamil Nadu -ETF Chennai-(Report by Dr. Caroline Michael)

By God's grace, the ETF Christmas program in Chennai is organized every year by teachers and for teachers. This year, it was held on Friday, 29th November 2024, in the Centenary Hall of Emmanuel Methodist Church, Vepery, Chennai. The program was attended by about 120 teachers from 30 different educational institutions, including participants from other faiths and cities like Vellore and Coimbatore.

The event began with an opening prayer by Prof. Annie Crystal, and concluded with a closing prayer by Mr. Jebadoss Dhinakaran and the benediction by Pastor Charles Dawson. Christmas carols, led by the faculty of MCC Matriculation Higher Secondary

School, set a joyous tone for the evening. Dr. Caroline Michael welcomed the gathering with a brief introduction to the Evangelical Teachers' Fellowship.

The program featured a variety of engaging performances, including a skit by the teachers of MCC Higher Secondary School, choreography by the teachers of Gnanodaya Girls High School for a Tamil song and choreography by the teachers of Daniel MHSS, Korrukupet for a English song and a Christmas carol rendered by the teachers of Alpha CBSE School. These performances were thoroughly enjoyed by the audience.

Pastor Charles Dawson delivered a meaningful Christmas message, reminding everyone of the reason for the season. Adding to the festive spirit, Mrs. Jeba Punitha Charles conducted an entertaining game called *ACT ON*, and the gathering had an opportunity to support WISH ALL, an NGO empowering underprivileged women, by purchasing their exhibited products.

It was indeed a joyous and meaningful evening as teachers came together to celebrate the Christmas season. All glory to God!



Christmas Program - ETF Madurai (Report by Dr. Shirley George)

With God's grace, ETF Madurai hosted its inaugural Christmas Celebration on Saturday, 30th November 2024, at Gloriosa Dale, a serene retreat centre nestled in the picturesque valley of Erakkalmalai Reserve Forest, Valayapatti Village, Madurai District.

Approximately 42 representatives from schools, colleges, NGOs, and the IT industry participated in the event. We were also delighted to welcome friends from

various faiths who joined us in celebrating Christmas.

The program commenced with an opening prayer by Mrs. Joy Charles, a retired principal from Y.W.C.A. Vallabai Campus, Madurai. This was followed by uplifting worship songs and Christmas carols, led by Mrs. Jerusha, a teacher from Government High School, Siruvalai, Madurai.

Dr. Shirley Rajkumar warmly welcomed the gathering and provided a brief introduction to ETF.

The first session featured Evangelist Devaprakasam delivering an inspiring Christmas message, with a captivating shadow puppet show as the session's highlight.

After the tea break, the second session opened with a discussion on the challenges faced by teachers in today's environment and the psychological solutions to address them. The session was further enriched by an engaging activity led by Mr. Timothy, a volunteer, and a vibrant dance performance by a family, which added to the overall enjoyment.

Mrs. Deepa, a teacher from Government High School, Andarkottaram, Madurai, extended her thanks to the gathering. The event concluded with a closing prayer led by Mr. Malaisamy James, an NGO representative.

It was truly a memorable occasion, ending on a joyous note with a festive Christmas feast and a photo session.

All glory to God!



1st ETF Bihar State Conference for Teachers

Report by Dr.Kavitha Juliana

We thank God for the successful 1st ETF Bihar State Conference for teachers held at Loyola Pastoral Centre, Matigara, Siliguri, West Bengal, from 6th to 8th November 2024. We are deeply grateful for His grace and guidance throughout the conference and appreciate all the delegates who participated. Special thanks to the organizations that encouraged their teachers to attend, contributing to the event's success.

Participants and Representation

The conference witnessed the participation of approximately 85 delegates, including 13 children and the facilitators. It was heartening to see representation from:

- ⬆ 25 institutions
- ⬆ 7 districts in Bihar
- ⬆ 2 districts in Jharkhand
- ⬆ 5 districts in West Bengal
- ⬆ Assam and Uttar Pradesh

The theme, *“Teachers – Shining Light for Jesus”* (Matthew 5:15-16), resonated with all participants, inspiring them to reflect on their role as Christian educators.

Conference Highlights

The conference began with a time of vibrant singing, followed by a warm welcome by Dr. Kavitha Juliana, who introduced the delegates from various institutions and places. Dr. Juliana, an EC member of ETF and coordinator of the conference, delivered the Keynote Address.

An ice-breaking session led by Dr. Caroline Michael, based on the theme, helped delegates connect and form eight groups, including a group for children. Separate sessions were organized for the children to ensure an enriching experience for them as well.

Dr. Caroline Michael, General Secretary of ETF, led the Bible Hour, offering deep spiritual insights. During the Profession Talk, Mr. Mathew Chacko conducted inspiring group activities, encouraging participants to develop a deeper concern for vulnerable children.

The thoughts shared by Mr. Alekzander Kurkalang and Mr. Fredrick Paul during the morning devotion were both inspiring and deeply encouraging.

Mission Challenges

The testimonies and experiences shared by principals and faculty members from mission schools were a source of inspiration for the delegates:

1. **Mr. Clinton** – Makunda Christian HSS, Assam
2. **Mr. Prithwi Chandra** – Principal, Impact International School, Bhagalpur, Bihar
3. **Mr. Sadhu Sunder Singh** – Principal, St. Xavier High School, Mathura, Khagaria, Bihar
4. **Mrs. Ruby Hembrom** – Nav Bharat Mission School, Purnia, Bihar
5. **Mrs. Jeyanthi Srikanta** – Principal, Rodem International School, Katihar, Bihar
6. **Mrs. Manvizhi Jinuraj** – Principal, GEMS English School, Koderama, Jharkhand
7. **Malto Teachers** – FMPB Shari Doba CDC School, Dargoda, Tinpahar, Jharkhand
8. **Malto Teachers** – FMPB St. Thomas English School, Barharwa, Jharkhand
9. **Mrs. Jancy Paul** – Principal, Truth Mission School, Bhatiyapur, Uttar Pradesh
10. **Mr. Sibion Narjinary** – Principal, Cornerstone School, Jalpaiguri, West Bengal
11. **Mr. Binod Ghimraj** – Budding Stars Academy, Darjeeling, West Bengal

The singing sessions, led by Pastor Simeon, Mrs. Regina, and Ms. Christina, added a lively and joyful atmosphere to the conference. Special thanks to Mr. Finny and Mr. Sam Sanderson for their timely technical support.

Delegates actively participated in group discussions, enjoyed talent-based activities aligned with the theme, and had fun exploring local shopping options. The hospitality and support provided by Father Thomas and the team at Loyola Pastoral Centre, including comfortable accommodations and delicious food, were greatly appreciated.

Closing Reflection

The conference was a time of spiritual and professional enrichment, fostering fellowship among educators and strengthening the vision to serve the Lord effectively. We thank God for the blessings bestowed on both organizers and participants.

All glory to God!





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Day 1 ETF Executive Committee (EC) and Central Council (CC)

Praise & Thank God

The EC and CC members from different parts of the country and their leadership and involvement in the ministry.

Pray

1. The EC and CC members to take leadership to carry out their responsibilities with a commitment in the extension of the ETF ministry in their region.
2. The families, ministries and health of EC and CC members.

Day 2 Finance

Praise & Thank God

1. Sponsors and donors of ETF who support the ministry financially.
2. The new individual and institutional life members and new members joined.

Pray

1. God to continue to bless the sponsors and donors.
2. Many teachers to become the members of ETF to support and pray and institutions to be introduced to ETF ministry from different parts of the country.

Day 3 ETF Publication Trust

Praise & Thank God

1. The authors of articles in every issue of CC and their life and ministry and all who are helping as a team in the publication related works.
2. The attempt and planning to translate the articles published in the Chalk and Chai in vernacular languages is progressing well.
3. The ETFPT Members and the editorial board members of Chalk and Chai

Pray

1. God's grace and guidance for the recruitment of teachers/administrators in institutions which have advertised in CC.
2. The editing work, DTP work, work related with the mailing list of CC and other office

concerned work, printing and dispatching of CC will be carried out smoothly and perfectly without any time delay.

3. Receipt of the magazine by all addressees on time and without any loss.
4. The EC and CC members who have taken the responsibility of doing the needful regarding the translation of articles published in Chalk and Chai
5. Financial needs of ETFPT will be met.
6. The advertisements placed in Chalk and Chai magazine for the recruitment of teachers and Principals.

Day 4 National /Regional/State/Local level ETF programs

Praise & Thank God

The ETF Website which helps many people to know about the ministry updates globally.

The first ETF Bihar State /regional conference held in November 2024 in Silguri.

The upcoming East Zone ETF Regional conference planned in Odisha in August 2025

Pray

1. The UESI-ETF Teachers' Conclave via Zoom to continue periodically
2. ETF Regional Conference/ Principals and Administrators' Conference to be planned periodically in different parts of the country.
3. State level programs, special programs of ETF - seminars / workshops /one day retreat to be organized in different places under the leadership of EC and CC members to build ETF ministry.
4. The prayer network using the Praise and prayer diary will be enhanced in educational institutions, among individual ETF members and ETF local units.
5. The 24th Biennial National Conference for teachers to be held in October 2025 in Indore, MP.

Day 5 Andhra Pradesh

Praise & Thank God

1. The new AP state council formed.
2. Partnership of many institutions in AP with ETF as Life Member Institutions.
3. Active local unit in Good Shepherd English Medium School (LMI).

Pray

1. The local units at Narasapur, Vishakapatnam, Tuni, Guntur, Vijayawada, Anantapur, Ongole, Tadepalli-gudem, and other places to get strengthened.
2. JTL workshop to be planned in SPG college of Education (LMI) and Member Institution (MI) Holy Cross Girls School, Nandyal, Adarsh Degree College (LMI), Catherine group of schools (LMI), New Life English medium School (LMI) and Timpany School (LMI) in Vishakapatnam, and St. John's English Medium High School, (LMI) Mydukur
3. Open doors for ETF ministry in Rajamundri and other places

Day 6 Bihar

Praise & Thank God

1. The partnership of many institutions in Bihar with ETF as Life Member Institutions.
2. The first ETF Bihar state Conference held from 6th to 8th November at Siliguri
3. Open doors for ETF ministry in Impact International School, Bhagalpur, St. Karen's Primary School, Patna, Well Mission Society, Nalanda and Carmel Mission School, Kishanganj.

Pray

1. Christian teachers in Bethel Mission School (LMI), Kishanganj and Emmanuel Mission Public School (LMI) Patna

2. JTL workshop to be organized for teachers of Carmel Mission School, Kishanganj, Nav Bharat Mission School (LMI), Purnea, GEMS Polytechnic College (LMI) in Aurangabad and Emmanuel Mission Public School (LMI) Patna, St. Xavier High School, Mathura (LMI)
3. The needs of GEMS English Schools (LMI) at Dehri on Sone, Aurangabad, Ramdihra and Darbhanga to be met.

Day 7 Chattisgarh

Pray

1. The needs of Blaze academy (LMI) Ganjpara and God's provision for mission minded efficient Christian teachers and administrators to work in their school and for the financial needs of the school to be met.
2. The local unit to be strengthened in Life Academy (LMI), Awaspara
3. St. Thomas School, Dhondi to be render partnership with ETF and to organise JTL workshop.
4. JTL workshop to be organised in Good Shepherd School, Mahasamund

Day 8 Delhi and Haryana

Pray

1. ETF meetings to be organized periodically in different places in Delhi
2. The JTL workshop to be organised in Good Samaritan School (LMI), Faith Academy (LMI)
3. The need of Principals and administrators at Mt. Carmel Schools (LMI) at Anand Niketan and Dwarka.
4. The opening for ETF ministry in Haryana

Gujarat

Praise & Thank God

The leadership and involvement of life Member institutions in Gujarat - St. Thomas English School (LMI) Jawda, St. Stephen's English Medium School (LMI) Selemba and Angel English medium School Vyara.

Pray

1. The need of committed and efficient teachers for all these schools.
2. JTL workshop to be organised in Navapada English School under Vishwavani in Sandhkuva, Tapi Dt., Kachchh Christian School at Bhuj in Kachchh dt.
3. New contacts and open doors for ETF ministry in Ahmadabad, Baroda and Surat
4. Regional ETF conference to be held in Gujarat

Day 9 Himachal Pradesh

Pray

1. Ms. Beulah Abraham and Ms. Esther Abraham at Ananth Spring School in Shanag village in Kulum dt. Pray for all the needs to be met in the school.
2. The need of teachers in Day Star School, (LMI) Manali.
3. Rainbow School and the Children's Home in Manali under the care of Ms. Lalsangliani
3. Open doors for ETF ministry in C.N.I. St. Thomas School, Shimla and other educational institutions under the diocese of Amritsar.

Ladak, Jammu and Kashmir

Praise & Thank God

Net work program and open doors for ETF ministry in Leh, Ladak and Kargil district.

Pray

Mission minded teachers to serve in the mission schools in these places

Jharkhand

Praise & Thank God

The partnership of FMPB St.Thomas English School (LMI) Pandanbhita, Rural Christian Primary School, Barharw and Shalom School (LMI) Madhupur .

Pray

God's protection and provision in GEMS Mission School, Garhwa. Open doors for ETF ministry in Bethel Mission School, Dumka and Christian college in Hazaribagh and Gossner colleges.

Day 10 Karnataka

Praise & Thank God

- 1.The vibrant local unit leaders in Bangalore
- 2.The support and involvement of many members in Bangalore.
- 3.Open doors for ETF ministry in Mysore, Hubli and Simoga

Pray

1. The local units at Indira Nagar, St. John's School (LMI) and other places to get strengthened.
- 2.Open doors for ETF ministry in Coorg.
3. JTL workshops to be conducted in many institutions in Bangalore
- 4.Pray for the next State conference to be organised.

Day 11 Kerala

Pray

Open doors for ETF ministry in many educational institutions.

Madhya Pradesh

Praise & Thank God

- 1.The partnership of many institutions in Madhya Pradesh with ETF as Life Member Institutions.
- 2.Half a day programmes organized for teachers of Jolly Memorial School in Ujjain on 15th November 2024 and for teachers of YWAM schools and few other schools in Indore on 16th November 2024

Pray

1. The needs of Sideras School (LMI) Borkhedi , Teresa International school Panpur , and Nayajeevan School, Datia
2. Appointment of Christian teachers and administrators in the schools under Care For India
- 3.The ETF 24th Biennial Natina conference to be held from 18th to 21st October 2025 in Indore.

Day 12 Maharashtra

Praise & Thank God

- 1.The partnership of MVM schools , Dr.Yardy English School Umri, and MI Theological college with ETF.
2. Open doors for ETF ministry in Nagpur - Half a day program organized on 4th November ,2024 to introduce ETF to a group of teachers in Nagpur.

Pray

- 1 JTL workshop to be conducted in Pandita Ramabai Mukti Mission, Kedgaon in June 2025.
- 2.Appoiatment of Christian teachers and administrators in the schools under Care For India

- 3.JTL workshop to be organised in Shalom English School (LMI),Kolambi,Yuvatmal, Agape English School, Chandrapur and Navjeevan English School, Kamptee under Maharashtra Village Ministries(LMI), The Ambassador High School(MI) Vasai East, Bombay Teen Challenges Academy Badhlapur West and Shalom Vidya Mandir (LM) Nagpur.
- 4.Good leadership and mission minded efficient teachers to be appointed in Dr. Yardy English School Umri and YCLT English Medium School Yavatmal
- 5.Open doors for the ETF ministry in Pune Mumbai and Amaravathi district .
6. The local unit at Solapur to be strengthened and many new members to join.
- 7.The state conference of Maharashtra to be conducted and the state council to be formed.

Day 13 North East – Assam, Arunachal Pradesh Sikkim and Tripura

Praise & Thank God

- 1.The partnership of Mt. Calvary School (LMI),. Diphu, Karbi Anglong Dt and Makunda Christian High School(LMI), Bazaricherra ,Karimganj Dt., Assam with ETF.
- 2.Praise God for the opportunity to introduce ETF ministry in Gangtok, Sikkim and open doors for further programs in Sikkim.
- 3.Open doors for ETF ministry in Moravian Institute, Binnakandi, Assam

Pray

- 1.JTL workshop to be organised in Ruth Foundation English School(LMI) ,West Kameng , Arunachal Pradesh
- 2.JTL workshop to be organized in Thomas English School(MI), Purbahanpara, Tripura and Antioch School (LMI), in West Tripura.
- 3.Open doors for ETF ministry in many educational institutions in Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Tripura
- 4.The need for good English speaking teachers in Thomas English School Purbahanpara ,Tripura
- 5.ETF Conference to be organized in these states.

Day 14 Manipur and Nagaland

Praise & Thank God

- 1.Partnership of Bethany Christian College, Manipur, St. John's English School, Nambal and Shemrock School, Dimapur, Nagaland for the partnership with ETF as a life member institutions.
- 2.Open doors for ETF ministry in Manipur and Nagaland

Pray

- 1.Many institutions in Mao in Manipur to become members/ life members of ETF.
- 2.JTL workshop to be organized in Baptist Mission Schools, Imphal, St. John's English School, Nambal and Bethany Christian College ,Manipur and Shemrock School, Dimapur,Nagaland.
3. ETF Conference to be organized in these states.

Day 15 Mizoram

Praise & Thank God

Dr. L.N.Tluanga, Aizawl, for his prayers, encouragement and involvement in ETF ministry.
The praying partners of ETF local unit at Aizawl.

Pray

- 1.ETF Local unit in Aizawl to get strengthened.
- 2.Open doors for ETF ministry in Mizoram Christian College and other colleges.
- 3.Many institutions under Presbyterian Church in Mizoram and other places to be a part of ETF.
4. ETF Conference to be organized in this state.

Day 16 Meghalaya

Praise & Thank God

The member institutions of ETF - Anderson HSS(LMI), Nongstoin , Pariong Presbytery HSS,Pariong (MI), Landmark Secondary School, Umroi (MI), Educere Hr.Secondary School,Kusimkalgre, East Garo Hills(MI), Christian Multipurpose HSS, Mawngap Dt., East Khasi Hills and ETF members in NEHU, Shillong.

Pray

1. The local unit in these institutions to get strengthened.
2. Many members in NEHU to get involved in ETF
3. Local units to be formed in schools and colleges and JTL workshop to be conducted for the teachers of Meghalaya
4. The state council to organise many interesting programs for teachers in different parts of Meghalaya.

Day 17 Odisha

Praise & Thank God

The partnership of many educational institutions with ETF.

Pray

JTL programs to be organised and the need of good committed Christian teachers / administrators in the following institutions:

- El Nissi Mission School(LMI) Dharamgarh and Adoni Public School (LMI),Daspur and Elmachsi Mission School, Kalahandi Dt, Navjyoti Vidyalaya(LMI), Khariar Road, Anand Niketan School (LMI) and Asha Kiran (LMI) in Lamtaput, Manna Wisdom School (LMI), Bhubaneswar, Shepherd English School (LMI), Kuarmunda IMST Schools in Malkangiri and Balimela and in Schools under Dream India, Kosagumuda and schools under Care For India
4. East Zone Regional conference in Odisha to be conducted from 8th to 10th August in Odisha and the state council to be formed.

Day 18 Punjab

Pray

1. The schools under the CNI diocese of Amritsar be influenced by ETF ministry.
2. Open doors of ETF ministry in Jalandhar, Chandigarh, Ludhiana and other places
3. JTL workshop to be organised in Sacred Heart School(LMI), Moga and other schools in Punjab.
4. State Conference to be organised in Punjab.

Rajasthan

Pray

Open doors for ETF ministry in Fellowship Mission School Jaipur and other educational institutions in Udaipur and other places.

Day 19 Tamil Nadu

Praise & Thank God

1. The support, encouragement and involvement of many members and institutions in ETF ministry in various places of Tamil Nadu.
2. Many teachers from different types of educational institutions including colleges are getting introduced to ETF.
3. The vibrant leadership of Dr. Shirley George in Madurai region.

Pray

1. The 21st Christian Teachers' Conference of Tamil Nadu to be held from 15th to 18th May 2025 in Tamil Nadu
2. The need for committed Christian teachers to work in Shalom Matriculation School (LMI), Pavoorchatram, Kings and Queens Residential School (LMI) Arakkonam
3. Local units in Tambaram, Chennai, Coimbatore, Lady Doak College (LMI), Madurai and Bishop Heber College (LMI), Trichy, Voorhees College and Ida Scudder School (LMI) and Kings MHSS in Kasam, Vellore to get strengthened.
3. Open doors for ETF Ministry in Nilgiris district.
4. Local units to be formed and to be active in Arakkonam and Thiruvallur dt.
5. The JTL workshop to be organized in schools and colleges in different districts in Tamil Nadu

Day 20 Telangana

Praise & Thank God

The partnership of many educational institutions with ETF.

Pray

1. The local unit at Hyderabad to be strengthened and many new members to involve.
2. Pray for open doors for ETF ministry in Khammam, Kharimnagar, Warangal, Adilabad and other places.

Day 21 Uttarakhand

Praise & Thank God

The partnership of many institutions with ETF.

Pray

1. The local unit at Grace Academy (LMI) to be strengthened and needs of the school to be met.
2. JTL workshops to be organized in schools under Bharat Susamachar Samiti (LMI) namely Khrist Jyoti schools in Dehradun, Rudrapur, Haridwar and Mount Carmel Christian Academy (LMI) Gulabrai, Shishya Public School (LMI), Moravian Institute, New Theological Seminary, Sahara Christian Academy and Shifa School in Dehradun.
3. State conference to be organized in Uttarakhand

Day 22 Uttar Pradesh

Praise & Thank God

The partnership of many institutions with ETF.

Open doors for ETF ministry in The Truth Mission School, Fatehpur.

Pray

1. The JTL workshops to be organized in, Kachua Christian School, Mirzapur Emmanuel Church School (LMI), Utraula, Thelma David Memorial School Varanasi, Mizpah Christian School Orai and Christ Convent School, Rath.
2. The need for good English speaking teachers and for the urgent need of a lady headmistress for the English-medium section in Kulpahar Christian School.
3. The needs to be met and local units to form in St. Thomas School (LMI) Bhadohi and True Light English School (LMI), Varanasi.
4. JTL workshops to be organized in W.H. Smith Memorial School and Cutting Memorial College Varanasi, Christ Church College, Kanpur, St. Thomas School Ballia, Jamuna Christian College and School, Allahabad, Lucknow Christian College and Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow, St. John's College, Agra, St. Xavier's School, Khaliabad and GEMS English School Duddi and James Harvey Memorial School, Nawabganj and The Truth Mission School, Fatehpur.

- 5.Appointment of Christian teachers and administrators in the schools under Care For India
- 6.State conference to be organized in Uttar Pradesh

Day 23 West Bengal

Praise & Thank God

Open doors for ETF ministry in Hanna Memorial Mission School, Sonapurhat, Budding Stars Academy, Darjeeling

Pray

1. JTL workshops held in Corner Stone School(LMI) Purba Satali, Wheaton School(LMI), Siliguri.
- 2.Open doors Grace Ashram Alipurduar, Dr.Graham's Homes and other schools Kalimpong and C.N.I Diocesan School, Durgapur
- 3.The needs of St. John's Public School Burdwan to be met.

Day 24 Educational Institutions and Tent makers

Praise and Thank God

- 1.The missionaries, missionary organizations and Churches that initiated education in different parts of the country.
- 2.The Tent makers serving the Lord in mission run educational institutions as well as in secular educational institutions in all states.

Pray

- 1.For divine direction for those awaiting opportunities to serve as tent makers within God's plan for their lives.
- 2.For God to equip all the frontline ministry workers with His Holy armor.

Day 25 Christian Educational Institutions

Pray

- 1.God's protection and provision for the following Christian Educational Institutions:
All the educational institutions under Mizoram Presbyterian Church, C.S.I. and C.N.I. diocesan institutions, Baptist Mission schools, Methodist Mission schools, ECI church Schools, Schools under missionary organizations like NMS, IMS, FMPB, Vishwavani etc. and mission schools under Christian NGOs and individual Christian educators in different parts of the country.
2. God's provision of trained and committed Christian teachers and administrators and good strength of students in these schools.
3. Holistic growth of children through cultivation of moral, social and ethical values with spiritual insights.
- 4.God should enable all the board members /administrators/ teachers of all Christian educational institutions to serve the Lord as witnessing servants faithfully without any selfish attitude to bring up the institutions to greater heights for the glory of God.
- 5.Removal of all kind of evils like mal practices, crave for money, position, caste issues, bribe child abuse and any kind of unethical and immoral activities prevailing in Christian educational institutions .

Day 26 Special Education and Religious Unrest in the Nation

Praise and Thank God

Special Schools for physically, visually challenged, and mentally challenged children, spastic children , Day care centers and tuition centers , deaf and dumb schools and colleges, schools functioning for children affected with Leprosy, AIDs, Dyslexia and Slow learners, Autism and adult education and education for Trans genders run by Christian NGOs and missionary

organizations and individuals.

Pray

- 1.Christian special education teachers working among differently abled children and adults to be greatly encouraged and strengthened.
- 2.India to return to being the secular as per the constitution
- 3.People of all religious faiths to live in peace and harmony in our communities.
- 4.Students undertaking courses in Professional Colleges ,Medical courses, Community Colleges, Theolo-gical Colleges and Bible Colleges .
- 5.More Christmas programs to be held under ETF in many places inviting teachers from other faiths.
6. Christmas programs for children under special education and vulnerable children

Day 27 Career excellence and Job opportunities

Pray

- 1.Qualified and trained Christian teachers to get good job opportunities in schools and colleges.
- 2.Christian Teachers /Research guides involved in higher education and research work.
3. The health and family needs of the teaching community and also for their life model to the students.
- 4.The fear of God to prevail in the life of authorities who are involved in the appointments of staff and admissions of students that they will avoid all kinds of evil and illegal considerations
- 5.The conduct and valuation of examination scripts at all levels to be done with integrity and for God to be honoured and glorified in all aspects related to results of Christian educational institutions and grades and marks achieved by Christian students.
- 6.The illiteracy in India to be removed and adult education to be encouraged.
- 7.Many young teachers to become tent makers to serve the Lord in mission schools in remote areas

Day 28 Pandemic Implications and natural calamities

Praise &Thank God

God's grace and mercy which has enabled the normal functioning of schools and Colleges in the country.

The conduction of board examinations in all the schools and semester exams in Colleges. .

Pray

1. God's grace and mercy continue to remove any kind of virus and protect the people from natural calamities.
2. The financial needs to be met in teachers'/students' families.
3. The Christian educational institutions are well equipped with resources to meet the demands of present day especially for the required facilities to both faculties and students in mission schools in remote areas for learning through on line classes.
4. Safety of teachers and students and support staff in the educational institutions and for the smooth functioning of examinations.
- 5.The admission strength to improve in schools and Colleges.

Day 29 Personal Needs

Pray

- 1.The comfort and peace in the families who have lost their loved ones /their possessions and pray for their timely needs to be met. The healing touch of God on those who are hospitalised and sick.

- 2.The health issues of teachers and students because of on line classes - head ache, stress in the eyes, stress in mind and other needs and anxieties.
- 3.The emotional needs of teachers, students and parents who are getting adopted to the new system of teaching and learning through on line classes
- 4.Students at all levels of education to be blessed with good health, good mindset to study, freedom from anxiety ,fear ,complex, depression and suicidal attempts.
5. The Christian parents to accept God's will and purpose in their family with respect to the future and career of their children.

Day 30 Protection of Christian educational institutions

Pray

1. For the deceitful implications of the new education policy not to affect the teaching – learning community
2. The government at the centre and state levels to favour Christian schools and colleges as granted in the constitution of India.
3. The Christian teachers, educators and Principals of Christian institutions to stand firm in their faith to face the challenges.
4. God's protection and wisdom to integrate the Truth from Biblical perspectives even in theory subject teaching.
5. God's grace to abound in the education system protecting the younger generation from learning facts that are not true and correct.
6. God to take complete control of present situation to protect the educating and learning community from all harms and threats they may face from different directions expected and unexpected.

Day 31 Revival among Teachers through ETF ministry

Pray

- 1.Many teachers to be added into the fellowship of local ETF so that unity among the Christian teachers gets strengthened.
- 2.Many local units to be started in many Christian educational institutions in different places in India.
- 3.More training programs to be conducted in different states of India and many teachers to get trained to be effective and efficient in their profession as teachers.
- 4.ETF has to develop access to reach even unreached schools in villages and remote parts of India. Many teachers to get mobilized to make mission trips to unreached places.
5. Teachers from other faiths working in the mission schools to know the Truth and excel in their work.
- 6.Christian teachers working in government sectors and secular institutions to get strengthened by Chalk and Chai magazine and ETF programs to be witnessing servants in their working place.
- 7.With prayer and soul burden ,the teachers to reach out to the younger generation who are addicted to drugs, smoking, alcohol and perverted in thought, word and action and lead them to Jesus Christ for deliverance from sin and bondage.



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