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FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S DESK

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you all in the matchless name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

As the summer vacation draws to a close, educational institutions are once again gearing up to resume their journey in teaching and learning. It is customary during this break for schools and colleges to renovate, replenish, and refurnish their infrastructure. Classrooms and libraries are upgraded with the latest technologies, creating an environment conducive to better learning. In this year's thematic series —*Teachers and their Bible, Teachers and their Textbooks*, this issue of *Chalk and Chai* delves into the theme: **"Teachers and Their Libraries."** Libraries play a crucial role in both formal and non-formal education, contributing significantly to the intellectual, cultural, artistic, and emotional development of learners. In this context, I would like to share a few thoughts on what *"God's Library : A Living Collection of Divine Wisdom"* has to teach us.

God's Word: The Core of the Divine Library

Henry M. Morris, Christian apologist and Founder-President Emeritus of the Institute for Creation Research, reminds us that God has a library — and at its core is Christ Himself, *"The Word"* (Logos) (John 1:1,18). The Bible is not just a single book but a **library of 66 books**, written by various authors across centuries. These texts offer historical, prophetic, poetic, and doctrinal insights,

preserving God's truth through generations. The Bible is written by the Living Word through the Holy Spirit to holy men of old. Just like libraries preserve knowledge, the Bible houses a vast range of genres, including law, wisdom literature, prophecy, and gospel. Through this Divine Library, God reveals His eternal patterns of truth and righteousness. It is a library divinely curated to guide, transform, and prepare God's people for righteous living. Unlike any earthly library, the Word of God is the most ancient and eternal library: *"Forever, O Lord, your word is settled in heaven."* (Psalm 119:89) God's Word is a divine archive, indestructible, eternal, and unchanging. *"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."* (Matthew 24:35) Understanding the Bible as a library helps us appreciate its depth and diversity. We are called to study its individual books, their contexts, and their messages to grow in faith and wisdom.

God's Creation: A library of Natural Revelation.

Secondly, God's Creation is a library — a living archive of divine truth. The structured account of creation over six days (Genesis 1 & 2) reveals not only order but intentionality and purpose. The central figure in creation is Christ: *"For in Him all things were created... all things have been created through Him and for Him."* (Colossians 1:16). God's creation is a silent yet powerful testimony, like a natural library filled with wisdom: *"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His*

hands.” (Psalm 19:1-4). It’s a God spoke (Rhema), and all things came into being (Genesis 1:3). This **oral archive**—God’s spoken Word—continues to sustain creation (Hebrews 1:3). Before the written word, oral tradition preserved knowledge. From the Ten Commandments to Jesus’ teachings, God’s voice has always guided His people. Today, ministries like *Spoken Worldwide* continue the tradition, ensuring God’s Word reaches all—even where literacy is limited. This reminds us that the voice of God is still writing His truth into the hearts of all people.

God’s People: Living Books in His Ever-Growing Library

Finally, God’s people are living volumes in His divine library. Like earthly libraries that constantly grow, God’s heavenly library expands through the lives and testimonies of His children. The Gospel of John ends with this powerful statement: *“If every one of the things Jesus did were written down... the whole world would not have room for the books.”* (John 21:25). The Bible also mentions several divine records: *Books of works and rewards* (1 Cor. 3:11–15; 2 Cor. 5:10)

A book of remembrance for those who fear the Lord (Malachi 3:16)

Records of discipleship and mission (Matthew 28:19–20)

God also honors the scholarly contributions of His people:

“In Him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” (Colossians 2:3)

As Christian educators and researchers, we are called to “think God’s thoughts after Him” and contribute to libraries of faith, science, and learning that glorify Him.

On **24th March 2018**, the Government of India officially declared it **National Library Day**, recognizing the value of libraries in shaping minds. But for God’s people, **Every day is Eternal Library Day**—a day to commemorate and participate in building God’s Kingdom by proclaiming His Word.

This issue features:

The third part of the series *More than a Teacher* by Brother Stanley

A Lifelong Learning

by Dr. J. N. Manoharan, inspiring us to be constant learners.

Back to the Books; Back to the Basics

by Mrs. Lydia Devasagayam, encouraging effective use of libraries.

A tribute to Dr. Porkodi, former Vice President of ETF, by Dr. Spurgeon Anandaraj

I sincerely thank all authors and the editorial team for their contributions. Chalk and Chai continues to be not only a resource for reflection and renewal but also a platform for prayer, fellowship, and faith.

“Life is like a book. You read one page at a time and hope for a good ending.”

— J.B. Taylor

Wishing you all a blessed and fruitful academic year!



Caroline Michael
General Secretary, ETF



Teacher & Library

Back to the Books; Back to the Basics

Once upon a time, libraries were the heart of every school—silent, sacred spaces where students discovered magic beyond the blackboard. For many of us, the memory of curling up with a well-worn storybook or flipping through encyclopaedia pages for a science project still brings a sense of warmth and nostalgia.

But today, in the glow of screens and the rush of clicks, the humble school library often stands quietly, waiting to be rediscovered.

The Teacher's Ally in Learning

As teachers, we know that meaningful learning doesn't just happen inside a classroom. It happens in quiet corners, among books, in moments of reflection and curiosity. A school library is not just a room with shelves—it's a teacher's strongest silent ally.

Numerous studies back this up. Schools with well-stocked libraries and active teacher-librarian collaboration have students who perform significantly

better in reading and writing. According to a Colorado study, such students scored 20% higher in standardized literacy tests than peers without access to libraries.

But beyond grades, libraries offer something even more profound—a **chance to pause, think, and grow.**

Reading in the Age of Distraction

Our students are growing up in the Age of Distraction. With TikTok reels, gaming apps, YouTube shorts, and snackable content always at their fingertips, attention spans are shrinking faster than ever. The result? Shallow focus, reduced comprehension, and a desire for instant results.

And here's where the library makes a quiet comeback.

Reading a book—truly reading—demands attention, imagination, and patience. It's an antidote to the dopamine-driven distractions of modern life. Studies like those by Carney &

Robertson (2022) show that engaging with literature not only improves comprehension but also lifts mood and lowers anxiety. Libraries can be therapeutic spaces—safe zones where students unplug and recharge their inner worlds.

A Place of Possibility, Not Just Pages

At its best, a school library is more than a resource centre. It is a launchpad for projects, exhibitions, presentations, and creative exploration. It supports various learning styles—from the reflective reader to the hands-on researcher. And when guided by a thoughtful teacher, the library becomes a laboratory of inquiry.

As educators, we can breathe life back into these spaces by:

- Assigning research tasks that require book-based references
- Holding weekly “library hour” with reading goals
- Starting book clubs, reading circles, or even “read and reflect” journals
- Modelling reading habits by sharing what we are reading

Let's remind our students that a book can be a companion, a mentor, a mirror, or a door to another world.

Back to the Basics, Forward in Purpose

Digital tools are here to stay—but they are not a replacement for deep, meaningful learning. Let's reimagine our libraries not as relics, but as **reliable and**

relevant spaces. The teacher's voice and the library's silence can together shape a generation of thinkers, dreamers, and doers.

So, the next time you step into your school's library, breathe it in. Pick up a book. Invite your students in. Who knows what world they'll discover?



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Great people are those who learn and read all their lives. Great readers are great leaders. A disciple is a learner, a Christian is a lifelong learner. In International flights, it is observed that Asians chat, watch movies, and play games. But Germans, Jews, Hungarians, Russians... generally read books. In those nations, mother and teacher say: "Books are a store of wisdom, more valuable than money, treasures, and wisdom is something no one can rob from you. Whatever you do, you have to read before going to sleep."

Christian Teacher

A Christian teacher has a task for the integral development of a child. Christian teachers have to walk the second mile to develop children. Helping children to gain a worldview based on truth, excel academically, and grow spiritually with a broad mindset.

Wisdom and instruction

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom

and instruction." (Proverbs 1:7) All knowledge and wisdom are subject to God. Hence, for me, fearing God opens the door for wisdom, knowledge, and prudence.

Leaders are readers

Good leaders gain knowledge from various sources. Great leaders have an insatiable appetite for learning. Paul read even in his last stages of his life in prison. (II Timothy 4:13) Even he took notes. Another example is C.H. Spurgeon. He would typically read six books a week, remember the contents for many years. Most leaders are avid readers.

Love for reading

Love for reading does not come automatically. Hence, teachers ought to instill a love for books. Parents have the primary responsibility, while teachers have the secondary responsibility. Teachers should educate the parents to have a bookshelf for their kids with a variety of books, not just school books.

Having access to books at home, the visibility of books in the school, especially the library, would attract children to pick up books and start reading.

Joy of reading

Teachers could inspire children to experience the joy of reading. Choosing a book for a week and asking children to read during weekends, is the beginning of the exercise. In groups or as individuals, the children should be allowed to verbalise in a few words their experience of reading the particular book. This helps children to process what they have read, choose to retain in their memory. This will help the teachers to know the kind of books children would prefer: stories, fiction, scientific fiction, non-fiction, animal stories, fantasy, biographies, adventure, travelogues, etc.

Joy of Learning

The goal is not just reading, but to help them learn. Children should realize that reading helps them to grow in knowledge, understanding, prudence, new skills, and new information about the world. That also helps children choose their preferences and determine their future life.

Lifelong learning

In the modern world, lifelong learning is a buzzword. Training, group learning, and coaching are some of the ways a culture of lifelong learning is being imbibed in the work culture of several organizations. Despite such investments, there is not much progress. The reason is that what was not taught by teachers in schools and not caught at home cannot be learnt as adults in a workplace. “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it.” (Prov. 22:6)

Digital world

Digital technology has rewritten the norms in all segments of life, including education. No Artificial Intelligence has become a new disruptive technology. As always, technology is always neutral, it depends on the user, who can use it for good, trivia, or even evil. With more audio and video content being consumed, reading is a challenge. They could have numerous copies of e-books on their gadgets, but who will make them read? It is like the old proverb: “We can take a horse to water, but cannot make it drink.”

Challenge

Unless teachers lay the foundation for reading, the next generation will have access to knowledge, but not have wisdom. Teachers should lead by example. Create an environment of learning inside and outside the school. Inspire children to be readers and to become leaders.



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More than Studies!

A Message to Christian Teachers

SALVATION (Middle Finger)

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The middle finger is the “longest” and the “central” finger which perfectly typifies the eternalness of the soul and the super importance of Salvation. Jesus asked, “What will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, but loses his own soul?” (Mk 8:36).

19 out of 20 who receive Christ do so before they reach 25. After 25, only one in 10,000 turns to Christ; after 35, only one in 50,000; after 45, only one in 200,000; after 55, only one in 300,000; after 65, only one in 500,000; after 75, only one in 700,000. In other words, as per this statistics, the chances of students coming into Salvation experience with Christ after they leave school or college are rare. What a responsibility and privilege it is then in the hands of Christian teachers to lead the younger generation to the Saviour of the World!

Intelligence, industriousness, sports, talents, etc., can each be compared to a zero. Adding any number of zeroes makes another zero. But zeroes after the integer “1” multiply their value. Referring to eternal Salvation Jesus said, “ONE thing is needful!” King Solomon, the most intelligent person who ever lived, wrote, “The fear of God is the BEGINNING of knowledge” (Prov 1:7).

Teachers must not only train students for their immediate future but also prepare them for their ultimate future. Here are a few ways how Christian teachers can enable students enjoy eternal blessings -

* Encourage Christian students to gather regularly, atleast once a week, inside or outside the college or hostel, for Bible study and prayer. Pick up Timothy and Titus and through them help the cells to grow in the knowledge of God. Participate yourself in their gatherings atleast occasionally and encourage the students. Don't feel hesitant or ashamed to identify yourself with God's little flocks. In Christian circles there's such a lot of competition to do pastoral ministry. But students' ministry suffers from lack of shepherding care in college campuses. Dear Christian teacher friend, don't defeat God's purpose in keeping you in that school or college.

* Cooperate with the Christian youth ministries. Union of Evangelical Students of India (UESI), Scripture Union (SU), Youth For Christ (YFC) and Students For Jesus (SFJ) of the Blessing Youth Mission are some of the active campus ministries. Each organisation has its own style and emphasis. No single group can cater to all the needs of all the categories of

students. Use their specialised services therefore accordingly to bless the students. Sponsor interested students to their Camps and Retreats. John Wesley (1703-1791) and Charles Wesley (1707-1788) received God's vision as students, and God used them to revive England and found the Methodist Church. Most of the nationwide and worldwide missionary movements started as campus ministries. The Blessing Youth Mission (1971) is an example.

* Support the students evangelistic programmes financially. Many students come from the middle or lower income groups. They cannot spare from their pocket money for transport for outreach activities. They also need gospel tracts, booklets and Testaments. In our college prayer cell in Karaikudi we were praying for funds to purchase Testaments and Bibles for some non-Christian enquirers. A doctor's family from Thanjavur sent us a dozen Bibles. How we rejoiced that day in the evening gathering in the woods for God's miracle supply! Teachers are reasonably well-paid in India. Spending for students ministry is an investment for the next generation of leaders of the Church and the country. Be liberal.

* Pray for each of your students. It is not God's will that any of them should get lost (1 Tim 2:1,4; Mt 18:14). My sixth class teacher, Mr. Michael Chelladurai, had been praying for my salvation from 1956 and I was saved in 1962. Little would he have realised that he had been praying for a would-be preacher! If you keep a list of all your students and pray for one person each day, each of them would be prayed for once every two or three months. This is the minimum you can do for their souls.

* Make use of every opportunity to share the Gospel personally with students. You may be accused for "converting" people. But tell them that you are actually "reconverting" them. By creation all men and women belong to God. No one is born as a Christian or a non-Christian. By choice we have gone away from God in sinful ways. Christ is the only way for us to "come back" to the Creator God (Isa 53:6; Jn 14:6). Before he became the second President of India, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan was a professor of philosophy in Chennai. Following his lecture on gurudisciple relationship, one of his students asked him personally whether he could keep him as his guru. To which Dr. Radhakrishnan answered, "Jesus is the ideal guru!" Stunned by this reply from a Hindu philosopher, that young man started reading the New Testament and experienced Salvation through Christ. He is none other than the famous preacher from Kerala, Mr. Paul Sudhakar! Teachers Day in India is celebrated on Dr. Radhakrishnan's birthday. I was led to Christ through my Chemistry lecturer when I was a fresher in college. Remember, if you are sincere, the students take your words seriously.

As teachers yours is a greater opportunity than professional missionaries. The students are a mission field which has come to you! Catch 'em young!' When an old man is saved, his soul alone is saved. But when a young person is saved, his life also is saved!



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EVANGELICAL TEACHER'S FELLOWSHIP - TWIN CITIES UNIT

14th April' 2025, 9.30am - 4.00pm
St. John's Church High School, Secunderabad,

Report by Dr. Sravanthi

God's presence was truly felt when teachers of the City Unit gathered at the St. John's Church High School, Secunderabad organized by Evangelical Teachers Fellowship. The praise and worship which was led by Rev. Dr. Nallaraj Edward and Mrs. Grace Nallaraj. Dr. Vidya Sravanthi, President ETF in her welcome address, recognised the presence of ETF stalwarts, leaders who were active members and committee members for more than 45 years. She recognised the exemplary work of Dr. Spurgeon Anandraj, Dr. Hannah Spurgeon, Dr. Theophilus, Rev. Dr. Nallaraj Edward, Mrs. Grace Nallaraj, Dr. Satyaraj and Mr. Eapen John. The ETF presentation prepared by Dr. Caroline Michael, General Secretary, ETF was introduced. She spoke about the National network of the Teaching Community and the mission of ETF which seeks to Disciple, Equip and Resource Christian Teachers. ETF aims to unite Teachers build the kingdom of God by following the lifestyle of our Master Teacher, Jesus Christ. She also spoke of the activities of ETF and the publications of Chalk and Chai and books for equipping Teachers. She called upon teachers to take up annual membership for local unit, National ETF and for Chalk and Chai subscription.

Dr. Joseph Christadoss, guest speaker delivered the address on "Christian Teacher - Beacon of Hope". He began the session with a self-assessing teacher's questionnaire on "How certain statements could best describe me". This was followed by a meaningful and insightful session which emphasized on how a Christian teacher can be an inspiration to his/her students and the society at large.

Dr. Spurgeon Anandraj greeted the gathering by welcoming the new members and informing everyone of the Vision of ETF. He encouraged the members of ETF to work towards the spreading of hope and light to young students as they live with difficult challenges.

A fellowship meal was arranged which energised the gathering to attend the post lunch session. The Annual report was presented by the Secretary, Mrs. Kasturi Samuel which highlighted the events of the previous meetings held by the local unit. It emphasized on the importance of regular meetings, retreats, Bible studies and intercessory prayers that uplift the unit members in Christ.

Dr. Mrs. Bhaga Paul delivered her testimony on God's providence in her personal life and her journey in building her school which worked for the betterment of the society. This was followed by an exciting quiz on the four gospels conducted by



Dr.Diana Moses and Mrs.Patricia Joseph. Later in the day, we had some cultural events by member institutions. The retreat came to an end with the group and intercessory prayers conducted by Mrs. Pansy, Mrs.Vinodhini and Mrs.Manitha Praying for continued blessings on our country, our leaders, all the unit members and their families.

Lunch and Tea was organised for all participants. We thank Mrs.Vinodhini Paul, Mrs.Pansy, Mrs. Manitha and Mrs.Fidelia for guiding the intercession prayers.

Truly it was a day to be remembered as the gathering united us as one in Christ.

Mizoram - ETF Fellowship Meet

The ETF members, Mr. Titus along with his wife Mrs. Nishana Parveen had recently migrated to Aizawl to undertake his PhD program. Praise God for the lovely and a blessed time of fellowship of ETF members at the residence of Dr. Tluanga in Aizawl along with Mr. Hepuni and his wife Mrs. Mami on 20th May evening.



Evangelical Teachers' Fellowship of India, Meghalaya.

A Brief Report by Mrs Bakordor W. Bannett, Secretary, ETFI, Meghalaya

Report on Food Fest and Variety Sales – at All Saints Hall, IGP, Shillong

The Evangelical Teachers' Fellowship of India, Meghalaya (ETFIM), recently formed, organized a *Food Fest & Variety Sales* on 16th May 2025 on the Theme *Teachers Palate*, to raise funds for its initiatives. Members contributed ₹500 each, totaling ₹10,200, as seed money for the event.

The event aimed to strengthen fellowship, showcase members' talents, and raise funds for ETFIM programs. It featured a variety of food stalls offering delicious homemade dishes, and sales of handmade crafts, flowers, books, and accessories. Engaging games like Fishing, Throw the Ring, and Hit the Pyramid entertained participants of all ages while boosting fundraising efforts.

The event saw active participation from members, families, and the wider community. Students from two local schools—Seven Set and Laban Presbyterian HSS—enthusiastically joined, and local shops supported the cause. Friends, parents, and colleagues also turned up in large numbers. After expenses, the event raised ₹1,51,405, including donations and seed money. Leftover items were responsibly shared or donated.

Special thanks to Chief Guest *Rev. S. Diengngan*, Administrative Secretary, K.J.P. Assembly, for his presence and contribution. Gratitude is extended to all who supported the event. With God's grace, the event was a success, and ETFIM looks forward to more such occasions in the future.

Report on the 2nd ETF Meghalaya State Conference for Christian Teachers

The Evangelical Teachers' Fellowship of India, Meghalaya, successfully conducted its **2nd State Conference for Christian Teachers** on the 6th and 7th of June 2025 at JK KJPS Sepngi Hall, Riatsamthiah, Shillong. With the theme *"Called to Teach, Led by Grace,"* the conference brought together around 70 Christian educators from 22 institutions for a time of reflection, learning, worship, and fellowship.

The event began with arrival, registration, and a warm breakfast, followed by a soulful time of singing led by Ms Iadalyne Ryntathiang & friends. Mrs. W.A Sohkhlet, President, ETFI Meghalaya, gave a heartfelt welcome address and introduction, setting the tone for the sessions to follow.

Mr. Jerry Lapang, a seasoned leader and former UESI State Secretary, powerfully delivered the Theme Exposition, reminding teachers of their divine calling and the grace that sustains their work. This was followed by an insightful session on "Teaching



as Divine Calling” by Mrs. Wanpyndap Kharumnuid, who stirred the hearts of participants with her personal stories and biblical wisdom. Later, Mr. Lapang led a group activity that engaged all participants and deepened fellowship. The day continued with two enriching sessions by Dr. Gayreen Lyngdoh, Principal of Synod College, who explored practical and theological insights into Christian teaching.

Day 2 began on a spiritual note with a Morning Devotion by Dr. Amena Passah, accompanied by uplifting worship from Eld Regent S. Dkhar and Bible reading and prayer by Ms Samaria Pathaw. Mr. Jerry Lapang led a sequence of compelling sessions on “Faith & Identity in the Workplace” and “Integrating Faith & Academics,” followed by an open Q&A that addressed real challenges Christian teachers face in their professional journey. During the sessions hearts were lifted with singing led by Mrs. Nora Sweet Warjri & Ms. Indaroi Jyrwa, and spirits were cheered during the joyful Talent Time, compered by Dr. Geddellia Nongbri.

As the conference drew to a close, participants shared their reflections and appreciations during the feedback session, and Goal setting, guided by Mr. Lapang. Distribution of certificates, and a warm vote of thanks was done by Mrs. B.W. Bennett the Secretary followed by a prayer by Eld R.S Dkhar which marked the official closing. The gathering ended with a group picture, tea, and heartfelt farewell.

The conference was a blessed time of equipping, encouragement, and renewal for Christian teachers. We thank God for His faithfulness, the presence of committed Resource Persons, and the meaningful fellowship shared. May we continue to teach with grace, conviction, and purpose, faithfully answering His call. **All glory to God!**



21st Christian Teachers'Conference, Tamil Nadu

Report by Dr.Caroline Michael

We praise God for the successful conduct of the 21st Christian Teachers' Conference , graciously hosted at the Mothers Bounty in Madikeri, The conference, held from 15th to 18th May 2025, with the theme: *“Teachers – Winners Through Christ”* (Romans 8:37) was a time of spiritual renewal, learning, fellowship, and joyful interaction. We thank God for His abundant grace and guidance throughout the event. Around **50 delegates**, including facilitators and **6 children**, participated in the conference. Representation came from **eight different locations** in Tamil Nadu — Chennai, Coimbatore, Ooty, Trichy, Theni, Donavur, Pavorchatram, and Vellore — as well as **five other states**: Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Odisha, and Rajasthan. The diversity of participation was both encouraging and enriching.

Inaugural and Worship Sessions

The conference began with a vibrant time of singing led by **Dr. Caroline Michael**, accompanied by **Mr. John** on keyboard and **Mr. Ebenezer** on guitar. A warm welcome was extended by Dr. Caroline Michael, followed by a prayer session dedicating the entire conference to the Lord. The ice-breaker activity titled *“Let's Put on the Armour of God”* set a joyful and engaging tone for the days ahead.

Spiritual Enrichment and Sessions

Thematic Bible Study by **Mr. Paul Robert** was deeply thought-provoking and challenging, anchoring participants in the central theme.

Morning devotions led by **Mr. Richard Naylor** and **Mrs. Lydia Devasagayam** offered moments of introspection and encouragement.

Mr. Neil Vimalkumar's session on *“Reaching Others Over a Coffee Table”* presented a fresh perspective on personal evangelism.





Dr. Hannah Revathy's session titled *“Be Aware and Beware of the Gender and Sex Issue”* was a compelling eye-opener for many.

Mission Challenges:

Heart-stirring testimonies and updates came from:

Mrs. Amy Carmichael (*Anand Niketan, Lamtaput – Odisha*)

Mr. Paul Aravindan (*Manna Wisdom School, Bhubaneswar – Odisha*)

Mrs. Lydia Devasagayam (*Santhosha Vidyalaya, Donavur – Tamil Nadu*)

These insights gave participants a broader vision of the mission field across the country. Fellowship and Activities **Lively singing sessions**, including the theme song, were led by Dr. Caroline Michael. Joyful action songs were led by **Rev. Dr. Nallaraj, Mrs. Grace Nallaraj, Mrs. Martha Ebenezer, Mrs. Lydia Devasagayam, and Mr. Ebenezer**. **Theme-based games and talent time**, coordinated by Dr. Caroline Michael, allowed delegates to creatively express their gifts. Informal moments during **sightseeing, group prayer, and sharing** sessions helped deepen relationships and unity.



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Conclusion

The participants returned from the Coorg Hills with hearts full of joy and a renewed commitment to serve as Christ's soldiers in their respective institutions and communities — **to be true "Winners Through Christ."**

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A Tribute to **Dr. Porkodi Prabhakaran**

A Life of Witness and Influence

Dr. Spurgeon Anandaraj,
Former General Secretary, ETF



23rd March 1954 - 19th March 2025

Dr. Porkodi Prabhakaran has been closely associated with ETF for many years. With her background in Law and as the Principal of CSI Women's Law College, Bangalore her contribution has been remarkable. She held the post of Vice President of ETF and did complete justice to it. Above all, she found it possible to take time out just to be with ETF and enrich every program. As she testified in the Principals' Conference, she had been a prayer Warrior. She had first hand experienced the move of the Lord that led her into various miracles, and it helped her prayer life grow stronger and became a blessing to all around her. Dr. Porkodi was unassuming, truly reflecting the love of the Lord. Her sincere involvement in the Ministry of ETF had been exemplary. We have lost a good friend and great support but are comforted as she has gone to be with her Lord, whom she loved, served and waited for. Her voice was always gentle, just a bit more than a whisper!

One of the former students of Dr. Porkodi, Ms. Fowmina C., shared a heartfelt tribute in the media following the passing of her beloved mentor.

"Dr. Porkodi was more than just an educator; she was a guiding force, a mentor, and a pillar of strength for countless students. What I am today is because of her unwavering discipline, wisdom, and encouragement. She instilled in me the values of resilience, integrity, and determination, shaping my path in ways I can never fully express. Her legacy will live on in the lives she touched."

Dr. Porkodi's passing marks the loss of a truly remarkable woman — a true Iron Lady — whose influence extended far beyond the classroom. Her dedication, vision, and relentless commitment to her students have left an indelible mark that will continue to inspire generations to come.

As the ETF family, we praise God for her witnessing life — a life lived with purpose, conviction, and unwavering faith. She was not only a teacher but a mentor and model of godly character, whose life bore testimony to the values she believed in and lived out daily. Her legacy will remain in the hearts and lives of all she nurtured and influenced.

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

Praise & Thanksgiving

Praise God for the EC and CC members from across the country for their dedicated leadership and active involvement in the ETF ministry.

Pray for

1. EC and CC members will lead with wisdom, dedication, and a deep commitment to expanding the ETF ministry in their respective regions.
2. God's protection, strength, and blessings upon their families, personal ministries, and health.

Day 2 Finance

Praise & Thanksgiving

1. For the sponsors and donors who faithfully support the ETF ministry financially.
2. For the new individual and institutional life members and all who have recently joined ETF.

Pray for

1. God's continued blessings upon the sponsors and donors, that they may be strengthened to give generously.
2. Many more teachers will become ETF members, supporting the ministry through prayer and giving.
3. Open doors for new institutions across the country to be introduced to the ETF ministry.

Day 3 – ETF Publication Trust

Praise & Thanksgiving

1. For the authors who contribute to *Chalk & Chai*, praying for their life, ministry, and all who assist in publication efforts.
2. For the ETF Publication Trust (ETFPT) members and the *Chalk & Chai* editorial board.

Pray for

1. God's grace and guidance in the recruitment of teachers and administrators through institutions that have advertised in *Chalk & Chai*.
2. God's wisdom and efficiency in all aspects of the publication process—editing, DTP work, managing the mailing list, printing, and dispatching—so that everything is completed smoothly and on time.
3. Receipt of the magazine by all addressees on time and without any loss and delay.
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 into vernacular languages.
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 level ETF programs

Praise & Thanksgiving

1. Thank God for the redesigned ETF website, which is helping many people globally to learn about the ministry and stay updated.
2. Praise God for the upcoming *East Zone ETF Regional Conference planned in Odisha from 8th to 10th August 2025*.
3. The successful planning and execution of the *24th Biennial National Conference for Teachers, scheduled for 29th September to 2nd October 2025 in Indore, MP*.

Pray for

- The participation of many delegates in the upcoming conferences.
 - Safe travel and good health for all delegates traveling from various places.
 - The smooth proceedings of the conferences, that it may be a time of learning, fellowship, and spiritual growth.
 - Conducive climatic conditions for the event.
 - The financial needs of the conferences to be met.
2. God to guide the organization of ETF Regional Conferences, Principals' and Administrators' Conferences, ensuring they are held periodically in different parts of the country.
 3. The State-level programs, special events, seminars, workshops, and one-day retreats, that they may be effectively organized under the leadership of EC and CC members to strengthen the ETF ministry.
 4. The growth of ETF's prayer network, using the *Praise & Prayer Diary*, in educational institutions, among individual members, and in local ETF units.

Day 5 Andhra Pradesh

Praise & Thanksgiving

1. The formation of the new Andhra Pradesh State Council to lead and strengthen the ministry.
2. The partnership of many institutions in Andhra Pradesh with ETF as Life Member Institutions (LMI).
3. The active local unit at Good Shepherd English Medium School (LMI).

Pray for

1. The strengthening of local ETF units in Narasapur, Vishakapatnam, Tuni, Guntur, Vijayawada, Anantapur, Ongole, Tadepalligudem, and other places.
2. The JTL (Joy of Teaching-Learning)workshop to be successfully planned and

conducted in: SPG College of Education (LMI), Holy Cross Girls' School (MI), Nandyal, Adarsh Degree College (LMI), Catherine Group of Schools (LMI), New Life English Medium School (LMI), Timpany School (LMI), Vizag and John's English Medium High School (LMI), Mydukur.

3.ETF ministry to be influenced in Rajahmundry and other places.

Andaman

Pray for

Open doors for ETF ministry in Andaman

Day 6 Bihar

Praise & Thank God

Thank God for the partnership of many institutions in Bihar with ETF as (LMI).

Pray for

- 1.The JTL workshop to be successfully planned and conducted in: Impact International School, Bhagalpur, St. Karen's Primary School, Patna, Well Mission Society, Nalanda ,Carmel Mission School, Kishanganj, Nav Bharat Mission School (LMI), Purnea, GEMS Polytechnic College (LMI), Aurangabad, Emmanuel Mission Public School (LMI), Patna and St. Xavier High School, Mathura (LMI)
2. The needs in Bethel Mission School(LMI) Kishanganj, Emmanuel Mission Public School (LMI), Patna and GEMS English Schools (LMI) in Dehri on Sone, Aurangabad, Ramdihra, and Darbhanga to be met.

Day 7 – Chhattisgarh

Pray for

1. The needs of Blaze Academy (LMI), Ganjpara, including financial provision and mission-minded, efficient Christian teachers and administrators to serve in the school.
2. The strengthening of the local unit at Life Academy (LMI), Awaspara.
3. St. Thomas School, Dhondi, that it may partner with ETF and successfully organize a JTL workshop.
4. The JTL workshop to be effectively conducted in Good Shepherd School, Mahasamund.

Day 8 Delhi and Haryana

Pray for

1. ETF meetings to be organized periodically in different places in Delhi.
2. The JTL workshop to be successfully conducted at: Good Samaritan School (LMI), Faith Academy (LMI)
3. God's provision in meeting the need for Principals and administrators at Mt. Carmel Schools (LMI), Anand Niketan, and Dwarka.
4. Open doors for ETF ministry in Haryana.
- 5.Upcoming ETf partnership programs in July with Pathshala Movement -Operation Agape

Praise & Thanksgiving

Thank God for the leadership and involvement of Life Member Institutions in Gujarat: Angel English Medium School, Vyara, St. Stephen's English Medium School, Selemba and Thomas English School, Jawda.,

Pray for

- 1.Committed and efficient teachers for all these schools.

- 2.The JTL workshop to be effectively organized in: Navapada English School (under Vishwavani) in Sandhkuva, Tapi Dt.and Kachchh Christian School, Bhuj, Kachchh Dt.
- 3.New contacts and open doors for ETF ministry in Ahmedabad, Baroda, and Surat.
- 4.Regional ETF Conference to be held in Gujarat.

Day 9 – Himachal Pradesh

Pray for

1. Ms. Beulah Abraham and Ms. Esther Abraham serving at Ananth Spring School, Shanag Village, Kullu Dt., that God may provide for all the school's needs.
2. Teachers needed at Day Star School (LMI), Manali.
3. Rainbow School and the Children's Home in Manali, under the care of Ms. Lalsangliani, that God may provide for their needs.
4. Open doors for ETF ministry in CNI St. Thomas School, Shimla, and other educational institutions under the Diocese of Amritsar.

Ladakh, Jammu & Kashmir

Praise & Thanksgiving

Thank God for the networking opportunities and open doors for ETF ministry in Leh, Ladakh, and Kargil district.

Pray for

Mission-minded teachers to serve in the mission schools in these regions.

Jharkhand

Praise & Thanksgiving

Thank God for the partnership of institutions with ETF:FMPB St. Thomas English School (LMI), Pandanbhita, Rural Christian Primary School, Barharwa and Shalom School (LMI), Madhupur

Pray for

1. God's protection and provision for GEMS Mission School, Garhwa.
2. Open doors for ETF ministry in: Bethel Mission School, Dumka, Christian College, Hazaribagh and Gossner Colleges

Day 10 Karnataka

Praise & Thanksgiving

1. The vibrant local unit leaders in Bangalore.
2. The support and involvement of many ETF members in Bangalore.
3. For open doors for ETF ministry in Mysore, Hubli, Kolar and Shimoga.

Pray for

1. The strengthening of local units at Indira Nagar, St. John's School (LMI), and other places.
2. Open doors for ETF ministry in Coorg.
3. The JTL workshops to be conducted in many institutions in Bangalore.
4. Pray for the next Karnataka State Conference to be successfully organized.

Kerala

Pray for

Open doors for ETF ministry in many educational institutions across Kerala.

Day 11 – Madhya Pradesh

Praise & Thanksgiving

1.The partnership of many Life Member Institutions (LMI) in Madhya Pradesh with ETF

Pray for

1. The needs of Sideras School (LMI), Borkhedi, Teresa International School, Panpur, and Nayajeevan School, Datia.
2. Appointment of Christian teachers and administrators in schools under Care For India.
3. Many teachers and principals from Madhya Pradesh will participate in the ETF 24th Biennial National Conference from 29th September – 2nd October 2025 in Indore.

Day 12 – Maharashtra

Praise & Thanksgiving

Thank God for the partnership of MVM Schools, Dr. Yardy English School, Umri, and MI Theological College with ETF as Life Member institutions of ETF

Pray for

- 1.Appointment of Christian teachers and administrators in schools under Care For India.
- 2.The JTL workshop to be successfully organized in: Shalom English School (LMI), Kolambi, Yavatmal, Agape English School, Chandrapur, Navjeevan English School, Kamptee (under Maharashtra Village Ministries (LMI), The Ambassador High School (MI), Vasai East, Bombay Teen Challenge Academy, Badlapur West, Shalom Vidya Mandir (LM), Nagpur and Pandita Ramabai Mukti Mission, Kedgaon.
- 3.Good leadership and mission-minded, efficient teachers to be appointed in: Dr. Yardy English School, Umri, YCLT English Medium School, Yavatmal
- 4.Open doors for ETF ministry in Pune, Mumbai, and Amravati district.
- 5.The local unit at Solapur to be strengthened and for many new members to join.
- 6.The Maharashtra State Conference to be conducted and for the formation of the State Council.

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

Praise & Thank God

- 1.For the partnership of Mt. Calvary School (LMI), Diphu, Karbi Anglong District, and Makunda Christian High School (LMI), Bazaricherra, Karimganj District, Assam, with ETF.

Pray for

- 1.The successful organization of a JTL workshop at Ruth Foundation English School (LMI), West Kameng, Arunachal Pradesh, Thomas English School (MI), Purbahanpara, Tripura, and Antioch School (LMI), West Tripura and .
2. Many educational institutions across Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, and Tripura to be influenced by ETF ministry.
3. The need for good English-speaking teachers at Thomas English School, Purbahanpara, Tripura.
- 4.The successful organization of an ETF Conference in these states.

Day 14: Manipur and Nagaland

Praise & Thank God

For the Life Member Institutions of ETF - Bethany Christian College, Manipur, St. John's English School, Nambal, and Shemrock School, Dimapur, Nagaland

Pray for

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

Day 15 – Mizoram

Praise & Thanksgiving

Thank God for Dr. L.N. Tluanga, Aizawl, for his prayers, encouragement, and active involvement in the ETF ministry

Praise God for the couple Mr. Titus and Mrs. Nishana Parveen who have joined the ETF fellowship at Aizawl.

Pray for

1. The strengthening of the ETF local unit in Aizawl.
2. Mizoram Christian College and other many institutions under the Presbyterian Church in Mizoram and other regions be influenced by ETF ministry
3. Successful organization of an ETF Conference in this state.

Day 16 – Meghalaya

Praise & Thanksgiving

Praise God for the organising of ETF food Fest and the 2nd Meghalaya state conference

Praise God for the institutions: 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 for

1. Strengthening of the ETF local units in these institutions.
2. NEHU members to actively engage in ETF.
3. Formation of local ETF units in schools and colleges, and for the successful JTL workshop for teachers in Meghalaya.
4. God's blessings for the state council to organize impactful and engaging programs for teachers across Meghalaya.

Day 17 Odisha

Praise & Thanksgiving

1. For the partnership of many educational institutions with ETF, enabling the ministry to grow and impact teachers and students.
2. For the partnership of ETF during the intensive training program held at Bhubaneswar for the teachers of Adoni Public School (LMI), Daspur organised by Adoni School of Leadership in May

Pray for

1. JTL programs to be successfully organized in El Nissi Mission School (LMI), Dharamgarh, Elmachsi Mission School, Kalahandi Dt., Navjyoti Vidyalaya (LMI), Khariar Road, Anand Niketan School (LMI), Lamtaput, Asha Kiran (LMI), Lamtaput, Manna Wisdom School (LMI), Bhubaneswar, Shepherd English School (LMI), Kuarmunda, IMST Schools in Malkangiri and Balimela, Schools under Dream India, Kosagumuda and Schools under Care For India

2. God to raise committed Christian teachers and administrators in the following institutions: Anand Niketan School, Adoni Public School and Schools under Dream India
3. Many teachers from Odisha to get encouraged to actively participate in the ***East Zone Regional Conference, scheduled for 8th to 10th August 2025 in Odisha***, and for the formation of the state council.
 - The participation of many delegates in the upcoming conference.
 - Safe travel and good health for all delegates traveling from various places.
 - The smooth proceedings of the conference, that it may be a time of learning, fellowship, and spiritual growth.
 - For conducive climatic conditions for the event.
 - The financial needs of the conference to be met.

Day 18 Punjab

Praise & Thanksgiving

Praise God for the open doors for ETF ministry in Agape Public School, Ludhiana

Pray for

1. The schools under the CNI Diocese of Amritsar will be positively influenced by the ETF ministry.
2. Open doors for ETF ministry in Jalandhar, Chandigarh, Ludhiana, and other places in Punjab.
3. Pray for the successful organization of a JTL workshop at Sacred Heart School (LMI), Moga, and other schools across Punjab.
4. Seek God's guidance for the organization of a State Conference in Punjab, bringing together educators committed to Christ-centered teaching.

Rajasthan

Praise & Thanksgiving

Praise God for Mrs. Grace Latha, Udaipur for her participation and involvement with ETF.

Pray for

Fellowship Mission School, Jaipur, RGPM School, Dungarpur Dt. and other educational institutions in Udaipur and beyond will be influenced by ETF ministry.

Day 19 Tamil Nadu

Praise & Thanksgiving

1. The support, encouragement, and active involvement of many members and institutions in ETF ministry across Tamil Nadu.
2. Many teachers from various educational institutions are being introduced to ETF.
3. The successful conducting of 21st Christian Teachers' Conference from 15th to 18th May 2025

Pray for

1. God to raise committed Christian teachers for: Shalom Matriculation, Pavoorchatram (LMI), and Kings and Queens Residential School (LMI), Arakkonam
2. The strengthening of ETF local units in: Tambaram, Chennai, and Coimbatore, Lady Doak College (LMI), Madurai, Bishop Heber College (LMI), Trichy, Voorhees College, Ida Scudder School (LMI), Kings MHSS (LMI) at Vellore
3. Ask God to open doors for ETF ministry in the Nilgiris district.
4. Pray for the formation and strengthening of local units in Arakkonam and Thiruvallur districts.

5. Seek God's blessing for JTL workshops to be successfully organized in schools and colleges across various districts in Tamil Nadu.

Day 20: Telangana

Praise & Thanksgiving

Thank God for the partnership of many educational institutions with ETF.

Thank God for the strengthening of the local ETF unit in Hyderabad and the one day program held at Secunderabad on 14th April 2025

Pray for

1. ETF local unit at Karimnagar to be strengthened.
2. Open doors for ETF ministry in Khammam, Warangal, Adilabad, and other regions.

Day 21: Uttarakhand

Praise & Thanksgiving

Thank God for the partnership of many institutions with ETF.

Pray for

1. The local ETF unit at Grace Academy (LMI) to be strengthened and for the school's needs to be met.
2. JTL workshops to be organized in the following schools under Bharat Susamachar Samiti (LMI): Khrist Jyoti Schools (Dehradun, Rudraprayag, Haridwar), Mount Carmel Christian Academy (LMI), Gulabrai, Shishya Public School (LMI), Moravian Institute, New Theological Seminary, Sahara Christian Academy and Shifa School, Dehradun
3. Pray for the successful organization of a state conference in Uttarakhand.
4. Pray for the need of teachers in Moravian Institute.

Day 22: Uttar Pradesh

Praise & Thanksgiving

Thank God for the partnership of many institutions with ETF.

Praise God for the open doors for ETF ministry at The Truth Mission School, Fatehpur.

Pray for

1. JTL workshops in the following schools: 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 urgent need for good English-speaking teachers and for the appointment of a lady headmistress for the English-medium section at Kulpahar Christian School.
3. The formation of local ETF units and for the needs of the following schools to be met: St. Thomas School (LMI), Bhadohi, True Light English School (LMI), Varanasi,
4. JTL workshops to be organized in the following institutions: 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, James Harvey Memorial School, Nawabganj and The Truth Mission School, Fatehpur
5. The appointment of Christian teachers and administrators in schools under Care For India.
6. The successful organization of a state conference in Uttar Pradesh.

Day 23: West Bengal

Praise & Thanksgiving

Thank God for the open doors for ETF ministry at Hanna Memorial Mission School, Sonapurhat, and Budding Stars Academy, Darjeeling.

Pray for

- 1.The successful holding of JTL workshops at the following schools:Corner Stone School (LMI), Purba Satali, Wheaton School (LMI), Siliguri,
- 2.Open doors at the following schools and institutions: Grace Ashram, Alipurduar,Dr. Graham's Homes, 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 & Thanksgiving

1. We honor and thank God for the faithful missionaries, mission organizations, and churches that laid the foundation of education in India, bringing both knowledge and the light of Christ to many generations. Their vision has impacted countless lives, shaping the nation through Christian values and quality education.
2. We also praise God for the tentmakers—those who serve as educators while being witnesses for Christ, whether in mission-run institutions or secular academic spaces. Their presence is a testimony to God's wisdom and grace in all spheres of education.

Pray for

- 1.The Lord to guide and open doors for those seeking to serve as tentmakers, aligning them with His divine purpose. May they find opportunities where their skills and faith can be effectively used for His glory.
- 2.Ask God to strengthen, equip, and protect all educators engaged in frontline ministry, clothing them with His full armor so they can stand firm against all challenges and be bold witnesses in their calling.

Day 25 Christian Educational Institutions

Pray for

- God's Protection and Provision – Pray for the Lord's divine protection and abundant provision for all Christian educational institutions, including those under the Mizoram Presbyterian Church, C.S.I., and C.N.I. dioceses, as well as Baptist, Methodist, and ECI church schools. Remember in prayer the schools operated by missionary organizations such as NMS, IMS, FMPB, and Vishwavani, along with mission schools under Christian NGOs and individual Christian educators serving across the country.
- 2.Committed Educators and Student Enrollment – Ask God to raise up well-trained, dedicated, and Spirit-filled Christian teachers and administrators. Pray for a strong enrollment of students in these schools, ensuring their sustainability and continued impact.
 - 3.Holistic Growth of Students – May these institutions nurture students not only academically but also in moral, social, and ethical values, grounded in spiritual wisdom, so that they grow into responsible and God-fearing individuals.
 - 4.Faithful Leadership – Pray that all board members, administrators, and teachers serve with humility and integrity as faithful witnesses of Christ. May they be free from selfish ambitions and work wholeheartedly to elevate these institutions for the glory of God.

5. Cleansing from Unethical Practices – Intercede for the removal of all evils, including malpractices, greed, power struggles, caste discrimination, bribery, child abuse, and any form of unethical or immoral activities within Christian educational institutions. Pray that righteousness, justice, and godliness prevail in these places of learning.

Day 26: Inclusive Education and Interfaith Harmony in the Nation

Praise and Thanksgiving

Give thanks and praise to God for the dedicated efforts of Christian NGOs, missionary organizations, and individuals who run inclusive educational programs and specialized institutions, including:

1. Schools for children with physical and visual impairments
2. Institutions for individuals with intellectual disabilities and neurodiverse conditions
3. Daycare centers and academic support initiatives
4. Schools and colleges for the deaf and hard of hearing
5. Educational programs for children affected by leprosy, HIV/AIDS, dyslexia, autism, and diverse learning needs
6. Adult education programs and inclusive learning opportunities for the transgender community
7. Praise God for the publishing of Pathshala books

Pray for

1. Empowerment of Special Educators – Pray for Christian special education teachers working with neuro diverse and differently-abled children and adults, that they may be strengthened and encouraged in their calling.
2. Commitment to Pluralism and Equality – Pray for India to uphold its constitutional values of secularism, ensuring freedom, dignity, and equality for all religious communities.
3. Interfaith Peace and Understanding – Ask God to cultivate peace, harmony, and mutual respect among people of all faiths, fostering a society built on compassion and coexistence.
4. Success for Students in Higher Education – Lift up students pursuing education in various fields, including professional institutions, medical courses, community colleges, theological and biblical studies.
5. One million children to be reached through Pathshala Movement, Operation Agape

Day 27: Career Excellence and Job Opportunities

Pray for

1. Christian Teachers in Employment – qualified and well-trained Christian teachers may find meaningful job opportunities in schools and colleges, where they can influence students with excellence, integrity, and faith.
2. Higher Education & Research – For Christian educators and research guides involved in higher education and academic research, that they may excel in their fields, inspire students, and contribute to knowledge while being strong witnesses for Christ.
3. Health & Family Well-being – That God may bless and sustain the health, well-being, and family life of teachers, enabling them to balance their responsibilities and serve as role models for their students.

4. Integrity in Appointments & Admissions – That those in authority over staff appointments and student admissions may act with the fear of God, rejecting corruption, favoritism, and all unethical practices.
5. Honesty in Examinations & Evaluations – That the process of conducting examinations and evaluating scripts at all levels will be done with integrity, ensuring fairness, accuracy, and the honor of God in academic results.
6. Eradicating Illiteracy & Promoting Adult Education – For initiatives aimed at eliminating illiteracy in India and expanding access to adult education, empowering individuals to improve their lives through learning.
7. Teachers as Tentmakers in Mission Schools – That more young Christian teachers may be inspired to serve as tentmakers in mission schools in remote areas, using their profession as a platform to share Christ's love through education.

Day 28: Pandemic Implications and Natural Calamities

Praise & Thanksgiving

1. His abundant grace and mercy that have enabled the normal functioning of schools and colleges across the country.
2. The successful conducting of board examinations in schools and semester exams in colleges.

Pray for

1. God's grace and mercy continue to remove any kind of virus and protect people from natural calamities.
2. The financial needs of teachers and students' families be met abundantly.
3. Christian educational institutions be well-equipped with the necessary resources to meet present-day demands, especially in mission schools in remote areas, ensuring proper facilities for both faculty and students, including online learning infrastructure.
4. For the safety and well-being of teachers, students, and support staff in educational institutions, and for the smooth conduct of examinations.
5. Student admissions in schools and colleges may increase, ensuring the continued growth and impact of these institutions.

Day 29 Personal Needs

Pray for

1. Comfort and Provision for the Grieving and Needy – Pray for God's comfort and peace to surround families who have lost loved ones or possessions. Ask for His provision to meet their timely needs and for His healing touch upon those who are hospitalized or suffering from illness.
2. Health Issues from Online Learning – Lift up teachers and students experiencing health problems due to prolonged online classes, including headaches, eye strain, mental stress, and other related anxieties. Pray for their well-being and restoration.
3. Emotional Strength for Teachers, Students, and Parents – Ask God to grant emotional resilience to teachers, students, and parents as they adapt to new methods of teaching and learning through online platforms. May they experience peace and stability amidst these changes.
4. Students' Well-being and Mental Health – Pray for students at all educational levels to be blessed with good health, a focused mindset for their studies, and freedom from anxiety, fear, inferiority complex, depression, and suicidal thoughts.

5. Christian Parents' Trust in God's Plan – Pray that Christian parents wholeheartedly trust in God's will and purpose for their children's future and careers, surrendering their plans to His divine guidance.

Day 30 Protection of Christian educational institutions

Pray for

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 for

1. Growth of ETF Fellowship – Pray that many teachers will join their local ETF fellowships, strengthening unity among Christian educators and fostering a spirit of encouragement and collaboration.
2. Expansion of Local ETF Units – Ask God to open doors for new ETF units to be established in Christian educational institutions across various regions in India, helping teachers grow spiritually and professionally.
3. More Training Programs – Pray for an increase in training programs across different states, equipping teachers to be more effective and efficient in their profession while also deepening their faith.
4. Reaching Unreached Schools – Intercede for ETF to gain access to unreached schools in villages and remote parts of India, so that Christian values and quality education can reach those in need.
5. Teachers Mobilized for Mission – Pray that many teachers will be inspired and empowered to take mission trips to unreached places, spreading the love of Christ through their service and teaching.
6. Transformation of Non-Christian Teachers in Mission Schools – Ask God to touch the hearts of teachers from other faiths working in Christian mission schools, that they may come to know the Truth and excel in their work with integrity and dedication.
7. Strength for Christian Teachers in Government & Secular Institutions – Pray that Christian teachers working in government schools and secular institutions will be encouraged through ETF programs and *Chalk & Chai* magazine, enabling them to be strong witnesses for Christ in their workplaces.
8. Reaching the Younger Generation – With prayer and a burden for souls, may teachers reach out to students struggling with addictions, immorality, and destructive behaviors, leading them to Jesus Christ for true deliverance and transformation.

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Jan-Mar



Teachers and their Text books

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Jul-Sep



Teachers and their self created Resources

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Any Christian teacher in service/ retired or friends of ETF /Christian educational institutions accepting Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour and Master Teacher are welcome to become the member of ETF.

Annual membership – Individual Rs.300 / year (1 copy of CC)

Institution Rs.400 / year (2 copies of CC)

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Food and Accommodation
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