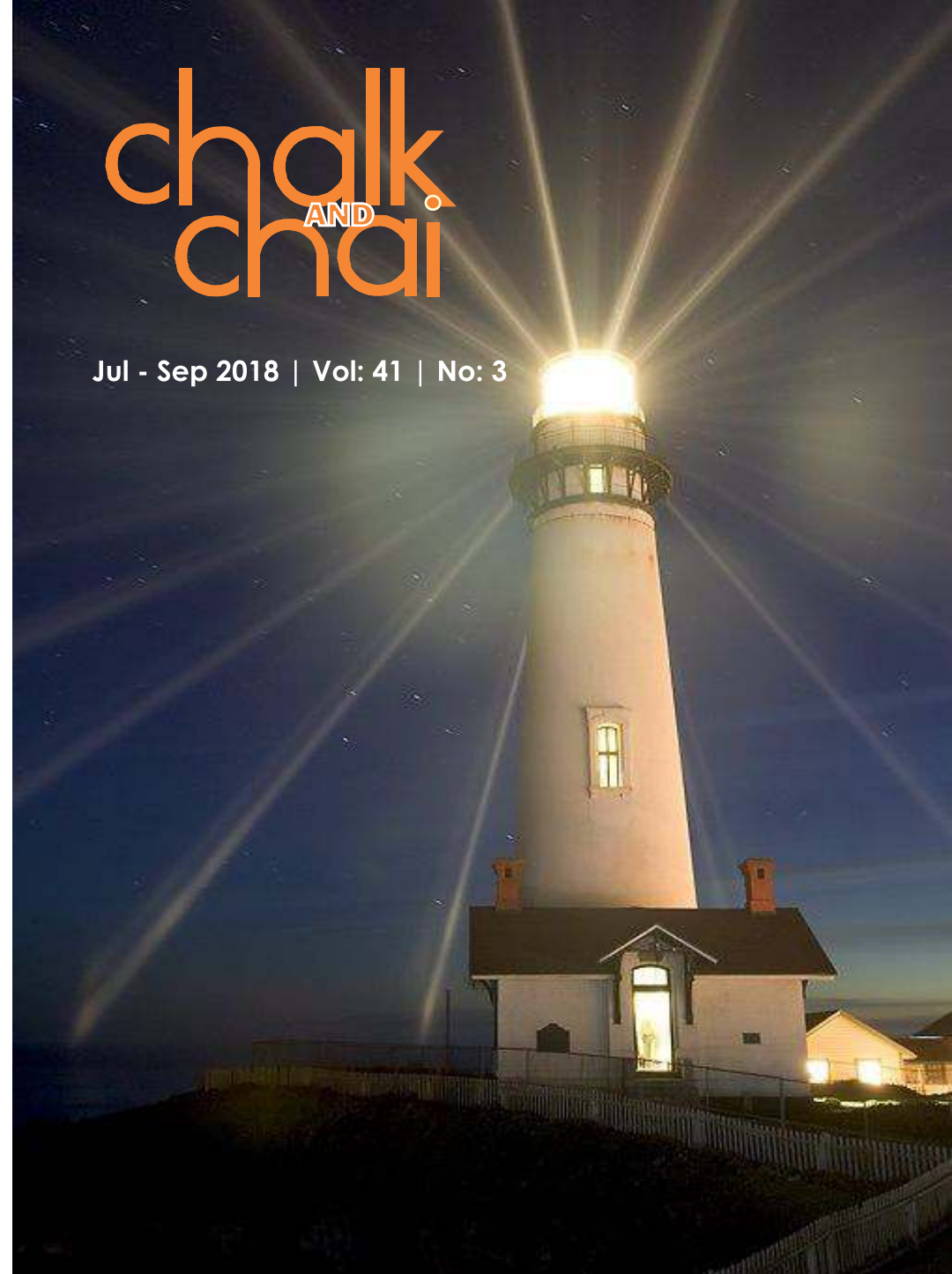


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FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S DESK

Dear Readers of *Chalk and Chai*,

It is my delight to greet you in the matchless and mighty name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The months July to September in the third quarter of the year are considered to be the best months with good sunshine and less heat. Half of the year 2018 has already passed. I praise God for His faithfulness and grace that sustained all of us through the past six months and pray that God will enable us to continue in serving Him faithfully.

The theme for this third issue of *Chalk and Chai* is, "Teachers – Shining Light for Jesus". (Matthew 5:14-16). Light is a powerful resource of energy and it travels with the greatest speed 3×10^8 m/sec. We are called to light the world. But any light needs a source to light it. When God created the world, He created the Light first and then made the sun, moon and stars to shine that light. Likewise, we cannot light ourselves but have **to be lighted** only by Jesus - by following Jesus, the light of the world (John 8:12). Walking daily in the light of His word (Psalms 119:105) will help us to walk as children of Light. Any **lighted source** always has a danger of its brightness

becoming dim due to varied reasons. Likewise, when we are called to shine, in our day to day life, the brightness may go dim now and then. But the Word of God assures us that the anointing oil of the Holy Spirit will help the flame burning forever. The lighted source can be put off when a bushel is used. This happens because, when a bushel is used there is no pathway for the oxygen flow and hence the light goes off. Prayer is the life giving oxygen for a believer to shine his or her light. Let us also be aware of the bushels like love for money and fame and other worldly pleasures and ungodly desires that may put off the testimony (burning light) in our lives.

I remember reading about the great writer Robert L. Stevenson and the famous British author John Ruskin in Our Daily Bread when I was young. One evening in Edinburgh, Scotland, as young Robert stood watching the interesting work of an old "lamplighter" with a ladder in one hand, and a torch in the other hand, his parents heard him exclaim, "Look, look! There is a man out there punching holes in the darkness!" Friends, in the dark and gloomy environment of this present age of crime, lawlessness and sin and greater darkness of atheism engulf

this world in chaotic night, the Lord has left us, His followers here for punching holes in the darkness. Let us not grow weary of our task. It is also a true story about Ruskin as he sat one night, he could watch a flame that touched to numerous lanterns on a distant hill. The man doing the work could not be seen in the gathering gloom but his torch together with the gleam from each newly lighted lamp, could easily be discerned. Friends, that lamplighter is typical of every true, humble Christian who should be so hidden behind the Saviour and so intent on doing Christ's bidding that while one may not see us but one can trace our course by the lights we leave burning! "Let us be **lamp lighters** to dispel the current darkness. We are also called to be the reflectors of the Son of Righteousness hidden from the world. Like the reflectors on the sides of highways, let us be reflectors placed on the highways of life - free from dirt, grime, rust and dust by washing of water by the word (Eph. 5:26). Let us be reflectors to cast light in the darkness not only to show the way but also useful as warnings of danger.

In this issue we are happy to publish the series of enriching edifying and

enlightening thematic Bible studies on the theme, "Teachers-Shining Light for Jesus", delivered by Rev. Dr. John Prasad during the 16th Christian Teachers' Conference held at Vagamon from 17 to 20 May 2018. I am sure those who read the personal testimony of Mr. Dakshinamurthy, "He led me thus far" will be greatly challenged to know how God has helped him to shine from "Darkness to Light".

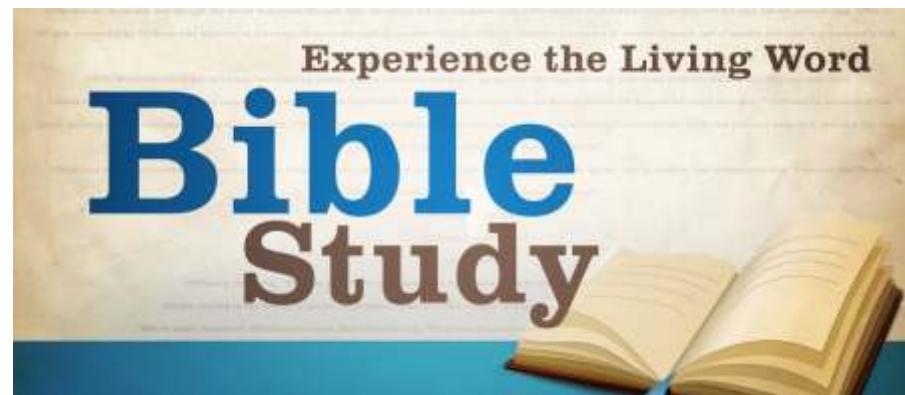
The glow of the candle is not diminished when used to light another; It only multiplies the light. Richard D.Hann

May God help every one of us to shine for Him. God bless you.

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General Secretary, ETF



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TEACHERS: Shining Light for JESUS

Introduction

The theme for the 16th Christian Teachers' Conference is "Teachers: Shining Light for Jesus" (Matthew 5:14-16). The key word is "light". This word is used in the scripture so many times both in the OT and in the NT. Jesus begins by reminding the disciples "you are the light of the world." Following that He gives two illustrations of what it is to be a light to the world. First one is the image of the city on the hill and the second is the lamp on the stand.

I Who can shine? or how can we shine?

Let us see the Foundation for what makes us shine or who can shine or how can we shine.

When Jesus tells us "you are the light of the world" it has to be seen along with certain other passages in the scripture where Jesus claims that He is the light of the world:

"When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never

walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

"While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." (John 9:5)

In both these passages, Jesus says that He is the light of the world. In John 9:5, there is a clause, which says, "While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

This can be read along with our key passage in Matthew 5, that while He is the light of the world always, the responsibility to carry on His light given to each one of us. For us to be lights, the source of our light is Jesus Christ. Without his light shining in us, we will have no light of our own. In other words, our being the light of the world is simply carrying the light of Jesus in our life.

In Isaiah 60:1-3 we read, "Arise and shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See darkness covers the earth and the thick darkness over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you.

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Nations will come to your light and the kings to the brightness of your dawn". The invitation is to shine and it is clearly spelt out that the shining of Israel is by the Lord rising upon them and the glory of the Lord appearing over them. This is when Israel becomes the light of the world.

Let us see how we begin to reflect the glory of the Lord or His light to the nations:

1. Abiding:

The first step in bearing the image of Christ or His glory is to **abide in him**. "Abide in me and you will bear much fruit. This is to my father's glory that you bear much fruit, showing yourself to be my disciples." (John 15:1-5, 8.)

Our close and intimate relationship with Jesus is what will make us shine for Jesus and to be the light of the world. Abiding in Christ will mean a very close, intimate and constant fellowship with Christ. There is no break in that relationship. It cannot be periodical, weekly or occasional relationship.

Our relationship with Jesus is one in which our very life and character is dependent on Jesus. We cannot be anything but what Christ produces in us. There is no life independent of Christ.

2. Filling

The second important aspect in reflecting Jesus is by His Spirit dwelling in our lives and controlling our lives. (Matthew 25:1-13)

In the parable of the ten virgins Jesus talks about five with oil and five

without oil. At midnight, when the bridegroom arrived, those without the oil cried out saying "Our lamps are going out".

We are God's children when we are led by the Spirit of God (Romans 8:14). If we are led by the Spirit of God, our minds will not be set on things the flesh desires, but on what the Spirit desires. (Rom 8:5-9). We need to evaluate how our thoughts are and how our minds are. We need to have a different focus in our life. We do not live any more for this world and for the desires of the flesh, but we will have our hearts and minds set on things that are eternal and things that are above. This is what happens when we are led by the Spirit of God. When we are led by the Spirit of God, another important evidence for it is the fruit of the Spirit. (Galatians 5:16-25). We no longer seek to gratify the desires of our flesh, but to produce the fruits of the Spirit. When we are filled and controlled by the Spirit of God, we produce fruits of the Spirit and become people who will become light of the world.

3. Reflecting

In our key verse, Jesus said, "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and glorify your father in heaven". (Matthew 5: 16)

When we reflect the light of Jesus in our life by our very actions that is when we can shine for Jesus. Our actions and our words should reflect the nature of Christ. We should seek to be like Jesus in our actions. We often try to do a lot of things so that we can shine for Jesus. We can focus on

our activities and our works for the sake of Jesus. But the most important and essential way to be a light of the world for Jesus is to reflect His life in us. Rev. P. T. Chandapilla reminded me once that our greatest goal in life should not be to do many things for Jesus, but **to be like Jesus**.

A few thoughts from

(a) Ephesians 5:8-14.

"You are **light in the Lord**" (verse 8)

"Everything that is illuminated **becomes a light**" (verse 13)

"Christ will **shine on you**" (verse 14)

To be like Jesus is the way to shine for him. (Matthew 10:24-25)

It is enough to be like the master and teacher.

(b) John 13:13-15.

When we wash the feet of one another, we reflect Jesus and He has commanded us to do as He did. When we reflect Jesus, the world will come to His light. The story is told of a man who spilled the fruits of a blind fruit vendor at an airport and walked away as he was getting late. However, as his conscience pricked him, he came back and gathered the fruits for the lady. The blind lady asked him, "Are you Jesus?" She asked this because she prayed to Jesus to help her get the fruits back.

4. Burning

A fourth condition to be a light for the world is that we begin to burn. We are called to be lights, lights that will burn and burn to the end. We are called to be light for others. In Matthew 5:15 Jesus said, the lamp on the stand shines for everyone in the house. We are called to burn and shine, not for ourselves, but for all those who are in darkness. In that

process there is the elimination or discarding of our own self and our desires. "If a corn of wheat does not die, it remains by itself. If it dies it produces much fruit." (John 12:24) When we are the little candles that are burning for Jesus, we will keep burning, we will burn till death and we will burn by reducing ourselves.

II What it means to shine for Jesus? - Teachers, the lighting ones

"Let your light shine before men"

When we are the light of the world, we are called to lighten up those around us who are in darkness. We read from Matthew 5:14 to 16 "let your light shine before men that they may see your good works..." The two parables of the city on a hill and the lamp on the lamp stand demonstrate the importance of shining to those who are in need of the light. We will look at a few aspects of where we have to shine, how we have to shine, and why we have to shine.

1. The context of shining is darkness

"In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." We have to understand the dark world around us. (John 1:4,5)

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. On those living in the land of deep darkness, a light has dawned." (Isaiah 9:2)

We can find that the shining of the light is intended to remove darkness. What is the context of darkness

around us today? Where is the light of Jesus needed for men and women in darkness? The darkness in our world today is so widespread that there is so much need around us. We have to see the darkness that is covering the world and the families.

Darkness in the families

Unfaithfulness, cheating, incest, abuse, exploitation are now common occurrences in the families. Families are breaking up at an unprecedented rate. The trust between parents, children, and spouses within families are at all time low.

Darkness in the younger generation

There is so much darkness in the thinking and relationships within the young generation and their peers. The dangerous effect of peer relations and interactions is leading to ever higher level of depression, anxiety and increased suicide among the young generation.

Darkness in the nation and economy

There is further darkness in the nations and the economy. The increase of poverty has led to the ever increasing farmer suicides, economic offenses and so on. The relations between nations are ever deteriorating. There is so much violence between nations in which very often the innocent and children are the victims.

Darkness in personal life and spiritual search

We can further see much darkness in personal life and spiritual search. We find so many spiritual

gurus who make unbelievable promises and exploit the devotees. The criminals taking religion as a cover is common sight in India. People are frustrated in their search for truth and meaning of life. False teachers, gurus and leaders are taking people to darkness. There is no end to the extent of darkness that is covering the earth.

Darkness in value system

Values are lost in the society and family. There is no trust anymore. Explosion of information has left all confused and in the dark. Isolation and loneliness has increased.

“Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret.” (Eph 5:11-12)

What is our response and how can we show our concern? We are called to be concerned and bring the light of Jesus to them.

How can we bring light of Jesus to them?

“Whoever walks in the dark does not know where he is going.” (John 12:35)

“He had compassion on them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.” (Matthew 9:36)

The two passages above show how darkness is in a way, ignorance and lack of knowledge.

The people in darkness are perishing because they do not know the way and there is no one to tell

them. They were harassed and helpless and they were like sheep without a shepherd. They do not know where their life is headed to. This is where we as lights of the world have to lead them to the truth and eternal life. Our students are many times like sheep without shepherd and ignorant of what life holds for them. It is our responsibility to shine before them and lead them out of darkness into light.

The quality that we should have within us to be able to lead others from darkness to light is to have compassion on them. Very often we can remain mute spectators of the lives being destroyed in front of our very eyes. We may show pity, but we are expected to be compassionate. Compassion is something in which we ourselves are moved within us so as to act immediately for the rescue of those in darkness.

We have the examples of what the Lord tells Jonah and in the parable about the Good Samaritan. “You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left?” (Jonah 4:10-11) The Lord wanted Jonah to be concerned for those who are ignorant of the Lord and be agents to lead them to the truth and rescue them.

The good Samaritan who had pity on the wounded man unlike the priest and the Levite. (Luke 10:33)

How to shine?

The way to shine is to let our good works be seen by others. In other words, our life should be witnessing to the light that is in us. Without our deeds, our witness can be hollow and empty and may make no impact in the lives of our students.

The way to do this is three fold. Firstly, share the light that you have with your words. Secondly, be available and make your presence felt in the lives of those who need you and who are in darkness. Thirdly, we need to search and go to those places that are dark. The dark world around us should not be ignored. We cannot be just content with dealing with those who may come to us. There are many in the dark world who may not have the means to search for a way. They are trapped and bonded. It is our duty to seek and bring light to those in such situations. This could be people in sin, people in bondages, people who are enslaved and so on.

We have to choose to get involved in the lives of those people in bondage and in darkness. Getting involved may be sometimes costly and is a challenge. But it is a cost worth paying so that someone may be led to the light and be rescued or redeemed.

III. What is the impact of the light that we share in the lives of others?

Light will remove darkness (John 1: 4-5) The basic effect of light is that it removes darkness. Darkness cannot exist where light is present. Darkness flees when light is shed.

“I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.” (Acts 26: 17 -18)

These are the words spoken by the Lord to Paul on the way to Damascus, which Paul is now reiterating in the passage above. The mission for which Paul was chosen is a chain of consequential or cumulative impacts.

Four impacts of light of the gospel are mentioned in this passage:

Leading them to light results in the following impacts.

- I. It helps to open their eyes and see the truth, and turn from darkness to light.
- II. It liberates them from the power of Satan to the power of God.
- III. It leads them to receive the forgiveness of their sins.
- IV. It qualifies them to be partakers of the community sanctified by faith

in Christ. In other words, it makes them eligible for eternal life.

Conclusion

We are called to be light of the world. We are sent into the world as bearers of the light of Jesus. We have a great mission to complete. It is a mission which we can do only by our close and personal relationship with Christ. It is a mission which requires us to be filled by the Spirit of God and burn out our life so that others will receive light in their dark life.

We have to go to the dark world as torch bearers and help others see the light and the truth. Ultimately, our mission is to rescue those who are trapped in the bonds of Satan and make them eligible for eternal life that is available in Jesus Christ.



HE LEAD ME THUS FAR ...

A Testimony by

Mr. Dakshinamurthy From darkness to Light...

Greetings from Dakshinamurthy. I wish to recall my experiences as a teacher which started way back in the early eighties. Everything started when, with much hesitation, the correspondent of a reputed CBSE School in Chennai, offered me a job with a six month warranty to prove myself as an asset, only because, I was visually challenged. I realised I had two important tasks before me, one: to prove that as a visually challenged person I was second to none. And two: Because my earnings mattered most to my family at that time, I had no other choice but to prove my mettle. Believe me when I say, that English wasn't my first love, because I had tried my hand at other jobs earlier. I had been a PRO with an industrial photographer and a reporter with community news weekly, with little earnings, and no recognition. In fact, my dreams of becoming a chemical engineer crash-landed when I became blind at 14. And I had to weigh other options. I completed my PG diploma in journalism after my post graduation. But when praises could not be converted into money I was left with no choice.

Once in, as a teacher, I have handled classes ranging from standard 2 to standard 12. I was initially given the task of improving the standard of Spoken English in the school. I was a story teller among the little ones, and with the higher class pupils, I had the liberty of engaging them in fruitful discussions related to the use of the language. The rapport that is stuck with my pupils soon found me as the coordinator of the interact club, in charge of dramatics and fine arts seniors, literary club juniors, student counselling bureau member, etc.

I also had additional responsibilities of designing and executing the basic skills and communications programs for teachers. We had the language laboratory installed in our school. It was a great experience within the four walls helping the children with Hindi, English and German. We had great fun both inside and outside the classrooms. Because I sooner realised, what God had in store for me was perhaps the best I could ask for. The relationships that we could establish soon found me very comfortable with my pupils. So much so, that the school administrators were worried that I had crossed the Lakshman-rekha. Occasions like school annual day celebrations, sports days and inter school competitions nurtured these relationships. I was also a kindergarten teacher trainer and the time that I had spent with the little ones earlier, gave me an insight into the needs and the expectations of the kindergarten teacher. All was well until I realised, I was being side-lined, and my juniors were forging ahead of



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me in terms of promotions. I took the advice of a colleague of mine and decided to move into Government service. Something I had not thought of, all these days. It was during my six and a half year tenure, in this school that I was touched by the saving grace of our Lord, blessed be his Holy name and it was here that the Delhi Doordarshan, shot a documentary titled, "A face in the crowd".

During this time I wrote TRB exams for the first time in 1998 and I was through. My experience as a Government school teacher was very interesting and very much in contrast with the one I had earlier. I had been a teacher till my retirement in May 2017. And once I had taken charge as a teacher in a government school, I lost all interest in moving to a college, or seeking promotion as Headmaster. I savour every moment I spent as a teacher, in Government Boys Higher Secondary School, Kundrathur. God gave me an opportunity, to return to the society, just a portion of what I had gained from it. The children here were naive and the affection, respect I received was indeed overwhelming. I had a great satisfaction that I could share and care without any kind of restraint. My Head masters and my colleagues have never looked at me as someone disabled. Infact one of my headmasters Mr. T. Mohana Kumar was touched and encouraged by my performance that he took in two more visually challenged teachers without any reluctance. I am a member of a self help movement called the National Federation of the Blind and have held many posts both at the State and the National levels;

General Secretary NFB Chengalpet Unit, in 1986-90; Treasurer, NFB Tamil Nadu chapter 1992-96; NFB South zone vice-president 2003-2007; National executive committee member 2007-2011 to mention a few.

Presently, I am a resource person with an NGO called the Chennai volunteers, involved in motivational speeches and the conduct of communication and Personality Development workshops. Above all this, I am an evangelist and I am with "Mission To the Blind". My connection with MTB, dates back to 1995 and presently after retirement, I am out heart and soul to serve the Lord. I have travelled all over the country, witnessing, singing and sharing the Gospel, both with the MTB and alone, on specific invitations. The initial feeling of being let down by God changed for good, and the clouds of misconception gave way to a new hope and faith in accordance with the Romans 8:28.

I hope that my travel down memory lane along with you this day would have helped you discover, at least a bit of what life is all about for a person, for whom, God alone is strength and refuge. You are most welcome to get in touch with me for the God's glory.



16th Christian Teachers' Conference Tamil Nadu

Report by Dr. Caroline Michael

We praise God for the 16th Christian Teachers' Conference held at Pilgrim Retreat Home, Vagamon, Kerala from 17th to 20th May 2018

About 54 delegates including the facilitators attended the conference. The representation from different places namely Chennai, Vellore, Arakkonam, Coimbatore, Trichy, Madurai, Salem, Pavorchatram, Rajapalayam in Tamil Nadu and from the neighbouring states Karnataka and Telangana and other states Maharashtra, Odisha and Delhi was greatly encouraging.

The theme of the conference was "Teachers – Shining Light for Jesus" (Matthew 5:15, 16). The conference began with singing time led by Dr. Suresh George and team from Stanes School, Coimbatore. Dr. Caroline Michael led the introduction session and facilitated the ice breaking session "Glow your Light", by giving the participants colourful painted name tags with different sources of light and made them find their groups. The thematic Bible study was conducted by Rev. Dr. John Prasad, Chennai.

The morning devotion time by Mrs. Beulah Chandrasekar and Mrs. Flora Bawadekar was a time of

personal introspection. The lively professional talk "Teachers – The Entrepreneurs" by Dr. Abhi Sethia was inspiring and motivating. The thought provoking Professional talk by Dr. Lawrence Prabahar on "The Second coming of Jesus" emphasized the urgency of preparing to meet the Lord.

During the session on mission challenges, the delegates were deeply touched by the powerful testimony of Mr. Tippu from Salem who is involved with underground ministry in a Middle East country. The mission challenges and the



testimonies of Mr. Joy Kutty, founder of El Nissi School in Odisha, Mrs Juliet and Mr. Thavamani from Anand Niketan School in Odisha and Mr. Velu and Mrs. Sudha from Kings and Queens School in Tamil Nadu were quite challenging and motivated the participants to praise God and pray for the institutions and visit the institutions and support their needs.

On the closing day, the communion service was led under the leadership of Rev. Dr. John Prasad, Dr. Suresh George and Pastor Suhas. The theme song led by Dr. Caroline Michael, singing time led by Mr. Pradeesh, Mr. Jabez and Mr. Prabhu with Miss Sharon on Key Board and praise and worship time led by Dr. Suresh George made all the singing sessions lively and meaningful.

The delegates enjoyed the fun during the theme based games, activities, quiz and puzzles conducted by Dr. Caroline Michael.

All the groups actively participated to win prizes. Thanks to Mrs. Constance Selvaraj for sending the interesting puzzle related to the theme. The talent time helped the delegates to come out with their unique talents. The fun and fellowship enjoyed during sightseeing, playing the ice breaking game, talent time by the various groups, sharing and praying for one another strengthened the bond of ETF.

Thanks to Brother Jojo and the team at the UESI Kerala centre, Ernakulam for all their timely help to the delegates on our way to Vagamon.

Refreshed by the pleasant climate and delicious food and hospitality rendered by the camp manager Mr. Stanly and Mrs. Fanny with their helping team at Pilgrim Retreat home', revived in spirit, the delegates with their families and friends left Vagamon joyfully to shine for the Lord in their places. Praise the Lord!



Jesus said:
“Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

Luke 11:28

Search the Scriptures.

Passage: Romans 1: 18-32

1. From the creation of the world, what can we know about God? Is this knowledge sufficient for man to know God personally?
2. In verses 21-23, what are the mistakes people generally make about God?
3. What does the passage tell us about the homosexuals?
4. Compare 2 Timothy 3: 1-5 with this passage. What kind of godless people live in the last days?

Please send your answers to Dr Daniel Sathiaraj, 401 Sri Nivas Apts, Domalguda, Hyderabad 500029 or by email to dsathiaraj@gmail.com within 10 days from the receipt of this magazine.

Those who wish to answer Quiz 9 may send their answers along with their answers to Quiz 10. Quiz 9 answers were sent by Mrs. Flora Bawadekar, Solapur. May God bless you all.



by Dr. Mrs. Caroline Michael

It is an amazing experience to get introduced to Mr. K. Seenivasan, a value education teacher from the Sacred Heart School, Moga, Punjab during the ETF Principals' Conference held in September 2016 at Missouri. Later in 2017, I could visit the school to conduct a half a day program for primary teachers. Partnership in ministry is always a stronghold. Rev. Samson Lazarus of Discipleship and Leadership Ministries is closely associated with ETF as a resource person in conferences and local ETF meetings and a well wisher and prayer supporter since 2003. It was indeed a God given opportunity for me to visit Julander,



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Punjab to teach a group of village pastors on “Leadership and Management” from 19th to 23rd February 2018 organized by Rev. Samson Lazarus and Mr. Seenivasan.

During my stay at Julander, I was able to meet Mr. Jeevan Babu from Vizag who was happy to know about ETF and he wanted to plan a program for teachers in his native place in Andhra Pradesh.

It is quite a difficult situation to travel in a new place without knowing the local language. I am thankful to Mr. Seenivasan who could arrange Pastor Sasi from Tamil Nadu who is serving the Lord in Punjab for many years to accompany me to travel to Amritsar. Praise God for His wonderful provision.

At Amritsar I could meet the Principal of C.N.I. Alexandra School Mrs. Suman J Engles and introduce about ETF. She was very happy to know about the ministry of ETF and she helped me to meet the Bishop of Diocese of Amritsar.



days workshop on 25th and 26th February 2018 and were oriented and motivated to have a systematic way of conducting the tuition centres. About six tuition centres were visited and a detailed evaluation could be done for the improvement in the functioning of those tuition centres.

At Patna, I could visit the Principal of Emmanuel Mission Public School, Mrs. Princy and her husband Mr. Titus. I praise God for their burden and enthusiasm to serve



the Lord as a family involving in various ministries like church planting, adult education, village ministries and education. They were delighted to know about ETF and are planning to conduct the Joy of Teaching – Learning Workshop by ETF in their schools in Patna and in Siwan. I am thankful to Rev. S.D. Ponraj for introducing the Emmanuel Mission Public School.

It was in God's plan that I should get introduced to Mr. Christopher Thomas in



September 2017, who is in charge of St. Thomas English School at Jhawda in Dang District in Gujarat. I praise God for enabling me to conduct the Joy of Teaching – Learning workshop for about 20 teachers of the school on 17th and 18th April 2018. Most of the teachers are from mission field and it was quite a new experience for most of them to learn the methods and means to exercise the qualities of a witnessing and serving teacher.

It was quite an enriching experience for me to stay in the mission field among the Kukna tribe



people. I also had a good opportunity to visit the hostels, spend time with a few teachers in their homes, could help in teaching Physics to XII std students. My special word of thanks to the love and care, help and hospitality rendered by Mrs. Jothi Nirmalabai and Mr. Pushparaj, Mr. Sridhar and Mrs. Bidhu; Mrs. Kavitha and Mr. Varaprasad Rao.

My special word of gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Jammu Bhai who generously gave place for me to stay in his house and for the fellowship I had with their family. I am thankful to Mr. Christopher Thomas for all his encouragement and help to conduct this program and praise God for the open doors for ETF to minister in other places of Gujarat through him.

On 30th and 31st May 2018, the Joy of Teaching-Learning workshop was organized at Vijayalakshmi Memorial Stonebridge Residential School at Siddipet in Telangana District. About 20 teachers attended the workshop. Dr. Michael Faraday and myself were the facilitators. We praise God for the school which is educating the poor children from remote villages in Telangana state. We praise God for the founder Director

Dr. Caleb Royapati for his involvement in



Balasingh for the children of missionaries, village pastors and ministers. About 20 teachers attended the workshop. Dr. Adella Paul and myself were the facilitators. We thank Mr. Ponraj, the Correspondent, Mr. Rathnakar, the Principal and Mrs. Juliet Vedamani, the vice principal and her team for their hospitality, care and concern.

and support to ETF ministries and the hospitality rendered by the team under the leadership of Mr. Gershom, Assistant Director and Mr. Joe Vedamani, Principal.

We had the opportunity to meet Ms. Deborah Prashanthi who is serving the Lord through Asha Kiran community development programs for the tribal people in that region.

As a follow up to the equipping program held during January 2018 in Makunda Christian High School at Bazaricherra a remote place in Karimganj District in Assam., an evaluation of the performance of teachers in the class room, the maintenance of their notes and records was done from 19th to 23rd June 2018. A detailed report of the individual teachers along with the suggestions and guidelines was submitted to the correspondent of the school Dr. Ann Miriam Vijay. The cooperation of the Principal and the hard work of the teachers like Mr. Dani Paul are appreciated.

I praise God for the fruitful ministry and contacts to move forward in the states **Punjab, Bihar, Gujarat, Telangana, Assam and Odisha**. Praise be to God for His protection and guidance during our travel and stay. I am greatly encouraged by the open doors for ETF in Punjab, Bihar, Gujarat, Telangana, Assam and Odisha and for the prayer support and encouragement by ETF, BSF and my family.



The Joy of Teaching-Learning workshop was organized at the Anand Nike-tan Residential School, in Lamtaput, Odisha from 28th to 30th June 2018. We praise God for the school founded by Mr. Ivan



Fill in the Blanks

- _____ is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? _____ is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?
- “Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And _____ will give you light.”
- The entrance of _____ gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.
- But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a _____ nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light:
- The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of _____ Light has dawned.
- Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of _____.”
- Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your _____ and glorify your Father in heaven.
- Every good gift and every perfect gift is from _____, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.
- And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not _____ it.
- For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of _____ is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth.



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Amendment to Right to Education Act approved in Lok Sabha, 'no detention' policy in schools scrapped

The Lok Sabha on Wednesday passed a bill to amend the Right to Education (RTE) that abolishes the 'no detention policy' in schools.

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Centre's proposal. It brings accountability to our elementary education system.”

While talking about the reason behind abolishing the 'no detention policy', Javadekar, according to a PTI report said that this bill has also been analysed by the standing committee and the panel also recommended bringing back the concept of detention in schools. He further added that the policy had been brought as it was felt that compelling children to repeat a class was demotivating, often forcing them to abandon school. He added that the bill provides for a regular examination in classes 5 and 8 and if the child fails, he or she shall be given an additional opportunity for re-examination in two months' time.

While talking about the need for more accountable staff, Javadekar said that teacher training, quality and accountability are most important. He added that there was no shortages of teachers, however, the deployment of teachers was not right.

The bill was supported by Arvind Sawant of Shiv Sena and Saugat Roy of the TMC. While talking about the education system, Roy said that children often do not study if there are no exams and the education system is currently in a bad shape and learning outcomes were going down due to non-detention policy.

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The Lok Sabha on Wednesday passed a bill to amend the Right to Education (RTE) that abolishes the 'no detention policy' in schools. Union Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar said that while the no detention policy has been done away with, it will be at the discretion of the states whether or not to continue with it. He further said that from now on, the states will decide at what level and who will conduct the examination.

Replying to a debate in the Lower House on The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (second amendment) Bill, 2017, Javadekar said that the current educational system is broken and we need to fix it. The Minister said that the “education system is like an inverted pyramid and adequate focus has not been given to primary education”.

“The current provisions under the Right to Education Act state that no student till class 8th can be detained and they will be promoted to the next grade without any problem.”

While moving the bill in the Lok Sabha, he further said, “It is a very important legislation and a majority of state governments supported this



Praise God for the open doors for ETF in educational institutions in various places.

Dr. S. Santhaprabhuraj, Coimbatore was invited to address the teachers in the orientation program held at St. Thomas Residential Institutions under the Mar Thoma Church Educational Society in Trivandrum on 29th May 2018 and at Nirmala Girls' Hr Sec School, Coimbatore on 2nd June 2018. The teachers were addressed on the



topics, 'Teachers in Christ' and ' Teachers as Stewards of God'. About 350 teachers participated along with the management committee members in Trivandrum. ETF Ministry was introduced to the administrative Officer of the institutions.

Dr. Caroline Michael, Chennai was invited to address the teachers of Annai Violet group of institutions in the orientation program held at Annai Violet International School, Ambattur, Chennai on 2nd June 2018. The teachers were addressed on the topic 'Teaching is Calling'. About 80 teachers participated. ETF ministry was introduced.



Dr. Adella Paul, Chennai was invited to speak at the Faculty Development Programme of the Nazareth College of Arts and Sciences organized by IQAC coordinator on 14th June 2018. The teachers were

addressed on the topic, "Innovations in Teaching Pedagogy". ETF ministry was introduced to the administrators.

Nandyal ETF unit went on a picnic for fellowship to Idupulapaya YS Rajasekhar Reddy Ghat under the leadership of P. Ranganath. Smart class coordinator of Good Shepherd E. M. School, Nandhyal. Brother Victor Babu, UESI Staff shared the Word of God. The teachers were enriched by the singing time, Word of God and prayer time. The fellowship of the unit was strengthened.



The local unit meet of Chennai met at MCC Matriculation HSS, Chennai on 27th July 2018 for a time of fellowship and Bible Study. About 16 people attended and most of them were heads of institution. Rev. Samuel Devanesan brought the Lord's message, "Where do we stand as teachers in proclaiming the Gospel."



Go to the Darkness and Shine Forth ...



God ignited the flame in the hearts of two Christian professors working in a Deemed University in Tamil Nadu. They are taking the light into the dark world of AIDS. About 400 people infected with AIDS in ten places have been reached. Computer Training is given for the young people. Sewing machines are provided and sewing is being taught in five places. The gospel is shared with them and prayer is offered for them. With the help of local pastors, VBS is conducted for their children in the villages. About 1000 children attend the VBS including other children from the villages. Note books are provided for the children. During Christmas, more than 1000 AIDS affected people attend the meetings and are given clothes as gifts. There is no identity for these people. About 10 to 20% of the people who are alive in January may not live through to December. A new set of people attend the next

year. A few doctors are also involved in giving treatment. Eye specialists provide spectacles. The people are taught to call Jesus 'Appa'. They accept Jesus in their lives. They love Jesus. They depend on Jesus with childlike faith. When life has become a dark world for them, when they shut themselves in dark rooms and hiding places expecting only the darkest night of death, the light beams shine forth to their places to give the light of hope and joy in their hearts. They are lighted up by Love. They are given the hope of the eternal life through Jesus. They are helped to pass across the valley of death and darkness into eternal light.

Dear friends, God has given each one of us a flame in our hearts to burn. Let us identify the region of darkness around us and shine for God!

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Head Quarters

Day 1

Praise God for His goodness and kindness for enabling the EC office bearers and the members to execute their responsibilities. Praise God for the EC committee meeting held on 15th and 16th June 2018 at Secunderabad. 14 members could be present to discuss and resolve many issues. Pray for all the resolutions and decisions made during the EC to be carried out successfully. Pray specially for the issues related to registration of society and concerned matters to be settled at the earliest.

Day 2

Praise and thank God for Mr. Theophilus Anandam (President), Dr. Porkodi Prabakar (Vice President) the Dr. Caroline Michael (General Secretary) and her husband Dr. Michael Faraday, Prof. V.D.S. Chandrasekar (Treasurer) and his wife Mrs. Beulah Chandrasekar leadership, Dr. Santha Prabhuraj (Joint Secretary - South Region) and his wife Prof. Annie Crystal for their constant

involvement, prayer and support in the ministry and pray for their families, ministries and their health.

Day 3

Praise God for the sponsors and donors of ETF who support the ministry financially and pray for God's blessings on them. Pray for the financial needs of ETF H.Q. Praise God for the new rented place for ETF Office. Praise God for enabling the EC members to visit the office and help in setting. Pray for the appointment of committed and efficient office assistant to help at H.Q.

ETF Publication Trust

Day 4

Praise God for the formation of new members for the Editorial Board of *Chalk and Chai* during the EC meeting. Praise God for enabling the team Prof. V.D.S. Chandrasekar, Dr. Caroline Michael, Dr. Daniel Sathiaraj and Prof. Jayalatha Chandralal who are involved in the publishing work of *Chalk and Chai*. Praise God for enabling Mr. Theo-

philus Anandam to despatch the same successfully from Hyderabad. Pray that *Chalk and Chai* should always reach the subscribers safely without any delay. Praise God for the people who are blessed by the magazine, people who contribute articles and sponsor through advertisements for *Chalk and Chai*.

Day 5

Praise God for the resources available in the ETF study centre and books published by ETF Publication Trust. Praise God for the good location at Hyderabad to function the ETF study centre. Pray that God will enable the ETFPT to publish more books in English and Vernacular languages that will benefit the teaching community and educators to get equipped in their profession. Pray for the related financial needs.

Conferences /seminars / integrated program / Educational institutions and students

Day 6

Praise God for enabling Dr. Caroline Michael, G.S. to attend the UESI AGM held at Delhi from 13th to 15th July 2018. Praise God for the opportunity to share about ETF ministries. Pray that many integrated program of ETF and UESI will take place in different parts of the country.

Pray for the preparation of course content and schedule for the Teachers' Training Course for the Christian teachers who are working

in Christian Schools in remote areas of the country. Praise God for Dr. Adella Paul (EC member, Chennai) who is helping out in the planning of curriculum and syllabus for this course.

Pray for auxiliary Staff Partner Training Conference / Principals and Administrators' Conference / Prayer conference to be planned periodically in different parts of the country to bring enrichment of fellowship and motivation to mobilize teachers and educators to build His kingdom far and wide in the country.

Andhra Pradesh

Day 7

Praise God and pray for the A.P state council members. Mr. Sai Baba (EC member), Mr. Vara Prasada Rao, Dr. Darshan and Mr. Simon Satyanarayana, Mrs. Jessie Paul (EC member) and all who take the leadership in building up the ETF ministry in their region.

Nandyal - Praise God for the support and encouragement and leadership of teachers of Good Shepherd School.

Anakapalli - Pray that the teachers understand the vision of ETF and involve more in the ministry. **Tuni** - Pray for a new committee to be formed in and work for Him prayerfully under the leadership of Mr. Ramesh. Pray for the retreat to be held in Tuni.

Day 8

Nellore – Praise God for the retreat planned at Nellore on 22nd July **Rajahamundry and Eluru** - Pray that God should provide good contacts.

Kaikaluru - Praise God for Bro. Sanjeev at who is willing to involve in the ministry.

Machilipatnam - Pray for Bro. Srikanth at who is planning to involve in his area.

Gooty - Pray for Bro. Anilraj and Mr. Vikram who are interested in ETF ministry.

Kurnool - Praise God for Dr. Prabhudas who is involving in the ETF ministry.

Narasapur – Pray for the ETF local unit under the leadership of Mr. David.

Day 9

Bihar- Pray for the quality improvement of the 40 tuition centres run by Bihar Christian Church in **Patna** under the leadership of Dr. S.D. Ponraj. Pray for the ETF workshop to be conducted in Emmanuel Mission Public School at **Patna** under the leadership of Mrs. Princy and Mr. Emmanuel. Praise God for the open doors for ETF ministry in Bihar through UESI under the leadership of Mr. John Jebaraj and Mr. Joseph Paul. Pray for the needs of the Duncan Academy at **Raxaul**.

Chhattisgarh- Pray for the ETF workshop to be conducted in **Blaze academy at Balod in Chhattisgarh** under the leadership of Mr. Thomas Joseph. Pray for his family and ministry. Pray for Mr. Samson Ninan at Life academy.

Delhi- Praise God for the newly formed Delhi State Council. Pray that Dr. Rajeev Tyagi (Joint Secretary North Region) and Dr. Abhi Sethia (EC member) may be able to organize innovative program in the North especially in Delhi. Pray that many teachers in the capital may be able to join ETF to conduct workshops in the unreached places in North. Praise God for the contact of Mrs. Nalini who is interested in involving in ETF ministry. Pray for the training program for teachers planned to be held in Delhi during May–June 2019.

Day 10

Gujarat - Pray for the opportunities for ETF ministry in different regions of Gujarat. Praise God for the involvement and encouragement rendered by Mr. Sridar and Mr. Christopher, Thomas English School Jawda for ETF ministries. Pray for the health of Mrs. Bidhu Sridhar.

Himachal Pradesh - Pray for Mrs. Vidhupriya Chakravarty Secretary, Board of Education, St. Thomas School, **Shimla**, for planning and coordinating ETF programs in the educational institutions under the diocese of Amritsar. Pray for Ms Esther who has started Ananth Spring School in Manali. Pray for the

health of Ms. Beulah, teacher at **Day Star School** in **Manali**.

Jharkand - Praise God for the leadership of Mr. Joseph Ponraj (EC member) **Shalom School**, Madhupur, Jharkand. Pray for God's special grace and guidance to be with him as he is pioneering programs for ETF to get introduced to other educational institutions in Jharkand and also coordinating the ETF National Principals' Conference in November 2018 at Jharkand.

Day 11

Karnataka - Praise God for the leadership of Mrs. Vinni Thomas (EC member). Praise God for the ETF team Mrs. Rene Stanly, Mrs. Cinthia and for Mrs. Nina and Reena who are regularly meeting for ETF prayer fellowship. Pray that more Christian teachers become partners with ETF. Pray for the organizing of a promotional meeting. Pray for the health of Mrs. Augusta Paul. Praise God for Ms. Annie, Ms. Joyce Christina, Ms. Mary Deevena and Mrs. Margaret from St. John's High school, Bangalore who participated in the Christian Teachers' Conference and pray that God will help them to take up active role in ETF programs in **Bangalore**.

Kerala - Praise God for the involvement and support rendered by Dr. John Zachariah, Kerala who is helping in connecting with teachers and educational institutions. Praise God for Dr. C.S.C. Devadass Principal, Malabar Institute of Technology, **Kannur** for his prayer

support and encouragement for ETF ministry. Pray for ETF programs to be organized under the leadership of Dr. Viji Thomas, Bro. Jojo, State Secretary UESI, Kerala, Dr. P.C. Thomas and Mrs. Neena Thomas in various places in Kerala.

Day 12

Madhya Pradesh - Praise God for Dr. Pothen and his family at **Indore** for their encouragement and support for ETF ministry. Pray for ETF ministry to be introduced in different parts of Madhya Pradesh.

Maharashtra Praise God for the vibrant leadership of Mrs. Flora Bawadekar (EC member), Mrs. Florence and Mrs. Sunita Paul at **Sholapur**. Pray that ETF local unit to meet regularly on the fourth Saturday of every month. Pray for the planning of the ETF workshop in Sholapur. Pray for more ETF programs to be organized in other parts of Maharashtra in **Pune Dt. and Amaravathy Dt.** with the help of Dr. Kulothungan, MVM and Dr. Ganesh Pandey. Pray for the need of teachers at Dr. Yardy English High school, **Umri** and YCLT English Medium School at **Yavatmal**.

Day 13

North East Praise God for the follow up work done to evaluate the teachers' performance at **Makunda Christian High School**, in Bazzaricherra in Karimganj District in **Assam**. Praise God for the leadership of Dr. Ann Miriam Correspondent of the school and pray for Dr. Ann and her family. Pray for the

school teachers that they may be able to shine as committed teachers serving the Lord faithfully in their work place. Pray for ETF prayer cell to be started there under the leadership of Mrs. Veronica and Mr. Dani Paul.

Praise God for the ETF prayer cell at **Mt. Calvary School**, Diphu, Karbi Anglong Dt., **Assam** under the leadership of Mrs. Nirupama (EC member) and Mrs. Praisya Rongharpi. Pray for the good health of Mrs. Nirupama. Pray for a regional program for teachers to be organized in Assam.

Day 14

Praise God for the open doors in **Tripura**. Pray for the equipping program for teachers to be organized for the school teachers in Tripura under the leadership of Dr. John Zachariah and coordinated by Rev. Bijily Tripura Misson leader and Mr. Ajendra, Principal, Thomas English School, Purbahanpara in Tripura.

Pray for the planning of ETF program in **Nagaland** through Mrs. P. Angbhenla Phom from Longleng, Nagaland, the director of the Phom Lempong School. Pray that God will restore her health completely.

Praise God for Dr. L. N. Tluanga, Aizawl, **Mizoram** for his prayer, support and involvement in ETF ministry. Pray that many teachers from this region would serve the Lord faithfully.

Day 15 Praise God for the ETF program organized at Shillong from 8th to 12th November 2018 under the leadership of Mrs. Wellorich Sohkhet, Principal, Anderson Hr. Sec. School, West Khasi Hills, **Meghalaya** and other EGF leaders of the State. Praise God for the open doors for ETF ministry at **Bethany Christian College** in **Manipur** under the leadership of Mrs. Hat Hon Buansingh. Pray for ETF programs to be organized in **Arunachal Pradesh** under the leadership of UESI leader Mr. Andy Anando.

Pray for the needs of Blesso Montessori School at Phalee village, Ukhrul, **Manipur**. And the principal Mr. Kenneth Muinao. Pray for the ETF program to be planned at St. John's English School at Nambal, **Manipur** under the leadership of Mr. Wahengpam Lokendro Singh and Mrs. Daisy Lokendr, Director and at Nazareth Residential School, **Manipur**.

Day 16

Odisha - Praise God for **the Adoni Public School, in Daspur, Kalahandi Dt.** Pray for God's wisdom and guidance to Mrs. Ladi Sandhya Rani, Principal of the School to lead on efficiently and the teachers to become efficient in their academics.

Praise God for the leadership and testimony of Mr. Joy Kutty, founder **El Nissi Mission School, Kalahandi Dt.** and Mr. and Mrs. John Manohar founders of

Elmachsi Mission School. Pray for the planning of ETF programs in these schools, and the school under **Asha Kiran in Lamptaput** (co-ordinator Ms. Deborah), and **IMS English School, Malkangiri**.

Day 17

Punjab-Praise God for Mr. Seeni-vasan for his involvement and leadership in ETF ministry. Praise God for the Good Shepherd English school started by him at Badhni kalan in Moga District. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance for him to bring up the school to the glory of God. Pray that all the needs for the school will be met. Praise God for the support and encouragement rendered by Mrs. Vijaya Jebakumar, Principal, Sacred Heart School, **Moga, Punjab**. Praise God for Bisop Samantaroy for his prayer, support and encouragement for ETF ministry to be introduced in all the schools under the CNI diocese of Amritsar.

Rajasthan - Praise God for the teachers in **Jaipur** who are planning to involve in ETF ministry under the leadership of Mrs. Mercy Nelson, Mrs. Phoebe Immanuel, Mrs. Shalini Andrews and also for the open doors for ETF ministry in **Udaipur**.

Day 18

Tamil Nadu: Chennai & Tambaram Praise God for the local unit fellowship conducted on 27th July 2018 under the leadership of Dr. Adella Paul. Pray for the other local leaders: Mrs. Lydia Deva-sagayam, Dr. Emerald Solomon, Mrs. Constance, Mr. Devanbu,

Dr. Suresh George, Mrs. Minoo Suresh and Mrs. Mary Immaculate Rani for their constant involvement, leadership and prayer support in building up ETF ministry at different levels in Chennai. Praise God for all the support and encouragement and partnership rendered by MCC Higher Sec School, MCC Matriculation HSS, Women's Christian College and Gnanodaya group of schools at Chennai. Pray that God's blessings will be bestowed in these institutions.

Day 19

Trichy - Praise God for the ETF unit at Bishop Heber College, Trichy under the leadership of Dr. Daniel. Pray that the unit will function regularly and pray for the delegates who participate in the CTC to involve more in ETF. Pray for the planning of ETF meeting in their region.

Madurai - Praise God for the support, prayer, encouragement and partnership rendered by Lady Doak College and Karen School, Checkanurani and pray for the delegates who participate in the CTC to involve more in ETF ministry. Praise God for Mrs. Ruby Mallika for her support and encouragement.

Pavoorchatram - Praise God for the constant support and leadership rendered by Dr. C.K. Rajasingh and Dr. Malathy Rajasingh at Shalom Matriculation School and pray for the planning of ETF meeting in their region. Pray for the needs of the School.

Day 20

Coimbatore -Praise God for all the active local units in and around Coimbatore under the leadership of Dr. Santha Prabhuraj and Mrs. Annie Crystal. Praise God for the prayer, support, encouragement rendered by Stanes School, Coimbatore. Praise God for Mr. Pradeesh, Mr. Jabez and Mr. Prabhu for their leadership in ETF. Praise God for the ETF meeting to be held on 4th August 2018 at Stanes School under the leadership of Dr. Santhaprabhuraj and Mr. Benjamin.

Dharmapuri - Praise God for the constant support and leadership rendered by Rev. S.D. Premkumar and Mrs. Lilian at Mullai Academy, Mallikuttai Village. Pray for the needs of the School.

Vellore-Pray for Vellore ETF unit to get strengthened up under the leadership of Prof. V.D.S. Chandrasekhar and Prof. Noah Eastman.

Arakkonam and Thiruthani -

Praise God for Mr. King Solomon and Mrs. Mercy Solomon ministry at Kings and Queens Residential school, Arakkonam who educate the miss-ionary children. Pray for their financial needs to be met. Praise God for blessing our ETF member Mr. Emmanuel Premkumar and Mrs. Sarah with twin baby girls after 10 years of marriage.

Day 21

State Conference – Tamil Nadu

Praise God for the 17th Christian Teachers' Conference (T.N.) is planned to be held at Coonoor from 16th to 19th May 2019. Pray for the organizers: Dr. Caroline Michael, and her team. Pray that all the needs of the conference will be met. Pray that many delegates from different districts of Tamil Nadu and other States will participate. Praise God and pray for the Tamil Nadu State Council members.

Day 22

Telangana - Praise God for the local unit members of Hyderabad - Mr. Theophilus Anandam, Mrs. Manitha Esther, Mrs. Kasthuri Samuel, Dr. Daniel Sathiaraj, Mrs. Pansy Sathiaraj, Mr. Bharath, Rev. Nallaraj Edward and Mrs. Grace Nallaraj and all ETF members who take the leadership in building up the ETF ministry in their region. Pray for the former leaders Dr. Spurgeon Anandaraj, Mr. Eappen John, Dr. Saroj Cherian and their families. Pray for many new members to involve in the local unit. Pray for the Telangana State Council to be formed. Pray for the ETF to expand in different districts.

Praise God for the prayer, support, encouragement and involvement rendered by Dr. Caleb P Rayapati, Director & Correspondent of Vijayalakshmi Memorial School, Siddipet District. Praise God for the two days ETF workshop “Joy of Teaching-

Learning” conducted in their school on 30th and 31st May 2018.

Day 23

State Conference – Telangana

Praise God for the Telangana State Conference could be planned. Pray for the 1st Telangana Christian Teachers' Conference from 12th to 14th October 2018 at Vijayalakshmi Memorial School, Baswapur, Siddipet district. Praise God for the organizers: Mrs. Manitha Esther, Mrs. Kasthuri Samuel, Mr. Bharath and the ETF Local unit, Hyderabad. Pray for their health, and God's guidance and provision in all their decisions and arrangements. Pray for the conference proceedings: Praise and worship, Singing, Praying and Sharing time, Bible Hour and professional talk sessions to be a time of blessing to every participant. Pray for good accommodation, food preparation, good climatic condition, safe travel, financial needs, good health for the speakers and delegates and organizers. Pray for the participants attending the conference from Telangana, A.P. and other states.

Day 24

Uttarkhand - Praise God for Mr. Newton Benjamin, Principal, Grace Academy, Dehradun and for all their support, encouragement and involvement in ETF. Pray for the missionary children studying in that school and all the teachers to excel in their profession. Pray that God will provide teachers for their school. Pray for

Mr. Andriyas Singh, Grace Academy (EC member) for his involvement and leadership in coordinating ETF programs in **Dehradun** and other districts of Uttarkhand.

Praise God for the schools Bharat Susamachar Samiti under the leadership of Mr. Lephon Kumar, Dehradun for their support, involvement and encouragement in the ETF. Pray that God will provide teachers for their schools.

Praise God for Mr. Emmanuel Rathnaraj, Principal, Shishya Public School, Dehradun for his involvement in ETF. Pray for God's guidance and wisdom as he leads the school.

Day 25

Uttar Pradesh - Pray for the ETF ministry to be planned in **Gorakhpur** under the leadership of Mr. Robert Lal, Mr. Shivdan Singh and Mr. Vipul John and at Mizpah Christian school in **Orai** under the leadership of Mr. Daniel and Mrs. Selvi Daniel. Praise God for the open doors for ETF ministry in Allahabad through Mr. Immanuel Premkumar and Genita who are UESI tent makers at Sam Higginbottom Institute of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences, **Allahabad**. Pray that God will open doors for ETF in Jamuna Christian College and School, Allahabad and other regions of U.P. Pray for Mr. Yesu Rathnam (ETF member) at

Kachhawa Christian School, Mirzapur to organize ETF programs.

Day 26

West Bengal - Pray for open doors for ETF in the schools Dr. Graham's Homes, Scottish Universities' Mission Institution (SUMI) and Mt. Carmel School at Kalimpong under the leadership of Deki O. Panlook. Pray for Ms. Sreelekha Rai, Principal, Immanuel International Academy (IIA) at **Silikuri**. Pray for Ms. Roma Prodhan, founder of Bidan School and Mr. Anand Raju Jangam, founder of St. John's Public School, a primary school at **Durgapur**. Pray that God will open the doors for ETF to minister in the CNI schools where about 200 teachers are working. Pray for the Assemblies of God Schools in **Kolkata**. Pray for the follow up by ETF to be carried out in the different districts of West Bengal.

Day 27

Pray for God's protection and provision for educational institutions under C.S.I. and C.N.I. dioceses, Baptist mission schools, Methodist mission schools, ECI church Schools, Schools under missions like IMS, FMPB, Vishwavani. Pray that God will provide trained teachers and more students for these schools. Pray that students will cultivate moral values and that teachers to be good role models towards students' holistic growth.

Day 28 Pray for the qualified and trained Christian teachers to get good job opportunities in schools and colleges. Pray for the teachers who are involved in higher education and research work. Pray for the health and family needs of teaching community and pray for God's help in their lives to serve Him faithfully.

Day 29

Pray for many teachers to join ETF so that unity among the Christian teachers get strengthened. Pray for many local units to get started in different places in India. Pray for 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. Pray that ETF may develop to reach schools in villages and remote parts of India and that teachers may make mission trips.

Day 30

Pray for the education policy of India. Pray that the truth of God would permeate. Pray that government will give freedom to teach Bible in Christian schools. Pray for the protection of Christian Schools and that teachers may become like Jesus. Pray for authorities of Christian educational institutions to function with integrity and fear of God and not to compromise with world views. Pray for the millions of students across the country. Pray for the students that they may be able to know the Truth through a Christian teacher who can impact their lives.

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