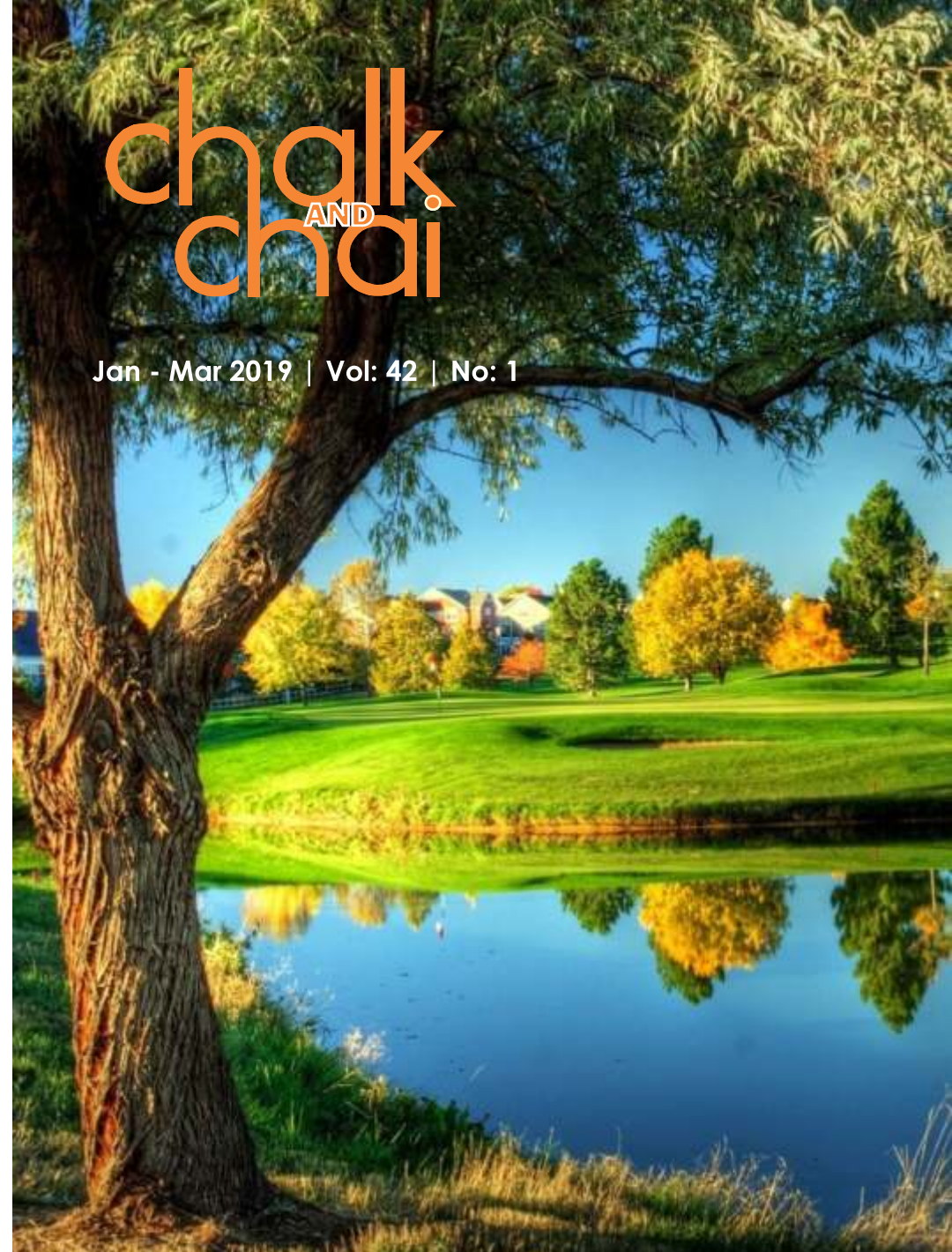


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FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S DESK

Dear readers of Chalk and Chai,

It's my pleasure to greet and wish all the readers God's providence, protection, peace and His presence to abide with you in the New Year. There is always something in the human spirit that naturally draws toward new things and fresh beginnings. For some educational institutions, it is the beginning of a new academic year too. By the time this issue of *Chalk and Chai* reaches you, I am sure you would have set yourselves focussing on your goals and tasks ahead. Looking back with a grateful heart let us move forward in our faith journey trusting our Lord.

The theme for this first issue of the year 2019 is “**Teachers as image Bearers of God**”. The Bible says, we are the product of a very creative and loving God to be the image bearers of the invisible God of the Universe. When all the other creatures are created “according to their kinds” (Gen. 1:21, 24,25), humanity alone is made “in the image of God.”

When we are created in the image of God (Genesis1:26, 27), **we are created to be the reflectors of God's image.**

Mirrors are known for reflecting light. The reflected sunlight by a concave mirror is quite powerful to make a match stick catch fire or to energise the solar panels to provide high temperature in appliances. The mirrors are not the sunlight but reflect what sunlight is like. We are called to reflect His image by representing Him in the world.

But our sinful life will deform the image of God in us. Forgetting that our students are made in the likeness of God, we would have trampled on the image of God with our tongue by biting words that come out of us (James 3:9). We trample on the image of God when we have domestic violence, hatred, tear down others, “get lost” attitude, overlook the creativity in the youngsters, walk away from the mentally and/or physically challenged people, ignore children who need special attention and care and special education. We are really trampling on the image of God even when we gossip, slander and back bite each other and the image of God is broken in us resulting in a shattered image.

In order to reflect the sun, the mirror has to face toward the sun. When we face God, He can shine on us and reform and transform our deformed image of God in

us in Christ. We are privileged to turn to Him again and again to look at Him because of Christ. He progressively changes us. The Bible says God will make His face shine upon us (Ps. 67:1) in order to reflect Him (2 Cor. 3:16-18). When Moses went up on the mountain to commune with God, he would come back and his face would shine (Ex. 34:29-35). By being with God Moses experienced not only a physical transformation but a transformation in his heart. It was an outside-in transformation. Our willing exposure to the sunlight of God's presence will burn his image ever deeper into our character and will. We are not merely reflecting God's image, we are radiating it! It is an inside-out transformation! God transforms us more and more into His image, the image of Christ and one day we will be like Him! (1 John 3:2)

Secondly, when we are created in the image of God to be His image-bearers and reflectors we are created as **respectable beings**. Science may say

we are complex creatures but science does not give us the sense of self. We possess incredible value, dignity and worth. It is not the self esteem. Self-esteem is having confidence and satisfaction in one's self. But it is self-image. God has made us in His image and so we can have a correct self-image. Our self-image comes from the understanding that we are made in His image. Pastor and author Kent Hughes writes, next to God, people are the holiest beings on the planet, simply because they are created in the image of God. God is emphasizing the gender in relation to His image: "male and female He created them." All human beings possess value. No matter what we have done with this self-image with sin, no matter where we are from or how low we have gone, God sees us having dignity, worth and value because we are made in God's image to live forever.

Lecrae an American Christian songwriter, record producer and actor and the co-founder and president of the non-profit organization "Reach Life Ministries" shares his annoying experience about noticing the price tag showing \$640 pinned just to a plain cotton T-shirt in a department store during his visit to Hollywood. He assumed that the exorbitant price was mis - marked but to his surprise the salesperson told him that the price was correct and it was the "special" sale price. She added "It's the designer's name on it that adds value to it". Lecrae then realized that the worth and value of every one of us comes from the name that is on us. God's glory is stitched in our genes, and we are here to glorify Him!" We are made in the very image of the Living God. He has designed us. He has created us to do His will and His work.

"The most distinctive feature of the biblical understanding of man is the teaching that man has been created in the image of God."

— Anthony Hoekema

Thirdly, when we are created in the image of God, we are created as **relational beings**. In God's creating work we observe the preceding impersonal "let there be" creative act is replaced by the personal "let us." God is a relational being, three in one, the Trinity. God has a fellowship circle within Him but decided to make the circle bigger and created man. We are relational because God is relational and has created us in His image. We are truly human only when we are in relationship with God and others. We are made for intimacy. This implies we have personality; we have a mind which thinks, hearts that feel and a will to make choices /decisions. We also have a capacity for creativity. We are made to be known by God and to know God that is so different than anything else in creation. We can actually communicate with the God of the Universe and God can communicate with us. This is why God is always after our heart and all of it. This is why God cares more about who we are and what we are becoming than what we do. He created us to relate with others.

The boxes which have the Tags 'Fragile' will be always be handled with care. When we value what's in the box, we treat the box with greater care. When we understand that people have been imprinted with the very image of God, we will be able to treat people with greater care. But there's something else that belongs on the outside of our box, something that increases our value even more. We possess God's image; but we have also been bought and redeemed by the sacrifice of the Son of God. This is the price tag placed by God Himself on every person we meet, the value of the very life of Christ. How do we relate with others? - Our students? Our colleagues? Our superiors? Our subordinates? How do we

treat them? Are we treating them with care?

As image bearers of Christ, we are called to put God's character, His love, His power, His creativity, His justice, His holiness, His wisdom on display! In this issue **Prof. John Zachariah** brings out a few aspects how teachers can bear the image of Jesus from His teaching ministry and **Dr.J.N Manoharan** has highlighted a few practical methods for teachers how to be image bearers of Christ in their working place. **Dr. Beulah Immanuel** in her testimony shares about how the influence of teachers in her student life has made a great impact in her teaching profession.

As teachers we have many opportunities to help people formed in the image of God, deformed by sin, point to the true image of God in Christ and have Him transform them and fill the earth with God's glory with other image-bearers.!

The moon has no light of its own but reflects the light of the sun. When we see it light up the night sky, the sun gets the glory, the source of its light. When we accurately reflect God's image and likeness, we can fill the earth with Him and make His world flourish with His glory. God wants us to partner with Him in spreading His glory! Let us grow in practising the image of God. Let a new beginning happen!



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Image Bearers of GOD

by Dr. J.N. Manokaran

In the postmodern, image-saturated and media-saturated screen-age, people like to build their images resorting to image consultants who provide advice for a hefty fee. Politicians, entertainers, business leaders, athletes, media-professionals wish to manage themselves in accordance to expectation of their respective constituencies. Social media technological advancements and the smart phones have made every person image-conscious. Like their smart-phones, they wish to look smart. However, Christians are called to bear the Image of God in a broken, imperfect and sinful world. Teachers with their role as people who shape the next generation by teaching, training and coaching children have a great advantage and an opportunity to influence and impact.

God who writes

"Bring two stone slates or tablets so that I can write for you." (Exodus 34:1). Startled, Moses takes the tablets to the mountain top. The LORD writes the "Ten

Commandments." Our Living God communicates not only by voice but also through the written Word. We worship the God who writes. This scene is replicated millions of times throughout history in the schools around the world. Children carry slates or notes or books to their teacher who writes and teaches children to write. Indeed, teaching is a noble profession as we represent God, and demonstrate many of his attributes including his 'writing' attribute.

God who coaches

God created Adam and Eve. Then He became their teacher who delighted in the growth of students. Adam was commanded to name all the animals (Genesis 2:19-20). 'Labelling' or 'naming' is an essential skill for children to develop. The name given by Adam to animals became their names. Adam did a good job as a student and God rejoiced in the accomplishment of his student. Teachers help children to classify, clarify and specify the name and characteristics of all objects.

Image-bearer by Impact

One girl from a different faith attended a school run by private management. There were many teachers amongst whom was one Christian teacher. She stood out in terms of friendliness, modesty, moral values, teaching, cleanliness and punctuality. This teacher impressed, impacted and inspired this girl who after many years became a disciple of Lord Jesus Christ. After three decades this girl, now in ministry visited the teacher and explained how this teacher's life had sown the seed of gospel in her life. In essence, that teacher was image-bearer of Lord Jesus Christ in her work place.

Creativity

God is the Creator. Human beings created in His image also have the capacity to create. Civilization and culture are the products of creativity in humans. Teachers use creativity to help children grasp simple truths – scientific or mathematic. While teaching fractions to children, a mathematics teacher brought an apple, then cut it into two pieces – taught what $\frac{1}{2}$ is, and so on. Children grasped mathematical fractions easily. Creativity that springs from curiosity to explore in childhood gradually dies off. Teachers could help children to grow their creative capacity by providing them with an opportunity to think 'out of box'.

Reasoning capacity

The Human mind is a complex creation of God. Having thoughts, memory and reasoning are a few of the enormous mind functions. Reasoning capacity is naturally given but is less used or used for ignoble purposes. Reasoning capacity could be used for discovering truth, exploring new ideas and creative

problem-solving. At the same time, it could be used for justifying untruth, injustice and unrighteousness. Instead of accepting his sin humbly, Adam blamed Eve and also God – because He was the one who gave him his wife (Genesis 3:12-13). Teaching and training children to accept their faults and failures even when there are negative consequences is essential to develop healthy individuals.

Freewill or choices

"The Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her" (Luke 10:41-42). Like Martha, children are be multi-tasking pulled from different directions. The Lord pointed to Martha to focus on one thing – most important, significant and essential in life. Christian teachers could always point to the Lord Jesus: The Way, The Truth and The Life (John 14:6). As the Lord advised Martha, teachers have to encourage them to make the 'right choices' that will have eternal or long-term consequences. "Right choices" means choices made based on morality, fairness, justice, equality, love, truth, etc.

Image bearer by involvement

Teachers have a tremendous opportunity to get involved in the community. They are highly respected and regarded in the society. Christian teachers have the opportunity to take the gospel into many homes. For example, there is a Class teacher of Class V in a school. He or she has about 40 children in his/her care for one academic year. The teacher should pray for each student daily and plan to visit the homes of all 40 children in one calendar year. This could be done

like meeting one family per week. A teacher is highly respected in the homes of students. Visiting them and getting to know them will establish a good relationship with the family. Of the forty families, perhaps 5 or 6 would like to continue the relationship. These families could be invited for Christmas to the home of the teacher where they will have opportunity to share the gospel. Even if one family responds to the gospel, a teacher could easily lead at least 30 families to Christ in their teaching career.

Challenge

The schools and colleges have become difficult and sometimes dangerous workplaces in India. The authority of teachers has been downgraded that they lack tools of discipline

too. Within the context of recent digital media invasion and abundant availability of information, children are confused. They are unable to differentiate between information and knowledge or knowledge and wisdom. Technology could give information but only the teachers can give knowledge and wisdom. Swimming upstream, teachers are called and mandated to bear the image of God in their profession and mission in their workplace.



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A Personal Testimony



Bringing out the Potential in Students

by Dr. Mrs. Beulah Emmanuel

*She turned towards him
and cried in Aramaic,
"Rabboni!"
(meaning Teacher)
John 20:16*

One of the trends these days is that parents decide quite early for their children regarding the career they should be taking up in the future. The pressure to coach the child towards that goal is so much that very often the interest and talent of the child are not taken into consideration. This pressure is passed on to teachers so that every child is seen potentially as someone who needs to crack a test like the NEET or IITJEE depending on the desire of the parents. In this context, there needs to

be awareness that each child has different talents and nurturing these would be helpful to bring out the best potential of the child and help in taking up a suitable career making his/her contribution to the society.

Personally for me, teachers who recognized special talents and encouraged the students to get over their weaknesses through their concern made an impact in my life. The very first teacher I remember was in nursery school who took the effort to teach us to make various shapes on our own using modelling clay. It was way back in Standard I that a teacher appreciated my correct answers in Arithmetic while

working with simple additions. After completing Standard VI in an Anglo-Indian School, I moved to a State Board school, where the level of Tamil was beyond my scope. The Tamil teacher showed, by example, that there was no need for special tuition. Instead a student can be asked to do some writing that could be checked just before class.

I cannot forget my Mathematics teacher in Standard IX who asked the class how many of us would opt for Mathematics Elective if offered. Only two of us said we wanted Mathematics and then she called me aside to tell me that the school was not planning to offer Mathematics the following year. She advised me to leave that school and join a school that would be offering Mathematics as an elective. (Those days we had to choose one elective paper for X & XI and then it was Pre University class in college).

I am also thankful to God for my parents who gave me the freedom of choice to pursue Mathematics which was my passion, instead of taking up Engineering that was an emerging/coveted discipline at that time.

Northwick School founded by missionaries was a great influence with a chapel where we met for devotions every morning. The large playground gave the students an opportunity to try out various games and also helped me to represent the school for Throw ball besides athletics. I remember the school motto, 'Not to be served but to serve' - with a 'sumai thangi' as the emblem, an inspiration to put others interest above ours. Our Mathematics teacher encouraged me to do independent assignments and I was glad that I could come up with my own solutions to riders and problems. There was no pressure to perform with high scores; rather the focus was on understanding the subject and having the joy of seeing the subject unravelled by appreciating it.

The early years in school with the right focus will help every student who explores the possibilities for higher studies. I am grateful to God for such opportunities that the Lord Jesus gave me during those days to hone my talents. I am also thankful to God for my parents who gave me the freedom of choice to pursue Mathematics which was my passion, instead of taking up Engineering that was an emerging/coveted discipline at that time.

Some perceive Mathematics as a difficult subject but with a good understanding of basics and concepts and with consistent efforts, it can become interesting. During my undergraduate course in Mathematics at Government College, North Madras, I was privileged to have a good team of teachers who explained the concepts clearly and encouraged us to work out problems. My interest in Mathematics

grew and I would try to solve the problems in the exercise when a chapter was taught. Tamil was still a challenge but I managed to cope by God's grace.

My parents brought me up in a good Christian atmosphere and I came to know the Lord Jesus as my Saviour at the young age of ten. I was privileged to attend a Bible believing church and to receive a sound teaching on the Word of God. In College, the Evangelical Union Fellowship helped me to grow in the Lord and also sharing His love with fellow students. It was at that time I had a longing to study in a place where there was less of Christian witnessing.

By God's grace I got admission in IIT, Kanpur where I did M.Sc. and M.Phil. in Mathematics. I am grateful to my parents who decided to let me go on to study in a place so far away from home. It was a great opportunity to study various papers under experts in the respective fields and to do a dissertation. The expectations were high and the evaluation sometimes stretched my brain to the limits. My stay in IIT hostel exposed me to a different cultures from the sheltered environment that I had back in the then Madras. My commitment to the Lord and values that I had learnt at home helped me to stand as a witness in the classroom and outside.

It is by God's marvellous provision that I joined the Mathematics Department of Women's Christian College (WCC) that had only three members in 1981 in the newly created vacancy. The College became autonomous in 1982 giving me opportunity to teach newly introduced courses including Computer Programming - to give an example of how teachers can make courses relevant

and effective for students - imagine the scenario about 35 years ago. That was the time when there was no Computer Science Department and no computer in the College. But I knew that it is important that practical classes be conducted for the Programming class to be effective. So, I arranged for practical classes with a Computer Centre close to the College where I would take the students in batches after class hours to try out the programmes they had written.

During my teaching career of about 34 years in WCC, it has been my privilege to teach, interact and train students and to learn from them as well. A couple of years before my retirement, we had a reunion of the Alumnae of the Department and it was great to hear them about how they were influenced by the personal attention given to them. The options given to take up special papers; the encouragement that they received to hone their talents; the nudging to take up leadership even when they felt diffident; the foundation that was laid here for further studies and career were some of the highlights that they shared. Having held various positions and conducted several programmes during the long tenure, at the end of the day it was not these that are important but the lives that I touched and enriched that matter most.

To be an effective teacher, one has to be a learner at any point of time. With the development in the subject and teaching methods, it is inevitable that we keep learning to be relevant to the present generation. After about 20 years of my teaching career, I went on to do Ph.D. in Mathematics on a part-time basis. This widened my understanding of

the subject and gave me an exposure to some of the latest trends. Towards the end of my career, I got recognition to guide research students for Ph.D. degree, which again is another learning experience. So the learning continues on even after retirement with one more student to complete the degree.

Another learning experience was taking up a Biblical Counselling course with the Christian Education Foundation at Philadelphia, USA, when I had just turned 50. It was quite a challenge to be a student again attending classes, referring books, submitting assignments and also taking a final online examination. This opened up a new area of study and ministry as I continued on with counselling courses with Person to Person. After retirement I have involved myself with the counsellors' team in Emmanuel Methodist Church offering our services at the Alosanai Centre and volunteering at schools. My experience as a teacher helps in reaching out to students with their personal problems and difficulties in studies.

My inspiration is the Lord Jesus Christ, the Greatest Teacher of all time.

Whatever I am today is because of the transformation He has brought in my life. Apart from Mathematics, I had the opportunity to teach Scripture since the time I joined in WCC. The EU fellowship that met in the chapel over the years for prayer and Bible study was part of my regular activities. I am glad that I could pass on what I have received during my student days to several batches of students.

Jesus said, "I am the Light of the World", and He has imparted His light to us. As our College motto is, 'Lighted to Lighten', it is a joy to light many lives with the light received from Him. It is by His grace and guidance that we can motivate and encourage students to reach their highest potential.



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that help you!

(On Isaiah :58)



When the Lord said,
"Just do what I did, Be a Bridge."
Oh my! It is so difficult.....
But it was what I was to be
I had to join two ends,
Which had no future,
Which also meant, I had no beginning and no end.
It also meant I had to be tread on,
Whatsoever or however hard it was.....
I had to bear the pain,
Till the treader reached the gain of moving
from one end to another,
I knew now – I made connections.
And the joy I saw on the face who sighted and crossed over,
Made me forget all my pain.
I was ready again.....
To be a bridge.

BE ONE AND ENJOY THE FUN
OF BRIDGING AND HELPING PEOPLE ACROSS.



Composed by
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Solapur, Maharashtra.



by Dr. Mrs. Caroline Michael

Rajasthan, Meghalaya and Bihar

God gave an opportunity to meet a teacher Ms. Vinita Chand at **Udaipur , Rajasthan** during a church planting mission trip from **19th to 21st October 2018**. Dr. Adella Paul and I could introduce ETF ministry and give a few copies of *Chalk and Chai* and encourage her to introduce ETF to other teachers in Udaipur to form a ETF local unit.

Ever since I met Mrs. Wellorich Principal Anderson School, Nongstoin , Meghalaya during the diamond jubilee of UESI held in Chennai in 2012, we had been in constant communication and later she could participate in ETF Principals' Conference to present a paper in 2016. She is at present President, UESI Meghalaya. We have been praying and planning to launch ETF in Meghalaya. I praise God for the vibrant leadership of Mrs. Wellorich Sohklet .



She organized programs from **8th to 12th November 2018** for introduce ETF on 8th, for Meghalaya UESI & EGF Leaders on 9th November and for the EGF teachers of Shillong and Nongstoin on 10th November.

God gave me the opportunity to get introduced to many teachers and the Principal of an education college and also address the Shillong EU students.



Meghalaya UESI and EGF leaders

It was indeed a joyful experience to get introduced to the former UESI leader Rev. L. Malsoma Vanchhawng, the presbyter of one of the Baptist churches in Shillong and his wife. He expressed that there is a great need for ETF to minister in Shillong and other places of Meghalaya. Praise God for the encouraging response from the teachers to start a local ETF unit in Nongstoin.



Shillong and Nongstoin EGF Teachers

During my first trip to Shillong I was amazed to see the leadership of UESI being integrated in all the church activities. I was moved by the loving care and hospitality rendered by Mrs. Wellorich. I could have a very good time of fellowship with her and could meet her siblings who are also serving the Lord and her aged father who has brought them up in Christian ethos. May God bless their ministries



With Shillong EU students

Praise God for the long time prayerful wish to visit GEMS was fulfilled. We had a great time of fellowship at GEMS Action centre in **Patna, Bihar** and the Joy of Teaching-Learning workshop for teachers of 3 schools from 3 mission fields namely Darbhanga ,Raipur and Mahwal on **5th and 6th December 2018** under the leadership of Mr. Anand, Associate Director, Gems Educational



With Rev.L.Malsoma Vanchhawng



Action Centre - GEMS

Under the leadership of Mr. Abraham founder director and Mrs. Princy Titus, Principal of Emmanuel Mission Public School, **Patna Bihar** the Joy of Teaching –Learning Workshop could be organized on **7th and 8th December 2018**. About 30 teachers participated. They were very happy to know about ETF ministry and wanted to be a part of ETF.



Emmanuel Mission Schools

Praise God for the fruitful ministry in Meghalaya and Bihar and for the open doors for ETF in Rajasthan. Thank you to all the members of ETF and BSF groups who were the upholders of the mission trips in their prayers.

During August and September by God's grace my husband and myself could visit our children abroad. Praise God for the safe travel, good health and all the happy times.



Looking back through the year 2018, I praise God with grateful heart for His faithfulness and guidance for the fruitful ministry of ETF and open doors for ETF ministry and looking up for His providence, willing to move forward in faith for the expansion of His kingdom through ETF in the years ahead. I am thankful and grateful to all the ETF units and individuals who uphold the ministry in their personal and group prayers. I praise God for all the leaders for their involvement and encouragement.



Praise God for enabling ETF Christmas programs to be organized by local units at **Chennai, Sholapur, Anakapalli, Narasapur, Tuni and Hyderabad**.

Chennai

It was a great celebration of ETF Christmas program in the YWCA Campus, Vepery, Chennai on 29th November 2018. About 130 teachers and a few children attended the program. A few non Christian teachers attended the program to know about the purpose of Christ's birth. People enjoyed the carol singing led by MCC Matr. HSS, the choreography performed by teachers of Alpha Matriculation HSS and MCC campus school and the skit performed by MCC HSS teachers. Dr. Sundar Mano, Vice Chancellor of Sathya Bama University brought the Christmas message. ETF ministry was introduced. Gifts were given and dinner was served.



Sholapur

It was a wonderful experience to organize the ETF Christmas get-together for the first time in the Ebenezer Hall at Sholapur. About 80 participants including teachers and principals of various schools enjoyed the program which had ice breaker of lucky draw and the dances performed by the Methodist Sunday School children. Mr Subhash Money was the guest of honour and Pastor Vinay Kumar brought the Christmas message. Many non Christian teachers were invited. Gifts and snacks were distributed. Praise God for the vibrant team work of Mrs.Sunita Paul, Ms.DarshanaShinde, Ms.MilkaJagle, Ms. Krupalini Chandekar and Ms.Sheela Adsule under the leadership of Mrs. Flora Bawadekar. It served as a motivating program for many teachers to become a part of ETF.



Anakapalli

On 8th of December 2018, ETF organized Christmas program for teachers in Narayana group of schools at Anakapalli. under the leadership of Mr.Saibaba. Mr.Anil with his team rendered the lovely Christmas carols and the Christmas message was shared by Mr.Saibaba followed by Christmas cake cutting and distribution of two gospel tracts. The plan of God, Love of God, Birth of Christ & need of His birth is explained very clearly during the Christmas programme in Emmanuel English Medium School, Anakapalli on 19th December. Nearly 80 students and 5 Teachers attended. Sweets were given.



Narasapur

ETF Local Unit Narsapur Christmas program was held on 21st December 2018 at St.Anns English Medium School, Narsapur under the Leadership of Mr.David.About 50 delegates attended the program. Mr K.Satyanarayana delivered message. Mr Jacob and Mr Devaraju brought Christmas greetings.Fellowship Dinner followed.



Tuni

The ETF Tuni Local unit organized the Christmas program at Scott Memorial Baptist Church on 8th December 2018 and Rev. Joseph brought the Christmas message.About 30 teachers attended the program. Dinner was served.



Hyderabad

The ETF local unit Hyderabad organized the Christmas program on 3rd December 2018. Pastor Suresh Manoharan brought the Christmas message. About 100 participated. Gifts were given and dinner served.

On 15th December 2018,Dr.Caroline Michael was invited by Mr.Jerold Finny and Mrs.Jennifer Jerold, Alpha Matriculation Hr.Sec.School, **Red Hills**, to deliver the Christmas message to a gathering of teachers and the parents of their school children. About 400 people were present.



ETF Program in Bangalore, Karnataka

(Report by Mrs.Vinni Thomas)

The Bangalore Unit of ETF had organized a special program for the Christian teachers in the premises of India Nagar Methodist Church located on the 100 feet Road, Indira Nagar, Bangalore. 35 teachers from more than ten institutions attended the programme on 24 November 2018. An enthusiastic team of teachers from St John's High School under the able leadership of Ms Margret led the group into a time of Praise and Worship. Ms Rini Stanley, the co-ordinator of the KG department of Bishop Cotton Girls' High School ushered the participants into the day's program. Dr Caroline Michael, General Secretary of ETF led the morning session on 'Teaching is a Calling' challenging us to live our lives worthy of the calling. We

were delighted to have veteran leaders such as Mr J S A Julius and Mrs and Mr Sunny Zachariah. Post lunch session was preceded by a time of games organised by local leaders Ms Pavani and Ms Nina. In the post lunch session, Dr Caroline Michael shared about ETF ministry and motivated us to form various local cells to meet and pray. The day's proceedings ended with Santa Claus' visit arranged by St John's school teachers. The teachers were strengthened by the word they received, got refreshed and challenged.

Three new ETF cells were formed. Once a month meeting is planned in the respective places.

Glory be to God.



Head Quarters

Day1

Praise God for the EC office bearers and the members of ETF. Praise God for their support through prayer, leadership and involvement. Pray for God's guidance and help to each of them to carry out their responsibilities with commitment fulfilling the vision and mission of ETF. Pray for all the resolutions and decisions made during the EC meeting held on 12th January 2019 in Chennai to be carried out successfully.

Day2

Praise and thank God for the EC office bearers Mr.Theophilus Anandam (President), Dr.Porkodi Prabahar (Vice President), Dr. Caroline Michael (General Secretary), Prof. V.D.S. Chandrasekar (Treasurer), Dr.Santha Prabhuraj (Joint Secretary - South Region) for their constant involvement, prayer and support and pray for their families, ministries and their health. Pray for Dr. Porkodi for the complete restoration of her health.

Day3

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, state level programs, special programs of ETF and Joy of Teaching – Learning workshops organized by ETF in different places of India.

ETF Publication Trust

Day4

Praise God for new members for the Editorial Board of *Chalk and Chai*. Praise God for enabling the team Dr.Abhi Sethia, Dr.Daniel Sathiaraj, Dr.Jayalatha Chandralal, Dr. Michael Faraday and Prof. V.D.S. Chandrasekhar and Dr. Caroline Michael as ex officio. Pray for the magazine to be despatched from Hyderabad without any delay. Praise God for the people who are blessed by the magazine, people who contribute articles and through advertisements. Pray for the financial needs.

Day5

Praise God for the resources available in the ETF study centre and books published by ETF Publication Trust. 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.

Conferences/seminars / integrated program / Educational institutions and students

Day6

Pray that many integrated programs of ETF and UESI in the country. Pray for God's grace and wisdom to Dr. Adella Paul (EC member) who is helping in the curriculum and syllabus for the 'Teacher Preparatory Capsule' program to be offered to Christian teachers who are working in Christian Schools in remote areas. Pray for auxiliary Staff Partner Training Conference / Principals and Administrators' Conference / Prayer confer-

ence to be planned periodically in different parts of the country.

Day7 Andhra Pradesh

Praise God and pray for the A.P. state council members in building up the ETF ministry in their region.

Nandyal - Praise God for the constant support and leadership of teachers of Good Shepherd School under the leadership of Mrs. Jessie Paul (EC member).

Anakapalli – Praise God for the local unit fellowship of 10 teachers under the leadership of Mr. Saibaba. Pray for many teachers to attend the same and become members of ETF and support, and pray. Pray for many teachers from Anakapalli to participate in the AP State Conference in May 2019.

Tuni - Praise God for the function-ing of local unit under the leadership of Mr. Ramesh, Mr. Simon Garu, Mr. Nagab-hushanam and Mr. Bendurthi Venkatarao. Pray for the ETF workshop in Tuni in 2019.

Narasapur – Pray for the ETF local unit to get strength-ened under the leadership of Mr. David. Pray for the planning of ETF workshop in Narasapur in 2019. Praise God for the Christmas programs held at Anakapalli, Tuni and Narasapur.

Vijayawada- Pray for the ETF programs and local unit meet in Vijayawada to be strengthened under the leadership of Dr. Darshan Suresh.

Day8 Bihar

Praise God for the partnership with GEMS ministry in Bihar. Praise God for the fruitful ministry by ETF to conduct the workshop for GES from three mission fields at GEMS Action centre, Patna on 5th & 6th December 2018. Praise God for the ETF workshop conducted in Emmanuel Mission Public school in **Patna** on 7th & 8th December 2018 under the leadership of Mr. Abraham and Mrs. Princy Titus. Pray for the safe delivery for Mrs. Princy Titus. Pray for integrated pro-gram by ETF for EGF teachers in Bihar under the leadership of Mr. John Jebaraj and Mr. Joseph Paul.

Chhattisgarh

Pray for the planning of ETF workshop in June 2019 in Blaze academy at **Balod** in Chhattisgarh under the leadership of Mr. Thomas Joseph. Pray for his family and ministry. Praise God for the contact of Mr. Samson Ninan at Life Academy.

Day9 Delhi

Praise God for the prayer, support and encouragement rendered by Mt. Carmel School under the leadership of Dr. V.K. Williams and Dr. Rajeev Tyagi (Joint Secretary - North Region). Pray for Dr. Abhi Sethia (EC member) who is planning to organize ETF programs and the Teachers Training program in Delhi this year.

Gujarat

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

Day10 Haryana

Praise God for the contact of Rev. John Balasingh, Fatehabad, Haryana who is willing to help ETF ministry in Haryana.

Himachal Pradesh

Praise God for Mr. Vijayakumar, Principal, Day Star School, **Manali** who is very happy to receive our magazine and interested in having ETF workshop for his school teachers. Pray for Ms Esther who has started Ananth Spring School in Manali and the ministry among the school students by her sister Ms. Beulah, teacher in the Day Star Schooling. **Manali**. Pray for open doors for ETF programs to be organized in many educational institutions in the diocese of Amritsar under the leadership of Mrs. Vidhupriya Chakravarty Secretary, Board of Education, St. Thomas School, **Shimla**.

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.

Day11 Karnataka

Praise God for the ETF program in **Bangalore** on 24th November 2018 under the leadership of Mrs. Vinnie Thomas (EC member), and her team Mrs. Margarat, Mrs. Rene Stanly, Mrs. Lidya, Cinthia and others. Praise God for the local units such as in Indira Nagar, and pray that these local units will function regularly and many teachers will participate. Praise God for the encouragement and desire expressed by Mrs. Premila Sironmani, Mrs. Mary Deevana and a few others to support ETF. Praise God for the contacts Mrs. Mabel and Mrs. Jemima Swami-nathan in **Hubli** and Ms. Linda in **Coorg**. Pray that a group of committed teachers will rise up to build God's kingdom in the state.

Kerala

Praise God for the involvement and support rendered by Dr. John Zachariah, Kerala helping in connecting with teachers and educational institutions. 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.

Day12 Madhya Pradesh

Pray for the planning of Joy of Teaching-learning workshop to be organized in the school run by Dr. Pothan and his family at **Indore**. Pray for the open doors for ETF ministry in **Bhopal** and other places. Praise God for the contact of Rev. Christopher who is planning the JTL workshop in Naya Jeevan Mission School.

Maharashtra

Praise God for the vibrant leadership of Mrs. Flora Bawadekar (EC member), and her team Mrs. Sunita Paul, Ms. Darshana Shinde, Ms. Milka Jagle, Ms. Krupalini Chandekar and Ms. Sheela Adsule for organizing ETF programs in **Sholapur** periodically in 2018. Pray for the ETF local unit to meet regularly on the first Saturday of every month to get enriched in word of God and fellowship. Pray for the Solapur local unit to reach out to all the schools in the districts in Solapur and also all over Maharashtra. Also pray that teachers may volunteer to take the lead and help out in the forth coming Biennial National Conference to be held God willingly, in **Pune**. Pray for the planning of the ETF workshop in Sholapur during February 2019.

Praise God for the encouragement and support rendered by Dr. Girish, YCLT English Medium School at **Yuvatmal** and pray for ETF workshops to be organized in Amara-vathy District under the leadership of Dr. Ganesh Pandey.

Day13 North East

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. Praisy Rongharpi. Pray for a regional program and workshop for teachers to be organized in that district.

Pray for ETF prayer cell to start in Makunda Christian High School, in Bazzaricherra in **Karimganj District** in **Assam** under the leadership of Mrs. Veronica and Mr. Dani Paul. 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 working place.

Day14

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 Pray that God will restore the health of Mrs. Angbhenla Phom the director of the Phom Lempong School (PLS). completely. Pray For planning of ETF program in **Nagaland** through her in Longleng, Nagaland, Praise God for Dr. L.N. Tluanga, Aizawl, **Mizoram** for his prayer, and involvement in ETF ministry. Pray that many teachers from this region would serve the Lord faithfully and involve in ETF.

Day15

Praise God for the ETF program in **Shillong** from 8th to 12th November 2018 under the leadership of Mrs. Wellorich Sohkhlet, Principal, Anderson Hr. Sec. School, West Khasi Hills, **Meghalaya** and other EGF

leaders of the state. Praise God for the ETF local unit formed at **Nongstoin**. Pray for ETF programs to be organized in **Arunachal Pradesh** under the leadership of UESI leader Mr. Andy Anando.

Praise God for Ms. Annes, **Manipur** for her interest and involvement in ETF to get introduced to teachers in Manipur. 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. Wahengbam Lokendro Singh and Mrs. Daisy Lokendro. Praise God for the encouragement by Dr. Hepuni Kenya, Director Nazareth Residential school, Manipur and for the open doors for ETF ministry at Bethany Christian College in Manipur under the leadership of Mrs. Hat Hon Buansingh

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. Pray for Dr. Abhi Sethia the founder director of the school for God's providence for the plans to upgrade the school.

Pray for Mr. Joy Kutty, founder El Nissi Mission School and Mr. and Mrs. John Manohar founders of Elmachsi Mission school Kalahandi Dt. for the planning of ETF programs in these schools. Praise God for the contact of Mr. Michael Manoharan, in **Bhawanipatna**, Kalahandi district who is conducting tuition centres for the tribal children in 10 places. Praise God for his desire to plan the Joy of Teaching-Learning workshop for the teachers in his region in July 2019

Praise God for the Joy of Teaching – Learning workshop conducted at Anand Niketan School in **Lamptaput** and pray for the needs of the school. Pray for the teachers to excel in their teaching profession. Praise God for the blessing of a child in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Rathnakar, Principal of the school. Praise God for the encouragement, support and involvement of Mr. Ponraj Stephen,

correspondent of the school. Pray for Joy of Teaching – Learning program to be planned for the teachers of village school under Asha Kiran in **Lamptaput** and also in IMS English School, **Malkangiri**.

Day 17 Punjab

Praise God for Mr. Seenivasan for his leadership in ETF ministry. Praise God for the Good Shepherd English school started by him at Badhnikalan 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 Joy of Teaching – Learning workshop to be conducted for the teachers of St. Mary's CBSC School under the leadership of the Principal, Mr. Pandian and Jesus Saviour's School under the leadership of the Principal Mr. Merlin, both the schools in Rupnagar district, Punjab in March 2019 coordinated by Mr. Seenivasan. Praise God for the support and encouragement rendered by Mrs. Vijaya Jebakumar, Principal, Sacred Heart School, **Moga**, Punjab. Praise God for Bishop Samantaroy for his support and encouragement for ETF ministry. May all the schools under the CNI diocese of Amritsar be influenced.

Day 18 Rajasthan

Praise God for the contact of Pastor Finny Philip Principal at Filadelfia Bible College and Mrs. Glory Finny, Director, St. Matthew's Senior Secondary School, **Udaipur** who are happy to know about ETF. Pray for the Joy of Teaching Learning workshops to be organized in Udaipur. Praise God for the contact of Mrs. Vinita Chand at Udaipur. Pray for the guidance and grace of God to plan ETF programs in this year at **Jaipur** under the leadership of Mrs. Mercy Nelson, Mrs. Phoebe Immanuel and Mrs. Shalini Andrews.

Day 19 Tamil Nadu

Pray for the ETF local unit to be conducted in different parts of Chennai. Praise God for all the support, encouragement and partnership rendered by all the local leaders and institutions for their constant involvement, leadership and prayer support in building up ETF ministry in **Chennai**. Pray for the **Tambaram** unit to meet regularly once a month. Praise God for the ETF unit at Bishop

Heber College, **Trichy** and pray that the unit function regularly. Praise God for the contact of Mr. Nirmal Nathan of Santa Maria School, Trichy who was very happy to get introduced to ETF. Praise God for the support, prayer, encouragement and partnership rendered by institutions and individuals in **Madurai**. Praise God for all the active local units in and around **Coimbatore**. Praise God for the prayer, support, involvement and encouragement of individuals and institutions in organizing ETF programs. Pray for ETF programs to be organized in schools and colleges in Nilgris district.

Day 20

Praise God for the constant support and leadership rendered by Dr. C.K. Rajasingh and Dr. Malathy and the ETF local unit in Shalom Matriculation School in **Pavoor-chatram, Tirunelveli district** and pray for the planning of Joy of Teaching – Learning workshop in their region. Pray for the needs of the School. 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 and more ETF programs to be organized in that district. Pray for the upcoming program of JTL workshop in **Sivakasi** in May/June 2019 under the leadership of Mr. Louis Gnanadurai.

Day 21

Pray for Vellore ETF unit to get strengthened up and pray for God's comfort for Noah's family. Noah's mother was called home on Christmas day. Prayer is needed for Kings and Queens Residential school in **Arakkonam** and Santhosh Vidhyalaya in Donavur, **Tirunelveli District** which educate missionaries' children. Pray for Joy of Teaching – learning workshop to be organized for these schools to equip and encourage the teachers. Pray for their financial needs to be met. Pray for the **Thiruthani** local unit to be formed under the leadership of Mr. Emmanuel Premkumar.

Pray for the planning of ETF meeting and Joy of Teaching-Learning workshop to be organized in different districts of Tamil Nadu and many teachers from Tamil Nadu to attend the 17th Christian Teachers' Conference. Pray for ETF local unit to start in Madurai and other places of Tamil Nadu. Pray for

those who have participated in the earlier ETF conferences to have burden to support, involve and pray for ETF ministry.

Day 22 State Conference – Tamil Nadu

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

Day 23 Telangana

Praise God for the local unit at **Hyderabad**. Pray that many new members from different areas of Hyderabad and Secunderabad will get introduced to ETF by the Hyderabad local unit and more ETF programs to be organized in different districts of Telangana. Praise God for Dr. Caleb P. Rayapati, Director & Correspondent of Vijayalakshmi Memorial School, Siddipet District and the faculty of the school for the leadership in ETF. Pray for ETF local units to be started and ETF programs to be organized under the leadership of Mr. Bharath in **Bongir**, Mr. Raju in **Siddipet** and Mrs. Swarnalatha and Manju in **Kharim Nagar** and for many educational institutions to be a part of ETF in Telangana. Pray for the health of Mrs. Catherine, Principal, Jan Peter College, Hyderabad.

Day 25 Uttarkhand

Praise God for the ETF local unit at Grace Academy and pray for Mr. Andriyas Singh, (EC member) for his leadership in coordinating ETF programs in **Dehradun** and other districts of Uttarkhand. Pray for the Joy of Teaching – Learning workshop to be organized for the schools Bharat Susamachar Samiti functioning in different districts of Uttarkhand. Praise God for Mr. Emmanuel Rathnaraj, Principal Shishya Public School, Dehradun for his involvement in ETF ministries. Pray for God's guidance and wisdom as he leads the school.

Day 26 Uttar Pradesh

Praise God for the Joy of Teaching-Learning workshops to be held in St. Thomas School, **Varanasi** under the leadership of Mr. Sam

Abraham and Mrs. Brinda Sam on 22nd and 23rd March 2019 and in David Memorial School and True Light English School under the leadership of Mr. Sudeep Mahapatra and Mrs. Pearly Esther on 25th and 26th March 2019. Praise God for all the prayer, support and encouragement by Mr. Robert Lal, **Gorakhpur** and introducing Dr. Silas Dayal Sharma, Chemistry department, St. Andrew's College, Gorakhpur. Pray for ETF programs that are planned under the leadership of Dr. Sharma and Prof. J. K. Lal, Principal, St. Andrews College. Pray for Mr. Shivdan Singh and Mr. Vipul John who are having a mission school in a remote area and for Mizpah Christian School in **Orai**. Pray 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 27 West Bengal

Pray for the open doors for ETF in Dr. Graham's Homes, Scottish Universities' Mission Institution (SUMI) and Mt. Carmel School at Kalimpong under the leadership of Mr. Deki O. Panlook. Remember to pray for Mr. Mark Taylor who is educating the unprivileged children in Silikuri. Pray for Ms. Sreelekha Rai, Principal, Immanuel International Academy (IIA) at Silikuri. Pray for Ms. Roma Prodhon, founder of Bidan School and Mr. Anand Raju Jangam, founder of St. John's Public School, a primary school at **Durgapur** to involve more in ETF. Pray that God will open the doors for ETF to minister in the CNI schools. Ask God for ETF programs to be organized in **Kolkata**. Pray for the follow up by ETF.

Day 28

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 such as IMS, FMPB, and Vishwavani. Pray that God will

provide trained teachers and more students for these schools. Pray for moral values to be cultivated in children through teachers and teachers to be good role models so that the students will experience a holistic growth.

Day 29

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 God's wisdom and guidance to be with them to do their research work with integrity. Pray for the health and family needs of teaching community and pray for God's help in their lives to serve Him faithfully.

Day 30

Pray for many teachers to get into the fellowship of local ETF so that unity among the Christian teachers get strengthened regardless of denominations. 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 as teachers. Pray that ETF has to develop access to reach even unreached schools in villages and remote parts of India and many teachers to get mobilized to make mission trips to these unreached places.

Day 31

Pray that all Christian teachers teach their students with love of Christ and this will shape them into a responsible citizen of India. Pray that the Christian educational institutions are well equipped with all resources to meet demands of present day needs. Pray that the government in centre and state favour to the Christian schools and colleges as granted in the constitution of India.

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