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## FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S DESK

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**Dear friends,** it gives me great joy to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a blessed New Year 2024 .I praise God for His grace and guidance that was sufficient to lead us through the past year and specially for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Biennial National Conference held in Siliguri , West Bengal. I praise God for the outcome of the conference that many teachers and administrators of schools and colleges have come up to strengthen the ETF activities in their region .May the grace and guidance of our unchanging God continue to abide with us in all the activities of ETF in the New Year. I am also thankful to every one of you who render continuous support and encouragement in many ways including your prayers for the ministry.

The vision and mission of ETF is to Disciple, Equip and Resource Christian teachers that they may be witnesses and Servants of Christ in their teaching institutions, churches and the nation. In fulfilling this vision, the first and foremost priority of every Christian teacher is to lead a witnessing life on this Earth - at home, in the neighbourhood, in their working place, in the Church, in the Society at large. Through the upcoming issues of Chalk and Chai in the year 2024, we are focussing on the themes - The Life of a teacher, The Struggles of a teacher,

The Influences of a teacher and The Joy of a teacher. Though there may be struggles in our lives ,as teachers, when our witnessing life influence others, the impact we make in others' lives ultimately brings joy and happiness not only to them but also to us. By the time this issue of Chalk and Chai reaches you, it may be either the end of this year 2023 or the beginning of the New Year 2024. The theme of this issue is,“ The Life of a Teacher”.

Looking at the word **LIFE**, it is a 4 Letter word; Three Fourth is not true – **LIE**; Half of it is Uncertain – **IF**; and jumble of it is Record – **FILE**

In the teaching profession, teachers teach and students learn from us and every teacher is expected to maintain records for the students. But in the school of God, every teacher has to be a learner to learn from our Master Teacher Jesus Christ and God has the record for every one of us. Though we live in a world of vanity and uncertainty, we are called to live a life of good records to lead the students to a holistic life. In this article, I would like to highlight a couple of thoughts about the qualities of **Life** that every teacher has to maintain.

## I - Exchanged Life:

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30). These words remind us to experience a paradigm shift in the functioning of our lives. We become the children of God by confessing we are sinners, and believe in the forgiveness and redemption brought by the blood of Jesus (SIN to SON); We are called to live a life in Christ (Not I but Christ) ; Exchange our load with His yoke Burden (load) to light weight ; Not to be weary but to “Be Still” in Him (weary to rest) ; A shift from selfish attitudes to selfless service for others ; EGO to GO ; To be humble and gentle. In her article, **“Live Christmas”**, Mrs. Cecilia Reuben reminds us to share the Christmas joy with those who are underprivileged, crying and dying humanity. As teachers and educators, can we identify a student or a support staff or sometimes our colleagues with life full of crisis and celebrate Christmas with them and make them feel happy amidst their setbacks?

## II. Empowered Life

Secondly, we are called to lead an empowered life. While the competitive world demands to get empowered with many skills related to our profession, as Christian educators, we have to be empowered with the following virtues primarily.

### A. Word of God

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you” (Psalm 32 :8 NIV). Rev. Philip Bawadekar, in his

message **“Give me the Word or I Perish”**, strongly emphasises to hold on to the word of God to *live* in this world.

### B. Fear of God

The more we read and meditate His word, the fear of God starts manifesting in us. Fearing God is where true wisdom lies. We start to obey His word and submit to God's will. By doing so, we acquire wisdom. “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction” (Proverbs 1:7). “The fear of the LORD prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened”(Proverbs 10:27).“Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom” relates more to respect and reverence for God than actual fear in its modern definition. Moreover, the fear of God is clearly connected to longevity (*Long life* !)

### C. Armour of God

We live in this world full of corruption and evil that germinates from the sinful nature of individual human being. More than the security force and cautions that may be helpful to defend or prevent us from physical and social encounters, everyone needs to fight against the evil and sinful nature within them. The scripture has the solution to get empowered with the armour of God to protect ourselves. <sup>13</sup>Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup>Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup>and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet

of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God". (Ephesians 6:13-17)

#### D. Spirit of God

To be an efficient and effective teacher and to lead a witnessing life, we have to be empowered with the Spirit of God. When we become the children of God, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, knowledge and fear of the Lord rest on us (Isaiah 11:2). "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the Earth." (Acts 1:8 NIV). Ms.Nina Amirtha in her article, "*Life of a Teacher*" shares from her own experience as a student and a teacher how important the impact made by a teacher can affect a student and how the witnessing life of a teacher has to be.

Friends, may our good Lord help each one of us to 'Live Christmas' and lead a life based on the word of God to be witnessing teachers in the New year.

**Wish you all a  
Happy  
Christmas  
and a  
Blessed  
New Year**



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Christ is born. Christmas is here and we Christians are busy with all kinds of preparations for this great day. And as we do so, let's ask ourselves a very important question – a question that obviously is related to the purpose behind the birth of Jesus and the question is – “Would we consider ourselves to be a giver or receiver? “.

Sometime ago as I was reading an article, this question came up before me and I was forced to ask myself, “ Am I a giver or a receiver? “. Now who does not desire to receive? Receiving is the source of happiness and that's natural. How about asking ourselves a very challenging question – “Are we cheerful givers? Do we love to give or do we only have our hands stretched out to receive?”. Giving is the greatest boon. It brings back immeasurable loads of blessings. And this is what Jesus did when He came into this world as a human. He came down to GIVE.

The first born, Son of God wrapped in swaddling clothes, was born in a manger to Give Life. God's purpose to send His

only begotten Son to the Earth began to materialize with the virgin Mary giving and submitting herself to God's holy will. Just imagine what an amazing gift was given by God , a Saviour for you and me. Christ's coming was Giving. He gave Himself to preach the Kingdom of God, heal the sick, do miracles, feed the hungry, bring peace and solace to the comfortless. All His life, Jesus only gave. We need to follow His pattern - a pattern of fruit bearing life.

Christmas is a time of sharing - sharing what Jesus has done for us. It's a time of testimony. This great gift cannot be kept to ourselves. Jesus said, “ Go and teach all nations “- Have we done so? ..... Christmas is not just merry making. Live Christmas. Remember Christmas is the birthday of Jesus. This Jesus who looked from the Heavens saw His people lost - doomed and dismissed, wandering as sheep astray unable to find the way.

And Jesus said, “ I'm going to save my people, bring peace to them and cover them with my love”. He traveled through the highways of Heaven across the

skies where the morning star shine together, while the angels chanted their praises and while the wonder struck world bowed down in adoration. He came down to walk with us, in order to save us and draw us into the light of His Kingdom. He did this to restore and take us back into the Father's fold after bridging the gap that was between us and the Father. He came this day to bring joy, peace, rest and happiness to millions of His people.

This Jesus the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords when He came, there was no room for Him. The palaces had no room, the leaders could make no provision and lo He was born in a stable. He left His divinity, humbled Himself to the obedience of God and made Himself of no reputation to come down to GIVE eternal life. Yet there are many who still have no room for Jesus. Christmas time you'll find homes decorated in the most beautiful way with presents inside and glitter outside. They may all look very stunning but many may be empty and dispiriting inside. These gifts are all worthless if Christ is not the centre.

## SO DON'T MISS CHRIST THIS CHRISTMAS.

When Mary went to visit Elizabeth, the baby in her womb jumped. This was because Jesus entered into the vicinity. What a joyous moment ! Jesus in Mary's womb was the reason for the jubilation to the baby in Elizabeth's womb and the ambience around. His very presence gives great joy, peace and rest. Take Him to the crying and dying humanity and give them what you have.

Jesus the light of the world came down to the Earth and did great things for you and me. Is this surprising? No, not at all. The surprise would not be that He did miracles; the surprise would be if there were no miracles. He came to give, to redeem the human race from sin, afflictions, curses and pain.

Jesus, a name given by God Himself means saviour, for He shall save His people from their sins. He, who knew no sin, was manifested to take away our sins. God did not send His Son to condemn the world but that the world, through His Son, is saved. He says- You did not choose me, but I chose you. Jesus, the Son of man came to find and restore the list.

The Kingdom of God is at hand. Let's prepare ourselves to follow Jesus. The Bible exhorts us to be imitators of God as His children. Walk in love. Show love to people, the way Christ loved us. Give, share and love to reap a great harvest for the Kingdom of God.

## So LIVE CHRISTMAS. His Kingdom is NIGH.



**Cecilia Reuben**

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# Give me the Word or I Perish.

A king asked a question to the prophet, before he died," Is there any Word from the Lord?". (Jeremiah 37:17).

Few years back, I went to the church. After the praise and worship was over, several people walked out of the church. The preaching was going to start. The preacher of the day, who had not done his homework, started preaching with a good oratory and humour. The audience started to enjoy with Hallelujah . Very few people brought their Bible with them since the message was screened by the Projector. Few of them were quiet. After the short service was over, I met a sister who knew me and asked her whether she enjoyed the service, to which she replied positively and said that the preaching was humorous with jokes and the shouting was very attractive.

Recently in my personal devotion, the Lord spoke to me through Psalm 138:2 "For you have magnified your name, above your word". The Lord honours the name of Jesus (Phil. 2: 9- 11 ). I heard a Hindi Worship song, "Yesu tera naam sabse uncha hai", (Jesus your name is higher than any other) 100 times, God honors the name of Jesus but God honors His word more than His name. Bible is the word of God, a spiritual book and is a textbook of salvation and Christian life.

A Bible school student asked me a question on how could he get more from the Bible?

I gave him my new found ten commandments as follows :-

1. Before reading God's Word, say this prayer, "Lord open my eyes to see the wondrous things in your law!!"(Psalm 119:18)
2. Read God's Word daily.
3. Meditate on God's Word. (as animals eat and digest their food.)
4. Memorize God's Word. (Psalm 119:11).
5. Hear and listen God's Word. (Ephesians 5 : 25, 26). Exhibit God's word where you live, work and worship. (Bro. Bhakt Singh had all Bible verses written in his Hebron Ashram.)
7. While praying, look at God's promises and pray in faith.
8. Study God's Word: (O.T. is revealed in N.T. and N.T. has O.T. revealed)
9. Honour God's Word in worship.
10. Obey the Word of God (Obeying is better than sacrifices)

Let the religious traditions cease and let the Word of God shine forth with its great beauty.(Psalm 19, 18, 119 and 127)

I appeal therefore to all believers to lift up the Name of Jesus higher and higher but honour the Word of God the most. Let the Word have a top priority in everything that we do.

Give me the Word or I perish. Amen.



**Rev. Philip Bawdekar, Age 90**  
Served God through Scripture Union in 3 Churches





## Life of a Teacher

“When someone asks why anyone would even become a teacher, remind them that it’s worth it. Every job has its ups and downs, but not every job can change a life.”

Teaching is not just a profession and the life of a teacher is a calling - a calling to make a difference. As a Christian teacher, this calling is one filled with a purpose and mission to live a life for Christ.

Interestingly, a teacher's life is one that is action packed. From the moment their eyes open at the start of the day, a teacher has already begun to process and run through the back of their mind, the objectives to be met for that work day. Yes, you are right. A teachers' job doesn't start at school neither does it end at school but is always in continuity for the development of the learners.

A teacher gives their entirety - body, mind and soul to the purpose of being a leader, mentor, guide, counselor,

encourager, inspirer - to make a difference. This depiction seems very ideal. The reality of it does not often match up.

Through the experience I had growing up under teachers who didn't seem like the ideal teacher mentioned above, those experiences I had, as a student, often made me think - “when I become a teacher, I will focus on understanding a child before I come to any criticism or judgement in how to deal with them.” Those experiences instilled in me my goal of what kind of teacher I would like to become.

My thoughts of becoming a teacher came into reality and I started my teaching career in 2009. I chose to apply the scripture verse found in Isaiah 58:12 “...you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls...” as the guiding light to my interactions with my students, in being a repairer in ways that bring them hope and healing.

In my journey of becoming a teacher, I first experienced my own healing. Being with children, their acceptance and nonjudgmental attitude was like a balm to me. Their looking up at me as their confidant and the bond that was formed was so welcoming. This is what teachers look forward to and I am truly blessed to have that accomplishment.

After I got healed, reaching out to the healing of the children became a stronger purpose. Today, our children go through a lot of inadequacy apart from financial wellbeing, their emotional, physical and social connectivity is impacted negatively and being a teacher gave me the opportunity to not only help and develop them in academics but also in making them stronger individuals. Difficult days are always there, just as our students, I learnt to grow as they grew.

At the end of it all, when I look back at my experience as a teacher, it gives me great joy in the fulfilment I have received in this career path.

Every teacher has their own story. My experiences, during my student days, helped me to develop into the teacher I have become, so that in my own way, lives have been made different, including mine. I like to conclude with a beautiful prayer I came across, to all dear teachers for this noble profession you have chosen.

**Dear Lord,**

Enable me to teach with Wisdom  
For I help to shape the mind.  
Equip me to teach with Truth  
For I help to shape the conscience.  
Encourage me to teach with Vision  
For I help to shape the future.  
Empower me to teach with Love  
For I help to shape the world.

**Amen.**



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Evangelical Graduates Fellowship and Evangelical Teachers Fellowship members of Indira Nagar, Bangalore had the privilege of spending an evening with Ms Beulah Abraham, a missionary teacher and founder of Ananth Spring School, Shanag, Kullu District, Himachal Pradesh.

We met on Friday, 9 November 2023 at 7 pm. Ms Beulah shared the Word from 1 Chronicles chapter 17 on David's desire to build the Temple for the Lord and the Lord's reply through prophet Nathan. We were challenged to accept a 'No' from the Lord even if our request is for His Glory. As the servants of the Lord, we should be ready to yield to God's will as His plans and ways are always higher than our ways.

Ms Beulah also talked about God's call in her life, her obedience to the call, her ministry through the school in Himachal Pradesh, God's provision at times of need, and her being saved from grave impending dangers etc. Around 25 people were present in the meeting. The participants were greatly encouraged by her ministry. Young couples and families stayed back and had discussions with her.



### **Christmas Program - ETF, Bangalore**

The local unit at Bangalore celebrated the Christmas program on the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 3 pm at the residence of Ms.Nina Amirtha. About 15 attended .Mrs.Leena Varghese , Co-Founder of Dharsha Academy shared the word of God. The program included interesting games, craft and testimonies.

### **Madhya Pradesh**

Praise God for the open doors for ETF ministry in Madhya Pradesh. Thanks to Mr. Andriyas Singh, Life member of ETF at Dehradun for introducing ETF to Mr. Pradeep Kumar , Principal, Mission Higher Secondary School, Chhapara, Madhya Pradesh. The

leaders of the school met Dr. Caroline Michael, General Secretary of ETF on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023 evening. On 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023 under the leadership of Mr. Michael John, Pastor Samit and Mr. Pradeep Kumar, a half a day program was organized for the school teachers. About 40 teachers attended and Dr. Caroline Michael addressed the gathering. It was decided to have training programs by ETF in 2024. It was amazing to know the legacy of Presbyterian mission in that region. The hospitality and timely help rendered by all the family members and Pastor Raju Lakra is greatly appreciated.



### Tamil Nadu Christmas Program - ETF Chennai

Every year by God's grace, the ETF Christmas program in Chennai is organized by the teachers and for the teachers. This year it was organized on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023, in the centenary hall, Emmanuel Methodist Church, Vepery, Chennai. About 100 teachers from about 45 different educational institutions attended the program, including teachers from other faiths and other places like Vellore in Tamil Nadu and from Gujarat. Mr. Vijayakumar made the opening prayer and the closing prayer by Dr. Michael Faraday and Rev. Dr. John Prasad, the benediction. The program started with the singing of Christmas carols led by the faculty of MCC Matric. H.S. School. Dr. Caroline Michael welcomed the gathering with a brief introduction to the ETF. The skit performed by the team, 'Friends in Jesus', the skit performed by the teachers of

M.E.S. Razeena Matric. H.S. School and the Carnatic song rendered by a group of teachers from various schools were greatly enjoyed by the gathering. Dr. Jayanth Jacob, Professor, Department of Management Studies, Anna University, Chennai brought the Christmas message. As a gesture of Christmas spirit, the people who attended the program bought the products exhibited by WISH ALL, an NGO for underprivileged women.



Indeed, it was an enjoyable evening to gather as teachers to celebrate Christmas in a meaningful way. All Glory to God.

# 23<sup>rd</sup> Biennial National Conference,

## Siliguri, West Bengal

### Report by Dr. Caroline Michael

Praise be to God for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Biennial National Conference held at Loyola Pastoral centre, Siliguri, West Bengal from 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The theme of the conference was “A Call to Build and Rebuild” (Jeremiah 31:4).

There were 61 delegates from 16 states of India participated in the conference. One delegate from Bhutan gave the conference an international status! Among them 18 were heads of educational institutions like CEO /Correspondents / Principal / Vice principal .There was one student to represent the younger generation too! It was a great encouragement to have representation from about 30 educational institutions including Bible College, Community College with participation of faculty from various schools and Colleges. There were also retired faculty from colleges and schools.

The conference began with the singing time led by some of the delegates. Dr. Caroline Michael, General Secretary of ETF welcomed the gathering. The insights from the Bible shared by Dr. Michael Faraday and Mr. Ebenezer during the morning devotions encouraged all of us. The Bible study sessions by Dr. John Samuel focussed on Jesus as the Master Teacher, Jesus as the Master Builder and Jesus as the Master Reformer encouraged and edified the participants greatly. During the professional talk sessions, Mr. Hepuni Kayina in his talk, “Language Learning Skills” as a English teacher trainer , highlighted not only the importance of right way of learning English as a language but demonstrated a few skills how to pronounce English words in a right manner. The participants enjoyed a variety of activities during the session, “Leadership and Management” by Dr. Srimoy Patra. The activities had deep insights which were interesting, innovative and thought provoking. In her talk , “Restoring the Head to Education”, Mrs. Anita Lazarus explained how in the present scenario of education ,the prime importance of education is lost and emphasized , as Christian educators ,we are called to restore it.

During the mission challenges, the delegates were greatly inspired by the testimonies and experiences of the Principals and faculties of mission schools from Various states: Mr.Paul Devakumar from Andra Pradesh, Dr.Kavitha Juliana, Mrs.Nisha and Mrs.Princy Titus from Bihar, Mr . Stalin and Mrs. Jasmine from Gujarat, Ms.Beuah Abraham from Himachal Pradesh, Mr.Binu Jacob from Madhya Pradesh and Mrs. Wellorich and Mr.Reagent from Meghalaya . During the General Body Meeting, the election of EC and CC members was conducted. The action songs by delegates from Meghalaya, song in Punjabi language by Mrs. Shiny, Telugu songs by the delegates from different states were lively, enjoyable and meaningful. Wonderful music rendered by Mr. Ebenezer with his guitar and Mr. Reagent on Keyboard , the English

hymns and Hindi songs led by Pastor Simeon , Mrs. Regina and Ms. Christina made the singing sessions very lively and enjoyable. The timely technical assistant rendered by Mr. Sahin was greatly encouraging. Special thanks to Mr.Sahin for bringing out a few highlights of the conference through a video presentation available in the link : <https://photos.app.goo.gl/nxRmK2oU9MaiYE2P8>

All the delegates actively participated in the group discussions, enjoyed the fun and fellowship during the theme based games. They also enjoyed the visit to Jeshu Ashram nearby and the local shopping time.

The house keeping for a comfortable stay, tasty food and hospitality at Loyola Pastoral Centre under the leadership of Father Thomas and team with all the timely help and encouragement rendered by Wg.Cdr. Menon and Mrs.Suvasini at Siliguri and Dr.Kavitha Juliana and team from Kishanganj, Bihar is highly appreciated.

It was indeed a great time of blessing for the organisers and the participants to come together, taking a break to get enriched in fellowship of ETF and strengthening the vision to serve the Lord effectively.

All Glory to God



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#### ***Praise & Thank God***

The EC and CC members from different parts of the country.

#### ***Pray***

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

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1. Sponsors and donors of ETF who support the ministry financially.
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#### ***Pray***

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

### **Day 3      ETF Publication Trust**

#### ***Praise & Thank God***

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

#### ***Pray***

1. God's grace and guidance for the recruitment of teachers/administrators in institutions which have advertised in CC.
2. The editing work, DTP work, work related with the mailing list of CC and other office concerned work, printing and dispatching of CC to be carried out smoothly and perfectly without any time delay.
3. Receipt of the magazine by all addressees on time and without any loss.



- 4.The EC and CC members who have taken the responsibility of doing the needful regarding the translation of articles published in Chalk and Chai
5. Financial needs of ETFPT to be met.

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

##### **Praise & Thank God**

- 1.The successful conduct of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Biennial National Conference held in Siliguri, West Bengal from 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023 and the General Body meeting held during the conference.
- 2.The ETF Website which helps many people to know about the ministry updates globally.
- 3.The ETF JTL programs and ETF intro meetings held in different places.
- 4.The follow up and fellowship with the delegates who attend these programs.

##### **Pray**

1. For many integrated programs of ETF with UESI /Educational institutions in the country.
2. Auxiliary Staff Partner Training Conference/ Principals and Administrators' Conference / Prayer conference to be planned periodically in different parts of the country.
3. State level programs, special programs of ETF - seminars / workshops /one day retreat to be organized in different places under the leadership of EC and CC members to build ETF ministry.
- 4.The prayer network using the Praise and prayer diary will be enhanced in educational institutions, among individual ETF members and ETF local units.

#### **Day 5 Andhra Pradesh**

##### **Praise & Thank God**

1. The partnership of many institutions in A.P with ETF as Life Member Institutions.
2. Active local unit in Good Shepherd English Medium School (LMI) .

##### **Pray**

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

#### **Day 6 Bihar**

##### **Praise & Thank God**

The partnership of many institutions in Bihar with ETF as Life Member Institutions.

##### **Pray**

1. Christian teachers in Bethel Mission School (LMI), **Kishanganj** and Emmanuel Mission Public School (LMI) **Patna**
2. JTL workshop to be organized at Nav Bharat Mission School (LMI), **Purnea**, GEMS Polytechnic College (LMI) in **Aurangabad** and Emmanuel Mission Public School (LMI) **Patna**.
- 3.The needs of GEMS English Schools (LMI) at Dehri on Sone, Aurangabad, Ramdihra and Darbhanga to be met.
- 4.State Conference to be organized in 2024.

## Day 7 Chattisgarh

### Pray

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

## Day 8 Delhi and Haryana

### Pray

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

## Gujarat

### Praise & Thank God

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

### Pray

1. The need of committed and efficient teachers for all these schools.
2. JTL workshop to be organised in Navapada English School under Vishwavani in Sandhkuva, **Tapi** Dt, Kachchh Christian School at Bhuj in **Kachchh** dt.
3. New contacts and open doors for ETF ministry in **Ahmadabad, Baroda and Surat**
4. Regional ETF conference to be held in Gujarat in 2024

## Day 9 Himachal Pradesh

### Pray

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

## Ladak, Jammu and Kashmir

### Praise & Thank God

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

### Pray

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

## Jharkhand

### Praise & Thank God

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

## Pray

JTL workshops to be organised in these schools and open doors for ETF ministry in Bethel Mission School, **Dumka** and Christian college in **Hazaribagh** and Gossner colleges

## Day 10 Karnataka

### Praise & Thank God

- 1.The support and involvement of many members in **Bangalore**.
- 2.Open doors for ETF ministry in **Mysore, Hubli and Simoga**
- 3.The next State Conference of Karnataka to be organized in 2024

### Pray

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

## Day 11 Kerala

### Pray

Open doors for ETF ministry in many educational institutions.

## Madhya Pradesh

### Praise & Thank God

Open doors of ETF Ministry in Mission Higher secondary school in **Chhapara** in Shenoidt and **Jabalpur**.

### Pray

- 1.JTL workshop organised in Mission Higher secondary school (LMI) in Chhapara On 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024, Ideal School, **Bhopal** and schools under care for India, Sideras School (LMI) **Borkhedi** and Teresa International school **Panpur**, Jolly Memorial Mission School **Ujjain**
- 2.The needs of Nayajeevan School, **Datia**
3. Appointment of Christian teachers and administrators in the schools under Care for India.

## Day 12 Maharashtra

### Praise & Thank God

The partnership of MVM school, Dr.Yardy English School, Umri and MI Theological college with ETF.

### Pray

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

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

### *Praise & Thank God*

The partnership of Mt. Calvary School (LMI), **Diphu, Karbi Anglong Dt.** and Makunda Christian High School (LMI), **Bazaricherra, Karimganj Dt, Assam** with ETF.

### *Pray*

- 1.JTL workshop to be organised in Ruth Foundation English (LMI) **West Kameng , Arunachal Pradesh** and Thomas English School (MI), **Purbahanpara ,Tripura** and Antioch School (LMI), in **West Tripura**.
- 2.Open doors for ETF ministry in many educational institutions in Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura

## Day 14 Manipur and Nagaland

### *Praise & Thank God*

- 1.Bethany Christian College, **Manipur** for the partnership with ETF as a life member institution.
- 2.Open doors for ETF ministry in **Nagaland**

### *Pray*

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

## Day 15 Mizoram

### *Praise & Thank God*

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

### *Pray*

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

## Day 16 Meghalaya

### *Praise & Thank God*

The partnership of Anderson Hr. Sec. School (LMI), **Nongstoin** with ETF and ETF members in NEHU, **Shillong**.

### *Pray*

- 1.The local unit at Anderson Hr. Sec. School (LMI), Nongstoin to get strengthened.
- 2.JTL workshop to be conducted in Pariong School, **Pariong** ,Seven Set School and ETF teachers at Shillong .
3. Many members in NEHU to get involved in ETF
- 4.To organize a state level conference in 2024

## Day 17 Odisha

### *Praise & Thank God*

The partnership of many educational institutions with ETF.

### *Pray*

JTL programs to be organised, the need of good committed Christian teachers / administrators in the following Schools:  
El Nissi Mission School(LMI) **Dharamgarh** and Adoni Public School (LMI), **Daspur** and

Elmachsi Mission School, **Kalahandi Dt**, Navjyoti Vidyalaya (LMI), **Khariar Road**, Anand Niketan School (LMI) and Asha Kiran (LMI) in **Lamtaput**, AG Mission School (MI), **Chandpur**, Manna Wisdom School (LMI), **Bhubaneswar**, Shepherd English School (LMI), **Kuarmunda** IMST English School, **Malkangiri and Balimela**.

Appointment of Christian teachers and administrators in the schools under Care for India

### Day 18 Punjab

#### *Praise & Thank God*

The open doors for ETF ministry in Punjab

#### *Pray*

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

### Rajasthan

#### *Pray*

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

### Day 19 Tamil Nadu

#### *Praise & Thank God*

The support, encouragement and involvement of many members and institutions in ETF ministry in various places of Tamil Nadu.

Many teachers from different types of educational institutions including colleges are getting introduced to ETF.

#### *Pray*

- 1.The 20<sup>th</sup> Christian Teachers' Conference of Tamil Nadu to be held from 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024 in Tamil Nadu. Many delegates to participate, Safe travel and health to all the delegates from different places, for the proceedings of the conference, Conducive climatic condition, Financial needs to be met.
- 2.The need for committed Christian teachers to work in Shalom Matriculation School (LMI), **Pavoorchatram**, Kings and Queens Residential School (LMI) **Arakkonam** and Santhosh Vidhyalaya (LMI), **Dohnavur**.
- 2.Local units in **Tambaram, Chennai, Coimbatore**, Lady Doak College(LMI), **Madurai** and Bishop Heber College (LMI), **Trichy**, Voorhees College and Ida Scudder School (LMI), **Vellore** to get strengthened.
- 3.Open doors for ETF Ministry in **Nilgiris** district.
- 4.Local units to be formed and to be active in **Arakkonam and Thiruvallur dt**.
- 5.The JTL workshop to be organized in local schools and colleges in **Chennai**

### Day 20 Telangana

#### *Praise & Thank God*

The partnership of educational institutions with ETF.

#### *Pray*

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

### Day 21 Uttarakhand

#### *Praise & Thank God*

The partnership of many institutions with ETF.

### Pray

- 1.The local unit at Grace Academy (LMI) to be strengthened and needs of the school to be met.
- 2.JTL workshops to be organized in Khrist Jyoti schools in **Dehradun, Rudraprayag, Haridwar** (LMIs) and Mount Carmel Christian Academy (LMI) **Gulabrai** all these schools under Bharat Susamachar Samiti (LMI, Shishya Public School (LMI) and New Theological Seminary and Shifa School in **Dehradun**.

### Day 22 Uttar Pradesh

#### Praise & Thank God

The partnership of many institutions with ETF.

### Pray

- 1.The JTL workshops to be organised in, Kachuaa Christian School,**Mirzapur** Emmanuel Church School (LMI), **Utraula**, Thelma David Memorial School **Varanasi**, Mizpah Christian School **Orai**, Kulpahar Christian School (LMI), **Kulpahar**.
- 2.The needs to be met and local units to form in St. Thomas School (LMI) **Bhadohi** and True Light English School(LMI),**Varanasi** ,
- 3.Open doors for ETF ministry in W.H. Smith Memorial School **Varanasi** , Christ Church College, **Kanpur**, St.Thomas School **Ballia**, Jamuna Christian College and School, **Allahabad**, Lucknow Christian College and Isabella Thoburn College ,**Lucknow**, St.John's College,**Agra**, St.Xavier's School ,**Khaliabad** and GEMS English School **Duddi** and James Harvey Memorial School, **Nawabganj** .
- 4.Appointment of Christian teachers and administrators in the schools under Care For India

### Day 23 West Bengal

#### Praise & Thank God

The partnership of many institutions with ETF.

### Pray

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

### Day 24 Educational Institutions and Tent makers

#### Praise and Thank God

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

### Pray

For divine direction for those awaiting opportunities to serve as tent makers within God's plan for their lives.

For God to equip all the frontline ministry workers with His Holy armor.

### Day 25 Christian Educational Institutions

### Pray

- 1.God's protection and provision for the following Christian Educational Institutions:  
All the educational institutions under Mizoram Presbyterian Church, C.S.I. and C.N.I. Diocesan institutions, Baptist mission schools, Methodist mission schools, ECI

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

### **Day 26 Special Education and Religious Unrest in the Nation**

#### ***Praise and Thank God***

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

#### ***Pray***

1. Christian special education teachers working among differently abled children and adults to be greatly encouraged and strengthened.
2. India to return to being the secular as per the constitution
3. People of all religious faiths to live in peace and harmony.

### **Day 27 Career excellence and Job opportunities**

#### ***Pray***

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

### **Day 28 Pandemic Implications and natural calamities**

#### ***Praise & Thank God***

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

### **Pray**

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

### **Day 29 Personal Needs**

#### **Pray**

1. The comfort and peace in the families who have lost their loved ones /their possessions and pray for their timely needs to be met. The healing touch of God on those who are hospitalised and sick.
2. The health issues of teachers and students because of online classes - head ache, stress in the eyes, stress in mind and other needs and anxieties.
3. The emotional needs of teachers, students and parents who are getting adopted to the new system of teaching and learning through online classes
4. Students at all levels of education to be blessed with good health, good mindset to study, freedom from anxiety, fear, complex, depression and suicidal attempts.
5. The Christian parents to accept God's will and purpose in their family with respect to the future and career of their children.

### **Day 30 Protection of Christian educational institutions**

#### **Pray**

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

### **Day 31 Revival among Teachers through ETF ministry**

#### **Pray:**

1. Many teachers to be added into the fellowship of local ETF so that unity among the Christian teachers gets strengthened.
2. Many local units to be started in many Christian educational institutions in different places in India.



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

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