

Care and Serve

Missionary Upholders Trust

“Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest.” (John 4: 35).

As Christians, in the real sense of the word, we have been entrusted with the Great Commission of making disciples of the people around us by our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. But we are so preoccupied with our own personal trivial matters that we nonchalantly overlook the sacred responsibility of rescuing the perishing souls around us. Those who have experienced the real love, joy and peace in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ cannot help sharing the same with others. Jesus wants us to focus our attention on the fields that are white for harvest. How can we accomplish this mission successfully?

By Looking Within:

“Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the everlasting way.”
(Psalms 139:23, 24)

Introspection can be good for us sometimes but we should not spend much time looking within or we will get discouraged. We need the help of the Holy Spirit within us to convict us of our sins and lead us to truth and righteousness. Every day we need to kneel at the altar of Calvary to offer daily burnt offerings and thank offerings in remembrance of the sacrificial love of Christ who shed His precious blood to cleanse us from all sins. God wants a broken spirit and a contrite heart. We can never please God by our outward actions if our inner heart's attitude is not right. When our lips thank God for what He has done and for who He is, our praise pleases Him.



By Looking Around:

“Why do you make me see iniquity; And cause me to look on wickedness? Yes, destruction and violence are before me; Strife exists and contention arises,”
(Habakkuk 1:3)

Saddened by the violence and corruption he saw around him, Habakkuk poured out his heart to God. We see similar situations as we look around and every day we witness or read about freak incidents of perversion, injustice and wickedness through the dailies and the social media that leave us depressed and dejected at times. But when Habakkuk waited in silence at the watchtower for God to act, he could stay calm and composed despite odd circumstances and eventually burst forth with singing that he would rejoice in God his Saviour in the midst of bitter disappointments, failures and huge

losses. Like Habakkuk, we need to pray for the people in darkness and for those involved in full-time ministry proclaiming the Gospel to the unreached and wait patiently for God to act so that the perishing souls may come to light and be redeemed.

By Looking Up:

“For the vision is yet for the appointed time; It hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; For it will certainly come, it will not delay.” (Habakkuk 2:3)

Evil and injustice seem to have the upper hand in this World. Like Habakkuk, the Christians often feel angry and discouraged as they see what goes on. God's answer to Habakkuk is the same answer he would give us. “Be patient! I will work out my plans in my perfect timing. “To trust God fully means to trust him even when we don't understand why events occur as they do.

Mission

Missionary Upholders Trust will strive for meeting the common unmet needs of missionaries in the area of Health Care, Calamity Relief, Crisis Relief, Renewal of emotional and spiritual life, Rest and Recuperation, Social - Spiritual enhancement of Missionary/Pastor children and retired missionaries' welfare. The purposes of carrying out these activities are to equip, energize and encourage the Missionary Community to be a witness as salt and light of the Society at all times.

Vision

As followers of Christ, we exist to care for, share with, and meet some of the common unmet needs of missionaries, at their affordable cost, working beyond all man-made boundaries, in a spirit of Christian love.

Values

- Absolute faith in God
- Humility.
- Regular and focused prayer.
- Unconditional love & compassion
- Accountability in all areas.

MUT Ethos

Love, Understand, Pray, Accept, Serve and Encourage in the spirit of Lord Jesus Christ and meet the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of all the members in the team, to fulfill God given purpose for self, family and the ministry in MUT.

- Transparency in all the areas of the ministry.
- Holiness and integrity in life and activities.



Soon the year 2016, will come to an end. Time and tide truly waits for none, yet the Bible asks us to redeem the time or make the most of our time. Eph: 5:15

The MUT consultation in the month of August was focussed on how we could care better for the servants of the Lord who are under our care. Member care is the need of the hour. The Consultation sought to sensitize the mission leaders to the concept of member care which involves a holistic approach including the physical, emotional and spiritual aspects.

The idea of once a missionary always a missionary needs to be understood better. This will help us to care for our retired missionaries too and to take extra effort to understand their challenges. In missions one of the greatest challenges is to help the supporting groups to move from the supportive mode to the caring mode. This would bring about a paradigm shift in the relationship between the supporters and the missionaries they support as it calls for a total involvement on the part of the supporters in the day to day life of the missionary and his family.

During the past year MUT has been able to make a few needed changes to help us render better care for the missionaries.

1. Couple of rooms in the Rest house at Otteri have been remodelled and set apart for the use of those needing an infection free environment such as missionaries on chemotherapy, or following transplant surgery etc.
2. The Retired Missionaries Welfare schemes have picked up momentum and medical assistance given to them has been augmented.
3. For the past two years we have been concerned about the need of educational assistance to the bereaved missionary family kids. This year in answer to prayer we have been able to provide assistance.
4. The dedication of two more rest houses for missionaries in Pondicherry and Viruthampet, Katpadi for treatment and rest.
5. An exercise seeking to revisit the vision and mission of MUT and refocussing our energies towards its primary objectives has begun.

As God continues to use each one of us let us not be satisfied with what we have been able to achieve with His help but rather look forward to what further needs to be accomplished. The task is far from completion and the time is very short, there are still areas in the lives of God's servants which needs care and attention.

Focusing to reach out

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Our God is faithful, righteous and just. His love reaches to the heavens; his faithfulness reaches to the skies; his righteousness is as solid as the mighty mountains and his judgments are full of wisdom as the oceans with water. (Psalm 36:5, 6). It isn't easy to be patient but it helps to remember that God hates sin even more than we do. We must trust that God is directing all things according to his purposes.

By Looking Ahead:

"For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ." (Philippians 3:20).

We Christians will one day experience all the special privileges of our heavenly citizenship because we belong to Christ. Let us not be so tied to this life that we would be sorry to see Christ return. The Kingdom of God will not be fully realized until Jesus Christ comes again to judge all people and remove all evil from the world. Before that time, believers are to spread God's kingdom across the world. Jesus had instructed his disciples to witness to

people of all nations about him. (Matthew 28:19). Till his return, God has some important work for us to do for him but we must do it by the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is coming soon and suddenly. This is good news to those who trust him but a terrible message for those who have rejected him and stand under judgment.

In a world of problems, persecution, evil and immorality, Christ calls us to endure in our faith. Our efforts to better our world are important but their results cannot compare with the transformation that Jesus will bring about when he returns. He alone controls human history, forgives sins and will re-create the earth and bring lasting peace.

Do we, who are expected to work in the vineyard of Christ, look within, look around, look up and look ahead to accomplish the Great Commission entrusted to us for the extension of His Kingdom?

Betsy Benny

MUT- SMILE

The last few months has been the period of transition for MUT Scheme for Missions Linked to Evangelism (SMILE) in many ways. Thank God that we were able to slowly but steadily understand in the medical scheme. This was done after we had two consultations, one in South India and another one in North India with the specific intention of getting formal approval of the members towards the medical scheme. Sure there are teething troubles but we are confident that the Lord will carry us through.

With the induction of the new secretary, Bro. Santhakumar, a small SMILE team has been formed to face the challenges and plan the work. The caretakers Mrs. & Mr. David Jebakumar have

moved into a new house. This house having the double-bed single room (bath room attached) rest house facility can serve as an office or meeting place also.

As regards bereavement after 3 deaths per month (average so far 2 deaths per month) in the first 7 months of the year, the last two months saw no death. Thank God for His mercies!

Kindly pray that the members will be able to understand the ethos and the scriptural values of the scheme to the point of effective execution, so that they will receive the blessings of God in an overflowing measure!

“Let each one of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others” Philippians 2: 4

The world that we live is full of needs. Stressful people cry out for relief, rejuvenation and rest. All over the world, the peaceful life of humans has been shattered by issues such as poverty, civil war, terrorism and marital fracas. John Donne, the renowned Catholic theologian has rightly remarked that, no man is an island. Each one of us need help from the rest of us, and this is universally true. You may need the other person’s help, one day or the other. And the needs of people are not just physical, but also psychological, spiritual, emotional, financial and so on. There are people ready to receive the help from others, but there has been a big dearth of compassionate people-helpers always. Our Lord Jesus Christ came as a people-helper to save us from our bondages. We, as children of this Living God, are called to emulate Him in this regard!

To be a people-helper one does not require big qualifications or special skills. All that one needs to have is the heart, the willingness and compassion to serve the people. One can choose to be a helper by just being relevant in his/her context and do what he/she can do that will make a difference. William James said “Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does”. The three essential attributes/ qualities of a people-helper can be:

Being patient

Being a people-helper may not be

easy. When one tries to cater to the needs of others, many a time it will be tiring and hurtful. Sometimes few may misunderstand your motives. Serving God as a nurse in one of the biggest mission hospitals in South Asia, I have always felt these things. Your intention would definitely be to help those in need, but most of the times, even your superiors and subordinates would respond in such a way that might be hurtful and disappointing. Yet, a people-helper needs to be patient to handle all the hurts, criticisms, etc. Because you never know what kind of stressful situation they are going through.

Patience in terms of responding is vital. Because Proverbs 18:21 says “The tongue has the power of life and death”. Also a people-helper needs to be patient in listening, to become more effective and relevant.

Being prayerful

We are mere human beings. We live in a complex world with intricate problems/ life issues. To be a good people-helper and address the problems of the suffering in a holistic manner, one needs wisdom, strength and guidance from above. So, to be competent and productive, we need to be prayerful in all our deliberations and seek His strength to lead us.

There will be times when the people-helpers find themselves helpless and hounded. In such times, God alone can offer the right kind of succor and we avail the divine help by our purposeful prayers. Besides, the people helper prays for the ones for whom he has been working.

Being people-centric

People-helpers need to be sensitive to the minutest cries of the individuals, who are sidelined, brushed aside and suicidal. To be more productive, the people helper needs to be available and accessible to people at all times. People come first here, and their needs are of paramount importance!

To really reach out, one has to understand (i.e. being empathetic and caring at all times) the real situation or the plight of the suffering (putting you into their shoes). We do everything at our disposal to dispel the darkness that looms large.

And it is always crucial that a people helper develops a trusting and friendly relationship through which he can identify and deal with issues in a meaningful manner. When trust is established, suspicions vanish and a conducive climate comes in. After all, God sent His own Son to redeem the fallen humans! John 3: 16 and John 10:10.

Conclusion

I John 3:17 clearly says “But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him?”

God delights in those who respond and obey His call. Our world is full of needs, and people need true help and love. Let us be the ‘people-helpers’ who will be sensitive to the needs of people around us and make this world a better place to someone through our words and deeds, ultimately bringing glory to the name of Christ!

Music for Mission

Music for Mission an evening of music was organised in Tirunelveli, on the 19th of November 2016. The purpose of the event was to vision cast and raise support for Missionary Children.

The presence of the Spirit of God was manifest on 19th November when the Octet Cantabile ministered through music, riches of the blessing of God could be felt. It was well attended by around 900 friends a cross section of the church in Thirunelveli. The origin and activities of MUT was presented very clearly and effectively by Rev. Isac Raja.

The evening was an eye opener for many and individuals have come forward to volunteer and involve in MUT activities.



MKIDS Retreat: Not of this world

The three days retreat for MKids was organized from Oct 8th to 10th. 48 Mkids from 17 different organizations and 3 different states participated in this retreat.

Objectives of the camp:

1. Desire to live a holy life and resist temptation which Satan could bring in their life
2. Help children understand their parents and love them more and shoulder responsibilities
3. To gain confidence
4. To make right career choices
5. To understand the work of MUT and encourage to partner with the ministry

The sessions started with the Ice Breaking Session, Brainstorming session was held by Bro. J. J. Ratnakumar for boys and Sr. Deepa Jebakumar for girls to find out the issues or concerns of the MKids. With more than 25 issues that needed to be addressed, very few were chose to be discussed among the Mkids.

The desire to experience salvation was kindled by Bro. Ilango, Neyveli along with three days devotion that keyed in topics of self-acceptance and the boldness they can gain as they are made in the image of God. MKids opened up to express their hot and cold relationship with Christ and sought to gain better understanding as to how they can grow in the Lord and have a constant walk with God. In addition, they wanted to take courage to forgive others.

Bro. Anbu from CIM, Chennai, motivated the MKids to come out of their low self-esteem. He helped the MKids understand the Master's purpose in their life.

Bro. Gideon and Sr. Janice Mohan led the sessions on Choices through Experiential Learning. They helped the MKids with insights on the basis on which we should choose or make decisions in all walks of life in day to day life. They also decided to give up ego, anger, pride and false self-esteem and to choose right things in all walks of life including spending more time in reading BIBLE and prayer.

Rev. Johnson Ashokumar, Pastor, ALC Christ Church, Neyveli explained the



theme of this retreat NOT OF THE WORLD based on the verse John 15:19.

Bro. John Chelliah dealt with issues like friends, dealing with opposite sex, social media and relationship very practically and with illustration from day to day happenings. This has helped the Mkids to yearn for Holy Living and resist Satan's temptation.

Rev. Dr. Isac S Raja explained the MKids about why, for what purpose, in which situation and with what challenges their parents are doing missionary work. Many understood the quantum of their parents' work and look forward to be supportive of them and be willing to serve the Lord.

We had working Mkids sharing session to let the Mkids know that in spite of their challenges and struggles for a certain period they are blessed. One Mkid, Joshua working in Chennai shared his experience from his childhood days. He has gone through lot of physical challenges and tough times since he was away from his parents for 18 years. He shared thoughts on loneliness, unanswered questions and longings in heart. But after certain period, he understood that through all these tough times God's grace was with him and upheld him since their parents are missionaries.

Another Mkid sharing was video displayed. The witness of Rev. Dr. Rajasingh, now the General Secretary of

Indian Evangelical Mission was shown. He shared his childhood days nearly 40 years back with no facilities and any modern amenities. But when he saw and heard lot of people has come to know about the living God Jesus and were blessed because of his parents he changed his mind and started to support them. He has gone through the pain of loneliness and lot of physical challenges. Mkids realized that they are special in the sight of God, they are the salt and light for the world. Many MKids were encouraged, motivated and decided to become a missionary like their parents.

We also had Missionary Parents sharing session. Parents shared about the concerns of the children, how they missed their children while leaving in Hostel, their expectation from their children.

Mkids who stayed in hostels were moved and felt their parents love and affection towards them and they got rid of their anger they had upon their parents.

In the evenings we had volley ball match for boys and throw ball match for girls. We also had a competition of cleaning the campus in four groups. The missionary parents and all present in the campus took active part in cleaning.

We thank God for a blessed retreat for MKids this year and we praise God for the ownership of the Neyveli team to facilitate this retreat.

Retired Missionary Welfare

Praise God that the awareness of caring for the Retired Missionaries is catching up. A missionary has to be cared for right from the day of obeying

the call to the day of his home call.

At present there are around 380 retired missionaries from 39 missions in our roll. We were able to contact more than 200

missionaries over phone and enquire about them. A questionnaire was sent to around 300 retired missionaries, to find about their present living

conditions and challenges. We got back 202 responses of 22 missions which were analyzed and the findings were presented in the MUT's consultation with the mission leaders, in June 2016.

The needs highlighted:

Physical: Age related ailments, finance for regular medicines, hospitalizations, Rent and Travel, Insufficient retirement benefits & Pension.

Emotional: Loneliness, unpreparedness for retirement, lack of support and recognition from mission and children.

Mission Participation: We appreciate the presence, special efforts and encouragement in leading the Retired Missionary Welfare session by Rev. John Wesley – IEM and the sharing of best practices by retired missionaries Mr. A. Jayaraj (BYM), Rev. N. Asirvatham (FMPB) & Mr. D. S. Jayakumar (IEM).

Consequent change Introduced:

As all retired missionaries below 65 years are supposed to be enrolled in the MUT Scheme and be a blessing, the Annual MARM (Med Assistance to Retd LYB Member Missionaries) amount of Rs.2000/- passed on from Donations raised will be passed on to those above 65 years, – in Nov/ Dec, this year. (2016 - '17). Funds Needed: Rs.5.00 lakh for nearly 250 retired missionaries.

Retreats for Retired Missionaries:

1. A retreat for the retired missionaries was conducted from Apr 14th – 16th @ ODC, 26 retired missionaries of 9 missions attended the same for the first time and enjoyed the fellowship. In spite of the heat, they could rejoice in



the Lord, remember His goodness – in the past and present life. They enjoyed the good food, comfortable stay and the sessions. God provided in ample for this retreat & the next one.

2. A special sponsored program for the retired missionaries of BYM was coordinated by MUT @ ODC Campus. 47 senior missionaries - 20 couples & 7 singles attended the same. They had a blessed time of fellowship and spiritual renewal and enjoyed a trip to Paachalur. The medical review was also very useful. Four of them had Master Health Checkup and all the rest had a follow up review on the MHC findings of the previous year. Dr. Jason, Dr. Anish and the CFH team gave excellent service to the retired missionaries. Rev. Gunakumar gave a good spiritual feed. Dr. Selwyn & Dr. Alex gave them practical tips based on the Bible. Dr. Jason gave them tips on health care. Dr. Emmanuel Sathish, GS of BYM, spent the day with them in Pachalur, which was very encouraging. One thing we can all praise God for, is that all of them are active in ministry, wherever they are. We praise God for the sponsors, who made this program possible.

MUT's role in Retired Missionary care:

1. As Medical expenses is a major unmet need, in faith God has led MUT to

meet the medical needs of retired missionaries as done for the other serving missionaries. He is the master provider.

2. Writer's workshop is being conducted to encourage them to pen down their rich life experiences. Training to Counsel is also given.
3. Retreats are being conducted.
4. Retired missionary Shelter is available for those who need a place to stay.

We praise God for the missions who are trying to provide good care for their retired missionaries. As believers, churches and families, let God stir in us the burden to care for our retired missionaries, as they are the ones who have spent most of their lifetime in reaching the unreached and are continuing to do so.

Praise God, Retreat for retired missionaries at Jabalpur was wonderful. 17 retired missionaries from 7 missions & 6 states attended. God inspired sessions & good hosting by BYM. Praise God. The 3rd day, 18th, came to a close with the prayer, 'Revive me O, Lord' & communion. After lunch, went to Bedaghat - beautiful waterfalls. All the 17 RMs went back rejoicing & thanking the Lord for His goodness. Thank you, for prayers & partnership. All glory to God.

Bereaved Missionary Children Education Scholarship

Two years ago the need to support bereaved missionary family children for school education was identified as an unmet need. For professional courses, an interest free loan of Rs. 25,000/- is provided through IMPACT scheme.

After 2 years of prayerfully waiting on the Lord, He has opened the doors and the New Life Fellowship Church, Dubai has come forward to support for this just cause. 305 bereaved missionary family children from 56 Organizations of both IMPACT & SMILE

are provided assistance. A total sum of Rs. 35 lacs is received for the same and we are almost at the last leg of distribution of support. We praise God for this provision. The words "He has made everything beautiful in its time" (Ecc 3:11) is true!

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Health Care

Healthy missionaries are the greatest asset of any organisation. Keeping oneself fit is the one thing today among many health conscious people.

Master Health Check up: The health department of MUT through MHC program is trying to bring about the awareness of being fit to serve better and longer. Being aware of the health challenges at an early stage helps to maintain the body fit and healthy. From January to September MHC was done by 83 missionaries from 16 organizations in 5 hospitals.

Medical Assistance: The awareness of medical assistance to missionaries is on the rise. Missions are educating their missionaries to immediately send claims for processing. From

January to September, we were able to assist 1587 missionaries from 94 organisations. Over and above for those going through major illness additional assistance is provided through support scheme.

Affordable Cost Medicine: The missionaries who took before continues to take drugs. For Diabetes 7, hypertension 4, and cholesterol 6 missionaries were provided with drugs.

MoU's with Mission Hospital: Praise God that more mission minded hospitals in North and South India are signing up for missionary care.

'Fitness is not about being better than someone else... it's about being better than you need to be'.

Good Samaritan Fund

During the MUT Consultations held in Karunya University, Coimbatore in June 2016 a presentation of the Good Samaritan Fund was made to the Heads of Member Missions so that they can take the message to the Missionaries. The General Secretaries of member missions can themselves extend assistance to missionaries during a crisis situation and can claim reimbursement from MUT. The number of claims have gone up from 158 during the year 2014-15 to 249 during the year 2015-16. The amount of assistance extended has increased to Rs. 18.62 lacs for the year 2015-16 from Rs. 11.03 lacs during the previous year. For the six month period from 01.04.2016 to 30.09.2016, 138 missionaries of 39 missions have been assisted up to Rs.10.77 lakhs.

Apart from these nine missionaries have received assistance from GS Support Scheme for Rs. 43570.00 during the six months period from April 16 to Sept 2016.

The following are some of the benefits available under GS Fund.

1. Travel allowance to missionaries to attend the funeral of their parents by Flight/Train/Bus.
2. Travel allowance for missionary children to attend the funeral of their parents.
3. Reimbursement of Medical expenses of dependent parents of missionaries.
4. Marriage gift.
5. Children's Marriage gift.
6. Missionaries' daughter's first delivery expenses.
7. Assistance at the time of Natural calamities and Theft.

Please do partner with us in praying for the missionaries and upholding them during their time of crisis.

Rest House

'Where can I stay when on treatment on recuperation?' This is the first thought that goes through the mind of every missionary when they are on their way to CMC Vellore. MUT Rest houses are answers and a place of comfort for missionaries who come for treatment or on vacation. The existence of MUT Rest House is to create a serene ambience for missionaries who come with physical, emotional and spiritual challenges in their lives. Truly, we strive to make every Rest House of ours as 'A Home away from Home'.

Our caregivers and volunteers try to lift the spirit of the missionaries when they are caught unawares hearing the news of sickness. The counsel and prayer backing help the missionaries to overcome their crisis, look forward, and keep moving. Journeying along with them in their pain and financial constraints is the key to member care in the Rest House ministry.

Rest House Otteri and Gandhi Nagar is monthly visited by missionaries who come for medical treatment. From June to September, the average occupancy was 85%. At Otteri Rest House we had, 'three' rooms dedicated as infection free rooms for missionaries who come and take treatment for cancer or transplant. Praise God for the Church, which supported for the same. Also a Barnabas room with clothes and other items are on display to take away by missionaries in Otteri Rest House.

Rest House, Viruthampet (Ebenezer Home): It was dedicated on 14th Oct `16 by Mr. Francis Dominic Fernandez, MUT OD Consultant. It has 3 rooms and it's being used by the missionaries.

Rest House in Chennai: It is often used as transit by missionaries.

Rest House in Coimbatore: This is basically for missionaries on transit and the one coming for treatment to Kovai Medicals. Praise God for the FMPB family, which came with their children for vacation as well as treatment.

Rest House in Mumbai: The Mumbai team is planning to have a meeting of all the mission representatives in Mumbai to bring about awareness about the RH and how to make the best use of the same. Our thanks to the total team in Mumbai who in spite of their busy schedule continues to do their best.

Rest House in Bangalore: One room of the residence of Mr. Malcom is now used as Rest House.

Rest House, Pondicherry: God willing we will be very soon having a rest house there also. It was dedicated on 26th Nov `16. This Rest House will function with the whole hearted partnership of FOMs in Pondicherry in the coming days. This will be made operational for missionaries who can go for long term treatment as well as few on vacation.

MUT Scheme

“To encourage every member missionary to sacrificially uphold a fellow missionary in crisis.”

“MUT Scheme” is an entry scheme to all Schemes of MUT, to help the Missionary family in times of sickness, death and crisis situations. Workers of Registered Christian missions focusing on evangelism and discipleship, with a monthly salary less than Rs.20000/- and aged between 18 and 65 years are eligible.

This is not an Insurance Scheme

Operation of the scheme:

Each member contributes Rs.50/- and the Mission contributes an equal amount. This amount (Rs 100) is shared by LYB, IMPACT and GS Schemes. The individual members are eligible to avail assistance and the member's contribution is utilized

100% for the needy members in the area of Medical, IMPACT Calamity, Crisis Relief and Retired Missionaries Welfare. The Support Schemes (SS) are further funded by the donations received from Friends of MUT (FOM).

Total Organizations that Joined MUT Scheme :- 120* Mission with 12695 members as on 30th September 2016.

MUT Scheme Admin Committee:-

The MUT Scheme administered by an MUT Scheme Admin. Committee consisting of 12 members, 6 from MUT and 6 from the MUT Scheme member Organization.

Praise God, by His guidance this scheme came into existence from April 2014 and many missionaries were blessed by this scheme. MUT Scheme admin committee

was Chaired by Rev. Kulothangan, General Secretary, Maharashtra Village Ministries for the period of 2 years.

Thanks to him for his valuable time and suggestion to help MUT Scheme Admin Committee to be blessing for many missionaries. At, present Brother Anbu, Executive Director, Christian Institute of Management has taken over MUT Scheme Admin Committee Chairman. Mr. Jacob Sumithran, Retired SBI Chief Manager as taken over as MUT Scheme Treasurer from April 2016. We praise and thank God for the MUT Scheme Admin Committee members for giving their valuable time and suggestion for the welfare of the missionaries.

Kindly pray that this MUT Scheme may be blessing to all the missionaries.

** Includes 10 regions of YWAM and 7 regions of UESI*

Finance Policy:

Ear-marked funds will be used exclusively and entirely for the purpose donated.

Operating cost is kept to the minimum and funds donated towards MUT general expenses is utilised for the same.

Sponsorships are sought and fund-raising events are held to meet other specific expenses.

Whether you are in ministry work, a church, a mission organisation or a Christ-follower with a passion for missions, we welcome all those who wish to join in encouraging missionaries and other Christian workers, and sharing in their efforts for the kingdom of God. Become partners with us in praying for them and this ministry. You may wish to volunteer your services in different ways as the Lord leads you. You can donate money for the support of this work on a regular basis or as and when you are led by the Lord.

The three major support schemes under MUT are for Bereavement relief, Health care, Crisis relief and Retired Missionary Welfare.

Contributions can be sent through MO/DD in favour of “Missionary Upholders Trust” or directly to the below mentioned MUT account at along with an email intimation.

ICICI Bank, Vellore. (A/c. No. 614301013520, IFSC Code ICIC0006143)

Indian Bank, Anna Nagar, Chennai (A/c. No. 840063713, IFSC Code IDIB000A025)

SBI, Purasawalkam, Chennai. (A/c. No. 10507878317, IFSC Code SBIN0001515, Swift Code SBININBB458)

Foreign contributions can be sent to the MUT account at **SBI Bank, Purasawalkam, Chennai. (A/c. No. 10332929984, IFSC**

Code SBIN0001515, Swift Code SBININBB458) along with email intimation. Donors in USA and Canada may also route their contributions through the following agencies:

In USA

Christian Aid Mission, P.O. Box 9037, Charlottesville, VA 22906, USA

In Canada

Emmanuel Hospital Association, 3220 Faul Bay, Regina, SK, S4V 2W9, Canada.

For all earmarked donations feedback on the amount utilised/ person benefitted will be given to the donor, if address is available.

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MUT mobilises prayer support by:

Publishing a prayer bulletin. Project updates in its newsletter ‘Care & Serve’.

MUT actively raises volunteers:

Works with churches and mission organisations who can depute personnel to manage projects.

Financial support for the projects by:

Creating awareness in Christ-followers in India and abroad about the needs of missionaries.

Encourage missionary organisations to partner not just to receive support for their own but also support members of

other organisations.

Encouraging missionaries to make affordable contributions towards specific projects to help them and their fellow workers. We have hospitals partnering with MUT in providing treatment for the missionaries challenged by health issues.

Take my son

A wealthy man and his son loved to collect rare works of art. They had everything in their collection, from Picasso to Raphael. They would often sit together and admire the great works of art.

When the Vietnam conflict broke out, the son went to war. He was very courageous and died in battle while rescuing another soldier. The father was notified and grieved deeply for his only son.

About a month later, just before Christmas, there was a knock at the door. A young man stood at the door with a large package in his hands.

He said, "Sir, you don't know me, but I am the soldier for whom your son gave his life. He saved many lives that day, and he was carrying me to safety when a bullet struck him in the heart and he died instantly. He often talked about you, and your love for art." The young man held out this package. "I know this isn't much. I'm not really a great artist, but I think your son would have wanted you to have this."

The father opened the package. It was a portrait of his son, painted by the young man. He stared in awe at the way the soldier had captured the personality of his son in the painting. The father was so drawn to the eyes that his own eyes welled up with tears. He thanked the young man and offered to pay him for the picture. "Oh, no sir, I could never repay what your son did for me. It's a gift."

The father hung the portrait over his mantle. Every time visitors came to his home he took them to see the portrait of his son before he showed them any of the other great works he had collected.

The man died a few months later. There was to be a great auction of his paintings. Many influential people gathered, excited over seeing the great paintings and having an opportunity to purchase one for their collection.

On the platform sat the painting of the son. The auctioneer pounded his gavel. "We will start the bidding with this picture of the son.. Who will bid for this picture?"

There was silence.

Then a voice in the back of the room shouted, "We want to see the famous paintings.. Skip this one."

But the auctioneer persisted. "Will somebody bid for this painting. Who will start the bidding? \$100, \$200?"

Another voice angrily. "We didn't come to see this painting. We came to see the Van Goghs, the Rembrandts. Get on with the real bids!"

But still the auctioneer continued. "The son! The son! Who'll take the son?"

Finally, a voice came from the very back of the room. It was the longtime gardener of the man and his son. "I'll give \$10 for the painting." Being a poor man, it was all he could afford.

"We have \$10, who will bid \$20?"

"Give it to him for \$10. Let's see the masters."

"\$10 is the bid, won't someone bid \$20?"

The crowd was becoming angry. They didn't want the picture of the son.

They wanted the more worthy investments for their collections.

The auctioneer pounded the gavel. "Going once, twice, SOLD for \$10!"

A man sitting on the second row shouted, "Now let's get on with the collection!"

The auctioneer laid down his gavel. "I'm sorry, the auction is over."

"What about the paintings?"

"I am sorry. When I was called to conduct this auction, I was told of a secret stipulation in the will. I was not allowed to reveal that stipulation until this time. Only the painting of the son would be auctioned. Whoever bought that painting would inherit the entire estate, including the paintings.

The man who took the son gets everything!"

God gave His son 2,000 years ago to die on the cross. Much like the auctioneer, His message today is: "The son, the son, who'll take the son?"

Because, you see, whoever takes the Son gets everything.

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, WHO SO EVER BELIEVETH, SHALL HAVE ETERNAL LIFE... *THAT'S LOVE!*

MISSIONARY UPHOLDERS FAMILY (MUF)

MUF was formed in 1984, mainly to challenge & encourage Christian families to involve in missions by raising financial support & prayer for missionaries. As of 31st November 2016, 496 missionaries of 68 mission organisations are being supported by the MUF missionary supporting family.

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MISSIONARY UPHOLDERS TRUST (MUT)

MUT was a spin off from MUF (Missionaries Upholder Family) in the year 1993. The role of MUT is to care for missionaries by meeting some of the common unmet needs at a cost affordable to them in physical, emotional and spiritual areas, with a view to equip, energise and to motivate them, to build the kingdom of God effectively.

MUT is an umbrella body covering over 216 Organizations as member missions covering about 21690 missionaries and christian workers. MUT is governed by a Board of Trustees and managed by the General Coordinator assisted mostly by volunteers; recently some of the Member Missions have taken keen interest in the ministry and are giving their committed workers on deputation for a period from 6 months to 2 years. There are over 30 people on MUT payroll, receiving monthly remuneration. The operational costs and administrative expenses are kept low through sponsorship and donations towards administrative expenses. MUT does not append any money from any of its earmarked donations received.

We regret the delay in bringing out this issue of Care and Serve, which was so unavoidable despite our sincere wish.

Become Friends of MUT/Missionaries. Care & Serve magazines and other important news from MUT will be sent to these friends at regular intervals.

*Life membership - Rs. 1,000
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God is leading us to help the families of His servants at the time of bereavement in different areas such as emotionally, spiritually and financially.

Home call of member missionaries

The total number of deaths in the missions till date is 401 from the inception of the scheme and 8 deaths from last care and serve issue to till date. All the families of the deceased missionaries are given a financial assistance of Rs. 10,000/- towards funeral expenses and Rs. 1,25,000/- as death relief. Bereaved families of retired missionaries and non-members are also given Rs.10,000/ each as funeral expenses.

The bereaved families are specially remembered twice every year. During first week of June all the children below 21 years of age are given a child Support Payment of Rs. 1,200/- and during Christmas time every year each bereaved family is given a Christmas gift of Rs. 1,200 to Rs.2,200/- depending on family size.

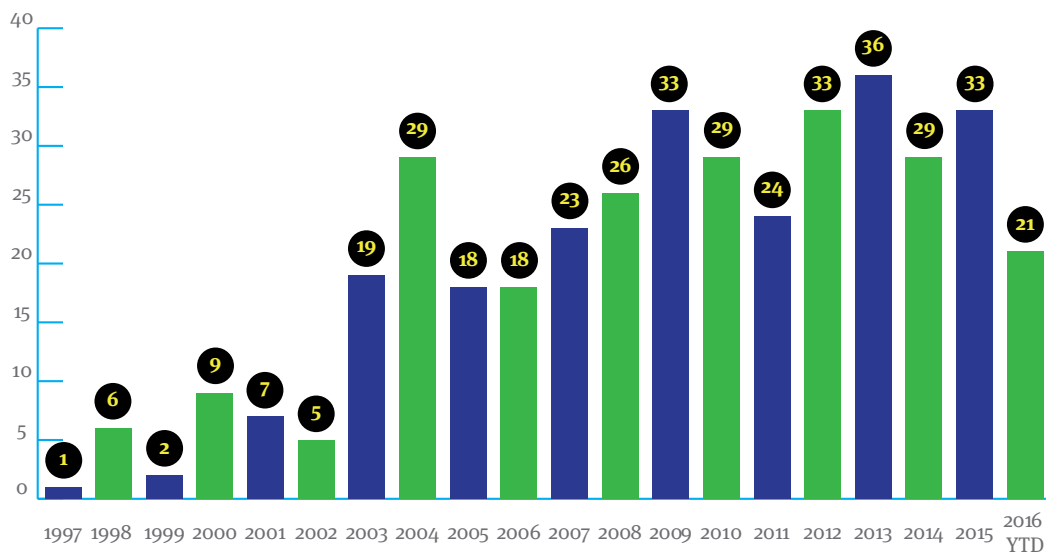
Child Support to the Bereaved families

In the first week of June 2016 we provided Child Support of Rs. 1,200/- per child to 292 children among 159 bereaved families of deceased missionaries. The total expenditure was Rs. 3,50,400/-

Details of member-missionaries who had their home call since reported in last issue.

Mrs. Reenu Banchhor	aged 32 years, IET Passed away on 17.06.16, due to stomach & intestine ulcer for past one and a half year. She left behind her husband Mr. Ajay Kumar Banchhor (33 years) and 2 daughters, Salina Banchhor (6yrs) and Aglin Banchhor (3 yrs)
Pas. Somnath Harijan	aged 27 years, IET Passed away on 14.07.16, he was suffering from heart issue. He leaves behind his father Mr. Dhoblu Harijan
Mr. B. Muthukumar	aged 58 Years, JRM, Passed away on 03.08.16, due to a blockage in the nerve of the cerebellum. He leaves behind his wife Mrs. Suganthi and one daughter Miss. Christy Nivedha studying 3rd year BA English literature
Mr. Peter Oraon	aged 57 years, IEM, passed away on 03.08.16, He was physically weak and ailing for a long time. He leaves behind his two sons and 5 grand children.
Mrs. Netra Ajay	aged 46 years, IEM Passed away on 21.08.16, due to spread of Cancer. She leaves behind her husband Mr. Ajay and 3 children, Adeline (17 years), Jerusha (15 years), Sam Andrews (9 years).
Bro. Seenivasan alias Simon	aged 58 Years, Calvary Gospel Missionary Movement, Passed away on 01.09.16, due to accident. He leaves behind his wife Mrs. Chandra, No children
Bro. Mark Onaka	aged 50 years, IMS Passed away on 14.09.16, due to high B.P. He left behind his wife Mrs. Mary Onaka, 3 sons and 2 daughters. Four of his children are married, the youngest child, Suresh is studying VIII standard.
Mrs. Gnanalin Selva Jijila	aged 38 years, FMPB Passed away on 27.09.16, due to Malaria and Dengue. She leaves behind her husband Rev. John Kumar, and 2 sons. Jijo Philip John studying in 12th standard and Jino Ebenezer Sam studying in 9th standard at Santhosha Vidyalaya, Dohnavur.

Uphold these families in your prayers. Stand in the gap for missionaries who face ill health and other difficulties in life. Let us rise, bend our knees- to build a wall of protection for those who toil in the field. As one!



Number of deaths since inception of IMPACT Scheme

Occupied With Christ- Not Self

“If we have become united with Him by the likeness of His death, we shall be also by the likeness of His resurrection” (Rom. 6:5).

Let us beware of testifying, “I am dead,” for it is drawing attention to ourselves, and is “I” in a subtle form. We may speak of the Lord and all that He is, but it is for Him to bear witness to what He has done for us. Let us welcome also every criticism kind or unkind so that we may learn to know ourselves, and seek deeper deliverance. By this means the outward life will soon be brought into conformity to the inner life, and discrepancy between lip and life be avoided. Beware of dogmatizing over spiritual truths. Let God bear witness, and then we need never assert anything about ourselves. First Corinthians 8:2 is always true!

Let us put ourselves in the hand of God for Him to do as it pleases Him, leading us in any path that He may choose. Let us take care lest we get overanxious in seeking further blessing. God cannot work while we are anxious, even about our spiritual experience. Let us take Him at His Word, and trust the fulfillment of it to Him.

Let us never judge God’s Word by our experience, for the Word of God is true whatever our experiences may be. We must beware of having faith in our “faith”

rather than in the God who undertakes to make the reckoning of our faith true!

Let us beware also of “trying to grasp” the truth of God, for this is usually mental effort and hinders the Holy Spirit from doing His work. Yield to the Holy Ghost, and He will make the truth grasp us.

Rest On God’s Word

The Lord has never promised that we shall be able to look within, and say to our own satisfaction that “self” is gone. While we believe God’s Word that we have died with Christ and count upon Christ as the Living One to manifest His life through us, others will see that it is true, while we are occupied with Christ.

When the Holy Spirit has applied the death of Christ experimentally and brought the soul into real emancipation, it remains to be a momentary attitude maintained by abiding in Him. There need be no effort to “abide” if we count upon the Holy Ghost to keep us abiding unconsciously.

When we step out upon God’s Word, we must take heed that we do not look within to see if the work is done, and watch the “operation of God” (Col. 2:12). As we rest on His Word, the work is being wrought in the depths of our being by the mighty inward Operator. If we begin to question,

“Have I died with Christ or have I not?” He has to wait until He can get us to look away from ourselves and rest upon the Word again.

Let us be prepared that the adversary will dispute every inch of ground. The devil is not dead, for when we hide in Christ, he seems more alive than ever, but let the Living Christ who dwells within, guard us from all his subtleties, then it will be victory all the way, for the devil is a defeated foe!

Remember, it is vain to ask God to set us free from ourselves, if we retain one single thing that ministers to the self-life. An honest desire to let Christ entirely possess us, and a practical committing to the Cross of all that is revealed, will bring full deliverance.

Let us remember too, that in God’s dealing with us, He will allow a “trial” to remain until we cease to writhe under it. We may as well say, “Yes, Lord,” at the first!

Finally the “end of the Lord” (James 5:7-11) is LIFE--life out of death. Let us trust Him to do His work while we yield to His dealings. Trust Him implicitly, and obey Him promptly.

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- 3 Marriage Enrichment Seminar (English) | September 8th to 10th 2016
- 4 Biblical counseling -Level-I-Person to person | May 30th to June 4th 2016
- 5 Marriage Enrichment seminar- Tamil | October 22nd to 28th 2016
- 6 Life Revision Seminar -English | October 11th to 15th 2016
- 7 Marriage Enrichment Seminar | June 21st to 25th 2016
- 8 Marriage Enrichment seminar -Tamil | July 27th to August 1st 2016
- 9 Inner Healing Seminar | August 8th to 10th 2016

Training Calendar 2017

Adv. P2P Biblical Counselling - Level 2	Jan 20th - 27th	PTP, Hyderabad	Life Revision Seminar (English)	Mar 27th - 5th	Dr. Kurvilla
Marriage Enrichment Seminar	Feb 2nd - 4th	Dr. Susheel & Dr. Valsa	Inner Healing (English/Tamil)	Mar 8th - 10th	Dr. Latha Paul & Team
Life Revision Seminar (Tamil)	Feb 7th - 11th	Dr. K.O. John	Biography Writers Workshop	Mar 28th - 31st	Dr. Lalitha C.
Member Care Seminar	Feb 14th - 24th	Ms. Brenda	Adv. P2P Biblical Counselling - Level 1	Apr 3rd - 8th	PTP, Hyderabad

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