

Care and Serve

Missionary Upholders Trust



WHAT IS
YOUR LIFE?

James in his letter to the Jews scattered all over the world says “13 Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.” 14 Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.”

Well, there seems to be no harm in the above plan – Go to a place, work/trade and get money in return. I find no harm in such an honest idea. I think everyone of us has such an idea. Go to a place, work and earn money to live. But James poses a piercing question “What is your life, is it just living comfortably till your last breath?” James smacks you into thinking “What is your life?” rather than “What is life?” We need not be philosophers to answer James’ question. We know what we live for.

Just like Christ was crucified between two thieves, now, there are two kinds of Christians. Those two thieves each had something to say to Jesus that day. Both of them had just a few more hours to live. So it was almost their last words spoken. It was of utmost importance. Those last words reflected their philosophies of life. One said “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us.” Look at what he said. There is no harm in this. He was being honest. He needed a miracle and he asked for it and he asked the right person. In a few hours he would be killed. If there was one person who could save him it was the Messiah. Clever chap!

Look at what the other thief said. The other thief said “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom”. That was not very clever. Let’s stop a moment and think, here was the Messiah next to you and you ask him something that you cannot see now.

Don’t you want to live in the present? The Messiah is the maker of the universe. Why would a thief with his death few hours away utter such a vague wish? Strange.

There are two kinds of Christians today in the Church. One kind is like the first thief. They seem to say “Lord, since you are the God of this universe - omnipotent, all-powerful, please get me this thing.” And you would hear them quote scripture too “Lord, since it’s written in your word that you will do much more than we ask for and beyond our imagination, we ask you to help us build this Church building, because we don’t have a place to sit on Sunday mornings.” Does this sound similar to the prayers in your church? Well, this life is that James calls a mist. This life is very precious to them or else they are perturbed. They will quote Old Testament scriptures and sincerely claim these promises. The wages of sin does not sting them.

There is another kind. They are like the second thief. They are not anxious about this life very much. They live here but they are always thinking about eternity. Their prayers are for spiritual growth – such as patience, ability to forgive, freedom from love of money and the like. They have faith in God for delivering them from sin and to deliver them from an earthly enemy. They are pre-occupied with going the way Jesus went. Their idea of God blessing a person is when there is power in that person’s witness. You seldom find people from this group. They are not the ones in the lime light. They are not the ones who pray in public meetings. But we will only know them in eternity when we stand before the Judgment seat. What is your life?

- Stephen Jothiraj

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.



The year 2015 is another blessed year in the life and the ministry of MUT. Our hearts are filled with praise and gratitude to God who called us with the purpose to serve, the servants of God in our country. When we look back the year 2015 God has done great things, our words are limited to thank Him. The following are some of the highlights of the way God has helped us uniquely to serve His servants.

1. The quality care provided to the servants of God who stayed in our Rest houses.
2. The nurture and care provided to the servants of God who lost their spouses.
3. The medical assistance extended to MUT SMILE members.
4. The financial assistance to member missionaries up to 87% in the medical scheme
5. The inner transformation of His servants and their children who attended the various personal development programs and retreats.
6. The recent development of MUT -Delhi team and their ownership in facilitating care to the missionaries in that region.
7. The new Rest House facility in Coimbatore for the missionaries for medical purpose.

There are much more that God has done using us as His instruments, to be a blessing to His servants which you read in this news letter.

As I was meditating on the words of Moses in Exodus 33:12-23 the repeated word 'pleasing / favour' caught my attention. It led me to reflect whether God is pleased with us in our living and doing this ministry of serving the servants of God. The following are the indicators that we can derive from Moses's life.

We will sense the way of God in each of our lives and in our ministry. (Ex: 33:13)
We will sense the presence of the Lord that God is with us all through (Ex 33:16)
We will sense that we will only ask what pleases Him and He will certainly give (Ex33:17)

May these indicators from the life of Moses will help us introspect our lives and our involvement to serve God.

-Rev. Isac Raja

Dichotomy in Christian thinking:

What I am going to put here may not be acceptable to some; yet I venture to share my thoughts with a hope that this awareness will drive us to do something in this regard.

There has been a general slackness in committed Christians joining missions! Many youngsters, particularly those who are educated and committed are interested in becoming pastors in mainline churches! However, in spite of the best efforts put in by the para-church organisations, they are not able to attract the right people for their missionary work. More and more, only those with less education and others in search of employment for living are attracted. Very rarely, some people who have excelled in their studies and profession join missions! This has become the reality in almost all the missions. Leaders are breaking their heads over this! Founders of organisations who have made so much of sacrifices for God, leaving their lucrative professions and prosperous lives are sad to note that not many are willing to follow their model!

Recently, Flat-Fish, an organisation in Hyderabad interested in creating awareness in churches, came out with a YouTube production. The story is about a city pastor requesting a member of his congregation to consider him for the post of driver for his car, when he knew that the salary would be Rs. 10000 per month!

Currently, I am aware of a serious debate going on between a supporter of a mission and those who are managing the affairs of the mission. The supporter is asking them why they do not spend 70% of the income on their staff instead of the 30% they are paying. He is demanding that they should pay at least the salary that the board members are paying to their car drivers! The next question he raises is about how the mission leaders are appealing to the sons and daughters of other Christians to join missions and sacrifice their lives when their own children are enjoying their lives in the secular world! He questions them to give data on how many children of the leaders and board members were able to convince their children to join their missions! I am still waiting to hear the response of leaders to

such embarrassing questions.

The truth is that very few missionaries want their children to become missionaries like them. They are disillusioned after many years of missionary life. Though they knew God has used them mightily to establish His kingdom among the unreached people, they still do not want their children to suffer! At the same time, children of many missionaries also categorically declare that their parents have paid a heavy price and now they do not want to make the same mistake by becoming missionaries! They are willing to be mission supporters.

It was very strange to me at the beginning to find that while doctor parents take so much of efforts and spend enormous amounts to help their children become doctors, why the same eagerness is not found among missionaries! I was also equally surprised to find the passive feelings of the children of missionaries who have been used by God in a mighty way!

I think we are the lone reason for such a huge damage done to missions!

It is true that the founders of missions, out of their choice and willingness, decided to forgo all that the world could offer, became pioneer missionaries in remote corners of the country, and lost everything for the sake of the Lord Jesus to obey His call. They treaded on to go to an unknown path like Abraham did when he was called by God! Though they faced all the trials and tribulations in the world they were prepared for the same and they had enough faith in God and assurances in God's words to carry them through.

Now, when people join missions, only a few have absolute clarity on their calling and in choosing the nature of ministry and the mission organisation which would help them accomplish their calling! Many join because they were emotionally kindled and spurred to choose the ministry and the mission, and a few join out of compulsion from their near and dear ones!

After sometime when these young missionaries face opposition, crises and difficulties, and when they have physical,



emotional, mental and spiritual needs, they find themselves left alone to face those struggles. When their faith is shaken, they start wondering whether they had made a mistake in choosing to become missionaries. When their leaders and the 'rope holders' (supporters) become indifferent to their needs, they feel helpless and hopeless. Particularly when people start talking about the affordability of mission, and sometimes when they start preaching about the simple lifestyle to be followed, these missionaries get frustrated. When rules are quoted without understanding their critical situations, they not only lose their patience but also their faith in such people, because when they look around they see other Christians enjoy all the comforts of the world while living a 'good' Christian life. "Is God partial?" they start wondering. They also start wondering whether they made a wrong decision by becoming missionaries.

The new generation is unable to understand and accept this kind of disparity! Their questions are genuine! Why should one set of Christians and their children enjoy while another group would have to toil and suffer in this world? Particularly the children of missionaries are unable to accept this dichotomy in the Christian world. They get disillusioned and demotivated to see Christians around them have a different life style and affluence, and they are unable to accept this poverty! That too, when the Christians who support their parents and the missionary work set double standards for their living, they are unable to comprehend the logic!

I think, in our urgency and ambitious planning to reach the unreached for Christ, we forgot about the welfare of missionaries, our own brothers and sisters in Christ. We have failed miserably in obeying the second great command; to love our brothers as we love ourselves! At the same time there is a dire need to reach out, as daily hundreds of people are dying without Jesus.

Who can we bring parity in our thinking and in our approach? Is it possible?

Note: The reason for writing this article was to see a dialogue to take place between leaders of mission centred Churches, Missionaries, supporters and Missionary Kids on this issue and come out with solution!

-JJR

M-Kids Holidays

The very knowledge that 32 missionary families with children; studying in Santhosa Vidyalaya, were entertained in the MUT ODC campus during September holidays open our hearts to praise God for giving us the joy shared.

The very reason for starting MUT in 1993 and the Vellore rest house in 1995 is getting largely fulfilled after 20 years. Thoughts of having a rest house for missionary families to rest and rejuvenate with their children who are studying in Dohnavur was shared with Bro Raja Mohandas and Sis. Selina of IEM in the year 1991. These small beginnings have reached fruition.

When Vellore rest house started functioning, one or two families used to come during their annual vacation every year. Even though there was pain and agony prevailing in Vellore rest house due to sick missionaries staying, these families still could enjoy the vacation strengthen the family fellowship and relationship.

The thought of having a rest house exclusively for families to enjoy their vacation with children lead to the idea of creating a place like ODC Rest House came into being and is presently being used to the best.

To add to the substantiation of having a place in ODC, came from a teary eyed missionary lady from North India, who with her two small children; appreciated the efforts (including transport to the venue) of MUT ODC and joy she had experienced during her stay during September holidays; and how it was especially wonderful for those who come from North India.

State	#
Assam	1
Chattisgarh	3
Gujarath	4
Haryana	2
Jammu & Kashmir	3
Jharkhand	12
Maharashtra	4
Orissa	6
Punjab	1
Rajasthan	3
West Bengal	2

More than 90% of the missionaries were cross cultural



- Paediatrician visit
- A team from Coimbatore conducted fun and games on one of the days
- Special sessions for parents
- Jam/Juice making class for the women

- 45 parents and 63 children
- Children enjoyed cycling the most, special thanks to donors for providing 6 new cycles.

Feedback after the Holidays: CHILDREN
 Two things you enjoyed: Cycling (15) | Movie (14)
 One thing you missed in this vacation: Dad (8)
 One decision taken: Not to waste food (5) | think about poor and needy (2)
 One thing to MUT: Awesome-missed swimming pool
 One thing you would like to say to your parents: I love you (3) | Thanks for taking me here (3)

Feedback after the Holidays: PARENTS
 Quality Vacation with your children this time?

Being together with Children (8) | Spent quality time with my children (4)
 Specific suggestions to improve:
 More family time (2) | North Indian dishes (2)
 The things you enjoyed most:
 Food (7) | Time with Children (3) | Morning Devotion (5) | Tour to kodaikanal (7)
 Decisions you have taken:
 Coming to ODC next September also (9) | Praying for MUT Ministries & Staff (3)

Should 'Title' and 'Authority' pose a problem to a Christian?

Of late I have been spending a lot of time with the 11 people in MUT-ODC team. My strong desire now is to work for the mission statement we have coined for the ODC Centre.

To work for a

- » *a community that radiates the sacrificial love of Jesus, unmindful of the attitude of people around.*
- » *a remnant who demonstrate God's holiness in every walk of life, as an example to the church and society.*
- » *the body of Christ which, despite undergoing suffering, reflects compassionate and sacrificial living.*
- » *life that touches those of others by a steadfast faith in the Lord and the unshakable hope in eternity.*
- » *a group of men and women with kingdom values, who are selfless and different from the ones seen around.*
- » *people with a goal to live in the center of God's purpose, speak and do things that glorify God alone.*

As a team we are trying to bring discipline and regulations in our working, starting with clarity in role and job responsibilities. Since the work has challenges in volume and complexity, everybody will be expected to share multiple roles at different times.

My challenge now is to help my team members understand the values and ethos of working in this kind of environment! The world model is what they are familiar with. When they are given any specific responsibility, invariably it also brings some power and authority along with it. When that happens, I find many either misuse or mismanage their roles which kill the team spirit and cause divisions. People who apply 'rules' and 'regulations' appear to others as arrogant. This creates tension and ill feelings.



Story of ODC gardener

I want to share the following with sense of gratitude.

Angappan is serving as Gardner on daily wage for the last couple of years. I was not very happy to keep him for long since he was an ardent Hindu at the time of joining. I was also not taking any efforts to give him gospel.

After some months all of us started taking special interest in his life and started sharing the good news.

Later on, whenever he had some time with me he was saying that he now believes in Jesus, but I was skeptical thinking that he was telling just to please me.

Today morning when I met him on my way to office to attend the Morning Prayer, I stopped to inquire why he did not come yesterday for work, he said something which stunned me. I took him with me to attend the morning staff prayer for the first time. Today's message was from 1 Peter 3 13 -17. We meditated on it and then I requested Angappan to share his testimony.

Angappan had gone to a shop day before yesterday night and there he met some known people standing drunk. They had mocked him when he said that he worshiped Jesus. Finally Angappan had challenged them that he would prove Jesus is the true God by keeping lighted camphor. They took up the challenge and kept five camphor in each of his hands and lighted. Angappan had closed his eyes saying a prayer in His mind "Jesus you protect my hand, but my hand gets burnt then I will go to hospital tomorrow.

A one day follow up session on the Life Revision Seminar was a blessing to every one of us because it helped us to understand the 'Christ model'.

When we read John 13:1-3 we understand how Jesus completed His mission and what His final instructions were to His disciples which came out of a demonstration known as 'washing the feet'. In MUT we do this sometimes when we have retreats for missionaries. But washing feet every day is a different ball game!

Then the meditation on the passage starting from Philippians 2:5 gives some more understanding on what and how a child and also a disciple of Christ must be.

What is the practical application? When a Christian is given responsibility (whether in ministry or in the secular world), the person is expected to use that to serve the others around them. A Christian needs to differentiate between 'helping' and 'serving'. One can become a helper when God gives him resources like money and talents. But a helper is one who decides what, when, how much, and whom to help. But on the other hand, if one decides to serve, then he becomes a slave or servant like Jesus as he starts his help to people around. It is totally unconditional, ever giving and gracious.

In an organisation or in a family, if a Christian starts using his authority and power in such a way that he is available to help and support using God given responsibilities, then the whole atmosphere will improve. The ones who are served will be grateful to God for what the person is, and will all the time be thanking God for giving such a person to the organisation or the family.

Please remember us in your prayers

-JJR

The fire did not harm his hands at all the heat had caused some burns in the corner of his palm and that is all. Then Angappan had asked one of them to repeat that. One fellow came forward, kept one camphor but as soon it was lit he put it down unable to bear the heat! Then all of them had acknowledged that Jesus is Lord.

Praise God. It does not stop with that. He knew that some time back when a cobra was about to bite him when he was working in the garden, but when he cried Jesus, the snake had left quietly! And then he narrated one more instance. We were spell bound and then thanked and praised God for Angappan.

Please pray for Angappan and all others in the campus that we will grow more and more to shine for Jesus.

-JJR

Christmas get-together

A Christmas get-together was organised in MUT, Oddanchatram during December 24-28, 2015 for the bereaved families of Christian workers. 12 families could join for the get-together. Most of the families arrived by 24th morning and afternoon was spent in Christmas shopping. In the evening there was a fun-filled Christmas carol programme. Many of them brought praises to our Saviour with their God given talents. At the end of the day a question was left with each of us, "What is our personal gift to Jesus, the reason for this celebration?"



We worshipped God in a village church in Devanurpudhur on Christmas day. The families and the many single women attending that church were blessed and encouraged by each other's presence. Mrs. Anthony Selvam's (W/o. Late Mr. Samuel Suresh, IMS missionary) testimony lifted the spirits of many. Everyone had a memorable time in the picnic at Aazhiyaar Dam.

The next day was spent in the MUT campus with games and medical check-ups. The families attended Sunday service in a village church. Mrs. Esther Kesavan (W/o Late Mr. Kesavan, BYM missionary) shared the word of God. Many were encouraged by her message themed 'People dear to God's own heart' that

included her testimony. That evening was a time to look back and thank God for the year and to prepare ourselves to face the New Year 2016. We had Ms. Jancy Stella in our midst to share her testimony. She is 29 years, a nurse by profession, currently bed-ridden, who lost her mother and injured her spinal cord in an accident in 2012. She shared how her outlook towards life was changed after an encounter with her personal Saviour in the valley of death and disease. Her joy and hope was spread among the families and everyone was deeply moved by her testimony.

In the concluding session most of them were moved to tears and expressed how they had been waiting to be there during the Christmas season. Teens and children were united with strong bonds of friendship and never wanted to depart. Parents decided to postpone their travel plans and rebook the tickets. Tearful goodbyes at the departure made everyone's hearts heavy. They all enjoyed the food served and affectionate atmosphere within the campus.

The children themselves organised a Christmas programme on 28th for the Kurinji Nagar children with the guidance of MUT staff and more than fifty children's hearts received the seed of the gospel.

Let us raise up and build

Nehemiah received the call of God about the repairing the Wall of Jerusalem. The Lord had sought out for Himself a man after His heart (I Sam 13:14). God will place His plans in the mind of Spiritual Leaders and reveal it to them. Nehemiah was a man of action. He had a great capacity to identify with the troubles of others and the ability to do something about their plight. Nehemiah was sure that he would not be able to do the work alone. Let us see how he mobilized people of various kind to attain the goal of repairing the wall as per the Command of God:-

- » At the outset Nehemiah spoke to the Officials, Priests and Nobles. His belief was that leadership had to be motivated and they need to be lifted up in their spirit. He exhorted them, "Let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem"
- » He did not talk to anyone about what God had put in his heart. Instead he did a home work, secretly at night, he made a survey of the damage and gathered full information.
- » Nehemiah understood that the nobles had a very important role to play in this matter. So he exhorted them as they stood together among the ruins (Neh 2:17).
- » Nehemiah used the wisdom of God given to him to deal patiently through prayer. This made the enemies to realise that Nehemiah will complete the work with the help of God.
- » Finally Nehemiah could accomplish the work by leading the people to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem.

This provides an inspiring case study of the way of God's work through His people to accomplish seemingly impossible tasks IF THEY WORK TOGETHER IN ONE SPIRIT. Primarily we need a clear understanding of God's purpose and then motivate and encourage the leaders and the people to make a powerful force. Nehemiah knew the only way the walls could be built was by mobilising every man, woman and child in the lead. He encouraged everyone to build the wall in front of their houses. Nehemiah's experience demonstrates how believers accomplish seemingly impossible tasks if they do it together. *-Homer Ephraim*

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Going against the flow

The M-Kids retreat is just over! 46 attended the 3 day programme at ODC. Several FOMs from Neyveli and Bangalore came to help organising this retreat. Ms. Ruby Mangaladoss, Pune conducted this retreat. God provided us with gifted speakers. One of them was Bro. Daniel and he narrated in his talk, two stories that made children to laugh and at the same time to think! I too was edified by them!

Pigs and the beans: One day on a busy street in a big city a man was walking in front of a herd of pigs, which followed him faithfully and eagerly amidst heavy traffic and the noisy surrounding. Everyone was astonished. Then a constable stopped him. Angry as he was, he asked him how the pigs followed him so faithfully. The man replied, "It is only because of beans (mocchakottai). The pigs love beans and I drop them one by one in front of them and they simply follow me." "Oh!" said the constable and then out of curiosity he asked, "Where are you taking them?" "To the slaughter house," was the reply.

After telling the story, Bro. Daniel explained the subtle temptations faced by the youth of today and how they fall for them. He went on to explain how some of them thought that they were from God!

Now, after so many years of Christian experience and knowledge, how you and I fall for temptations! The evil one knows what bean would attract me and he knows how much to throw before me! I am sad to think of those times I fell for such 'beans'. These beans are different for different people. Worldly things, worldly appreciation, recognition, material blessings, opportunities, fame, position, authority, lustful things and thoughts, money and oh, there are so many. Can you identify the 'beans' which are used by Satan to make you go astray? By God's

grace I am now aware of many of them and even at this age I need to be very alert, lest I should fall!

Football game without goal post: Let us imagine a football game without goal post! That is what is happening in many of our lives. God in His image has created each one of us with beautiful plans for each one's life. We are put in the field. He is on one side of the football ground, watching with eagerness how we are going to play. Suddenly Satan appears on the scene; he removes the goal post without our knowledge! You are I are not conscious of that; but we start playing with all our expertise and strength; each one wanting to take the ball wherever we like, dribbling, shooting and shouting merrily. On one side, our Lord is waiting for us to understand the grave situation, go to Him, and seek His guidance where to shoot. There are tears in His eyes, for He is unable to bear the pain of seeing His creation losing the meaning and purpose of their lives. On the other hand, Satan is enjoying every bit of our play, shouting, motivating and throwing 'beans' that are favorites to each one of us to motivate. Blissful of the folly, we tend to go on and on!

The question before us is, do we have the goal post in front of our eyes and do we seek God's guidance every time we start playing? Are we aware of the plans of the evil one to take us away from God's beautiful plan for our lives?

Some decisions the MKids made at the end of the retreat: Change my activities and thought life – Love and care for the poor – Will not waste time – Set goals for my life according to the purpose of God – Not to talk to girls – Will be useful to others – Seek God's will in every aspect of my life – To face mochakottais (beans) thrown before me – To read Bible regularly – Live my life truthfully.

Let us pray for them and pray for us too!

MUT SMILE: Report

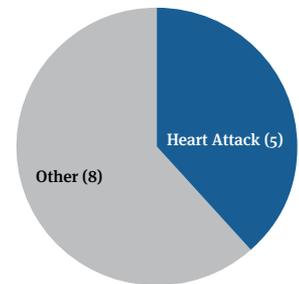
Thanks and praise be to God that the number of SMILE member organization has crossed with the active membership reaching 8,500. This year (2015) has been the eventful year and important milestone in the history of SMILE, with important events like *Kannada bereaved family meet, Music for Mission and first SMILE Consultation (report given separately)* taking place one after another.

Bro. David and his wife, Sis. Sonia have joined SMILE team in Bangalore to strengthen SMILE team which is embarking on the next scheme, namely extending medical help to the SMILE members. Consequent to Music for Mission which was conducted to promote medical help to SMILE members, it was decided to give one-time medical assistance of Rs.10,000 to SMILE members suffering from critical diseases like Cancer, heart attack, dialysis. This will continue till the regular medical scheme is decided and executed in the year 2016.

This year there have been 13 deaths so far; five of these deaths were due to heart attack which continues to be the primary reason for the deaths of SMILE members.

Please pray or these bereaved families even as we try to help them out not only financially but in various ways like bereaved family meet etc to support them emotionally and spiritually.

Even as we expect explosive growth of SMILE in the years to come, it is imperative that supportive systems like voluntary support bases in different regions of India should evolve and develop to bolster the increasing SMILE activities. Kindly pray for the same.



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Spiritual growth and spiritual maturity

How are we going to ensure spiritual growth and spiritual maturity?

Last week we had a meeting when Rev. Leslie Nagarajan described how he had toiled for several years to help a small group of Muria Gonds to grow in the Lord. He told me something which I did not know before! 'Circular learning' instead of 'linear learning' that I had all through my education. What he said was that while we studied in Class 1, then Class 2 and then Class 3 and so on where new and new lessons were taught, the circular learning was all about repeating things again and again till we became masters in them! The understanding power of these tribals is so low and the assimilation of the facts low, that things have to be repeated on and on and on till they seep into the mind.

I wish to read and meditate **Psalm 51, Mathew Chapters 5 & 6, Hebrew chapter 12 and 1 Corinthians Chapter 13 every day.**

How true it is, when Christ likeness has to be imbibed in one's life! The struggle is so enormous as the world model is so different, that we are unable to comprehend the level to be reached! We cannot assume that we know everything about spiritual life; we have to keep learning repeatedly till we experience it rightly. The churches have given up strong teaching because wrong teachings are easy and attractive to the congregation!

The other folly is in our discipling process; every Christian leader tries to take his people to his level of integrity, his level of holiness and his level of faith, sacrifice, etc. As a result the church has a stunted growth! There is no effort made to help the people to understand the depths of the Bible and its truth, and



to encourage them to put in their efforts to reach that standard set by our Lord Jesus Christ. (Talk about anger, chastity, and the extent of forgiving or loving others). All these are sadly missing in our daily walk with Jesus. Where is our testimony now?

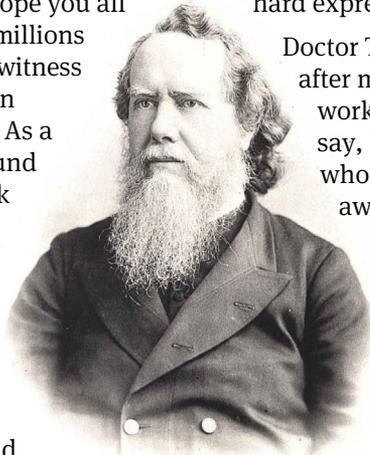
There is one more thing that I understood from that talk introducing the ministry among the Gonds, one of the unreached or least reached people groups in India. What Leslie did in his years of pioneer work among them was to introduce Jesus Christ to those people. Now, what is expected from your life and mine? Living the life of Jesus Christ. People in Tamilnadu have heard about Christ and many of them are eager and willing to have this God also as one of their other gods. What they have not seen is Jesus in our lives. If only we start reflecting Jesus in our daily living, things are going to be different.

Are we ready for it? Let us keep this our daily prayer.

-JJR

Hudson Taylor

Hudson Taylor was one of the greatest missionaries who ever lived. He was a young doctor in England and he went to China where he did wonderful work for God. I hope you all know that in China now there are millions and millions of Christians. It's not least owing to the faithful witness of that dear, great man of God, Dr. James Hudson Taylor. Before he went to China, he was in Hull. As a young doctor as he then was, he used to go around different homes and houses attending to the sick as all doctors do. In one of these houses, there was a very sick man who was a wicked sinner who had no time for God. Dr Hudson Taylor used to do this. He would come in and the man would be lying in his bed. Doctor Taylor would do the medical things he had to do. He did these kind things to him - putting various bandages on, washing him, attending to him and giving him medicine. Every time when he had finished the medical side of his work, Doctor Taylor would say to this man, "Now, he said, "my dear friend, I want to just say a few words to you about Jesus Christ. That He came into the world to save sinners and He will save you if you will believe in Him."



And every time, this man would turn his face to the wall - he wouldn't listen. He set his face as though it was made of cement: hard expression against the Gospel.

Doctor Taylor came regularly, week after week or month after month, and every time when he had done his medical work he would attend to this man and then he would say, "Now, just a little word about my Lord Jesus Christ who died for sinners." The man would turn his face away - he wouldn't listen. One day when Doctor Taylor came, in his heart of hearts he said something that we all at times feel, he said to himself, "What's the use; a waste of breath?" On this particular day he gave him the medicine, tended to his body, put his instruments into his case without a word, lifted his bag and walked towards the door. The man turned to him. He said, "Are you not going to say something to me?" He was listening! Doctor Taylor came running back with tears in his eyes. "Man", he said, "I must tell you, Christ came to save your soul." He was now listening.

Never give up!

Reminiscence: Fond memories of David Mony

Mr. Rajkumar David Mony, who served as Assistant Co-ordinator for MKids project, went to be with the Lord on 26th October 2015. Mr. David Mony studied metallurgical engineering from IIT Kharagpur and joined Bokaro Steel plant as an Engineer in 1963 and retired as Deputy General Manager in the year 2010. After his retirement, he became a part of MUT in 2011 where he was very involved in the member care ministry in Chattisgarh interacting with north Indian missions. He was very passionate about the children's ministry too. He always used to address young people and children as "child". In one of the core committee meeting

"Child" is how he would call lovingly each MKID he was in touch with.

after the last consultation, when we were discussing the Mkids issues, he immediately suggested that we should visit SV, Dohnavur and experience first-hand the difficulties the missionary children face due to separation from their parents and to find out the unmet needs of the missionary children who are studying there. This initiative led us to a new understanding and we immediately swung into action. From the time he undertook the responsibility of Asst. Coordinator for Mkids, he started to interact with Mkids directly, talking to them, wishing them

on their birthdays, lending an ear to their problems and counselling them according to their need. Mr. David Mony was very organized in maintaining the records related to Mkids financial assistance and was in constant touch with them regularly. He went the extra mile to help the Mkids. He was always compassionate. Whenever I was little depressed or in a difficult situation, he would always say, "Don't worry annan, we will pray that things go smoothly".

He was also our leader for our Bible Study Group in Bangalore. During the last few weeks, we were studying about the second coming and how one has to be prepared to go to the eternal life. His teaching was very simple and easy to understand for the common man. He was also involved in the outreach ministry among the Hindi speaking labourers with likeminded people in our area. We thank and praise God for Mr. David Mony's life and his services in MUT.



Rest House

'A home away from home' is truly, what our Rest Houses are as mentioned by missionaries who come and stay and return after their treatment. The care provided by the care-givers at times of physical pain and emotional downstream for missionaries is the extra mile service provided in our Rest Houses. Being sensitive to the unspoken, unheard problems of missionaries requires special grace and heavenly wisdom. Please pray for the same.

Rest House in Otteri and Gandhi Nagar is monthly visited by missionaries who come for Medical Treatment. From August to November, the average occupancy was around 60%. From 11th of November Mr & Mrs Jebarajenderan have taken responsibility of Gandhi Nagar Rest House and Mr & Mrs Jayapal have returned to Otteri Rest House.

We praise God for the provision of one more Solar Water Heater at Otteri RH. Six more rooms are connected with Hot water facility. In Gandhi Nagar a Solar Street Light has been installed.

Rest House in Coimbatore was dedicated on 5th September. By the Providence of God, we are blessed with one more Rest House for the Missionaries in Coimbatore at the following address. Nehru Nagar,

Kalapatti Road, Coimbatore, It's a 2 BHK 1st floor, accommodation. It's operational from Oct 2015. At present it is being given for the missionaries who come for the medical treatment and for prayer and rest. Bro. Manoharan, a volunteer is the care giver and the booking of the RH is done by bro. John Daniel, MUT RH's in charge and Associate GC. He can be contacted in his mobile # 9500989408. We praise and Thank God for His provision and the owners for their concern for the missionaries.

Rest House in Mumbai: The occupancy of Mumbai RH has increased. We praise God for the same. We thank the Lord for the dedicated Team in Mumbai who pitch in at time of need. Also our thanks to the Reddy family who takes care of the missionaries who come to Mumbai RH.

Rest House in Bangalore: The place is used occasionally as and when the need arises.

A humble appeal: The caring ministry requires lot of dedication and commitment. Pray that we will stay true to the call to the very end.

IMPACT

We praise God for the way He is leading us to help His servants at the time of bereavement. At present there are 115 member-missions and 13413 members.

Home call: The total number of deaths till date is 378 from the inception of the scheme and 31 during the year 2015. The deceased missionaries were given a financial assistance of Rs. 10,000/- towards funeral expenses and Rs. 1,25,000/- as death relief. Bereaved families of 5 retired missionaries and non-members were given Rs.10,000/ each as funeral expenses.

Family retreat: Bereaved family retreat for Hindi speaking families was held at Nagpur during November 2015, in which 8 families with children participated.

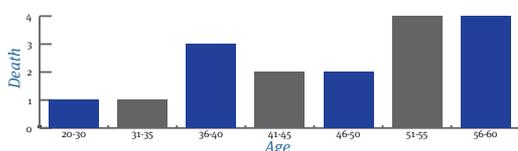
Christmas Get-together: A Christmas gift of Rs. 1,200/- to Rs. 2,200/- to each of the 220 bereaved families of deceased missionaries during the second week of December 2015.

A Christmas get-together with the bereaved missionary families and Support Scheme Members at Chennai washeld on 17-12-2015. Bro. Augustine Asir, Chairman, Word for the World, Chennai, one of the Member-Missions of MUT shared God's Word. The meeting was a blessing to the bereaved families.

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

Mr. P. A. Mathew	IET Age 45 years, died on 10-07-2015, He was taken away in flash flood while crossing river. His mission field was Ambikapur in Chattisgarh. He left behind his wife Mrs. AnithaPlachana, 2 daughters Priscilla (18 years), Praisy (18 years and son Paul (9years).
Mrs. Vimala Stephen	Missionary FMPB, aged 44 years, died on 21-08-2015 due to prolonged sickness of lung infection. She was working in Mobilisation ministry at Chittoor. She left behind her husband Mr. Y. John Stephen and 2 daughters Blessina (15 years) and Grace (6 years).
Mr. T. Theena Thayalasingh	IMS, passed away on 11.08.2015, after he suffered much from cancer. He left behind his wife, Mrs. Dorothy and a daughter, who is married, and Mr. Prince, who has completed his engineering course.
Mr. Elisha Paul	46 Years of HBI died by Malaria on 25-08-2015. He leaves behind his wife Mrs.ParimiElisamma (43 Yrs) and three Children: Salomi (23 Years), Vijay Paul (20 Years), SuvarnaJyothi (17 Years). Last year his son was suddenly diagnosed with chronic kidney disease and both the Kidneys are not functioning. He is on Dialysis thrice a week.
Pas. K. Applanarasaiah	aged 58 years, missionary HBI died on 20-09-2015 died due to Liver Cancer. He leaves behind his wife Mrs. Sobharani, one married daughter and two sons).
Mrs. Shino Soren	aged 53 years; IEM went to be with Lord on 25.09.2015 at CMC Vellore. She was suffering from uterus Cancer. She leaves behind her Husband Mr. Soren and Son Augustine.
Bro. Rathinaraj	aged 50 years of National Prayer Network (NPN) died of heart attack on 22-09-2015. He left behind his wife and one daughter studying 7th Std.
Mr. Timothy Austin	IEM passed away on 28-09-2015, leaving behind his wife Mrs. Alice, daughter Cheryl (20 years) and son Jayden (9 years). He suffered from cancer.
Pas. V.C. Kumar	of HBI aged 54 years, died on 01-10-2015 due to cardiac arrest. He leaves behind his wife Mrs. Kiran Balakumar (51 years), 2 daughters-Shweeta (27years), Sthuty (20 years), and son-Sumit (25years).
Pas. Swamidas	from HBI, 36 years old, died of sudden stomach pain on 08-10-2015. He is survived by his wife Mrs.Kasturi (32 Years) and 3 Children Pavithra(14years), Preethi(9 years) and Samson (13 years).
Sis. Suganthi Leethiyal Jothimani	from Jesus Redeems Ministries aged 56 was affected with skin cancer and passed away on 08-10-2015. She was a spinster.
Bro. Binay Ram (Kumar)	of GEMS, Bihar aged 40 died on 15-10-2015. He was diagnosed with a Cyst in Brain. He leaves behind his wife Mrs. Shanthi Devi and 3 sons Ashish Kumar, Vikash Kumar and Prakash Kumar aged 20, 18& 15 years, all studying.
Bro. Alis Rao Khora	of IMS aged 51, died of complications from diabetics on 15-10-2015. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Pushpa Khora and 5 daughters of whom 3 are married.
Pas. M.Chelladurai	59 years old, missionary from HBI succumbed to stroke on 31-10-2015. He was a bachelor.
Mrs. Asha Soyam	missionary from MVM aged 28, died on 02-11-2015 due to the complications followed by child birth. She leaves behind her husband Mr. ShikandarSoyam and two-week old baby.
Mrs. Gulabi Bai Chatriya	from Sharansthan Charitable Society, aged 55 years, died on 02-11-2015 due to stroke followed by fall in staircase. She leaves behind one daughter, Devki (20 years).
Mr. Ramesh Kumar Bag	from FMPB 37 Years old, died on 03-11-2015. He was sick for 3 days with stomach pain, vomiting etc. He leaves behind his wife Rupanjali Bag and one son, Rupesh Kumar (5 years).
Mr. T. Gideon	missionary from DMPB aged 46 years, expired on 19-11-2015 due to diabetics and BP. He leaves behind his wife Mrs.Leela and 2 daugthers Pushpa (22) and Ruth (20)
Mr. Kamal Raj	of PRMM New Delhi, aged 60 years, died on 03-12- 2015 of sudden cardiac arrest. He has left behind his wife and two daughters Yamini and Manisha (studying)
Mr. S. Kasi Rajan	the CEO of BCMM Chhattisgarh, died on 08-12-2015 due to multiple organ failure. His wife Mrs. Manimekalai died in the year 2012. They have no children.
Mrs. Havelin Soren	IMS missionary aged 34 years, in Arunachal Pradesh, passed away on 22-12-2015 because of her illness due to problem in the lungs. She has left behind her husband Mr. Bholanath Soren and two little sons.



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 if the field. As one!

Health Care

The health ministries of MUT is involved in meeting one of the vital unmet needs of missionaries as they go through physical crisis in their life. Going beyond meeting their physical need and understanding, the felt need is one of the greatest challenges.

Master Health Check-up (MHC)

Missions are waking up to the health challenges of their missionaries. One special camp for missionaries of BYM was conducted for more than 400 missionaries from 19th – 24th October in Sitheri Hills, Dharamapuri. The ones who were diagnosed with health issues were immediately referred to CMC for further treatment. One of them was diagnosed for cancer and treatment is going on.

Apart from this, Master Health Check-up was conducted for 78 missionaries from 19 organizations in 5 hospitals.

Special Category: Few major illnesses like cancer, organ transplant, heart surgery and brain surgery are shifted from category - I to Special category. Support enhanced to 1 lac (Rs 60,000 – MUT Scheme & Rs 40,000 – additionally raised). During the period from September – December 5 missionaries have availed this benefit.

Medical Claims: Between September and December 500 medical claims were processed. Gradually the number of claims received by us is increasing.

Affordable Cost Medicine: Missionaries

who have started using these drugs are provided continuously. For diabetes 7 missionaries, for hypertension 5 and cholesterol 10 were provided.

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First SMILE Consultation



A brief reports of the first MUT SMILE consultation at ODC on the 26th and 27th Nov.

- 85 leaders representing 41 SMILE groups attended the consultation
- The devotional talks by Pastor Dudley Thangaiah on 26th evening and Pastor. Robert D' Roza, Chairman of SMILE on 27th morning were inspiring and set the tone for the whole proceedings.
- The talks on dietary discipline by a dietician and health by a practising doctor were useful for the participants and could gel with the objective of the consultation-medical scheme for the SMILE members.
- The participants were divided into 8 groups to discuss on the two proposals of the medical scheme and there was consensus about the following proposal

Proposal recommended for Medical Assistance:

Total Member contribution Rs.100 per month

Rs 20 towards bereavement relief (as existing now)
Rs.55 towards medical scheme
Rs.25 towards MHC.

LYB (Love your brother) scheme-member contribution

Support scheme-support or donation raised by MUT

Cat 1 Rs. 50,000 (LYB) + Rs 25,000 (Support Scheme)
Cat 2 Rs. 15,000 (LYB) + Rs 10,000 (Support Scheme)

Master Health Check-up to be conducted once in 2 yearst
Medical interim relief for above category 1 (Rs.10,000) will continue till Mar'31 st.

Some guidelines for the implementation of the above medical scheme

- The medical scheme will be implemented from 1st April onwards, provided it is approved in Delhi consultation on 23rd and 24th Feb'16.
- By 15th of Jan'16 the heads of the SMILE member groups of South India should consult the members and convey their concurrence to SMILE office
- By 31st Mar'16 the member should have nil arrears towards bereavement relief
- There has to be always 2months buffer period towards medical scheme contribution.
- The medical committee of 12 will be constituted, with 6 members from MUT, 3 from North India member organisations and 3 from South India member organisations.

CATEGORY 1	CATEGORY 2
Heart attack	LSCS
Heart surgery	Abdominal surgeries
Pace maker implantation	Accident (leg/hand fracture)
Brain disease	Kidney stone
Cancer	Uterus removal
Dialysis	Spinal chord surgery
Transplant (liver & kidney)	Kidney disease
Premature Baby	

MKIDS Retreat

The three days retreat for MKIDS took place at ODC from Aug 28th to 30th. We had Devotion and Praise and worship sessions in the morning. Using Brain storming Method the issues or challenges of the Mkids were found out and the first five very important issues were taken as topics and were dealt by five resource persons. This enriched the Mkids. Mkids felt that their questions were answered, their confusions and doubts were cleared, and got a guidance to solve the problems and to take right decisions at right time in life with the help of Christ. It also helped the Mkids to leave their anger towards God and parents.

We had lively activities, games, Debate, Quiz, camp fire. Prizes and gifts were given to MKIDS in appreciation for the games and Quiz. By God's grace **45 Mkids** were blessed through this retreat. The retreat came to an end with Communion Service and blessings.

The following are the objectives of the retreat:

» Participant to go with a determination to live as a witness for Christ

- » To have a desire to live a holy life and resist all the temptations
- » To help them understand their parents and to restore/increase their love for them and to understand their responsibility in the family
- » To help them choose the right career.
- » To have a desire to become a good Christian leader in whatever career they choose to transform the society.
- » To understand the ministry of MUT and to help them their future role to participate and become a partner in this ministry

Some of the feedbacks we received are:

- » To follow the Lord
- » To live according to Gods will
- » To obey Gods calling in feature
- » To face the world with the help of God
- » To leave bad habits and start a new life with God
- » To respect, obey and love their parents
- » To never again to backslide
- » To be a partner with MUT.

Mission Possible: MUT ODC Project | Report for the Period July 2015 – December 2015

God proved His everlasting faithfulness and helped us complete this second half of the calendar year 2015 with several activities to accomplish the set objectives and bring Glory to God by ministering the ministers of Almighty God.

Vacation Stay for the Missionary Families

ODC was able to provide vacation stay to large number of missionaries with their children, during Sept vacation. (*Read MKIDS Holidays*). Please pray that we will be able to construct the dormitory to accommodate another 25 families. Totally 33 families (108 including children) stayed in the Rest House. Praise God for the Home away Home experience.

Master Health Checkup and Medical Treatment

Praise the Lord for the selfless support extended by ODC CFH Hospital to our member mission Missionaries, Evangelist and pastors had Quality Master Health Checkup. Total 58 missionaries and pastors (76 room days) availed MHC. 44 servants of God (161 room days) took medical treatment and stayed in our Rest House. Our sincere thanks to all in CFH ODC and in CFCH Ambilikai.

Personal Development Program

MUT ODC conducted 17 Personal Development program which were nourished 304 (820 room days) mission workers. With added facilities mission staff stayed comfortably and learnt to be in the centre of God's will . We are grateful to God and thankful to the facilitators who invested their talents in this programme

Retreats, Vacation and Consultation with SMILE leaders

ODC center provided the needed services to people who came for various reasons and spent time with God and family. Total 183 people stayed for this purpose during this period.

Retired Missionaries Welfare.

Meetings with senior leaders of Missions for the welfare of retired missionaries were held during this period, Writer's workshop enabled some of the retired missionaries to write their biography. Mrs. & Mr. Gnanamoney who are staying in MUT campus are

enjoying their retired life in ODC in spite of their physical and emotional weaknesses.

ODC Center is used as Resource Centre for Counseling. Mrs. & Dr. Alex, Sis. Heavenlin use facilities available for various counseling activities. Many missionary families and Christian couples are enriched.

Helpers/Supporters Christmas Program

We conducted a Christmas evening for the helpers on 19th to share the love of Christ to non - Christians. Over 250 people participated in the dinner after a meaningful program with lot of testimonies for the guests to understand. Dr. Alex Coordinated the program.

ODC Christmas Holiday with bereaved missionary families.

Ten Bereaved Missionary families (who will henceforth be called "beloved families) came with their children to spend their Christmas holidays. (Room days 117) [Report- Page 8]. Sister Heavenlin, ODC with help from Bro. Fletcher, Jey and others conducted this event.

Christmas program with neighboring children:

A special Christmas program was organized on 28th Dec for non-Christian children from the neighboring colony. 48 Children attended, which the campus kids conducted with the Children from our beloved families with guidance from Bro. Fletcher, Arakonam and Bro. Beniel

Other developments:

Path way for prayer extended – Many trees and flower pots added – two of the old buildings (outer) painted – Further automation done in kitchen. Solar power (additional 5 KVA) installed with solar pump for drawing water from the bore to reduce electricity - Prayers are needed for the efforts undertaken to obtain approval for the Master plan and then start construction of three more blocks (A Dormitory, Common block and Chapel)

With the Blessings of God and the prayerful planning of Late Bro. David Mony, the Bereaved Missionary Family Retreat for the North Indian States was held at Nagpur, from November 12th - 14th. Mrs. Pushpa Waghmare, coordinated the same along with the MUT team, comprising of Mr. D. Joseph Sudhaker, Mr. Christudas & Mrs. Grace Christudas and the dedicated and committed Ashirwad Kanti family (*Mr. S. V. Waghmare and their younger son and his wife -Mrs and Mr. Anant Waghmare and staff*).

Eight bereaved spouses (*Ages ranging from 30 – 50*), with 7 kids, from four missions (*AK, IEHC, IET, PTL*) participated and were greatly blessed.

The first Day started with worship led by Mr. Anant Waghmare and team followed by Devotion by Ps. Nitin Atkur. The welcome, Introduction and Ice Breaker was led by Mrs. Pushpa Waghmare. Next session on 'Our acceptance of Gods ways of dealing' was taken by Mr. Joseph Sudhaker, followed by a session by Mrs. Asha Gaekwad on 'Accepting God's will through times of Bereavement'. Practical /Group discussion was followed by Lunch. In the afternoon 'Exercising God's

Presence' the topic for group discussion, followed by sharing in small groups and two by two prayer. In the evening, Games was followed by Dinner.

On the second day following Worship and Devotion led by Mr. S. V. Waghmare, all the participants were taken to CNI Hospital, Nagpur for Medical Check Up. Basic medical checks like BP, Blood Test, etc were done and medicines were given. After the medical checkup participants were taken in the Ashirwad School Bus to the Nagpur Market and to the 'Zero Mile' spot or 'Center point of India'. In the afternoon there was a Group discussion on 'Accepting new challenges a journey of faith and dependency'-Facing new challenges and Handling Finance, facilitated by Mrs. Pushpa Waghmare. We wound up with Dinner at 8.00 pm.

On the Third day Worship was led by Mr. Anant Waghmare. Devotion was taken by Ps. Nitin Atkur. Following that the participants shared about the blessings they have received in the Retreat. All of them said that the Retreat had given them new hope and courage in Jesus Christ. The benefits available in MUT for Bereaved Missionaries was shared by Mrs.

Grace Christudas. The session ended with Holy Communion Service by CNI Pastor Amin Kalvale. Since it was children's day a puppet show was conducted by Mr. Jones of Scripture Union, Nagpur. He also conducted a practical session on 'Building Relationship between Parents and Children'. The rest of the days the Children's session was handled by Mrs. Jones in a very interesting and encouraging way.

The food was very good (North Indian and South Indian Mixed) along with Nagpur Oranges. The Retreat was a blessing to all the participants and to the Resource Persons. These are some of the feedback received: *"I will go back to Bible College, when my daughter completes 12th Std."* *"I will continue the work that my husband has left."* *"We will send our children to Bible College."*

There were prayer requests like *"Please pray for our son –in – who has drinking habit. Due to this the family peace is affected."* The participants went back greatly comforted, encouraged and enriched. They went back happily, with the precious gifts from Nagpur.

Retired Missionaries Welfare

Retired missionaries- Why care?

A Missionary's call and commitment is for life. It doesn't end with retirement from a mission. Those who have retired in the last decade are the ones who left everything to obey God's call and to breathe their last in the fields they served. They were not prepared for retirement. They are strangers in their own native places. They continue to serve the Lord faithfully with little or no remuneration, wherever they are. These pioneers are the wealth of the Indian missions and the Christian community at large. Their rich experience, achievements in the Lord's vineyard, struggles and sacrifices, if penned down, will amount to great volumes.

Their unmet needs are many. Not being remembered or recognized leaves some feeling lonely and rejected. Some have kids who are still studying or searching

for jobs, or ready to be married. Age related ailments, sickness or death of spouses leaves them shattered. Financial need for regular medicines, sudden sicknesses, rent and travel is a major unmet need.

Meeting some of the unmet needs;

By the sheer grace of God and the generous contribution of his people, who care for the senior servants of God, medical assistance is being passed on to them from Sep 2015, as per the medical scheme of MUT operative for other missionaries. The annual amount of Rs.2000/- is also being passed on. In Dec 2015, MARM amount to the tune of Rs.5.20 lac was passed on to 260 retired persons. Assistance of Rs. 2.17 lac was passed on to 20 persons for their specific medical treatment expenses. There are around 350 retired missionaries from 24 missions on date.

Annual retreats are being arranged at MUT center Oddanchatram, for fellowship, revival and rejuvenation. Master Health Check up is also done with the great support of Christian Fellowship Hospital, Oddanchatram. With the help of 'Vivilia' (Mrs & Mr Chellappa of UESI trichy), they are trained to write Biography and Autobiography. A few have completed and many are in the process of writing. This measure gives them a purpose in retired life. Training on Counseling is also given. Some have opted to spend their life as counselors.

Qualities of a care giver

Empathetic, sacrificial, prayerful, second-mile service, filled with God's holiness, integrity, holding the values of Christ, graceful, unconditional giving attitude and one-family spirit.

Music for Mission @ Trichy | 'Singspiration' | 13th September 2015

In faith we launched out a proposal in April 2015 to meet the medical needs of retired missionaries. God honored that faith by stirring the heart of the Singspiration group, in Trichy, to sing for the cause of retired missionaries' medical needs. Dr. Sathya Albert's motivation and the tremendous performance of the group, under the directorship of Mr. B. Jonath Backia Seelan, brought a huge crowd of music lovers to the hall. The 55 voice

choir rendered classical and contemporary songs. There was also rendition of Mozart's Divertimento by the String Orchestra from Chennai. They sang and played for the glory of God and raised more than Rs.8.00 lac for the purpose. We praise God for His provision & thank the Trichy team for their efforts.

Do continue to pray for the retired missionaries and encourage them!



Mobilising support:

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.

Finance Policy:

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

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.

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 and crisis relief.

Indians can send money through MO/DD in favour of "Missionary Upholders Trust" or directly to the MUT account at **ICICI Bank, Vellore. (No. 614301013520, IFSC Code ICIC0006143)** along with an email intimation.

Foreign contributions can be sent to the MUT account at **SBI Bank, Purasawalkam, Chennai. (No. 10507878317, IFSC Code SBIN0001515)** 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 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. 20,000/- 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 following schemes. The Support Schemes (SS) are funded by the donations received from Friends of MUT (FOM).

Love your Brother Scheme (LYB):

This medical care scheme extends help to the Member, Spouse and the fully dependent children of the member missionary undergoing financial crisis due to major illnesses.

<i>Special Category: Cancer, Transplants, Brain and Heart Surgeries</i>	<i>Up to Rs.1,00,000 (60,000 + 40,000 - SS)</i>
<i>Category I</i>	<i>Up to Rs. 60,000/-</i>
<i>Category II</i>	<i>Up to Rs. 35,000/-</i>

1. Love Your Brother Support Scheme (LYBSS)- Non Life Threatening Problems

<i>Category III</i>	<i>Up to Rs. 10,000/-</i>
<i>Category IV</i>	<i>Up to Rs. 5,000/-</i>
<i>Category V</i>	<i>Up to Rs. 5,000/-</i>

1. (B) Master Health Checkup (MHC):

Arrangement has been made with a number of hospitals in different parts of India to carry out MHC for missionaries at subsidized rates of Rs 600/- which is shared by the mission and MUT equally. For retired missionaries, Rs.600/- is paid by MUT.

1. (C) Medical Assistance to Retired

Member Missionaries (MARM): Every Retired member missionary’s medical needs will be met as per the regular medical schemes. MARM amount of Rs. 2,000/- per annum is also available to retired members and non-members of member missions. Assistance for children’s marriage, first delivery of 1st & 2nd Daughter and education assistance (Rs. 15,000/-) is available on a case to case basis.

2. Inter Mission Plan for Action in Calamity Times (IMPACT):

The objective is to provide Calamity Relief & sustained support to the family of a deceased member by paying Rs. 1,25,000/- from members’ contribution. They are also paid child support, Christmas gift, loan for children’s higher education, funeral expenses through Support scheme.

<i>Funeral expenses contributed by support scheme</i>	<i>Rs. 10,000/-</i>
<i>Christmas gift contributed by support scheme</i>	<i>Rs. 1,200/- per family + 200 per child</i>
<i>Children’s allowance from support scheme</i>	<i>Rs. 1,200/-per child/p. a</i>
<i>Loan for higher education</i>	<i>Rs. 25,000/- max/ per year</i>

3. (A) GS FUND SCHEME extends assistance to the missionaries of member missions in a crisis requiring immediate financial assistance. The following are the details of the benefits:

<i>T.A-Death/critical illness/Terminal sickness of parents –both sides, Spouse and Children (< 1500km)</i>	<i>Up to Rs. 10,000/-</i>
<i>T.A -Death/ critical illness/Terminal sickness of parents –both sides, Spouse and Children (> 1500km)</i>	<i>Rs. 5,000/-</i>
<i>Medical Expenses for Terminal sickness of dependent parents – both sides.</i>	<i>Rs. 10,000/-</i>

<i>Funeral expenses of dependent parents– both sides and children.</i>	<i>Rs. 5000/-</i>
<i>Loss of property– Theft/ Natural calamities</i>	<i>Rs. 10,000/-</i>
<i>Travel expenses for M Kids attending the funeral of their parents</i>	<i>Rs. 5,000/- per Child</i>
<i>Missionary marriage gift</i>	<i>Rs. 7000/-</i>
<i>Missionary children marriage gift</i>	<i>Rs. 10,000/-</i>
<i>Missionary first and second daughters First child delivery(Normal)</i>	<i>Rs. 5,000/-</i>
<i>Missionary first and second daughters First child delivery (Cesarean)</i>	<i>Rs. 10,000/-</i>

3. (B) GS FUND Support Scheme:

<i>Death of a member missionary family during persecution</i>	<i>Rs. 10,000/-</i>
<i>Loss of belongings during persecution</i>	<i>Rs. 6,000/-</i>

Other schemes: Rest House facility is available at Vellore, Oddanchatram, Chennai and Mumbai.

Missionary Kids: Financial assistance (Rs. 15,000 per year) to pursue higher education after +2, which they return once they start earning, helping Mkids get concessions in Christian colleges and organizing periodical camps and retreats to nurture, mentor, support and empower Mkids to be a witness to Christ. Applicable for retired missionaries also.

Personality Development Programs

for Mission leaders, retreats for retired and bereaved missionary families, and vacation plans for missionary families is available at MUT ODC.

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Snapshot of events and happenings



① Training of Trainers – (Marriage Enrichment Seminar) from 9th to 13 Nov for FMPB and BYM missionary couples

② Solar energy: As a part of phase III project work, additional solar panels have been fitted to operate the motor pump which was consuming lot of electrical power.

③ Marriage Enrichment Seminar from 2nd to 6th Nov '15. 20 participants for missionary couples from ECGM, Mullai Outreach -OM, BYM, YFC and FMPB.

④ 23 participants attended the Inner Healing Seminar from 17th to 19th Aug '15.

⑤ Twelve persons attended L.RS (English) by Dr.K.O.John from 1st to 5th Dec '15. (BYM-1, IEM-3, MUT-2, CFH-1 & Others-5).

⑥ Marriage enrichment Seminar in Oriya from 26 to 29 Oct for native missionaries serving with BYM, DMPB, ICGM and IMS

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 1st March 2015, 485 missionaries of 65 mission organisations are being supported by the MUF missionary supporting family.

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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.

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